



Kirrawee Kooee



WEEK 10, TERM 1, 2024

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are in week 10 already! It does appear, once again, that the term has passed us by in an instant.

EASTER HAT & THAT PARADE/RAFFLE/OPEN CLASSROOMS

Last Thursday we welcomed our parents, grandparents and friends of KPS to our classrooms and to see the 'Easter Hat and That' Parade. The day was a huge success and we estimated that we had close to 400 visitors to our school on the day. It was great to see so many of our KPS community engage with the opportunity to visit the school and to see the wonderful work that takes place here.

Once again I would like to thank our parents and carers for their generous support of the Easter Raffle and the Year 6 Cake Stall. Thank you to the families that donated items for both events. As a result of your immense generosity our Year 6 students have had a tremendous start to their fundraising efforts for the year and were able to raise the following funds;

- We had \$800 of online sales for the Easter Raffle and Year 6 sold an additional \$400 of sales on the day for the raffle.
- Year 6 raised \$1000 at the Y6 Cake Stall.

We are overwhelmed by the response from our families, and, to 'kick-off' the year with \$2 200 in our Year 6 fundraising pot is a sensational achievement! We thank you deeply for your support of the school.

JUST LIKE YOU INCURSION

This week our students in Years 1-6 participated in an incursion 'Just Like You'. 'Just Like You' is a free, evidence-based and curriculum-aligned disability awareness program delivered by Variety – the

Children's Charity and led by facilitators with lived experience of disability. The program builds understanding, acceptance and support between students with or without a disability through teaching inclusive language and accessible design. It was held on Tuesday 2nd April which was also World Autism Awareness Day. Kirrawee PS is committed to raising awareness of disability and promoting acceptance and understanding.

PLAYGROUND INSTALLATION

Construction work will commence on the K-2 fixed play equipment shortly. The old fixed-equipment has been dismantled and weather permitting, we should see the development of the new equipment over the coming weeks. We anticipate it to be completed before the end of the holiday period. We thank you for your patience as this work takes place.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

I would like to take this opportunity to commend students and their families for their adherence to the KPS School Uniform Policy. It is wonderful to see so many students in full school uniform. As the weather begins to cool over the coming months, it is important that your child has a jumper/jacket that is labelled with their name to assist school staff in returning misplaced belongings.

POLICE YOUTH LIAISON OFFICER VISIT

Our primary aged students will have a visit from Senior Constable Mary Portelli on Monday 8th April. Throughout her visit she will discuss the implications of social media, cyber-bullying, and our responsibilities in behaving in ethical and mature ways when interacting with peers either in person or online.

CROSS COUNTRY

Please keep an eye out for communication regarding the school's Cross Country event. We have earmarked the end of Week 1, Term 2 for this event. A note with the date and times will be communicated once we have confirmed the details.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION

A big congratulations goes to Year 5 student, Heston Greatorix, for his selection into the Sutherland Zone Basketball Team. Heston will now move on to compete at the Sydney East Regional Competition. A fantastic achievement and one the school is certainly proud of. Good luck Heston!

HIGH SCHOOL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Thank you to those families of Year 6 students who have filled out their High School Expression of Interest, either online or on a paper copy. We are still waiting on several families to complete this form and we ask you to do so at your earliest convenience. The EOI link will be removed on Thursday 4th April this week so it will need to be completed before this time.

STUDENT LEARNING PLANS

A notification via School Bytes Parent Portal will be sent this week to all families. This notification provides information for parents with how to access, and, either approve or request changes, to learning plans that your child's class teacher has written. Please note that this correspondence is intended only for parents with children who may require support to access the curriculum which will already have been discussed with you.

PROVIDING TIME TO SWITCH OFF

Parents/carers may have seen communication recently about providing time to switch off for our teachers. The NSW Department of Education has introduced this measure to assist in setting expectations for digital communication to help address staff shortages by protecting staff against burnout and to promote staff wellbeing.

We recognise that communicating and engaging with parents is critical to effective partnerships and learning outcomes, and different schools and communities will have different engagement expectations.

We want you to know you can still contact KPS at times that suit you best, however, teachers may not reply to non-emergency messages or emails outside of school operating hours. Under normal circumstances, staff should respond to queries within 2 school days.

The best way to contact your child's teacher or another teacher at the school is to email the school's email address and 'attention' the email to the person you are trying to contact. The school's email address is;

Kirrawee-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

FATHERING PROJECT

A reminder that our first Fathering Project evening that was penciled for Thursday 4th April has regrettably needed to be postponed until next term. Details surrounding a future date and time of the event will be posted once these are confirmed. Thank you for your understanding. Please keep an eye out for future correspondence around this event.

Finally, as this is the last newsletter before the term break, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish our KPS families and community a safe and relaxing holiday. May you find time to unwind and recharge.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Melissa Oostdam

| 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 | 5 | 6 Year 6 Leaders Ceremony | 7 * Zone Swimming | 8 |
| 7 March | 11 * Photo Day | 12 | 13 *Naplan Online Test Window | 14 *Pulse Alive Performance *Naplan Online Test Window | 15 *Naplan Online Test Window |
| 8 March | 18 *Naplan Online Test Window | 19 *Naplan Online Test Window | 20 *Naplan Online Test Window | 21 *Naplan Online Test Window *Harmony Day | 22 *Naplan Online Test Window |
| 9 March | 25 *Naplan Online Test Window | 26 | 27 | 28 Easter Hat Parade | 29 Good Friday |
| 10 April | 1 Easter Monday | 2 *World Autism Day | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 11 April | 8 *Anzac Day Assembly 12.55pm | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 PSSA ends Last day of Term 1. Students return Tuesday 30th April |

Early Stage 1 Report

Kindergarten have had a wonderful first term of school. We have celebrated Harmony Day, our first Easter Hat Parade and were so excited to welcome parents/carers and Grandparents into our classrooms.



We have been busy learning our single sounds and the letters that represent these sounds. We are currently learning to read and spell words with the phonemes /m/s/t/a/p/i. We have started to learn how to stretch our sounds out and blend them back together to read words.



We wish all our students an enjoyable and safe break and look forward to Term 2!
Ms Giles and Miss Wakely

Stage 1 Report



Grandparents' Day and Easter Celebrations

Last week was truly memorable for our school community as we welcomed grandparents and parents into our classrooms. It was a joyous occasion to showcase the outstanding work our students have been diligently working on. The day was further enlivened by musical performances from several classes, the drumming group and school choir. All our students proudly paraded their creatively decorated Easter hats and dioramas. We were even lucky enough to get a visit from the Easter bunny who danced along with students parading. We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the families and friends who took the time to join us and celebrate this special day. Your presence and support truly made the event even more special for our students and staff.

Mrs Martin and Miss Tucci
Event Organisers



A **big thank you** to all the parents, grandparents, carers and family members that made our Easter celebrations so full of happiness and joy! All Stage 1 students thoroughly enjoyed sharing their learning and activities with their loved ones, and showing them around their classrooms. The Easter Hat parade was lots of fun too!



We hope all families have a safe and relaxing April school holidays. School returns for students on Tuesday 30th April.

Stage 1 Teachers

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

Stage 2 Report

In Stage 2, our students have been on a colourful adventure, delving into artworks that showcase a variety of subjects and techniques. They've explored the colour wheel and the reasons behind artists' choice of colour, shape, textures and mediums.

We're thrilled to share some of their stunning artwork with you. Take a moment to admire their creativity and dedication as they continue to grow as artists!

Stage Two Teachers

Mrs Hudson, Mrs Martin, Mrs Shaw and Mrs Werner



Stage 3 Report

Easter Fundraising

Thank you to all Stage 3 students who assisted in selling raffle tickets and cakes at our Easter Hat Parade and Concert Day. It was a huge success!

In the Classroom

In Literacy students will be creating a multi-modal text about an endangered area in Australia. In this text students will use persuasive, informative and imaginative writing styles to convey a message about the need to act on climate change. This links in to our study of the text "Bright New World" by Cindy Forde.

In Maths, we will be focussing on fractions and how to convert between improper fractions and mixed numerals, as well as add and subtract fractions.

Peer Support

In Week 11, Stage 3 will participate in Peer Support training in preparation for the Peer Support program which will run during Terms 2 and 3. This program provides an opportunity for our senior students to take on leadership roles, empowering Stage 3 students to lead small groups of students from across the entire school. The training will take place on Thursday and Friday next week.

Regards,
Stage 3 Teachers



Support Unit Report

Each Friday, our Support Unit takes part in a skills-based sports program enthusiastically run by the Primary staff. The focus sports for this term are softball, basketball and soccer. Playing these sports is an excellent way to improve the student's general fitness, gross motor awareness and hand/eye co-ordination skills.

K/6W and K/6NR complete their Sports program together and have been developing their gross motor skills through running, jumping, balancing and climbing.



ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY

Our Anzac Day Ceremony will be held on **Monday 8 April** in the school Hall.

The assembly will commence at 12.55pm.

Wreaths will be laid at the assembly and we would appreciate students bringing in flowers and greenery to assist in the making of the wreaths. Flowers can be delivered to the library between 9-9.30am. On the day, students are permitted to wear a sprig of rosemary.

A K-2 Colouring Competition and 3-6 Postcard Competition will be sent via School Bytes. Alternatively, students may collect a hard copy from the Library. **Please submit your entry to Mrs Martin by Monday, April 8, 2024.**

Mrs Martin

Harmony Day Newsletter

On Thursday 21st March, we celebrated Harmony Day. Harmony Day is celebrated every year to recognise and acknowledge cultural diversity and the inclusive nature of Australians. The message of Harmony Day 2024 was 'Everyone Belongs'

To celebrate this day, students were encouraged to dress in cultural dress or wear orange to represent peace and harmony. It was such a delight to see so many different cultures represented in our school community. Teachers took students on a mini world tour, teaching them about different countries and cultures. Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 went on a "tour" of Greece, Ireland, Italy, Sweden, Scotland and Japan, while Stage 2 and Stage 3 students visited Japan, Germany, Mexico, France, Ireland and Spain. Students demonstrated curiosity and focus when learning about these countries and cultures, as they participated in activities that allowed them to practise skills such as speaking different languages and even learning traditional dances. We were also lucky enough to be visited by the traditional Japanese drumming group from Kirrawee High School.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable day for all students and staff, and we thank you for helping us celebrate.





the fathering project

EXCITING NEWS

IS RE-LAUNCHING AT KIRRAWEE P.S.

Kirrawee P.S. is proud to announce that (after being disrupted by global events) we are re-launching the Fathering Project.

What is the Fathering Project? The Fathering Project aims to improve child development outcomes by inspiring and equipping fathers and father figures to effectively engage with their kids.

Kirrawee P.S., in partnership with the Fathering Project, will deliver resources, programs, and a variety of events to dads and 'father figures' both at school and off-site.

The Project's resources and programs aim to inspire and equip dads and 'father-figures' to be the best they can be and remind our dads and 'father-figures' that they have an important role in building resilience, self-respect, positive self-worth, and emotional intelligence in their children. It's also a great way to meet other dads and father figures in your community.

What Fathering Project events are happening at KPS? We aim to hold a minimum of four Fathering Project events onsite at KPS per year. This includes two 'Dads only' events and two 'Dads and kids' events.

What First?

Special
Event!

Come to our Dad's only re-launch event!

When: Thursday 4th April

Time: 7 pm - 8 pm

Where: School Library



Scan or click to
Register

John Kirkland from the Fathering Project will facilitate our re-launch event. John will introduce the concept of the project, talk about events to be held throughout the year and the importance of this project at Kirrawee P.S. It will also be a great opportunity to meet other dads and father figures from the Kirrawee community. Refreshments will also be provided on the night.

Also on the night, we'll ask for **2 - 4 dads** to act as liaisons for the Fathering Project Kirrawee School Community. More details will be shared on the night.

To register your interest, head to

<https://portal.thefatheringproject.org/dads-group/kirrawee-public-school/>

or

scan or click the QR code above!

This is an exciting project which has had great success both in the local Sutherland community and across Australia. Your partnership will help our Kirrawee dads be the best they can be.

For more info go to thefatheringproject.org/

Mr David Mahoney
KPS Fathering Project Coordinator

Mrs Melissa Oostdam
Acting Principal



thefatheringproject.org



Hey dads,

join our Dads Group!



Use the link below to join online and access all you need to know about being a great Dad, and to hear about our Group's upcoming activities!

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LAUNCH EVENT

FOR DADS AND FATHER FIGURES

Thursday 4th April

7pm - 8 pm

KPS SCHOOL LIBRARY
ONSITE AND STREET PARKING AVAILABLE
LIGHT MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

OUR INITIAL MEETING WILL BE A FRIENDLY MEET AND GREET AND ALSO TO LEARN ABOUT THE PROGRAM AND WHAT TO EXPECT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

NOTE: THIS IS A DAD AND FATHER FIGURE EVENT ONLY. SPECIAL DAD AND KIDS EVENTS TO FOLLOW THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

A father figure can be a grandfather, uncle or another male in the family. If a male is absent, a female is also welcome to join the Project.

Click or scan to register



BOOKINGS

EXISTING FAMILIES:
Please complete your casual booking for Vacation Care via the XAP website/app.

NEW FAMILIES:
To book Vacation Care please complete an enrolment form through our website.

FEES

PER DAY:
\$65.00 (CCS Available)
Excursions/Workshops have an additional cost.

INCLUDES:
Breakfast & Afternoon Tea.

BYO:
Morning Tea & Lunch

OPENING HOURS

DATES:
Mon 15th Apr - Mon 29th Apr

TIMES:
7:00am to 6:00pm

ADDRESS:
28 Turriell Bay Rd, Lilli Pilli

CONTACT INFO

E-MAIL:
oshc.lillipilli@ymcansw.org.au

WEBSITE:
www.ymcansw.org.au/
centres/ymca-lilli-pilli-oshc/
vacation-care/

CENTRE PHONE:
0408 937 556

CHILDCARE TEAM PHONE:
(For all booking enquires)
1300 009 679

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VACATION CARE

-PROGRAM-

We are looking forward to having you join us for Vacation Care at Lilli Pilli OSHC these holidays!

Our Team are so excited about the fun activities we have planned and can't wait to see you there. Each day will also include craft activities, outdoor play and indoor games.



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| MONDAY 15TH | TUESDAY 16TH | WEDNESDAY 17TH | THURSDAY 18TH | FRIDAY 19TH |
|--|--|---|--|--|
| <p>DISNEY MAGICAL KINGDOM</p> <p>All things DISNEY, all day! Join us for some fun Disney games, crafts & activities! Disney costumes welcome!</p> <p>INCLUSION</p> | <p>SPACE EXPLORERS</p> <p>Travel through the universe with this awe inspiring earth and space science experience. Planet Lava Circus show is interactive, non-verse, combined with high level circus skills!</p> <p>INCLUSION</p> | <p>KICKIN IT! -TO THE MOVIES</p> <p>Time to take a visit to the BIG SCREEN and see Kung Fu Panda 4 at Cronulla Hoyts Cinema. Enjoy some of your favourite movie treats.</p> <p>EXCURSION</p> | <p>LILLI PILLI AMAZING RACE</p> <p>In teams we will be competing in the Lilli Pilli Amazing Race! We will race in teams through mazes, challenges, races and much more to see who can get to the end first!</p> | <p>ANZAC ADVENTURE</p> <p>We will remember them. A day of remembrance where the children learn about Anzac Day and why it is celebrated. Make some Red Poppy Wreaths from recycled materials and bake DELICIOUS Anzac biscuits.</p> |
| MONDAY 22ND | TUESDAY 23RD | WEDNESDAY 24TH | THURSDAY 25TH | FRIDAY 26TH |
| <p>FIRST AID FOR KIDS</p> <p>Multi sports day based on having fun whilst engaging in lots of movement games, team building skills & sports based activities plus a very interactive childrens First Aid Class.</p> <p>INCLUSION</p> | <p>SCIENCE SPACE</p> <p>Bring your inner Albert Einstein to life for the day and join us at the Science Centre with over 100 interactive fun filled science exhibits for you and your friends to enjoy.</p> <p>EXCURSION</p> | <p>WILLY WONKA'S MARVELLOUS CREATIONS</p> <p>Join us for a day of creativity, imagination & LOLLIES as we turn into Willy Wonka's famous factory!</p> | <p>ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</p> | <p>SENSORY SHENANIGANS</p> <p>Engage your senses by making goop, slime & play-dough. Calm your mind with mindful colouring, sensory toys, squishy spaghetti and much more!</p> <p>INCLUSION</p> |
| MONDAY 29TH | TUESDAY 30TH | <p>SEE YOU THERE</p> | | |
| <p>CRAFT CRAZY</p> <p>Lets get busy with crafts for the whole day with plenty to bring home and display for all to see!</p> <p>INCLUSION</p> | <p>BACK TO SCHOOL</p> | | | |

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Do you know how to prepare for a flood or storm? Do you know what to do when a flood or storm occurs? Every flood is different, and floods can change quickly. Significant floods will happen again and may even be greater than those experienced or behave differently than those in the past. Knowing the flood potential of where you live is important to keep yourself, your family and others safe during floods.

It is important to understand the local risks, consequences and timings to act on warnings issued by the NSW SES to ensure your safety and the safety of your family, households, friends, neighbours, pets and businesses. One of the most important things you can do is have an emergency plan. Click here to create your [Home or Business Emergency Plan](#).

Visit the NSW [SES flood information pages](#) and [SES storm information pages](#) to find out what you can do before, during and after floods and storms, including:

- Having a home or business flood plan
- Having an Emergency Kit or Go Bag
- Knowing the flood heights that will trigger property protection and/or evacuation actions
- Knowing where to go if you need to evacuate
- Planning for animals

Visit the [Sutherland Shire Council Website](#) for local information on flooding along the Woronora River.

Visit the [Bureau of Meteorology](#) where Severe Weather Warnings and Severe Thunderstorm Warnings issued by BOM warn of the possibility of flash flooding.

Help your family prepare for floods and storms

Things you can do NOW to prepare your home and family

- Make a plan for your family that outlines what you would do in an emergency
- Prepare an emergency kit in case you lose power or need to leave your home in a hurry
- Secure or put away items that could blow around in strong winds

and... when a storm is coming

- Head inside and bring pets with you

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Get your students Ready!

Make emergency education a part of your school

The NSW State Emergency Service (NSW SES) offers a range of free educational in-school visits available to primary school students at all levels.

Being prepared!

NSW SES recognises the importance of communicating our key safety messages to a young audience. This gives our whole community the best chance of being properly prepared in an emergency situation and being prepared can make all the difference during an emergency.

Presentations

NSW SES volunteers can deliver one of three interactive presentations that cover the topics of floods, storms or general emergency preparedness with an optional extension on tsunami. Each topic is tailored to suit varying age levels and runs for approximately 30-45 minutes.

- **FloodSafe**
This presentation looks at some of the yucky and dangerous things you might find in floodwater, as well as important safety information about floods.
- **StormSafe**
This presentation takes a closer look at some of the exciting and dangerous aspects of a storm including hail, flash flooding and lightning. It also includes simple tips on how you can look after your pets during a storm and prepare your house before the storm hits.
- **Emergency Ready**
This presentation contains information on all types of emergencies (storm, flood, earthquake etc.) and what steps you need to take to plan for different emergencies such as putting together an emergency kit.

Booking a presentation for your school

If you would like to book a presentation(s), please complete and return the booking form. We will contact you once we have received your request.

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Sincerely,

Jeffrey Weston
SES - Heathcote Unit
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