



Kirrawee Koee



WEEK 4 TERM 1, 2020

Principal's Message

It has been a fantastic start to the 2020 school year and our students have all settled into their new classes beautifully. We were so impressed with the seamless transition that our newest students made into Kindergarten and there are still smiles all-round. It has also been lovely to welcome many new families into our school community.

This term will be a productive one as we set routines and expectations together. Please feel free to introduce yourself to your child's class teacher and *discuss matters that require clarity, as they will be keen to work with you in partnership to ensure that educational, social and emotional goals are met.*

Swimming Carnival

The Swimming Carnival is taking place on Monday, 2 March at San Souci Aquatic Centre.

All students are reminded to be **at school by 8:45am sharp** for a 9:00am departure.

All students are reminded to bring their hat, lunch, recess and any other food they wish to have on the day. Please ensure your child has packed a change of clothes, towel, goggles, thongs and a swim cap if possible. Students can wear sports uniform on the day or their house colours if they wish. All parents are invited to attend but must make their own way to the pool and pay their pool entrance fee when they arrive. All students are to remain in house or event areas during the carnival.

We request that any parents volunteering on the day arrive at the venue by 9:00am.

P&C Meeting

We had a few new faces at our first P&C meeting last week which was great to see. All parents and carers are welcome to join at our next meeting on Monday 23 March 2020. Last week the 2020 executive team was elected. A huge thanks on behalf of the Kirrawee staff and students for the community volunteers who have accepted these important roles to support Kirrawee Public School. Outcome:

President: Amanada Mclean

Vice President: Leanna Dega

Secretary: Sarah Jones

Treasurer: Brooke Johnston



P&C committee is looking for helpers. “PLEASE VOLUNTEER” This is a fun job with a small time commitment. It involves getting to know the families in your child’s class, and making any new students and families feel welcome to the school.

K-Yr.2 Classes - The Class Parent Role is to support the teacher in any kind of job that requires a parent, such as coordinating a parent roster for helping with reading groups.

Yr.3-Yr.6 Classes-Rosters are not usually required, so just getting to know the other families, is suggested, and asking the teacher if any parent assistance is needed in other ways.

Optional ideas -The Class Parent might like to organise social events to meet other families. Sometimes 2 parents volunteer to undertake the role together.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A CLASS PARENT??

The term is well underway and we are keen to find volunteers soon! Your children will love you being involved and this is an easy job! If you would like to volunteer or find out more, please contact the *P & C President* on 0415127230.

Volunteers Needed for Ethics

Kirrawee Public School, needs more volunteers who have an interest in children’s education and development of critical thinking skills, to be *ethics teachers*.

*Full Training is given by Ethics

*Volunteers facilitate a class every Wednesday for 30 minutes.

*Lesson materials are provided

*For more details please visit: www.primaryethics.com.au

Parking across the school (factory complex)

Strong concerns have been expressed to the school that KPS parents/caregivers are parking in spaces belonging to private owners. I am asking for all members of the community to please not park in the factory bays as “*feelings are starting to run very high for this action*”

Meet The Teacher Evening

It was disappointing to only see 42% of the parent community attend the *Meet The Teacher* evening, Partnership in the education process of children, has a significant positive impact on student learning outcomes.

Thank You

Selwyn Williams
Principal

Week 1 January	27 Australia Day	28 Teachers start the Year	29 First day for students to start school	30	31
2 February	3 KINDERGARTEN- Day One	4	5	6	7 Swimming Carnival
3 February	10	11	12 1	13	14 *Vision visit
4 February	17 *P & C AGM	18 Meet The teacher (SU)	19 MeeThe Teacher (k-6)	20	21
5 February	24 .	25	26 *Mini Archie Exhibition *Yr 6 Leader's Night	27 *Gymea Tech. HS	28
6 March	2 *Halogen Leaders Day *SWIMMING CARNIVAL	3	4	5 *Zone Carnival	6
7 March	9	10	11	12 *SCHOOL PHOTOS *Chess comp (Oyster Bay PS)	13
8 March	16	17	18	19	20
9 March	23 *P & C Meeting	24	25	26	27
10 March/April	30 *Parent Teacher Interviews	31 *Parent Teacher Interviews	1 *Parent Teacher Interviews	2	3
11 April	6	7	8	9 *Last Day Term 1	

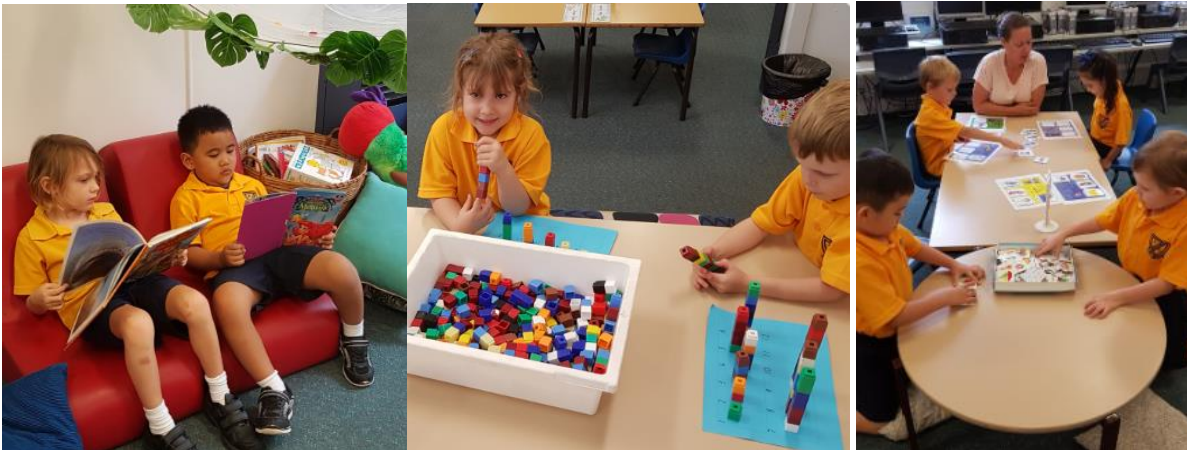
EARLY STAGE 1 REPORT

Welcome to Kindergarten 2020! We have had an exciting start to the year!

Although starting such a new phase in life can feel quite overwhelming for both students and families, it has been lovely to see such happy smiling faces every day. The Kindergarten students have settled in very quickly and are readily adapting to new routines.



Our first few weeks of school involve helping students to understand school rules and values, make friends, become comfortable in their new environment and organise their belongings. Routines and behaviour expectations are explicitly taught and modelled, setting a strong foundation for learning for the rest of the year. With the use of Class Dojo, a fun and engaging visual reward program and the school's merit system, student's positive behaviour choices are highlighted and celebrated both on an individual, small group and whole class basis.



We are looking forward to watching the kindergarten students grow and flourish this year!

Mrs Werner, Miss Wallin & Mrs Harris

STAGE 1 REPORT

Stage 1 has worked very well this term. It's hard to believe we are already nearly half way through term 1!

We started our term off with a great water day! It was a fun filled day of activities and scientific experiments.



We have all worked very hard in literacy, participating in fun educational activities to assist us with our reading, writing and spelling.

The students have also been enjoyed our new Thework unit “growing older and wiser”, looking at how we have changed since we were babies and all the things that make us unique.

A reminder to all next week is the last week students can join the dance groups, as well as the choir group. If your child/children would like to participate in any of these valuable experiences, please ensure you return your notes by 29th February, if you have not already done so.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year in 2020!

Mrs Harris, Mrs Whicker, Ms Raucava and Mrs Newman
Stage 1 teachers

STAGE 2 REPORT

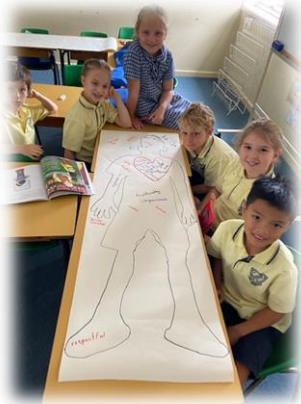
Stage 2 have enjoyed settling into our new classes over the past few weeks. Expectations and learning intentions have been developed, along with getting to know one another and making new friends along the way. We are all excited for a great year of learning and adventures.

In our English learning, we are currently focusing on Imaginative writing, in particular narratives. We will extend our grammar, sentence structure and vocabulary understandings, along with spelling strategies and handwriting abilities. Students are engaging with our MAPPEN theme topic, In Your Shoes, to write stories centered around being brave, overcoming fears and establishing identities. In Your Shoes extends to discussions and activities surrounding ethical principles, different cultures and customs, and understanding messages in the world.

For Mathematics, students will be developing their multiplicative place value understanding and transfer this knowledge to addition and subtraction investigations. We will also be learning about metric length units, properties of triangles and column graphs.

Many students are participating in the PSSA competitions this term, which is due to kick off soon. This includes Junior Boys T-ball, Senior Boys Softball and Junior/Senior Girls Touch Football. We know they'll have a competitive and enjoyable season. The in-school sport program will coincide with this for all other students, which involves a variety of round robin, skill-based games.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year with Stage 2 students.
Mrs Fulmer, Mr Morgan, Ms Tucci, Mr Culkin and Mrs Newman.



STAGE 3 REPORT

Stage Three had a busy start to the year. We had our Bathurst EOI notes go home and are asking all parents to return ASAP so that numbers can be finalised. We have the Year 6 Leader night on Wednesday 26th February and want to thank all of the families who are able to celebrate this achievement and responsibility with us.

PSSA starts this Friday (week 4) with the Term One sports of Senior Boys Softball, Junior Boys Tee-ball, and Senior and Junior Girls Touch Football. The Term 1 PSSA competition runs for 7 rounds and will conclude on Friday of week 9.

In week 2, Stage Three students attended a presentation by the Cronulla Sharks on resilience. It was great to see the key messages reinforced for the students of Respect, Resilience and responsibility when interacting with their peers and attempting challenging tasks.

We thank parents for their attendance this week at the Meet the Teacher night and look forward to continuing these partnerships throughout the year.

Year 6 students have been a wonderful help to our new kindergarten students over the first few weeks, helping them to settle in and find their feet in their new school environment. In the next month we have a lot of great initiatives taking place with the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence on Friday 20 March and also Harmony Day on Friday 20 March. We also have Parent Teacher Interviews in week 10 of this term.

In the next few weeks we have GyMEA Technology High School visiting to talk to the students about

their HS journey and we also have the HS Expression of Interest going home. Please ensure if you are the parent of a student in Year 6 that we have your correct address on file, as we will need this in order to indicate your child's designated local HS on their form. Please keep an eye out for Year 6 Shirts notes as well as they will be distributed shortly.

We look forward to a strong school-home partnership throughout the year

SUPPORT UNIT REPORT

Last week saw the first lesson for our *Disability Trust – Sports Ready Program*. Each week, Sports Ready Program focuses on different target areas which explicitly develops skills in focus areas aligned with PDHPE syllabus outcomes.

Last week was Basketball! Students had a wonderful time building skills in catching, throwing and passing in a fun, safe and social environment. This week we will be getting our bodies active in Boccia!



Library News:

All stages have had to show that they can independently locate a book of their interests. First students were required to use the school's online catalogue, using appropriate filters, record the books location and finally locate the physical book. Knowing how to use online research tools effectively is an important part of being an independent, life-long learner.



Support Unit in the Library

Support students were inspired by the book 'The Building Boy' when they proceeded to create their own buildings. The school library has recently purchased Kapla blocks which allow children to build, create and experiment by using their own imagination. Each week we will explore and create Kapla buildings through literacy.



Don't Forget – You can access the school's library site from home

Search, reserve and check you current loans.

It's easy to access. Here are some ways to access this handy resource;

1. Direct - Go to library.det.nsw.edu.au
 - a. Enter your child's school logon details
2. Via the Kirrawee School Website
 - a. Head to <https://kirrawee-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>
 - b. Click on 'Library', then 'Online Search Tools'
 - c. Click to library link to direct you to the school logon portal

Overdue book? Can't find a borrowed book?

Please let myself know ASAP. I will search the library to see if it has snuck its way back to the shelves. If not, have another look at home, otherwise a replacement fee or book replacement will be required.

Encourage all students return their books after a week (though there is a two week borrowing allowance) and remind them to return the book as soon as they enter the library in the 'Returns Tub'.

Unsure of what books your child has on loan? Login to the school's online library page via library.det.nsw.edu.au and enter your child's school logon details.

Library Opening Hours

The library is open for students on Tuesdays and Wednesdays 2nd half lunch time each week. Students can play board games, read, browse the web and borrow during this time.

Want to know more about the school library?

We have updated the school website that now includes more information about the Kirrawee library. To visit the page;

1. Head to <https://kirrawee-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>
2. Click on 'Library'

Here you'll find information on Opening Days, Borrowing Information, Book Week, Online Search Tools and how you can help.

Happy reading,
Mr David Mahoney
Librarian

Enrichment News

Stage 1

Students will be exploring different types of rovers this term using coding and robotics. Students will first be researching how and why humans use rovers to explore certain environments. Finally, students will engage with Lego WeDo kits to create a simple rover and then code their device to 'rove' and manipulate objects using code.

Stage 2

This term we will be exploring jet engines. Each group will be working on creating their own jet engine using a simulation product whilst learning how this technology works. Students will be required to present their findings towards the end of the term. This project ties in elements from Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM). Problem solving, following instructions and working together is also skills that will be required whilst students progress through this project.



Stage 3

We will be exploring pendulums this term. What are they and how they work. Finally, we will be making our own working pendulums from simply materials. During this project we will bring together elements of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths, commonly referred to STEaM in educational practices.

Last week's lesson saw the Stage 3 students explore the effects of a pendulum that has a paint bottle acting as a weight when given force in a circular motion. The process was mesmerising, and the results were beautiful.



Mr Mahoney
Enrichment Coordinator

Gardening News

The Kirrawee PS garden beds are starting over again for another school year. Thanks to the Environment Club for helping to transfer new soil to the garden beds and also plant the new veggies and herbs.

We had a terrific response for volunteers to join the Environment club. If you didn't get a chance to join, don't worry, there be more opportunities to join as the year progresses.



Mr Mahoney
Gardening Coordinator

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Year 7 2021 at Kirrawee High School

in our Stephen R Smith Hall - 6:30 pm



Dear Year 6 students, parents and carers,

For those seeking information about possible enrolment into Year 7 2021 please join us on this evening. We will be excited to give you insights into why Kirrawee is a place in which your child will continue to build character, develop life-long skills, and express their unique voice and talents.

You will of course hear about the area in which Kirrawee takes enormous pride, the foundation for all four areas: wellbeing at Kirrawee and for life. And the all-important school 'parents' (Year Advisors) will be introduced for the first time.

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

Finally, we will briefly explain the process of applying to our school and you of course will have a chance to ask any questions you might have. Local students and parents are then free to leave, as there will be a special session for out-of-area applicants.

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.

Greg Munsie - Relieving Principal

What to expect

You will hear from, and get to speak with, students that embody and build upon the reputation of Kirrawee. They will provide their insights across our four key pillars:

- ✓ Learning
- ✓ Student leadership, values and ethics
- ✓ Arts
- ✓ Sport

KU Sutherland Preschool Open Day

When: Saturday 22 February 2020

11:00am – 2:00pm

Where: KU Sutherland Preschool

677 Old Princes Highway, Sutherland

- ▶ Matilda's Farmyard Nursery
- ▶ Art and craft activities
- ▶ Explore our exciting play spaces
- ▶ See our large, newly renovated playground
- ▶ Meet our educators, students and parents
- ▶ Face painting
- ▶ Food and refreshments

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