



Kirrawee Koee



WEEK 4, TERM 1, 2024

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our classes and students are very much settled now, and our students are in routine with new learning initiatives taking place in each stage. We thank you, as parents, for your support of the school and for ensuring that your children are coming to school prepared and ready to learn. School, and education, truly is a collaborative process with a common goal for student success, and we value your partnership in this process.

As you would have seen in our other correspondence, we have our Parent Teacher Interviews taking place in Week 5. I urge all families to take up this opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to familiarise yourself with them, see the classroom, ask any questions about the year ahead and to provide much valued feedback, from you, as parents/carers about your child.

Parent Teacher Interviews are a great platform to communicate some background about your child, whether it be socially, physically, academically, emotionally etc. We are committed to working in partnership with our parents and carers to support your child in their learning journey. We are also offering a complimentary afternoon tea for those parents who can spare some time before or after their scheduled timeslot so that you may have the opportunity to meet other parents at the school to establish school networks and become a part of the Kirrawee Community.

A reminder for our Year 3 and Year 5 families that NAPLAN assessments will be taking place between 13th - 25th March. During this time students in Year 3 and Year 5 will sit the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy. Students will sit a Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy assessment. All assessments will be conducted online, except for Year 3 Writing which will be conducted on paper. An information flyer has been sent to families, however, should you require further information please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher.

For our Year 6 families, please be aware that the High School Expression of Interest is once again an online process. This process will take place from Week 6. As already advised, if you would like a paper copy of the High School Expression of Interest, please just contact the school.

We would like to thank all the parents who have engaged the Therapist in School meetings recently. We are committed to working through this process in a timely manner and supporting your child's educational journey with shared learning goals. We thank you for your patience as we engage the new policy and guidelines.

As mentioned in the earlier newsletter this year, Kirrawee PS is now using School Bytes as our preferred method of communication for our families. Audiri (formerly Skool Bag) has been replaced by School Bytes and this will be the channel by which we communicate to our families. If you have not already downloaded the School Bytes Parent Portal App we encourage you to do so, so that you can stay connected with updates and school information.

If you have not already done so, please head to the App store and follow these steps:

Activating the Parent App

1. Access the app store on your phone and search for School Bytes.

If you can't find it, here are the direct links:

Apple: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=education.schoolbytes>

Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=education.schoolbytes>

2. Download the School Bytes App.

3. Use your username and password created previously to log on.

4. If prompted, allow notifications.

You are all set to go!

I sent a recent letter to the school community advising the importance of regular school attendance. The NSW Department of Education's expected rate of attendance for all students is 90% with many schools striving for attendance rates of 95%. There are times when absences cannot be avoided, such as when your child is sick, and we understand that fact. However, the statistics around casual in-attendance are quite alarming. Did you know that if your child misses as little as 1 day per fortnight, they will miss 4 weeks of school per year, which adds up to over 1 year missed over their school life.

As part of our Attendance Policy we regularly review our students attendance rates and will notify you when they drop below our expected threshold. Please take this as an opportunity to assess where improvements around promoting attendance can be made. We are committed to encouraging regular school attendance and working with you in this process.

Kind regards,
Mrs Melissa Oostdam
Relieving Principal

COVID-smart measures continue for Term 1 2024

Our COVID-smart measures reduce the transmission risk of respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19, in our schools, workplaces and communities.

COVID-19 is still circulating in the community.

We can all minimise the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory diseases by maintaining good hygiene practices at home and work.

Our COVID-19 baseline measures will continue in 2024 to help reduce the risk of transmission among students and staff. Please:

- stay home if unwell, and do not return until symptom-free
- practice good hygiene by washing hands often
- make sure COVID-19 vaccinations are up to date

NSW Department of Education



Every Day Matters



When it comes to attending school, every day matters

If your child misses as little as **1 day per fortnight**, they will miss **4 weeks of school per year**, which adds up to over **1 year missed over their school life.**



Scan the QR code to learn more

Make sure your child doesn't miss out on the important things like:

-  Learning
-  Strengthening friendships
-  Build skills through fun

Week	22	23	24	25	26
January					
1 Jan/Feb	29	30	31.	1	2
2 February	5	6	7	8 *Swimming Carnival	9
3 February	12	13	14	15	16 *PSSA Starts
4 February	19 *Pulse Alive Dance rehearsal	20 SU swimming	21 SU swimming	22 SU swimming	23 SU swimming
5 Feb/March	26 SU swimming	27 SU swimming	28 SU swimming	29 SU swimming	1 SU swimming
6 March	4	6 Year 6 Leaders Ceremony	7 * Zone Swimming	8	9
7 March	11 * Photo Day	12	13 *Naplan Online	14 *Pulse Alive Performance	15
8 March	18	19	20	21 *Harmony Day	22
9 March	25	26	27	28	29 Good Friday
10 April	1 Easter Monday	2	3 *World Autism Day	4	5
11 April	8	9	10	11	12 PSSA ends

Early Stage 1 Report

Welcome Kindergarten 2023!



Welcome to all our new parents and friends! We are so excited to share this special time with you all and look forward to an enjoyable and memorable 2024.

To start our first term of *big* school, we have been learning nursery rhymes and how to write our name. We have been reading books, counting and doing fun art and craft. We have been making many new friends (including meeting our Year 6 buddies!) and learning our school routines.

Kindergarten children can get very tired at night because they are doing so many new and exciting things. It helps to keep before and after school routines – like bath time, meals and reading – as regular as possible. It's important to leave time for your child to play and get a good night's sleep each night!

Going to school every day is important and Kindergarten sets the foundation for the rest of your child's schooling. Each day builds on what they learnt the day before.

We look forward to speaking with you all during Meet the Teacher!

Ms Giles (KG) and Miss Wakely (KW)

Stage 1 Report

Our stage 1 students are settling into their class routines and learning programs. This week was the commencement of the new home learning booklets. These are sent home each Monday to be returned by Friday. Students revise the previous weeks spelling phonemes/graphemes, as well as practise their speed skills in adding and subtracting numbers (MathsOnline). We are asking parents to support our students home learning, especially the reading. Students may wish to read their library book or from their own collection of books.

Please add read books to the reading log.

Thank you

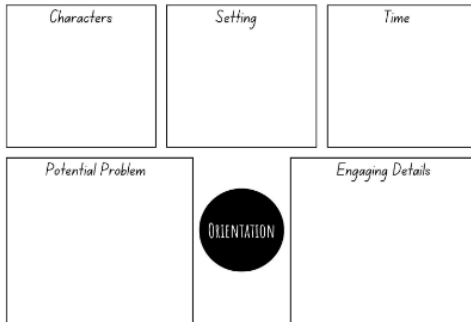
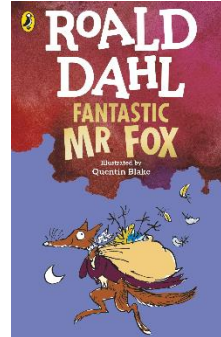
Stage 1 teachers

Miss Tucci, Mrs Fulmer, Miss Bishop, Mrs Harris and Ms Rauicava

Stage 2 Report

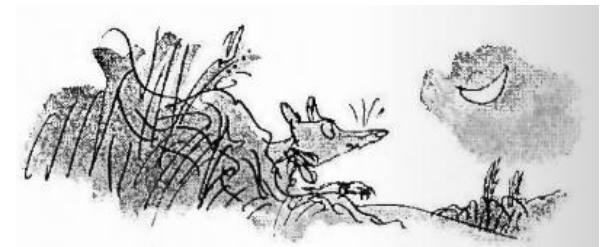
Stage 2 have been studying a literacy unit, in line with the new NSW English Syllabus. It is based on the book 'Fantastic Mr Fox' by Roald Dahl. Students are studying elements of narrative writing such as:

- understanding the expectations of a narrative
- visualising richly created characters
- creating vivid characters
- determining character traits
- identifying problems that drive a narrative
- building tensions and suspense in a narrative



We have studied the structure and orientation of a narrative piece, observing the importance of character and setting.

We have examined the use of adjectives (quantifying, descriptive and classifying) and adverbs to enhance



character description and aid visualisation. We have observed the ways in which character traits, dialogue and vocabulary are used to create a rich picture in the mind of the reader. Using this knowledge, students are constructing their own vivid character descriptions as a basis for their narrative pieces.

We look forward to seeing the student's literacy and writing development and progression!

Mrs Shaw, Mrs Werner, and Mrs Hudson

Stage 2 Teachers

Stage 3 Report

Stage 3 is off and running into the New Year!

In the classroom, we are hard at work:

- In Literacy we are studying the book “The Wild Robot”, which is the story of Roz, a newly manufactured robot who becomes a castaway on an island with no human inhabitants. Students will be learning how to write a narrative and create their own Sci-Fi story.
- In Maths, we have been focussing on Place Value up to millions and we will be looking at addition and subtraction strategies over the coming weeks.
- Our Theme Unit this term is “Ethics & Emotions”. We have been looking at ethical dilemmas and how to make good choices.
- We will also be preparing Year 5 for NAPLAN, holding practice tests in Week 5.



We had an exciting visit from some Cronulla Sharks players who spoke to the students about being “Simply YOUR Best” - as opposed to “Simple THE BEST”!

In the coming weeks, Year 6 will be recognised at the Year 6 Leaders Ceremony and Stage 3 will have a visit from Kirrawee High School Leaders who will talk to the students about what’s on offer at the school and conduct small group sessions about resilience, respect and responsibility.

Stage 3 Teachers

Support Unit Report

To our Support Unit Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday break and were able to relax and reset during this time.

3/6K, K/6NR and K/6W have had a very settled and smooth start to Term 1. We are all extremely proud of the way each student has transitioned into their new learning environment.

Staff and students are well underway with their teaching and learning across all Key Learning Areas of the curriculum, and all our students have enjoyed being able to see their classmates on a regular basis. Each class has enjoyed participating in the Intensive Swim Scheme program too – it certainly has been an eventful start to the year!

Below are some pictures of 3/6K's 2-Dimensional shape tangram work samples.

We are looking forward to meeting with all parents and carers next week as part of the scheduled Meet the Teacher and Individual Education Plan evenings taking place on either Wednesday 28th or Thursday 29th February. This will be a fantastic opportunity to work in partnership with one another and discuss individual goals for students.

If any of the Support Unit Staff can be of assistance, please don't hesitate to reach us by either phoning or emailing the school office.

We look forward to creating many memorable experiences throughout the remainder of 2024.

Kind regards,

Kirrawee Public School Support Unit Staff





SRC Report

Student Representative Council News

Congratulations to our newly elected SRC representatives for 2024!

They are Callum, Sienna E, Harry, Taleya, Batari, Dane, Hazel, Riley D, Hira, Ruby B, Ruby Bl, Koda, Ava D, Leo M, Ella F, Lucas S, Dylan, Chloe W, Grace L, Leeya B, Layla, Rayne and Isabelle.



We are looking forward to working with you, our school captains and prefects to organise fundraisers to contribute to worthwhile causes in our local community and beyond.



Our youngest SRC members 1

Ms Rauicava and Mrs Harris
SRC Coordinators



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We Are Kirrawee High School



Year 7, 2025 at Kirrawee High School

Information Evening Thursday 29th February, 2024
Kirrawee High School Hall - 6:30pm

Dear Year 6 students and parents/carers,

For those seeking information about possible enrolment into Year 7, 2025 please join us on this evening. We will be excited to give you insights into why Kirrawee is a place in which you will continue to build character, develop life-long skills, and have ample opportunities to express your unique voice and talents.

You will hear about the key area in which Kirrawee takes enormous pride: wellbeing at Kirrawee and for life and the all-important school 'parents' (Year Advisers) will be introduced to our community for the first time.

Kirrawee students will also parade their uniform, reflecting the dignity and pride it represents as a member of the Kirrawee family.

We will briefly explain the process of applying to our school, sitting for the Enrichment class and you of course will have a chance to ask questions. There will be a special session for out-of-area applicants, local students and parents are free to leave at this time.

We look forward to seeing you on this night and having an opportunity to give you some idea why we all feel fortunate to call Kirrawee High home.

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What to expect:

- Student perspectives
- Principal and executive welcome
- Learning and wellbeing information
- Student performances
- How to apply

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- Concord
- Sydney Boys High, Moore Park

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