

**The official newsletter  
of Katoomba Public School**

# Kat News

**Term 1 Week 8, 22nd March 2024**

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## School Expectations:

*Value Myself  
Care for Others  
Respect the  
Environment*

*The Uniform shop is  
open every  
Wednesday during  
school term  
8.45am-9.30am*

*Our canteen will be  
open for pre-ordered  
sushi each Friday  
of term*

*The virtue this  
week was  
'Fun'*

*Our PBL focus is  
'I value, care  
and respect  
on the field'*

## What a fabulous weekend!!

### the 27th Blue Mountains Music Festival was awesome!



### The music was brilliant and the people were happy!!

Thank you to all who came and supported and volunteered over the weekend.

It certainly was a great vibe over the weekend with so many people of different ages and backgrounds celebrating music together.

A special thank you to Mrs Galbraith who prepared our 'lighthouse choir', they were wonderful at the Welcome to Country on Friday night!

Many of the organisers are parents of past and present students and they are always in need of new parents to learn what it's all about in order to keep it going for the years ahead. ☺

**Thank you KPS P&C!!**

**Our students will benefit from all your hard work.**

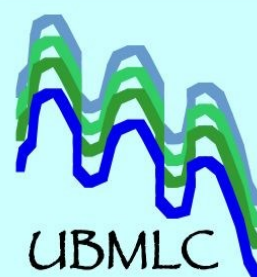


*Fiona Paine  
Principal*

## Coming up....

Wednesday	27 March
Thursday	28 March
Friday	29 March
Monday	1 April
Friday	12 April
Tuesday	30 April

Year 6 Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser - No ice blocks
Easter Hat Parade
Good Friday (PUBLIC HOLIDAY)
Easter Monday (PUBLIC HOLIDAY)
Last day term 1
First day term 2 for students



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Happy Birthday to the following people  
who have had a birthday in weeks 7 & 8**

Maya	4/5T
Finn	1/2Q
Xanthea	K/6M
Silas	5/6B
Theodore	K/1T
James	K/1P



Gyutrul	K/1T
Oskar	2/3L
Leo	3/4S
Mae	3/4S
Ariane	K/1P

## Academic Awards

Thomas	1/2Q
Louis	2/3L
Sage	3/4S
Hanna	4/5T
Harry	5/6B
Emelia	5/6K



## Virtue Awards

Week 6 virtue ~ Thankfulness

Lily	1/2Q
Heidi	2/3L
Kira	3/4S
Aubrey	4/5T
Silas	5/6B
Jane	5/6K

## Weeks 4 & 5

Elizabeth	5/6K
Deane	5/6K
Orlando	5/6K
Lydia	5/6K
Stella	5/6K



## Week 6

Calais	3/4S
Diesel	3/4S
Jean-Paul	3/4S
Leo	3/4S
Max	3/4S

# SCHOLASTIC Book Club

## How to order on BOOK CLUB

**LOOP** is the easy way for families to order and pay for Book Club.

**ORDERS DUE: 29th March**

## Welcome to Book Club LOOP

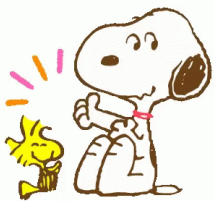
(Linked Online Ordering and Payment platform for parents)

1. Your child will bring home their Book Club catalogue from school.
2. Browse the pages with your child and help them choose books that suit their age and interests.
3. Order online via Book Club LOOP.
4. The books are delivered back to your child's classroom where the teacher will hand them out to very excited students!



Please note that the school no longer takes cash payments for Book Club, all orders are now done through the Scholastic website using LOOP. The link is below, happy ordering ☺

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>



## A NOTE FROM MANDO...(in the office)

Has anything ever gone into the ether...I mean, school bag, that has never been seen or heard from again?!?!? Well, I have a challenge for you. If you can spare a minute or two at drop-off or pick-up, then come along and have a quick look in our lost property, to see if any of it can find its way back home and bring a smile to everyone's face! Cheers ☺

A note from Mrs Rhodes....

Stage 2 Extension Writers created their own imaginary animal and then wrote about it. Poppy created a Lymphious. It lives in savannahs in the region of middle to southern Africa. It is an omnivore and is roughly the size of an elephant.

*I was walking along the wide savannah, munching on a crunchy leaf, when suddenly they arrived! They had two legs and wore some kind of baggy furless stuff. A mop of something rested upon their heads and they were tiny. The two legs each held an object free of them. I scattered from them, running a mile to my pack. But they still came after me, shooting things out of their objects, which were obviously dangerous, as one of the things hit a tree and the tree fell over!*

*Thankfully I made it to my pack and told them what happened. And that is why the Two-Legs are feared to this day by the Lymphiouses.*

Can you guess what the Two-Legs are?

## Community Liaison News

### THANK YOU, P&C

What a FABULOUS Welcome BBQ we had ... thank you wonderful P&C for organising such a lovely community event. The food was divine, the music sensational and it was such a lovely opportunity for children, staff and families to connect.

Thank you also for organising Sushi Fridays (and giving us a break from making school lunches!) and for running the Uniform Shop, organising cake stalls, helping with the Music Festival and all the other fundraising and community events you run. You add so much to our school.

If you want to find out how you can get involved and help, or would like more information or a chat, contact Cate at [catriona.paterson@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:catriona.paterson@det.nsw.edu.au) or 4782 1226.

**The next P&C meeting is Wednesday, 10 April at 7 pm.** Join us in person in the Staff room or connect via Zoom – the meeting link is on the school website Calendar of Events.

### HOT CROSS BUN FUNDRAISER - WEDNESDAY, 27 MARCH

Year 6 will doing a Hot cross bun and juice popper morning tea instead of ice blocks next Wednesday. Pre-orders only and they can be done on the School Bytes app or via the note sent home Tuesday 19th March. The hot cross buns are vegan friendly and gluten free ones will be available where specified. Help year 6 raise some funds for their end of year activities!!

### EASTER HAT PARADE - THURSDAY, 28 MARCH

Only one more week until the BEST Easter Hat Parade in the Mountains! The Parade starts at just after 2pm ... but families are also invited to come from 1.20 pm, bring a picnic and have lunch with their children on the Oval.

Every child (and staff member) is encouraged to make a hat at home to wear in the Parade.

*(This is of course weather dependent ... if it's raining, we will have to cancel the picnic. Updates will be posted on Facebook and sent via the School Bytes Parent Portal.)*

### ATTENTION, YEAR 6 FAMILIES ...

If you didn't make it to the Katoomba High School parent/carer information evening last week, the high school have asked us to let you know that you're very welcome to make an appointment with the Principal Tess Devine or the Year Advisor and have a look around the school. This invitation is also open to families of children in younger years too.

### CALLING THE OFFICE

Please, wherever possible, call the Office before 2 pm if you need to get a message to your child. The afternoons are very busy and it can be challenging to get messages to everyone in time if we receive them close to bell time. (Of course, we understand that unexpected things happen, and sometimes there is no option but to call at the last minute and we will do our very best. 😊)

### SCHOOL BYTES PARENT PORTAL - SIGN UP NOW!

Just a reminder that we will no longer be using the NSW Education Parent app from the end of this term. If you haven't already, please register for the **School Bytes Parent Portal** and download the free app. The Portal allows you to make payments, sign permission notes, see the Calendar of Events and newsletters, and you can also elect to receive notifications reminding you of important things like "don't forget it's dress up day" or "remember your ice block money"!



# Go4Fun

Healthy active happy kids



## Katoomba program

**Day:** Tuesdays in Term 2  
**Dates:** 30 April to 2 July 2024  
**Time:** 5pm to 7pm  
**Location:** Katoomba Sports and Aquatic Centre  
**Pool program**

## To register:

- **Visit:** [go4fun.com.au](http://go4fun.com.au)
- **Call:** 1800 780 900
- **SMS:** 0409 745 645 for a call back



It's free and run  
after school for  
10 weeks



Make new  
friends



Whole of  
family  
approach



Build self  
confidence



Fun games  
and prizes



Learn about  
healthy eating

A FREE program for children aged 7-13 and their families  
to become fitter, healthier and happier

All families that are looking for support with healthy eating,  
physical activity and overall wellbeing are welcome to join



# Would you like something new, easy, fun and social to do with your little one? Come to Playgroup!



Belong Blue Mountains Playgroups are an opportunity  
for parents, grandparents and carers with babies and  
pre-schoolers to come together, relax and connect.

Little ones can enjoy story time, craft activities and play,  
while you relax, have a cuppa and a chat.

## Katoomba Playgroup

**Thursdays 9:30am-11:00am**

The Old Katoomba Library, 81 - 83 Katoomba St



## Lawson Kookaburra Playgroup

**Mondays 9:30-11:00am**

Mid Mountains Neighbourhood Centre, 9 New Street, Lawson



## Blaxland East Playgroup

**Wednesdays 9:30-11:00am**

Blaxland East Public School, 53-85 Old Bathurst Road Blaxland

Playgroups run every week during school terms. No need  
to register, just come along, or contact us for more info.

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Parliament of  
New South Wales



SPEAK



FREE  
EVENT

MAKE

## FESTIVAL OF DEMOCRACY at the Parliament of NSW

**Friday 19 April  
9.30am - 3.30pm**

Celebrate democracy at Australia's oldest  
Parliament with free, fun activities for children  
from four to twelve years, and their families.

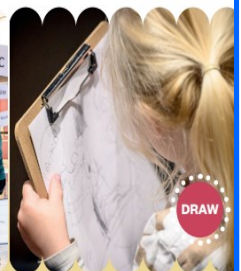
- Give a speech in the Parliamentary chambers
  - Make craft animals and objects
  - Learn how to vote
  - Visit our heritage rooms
  - Participate in a committee role play
- and more...



VOTE



SHARE



DRAW



**FREE ENTRY**  
Activities 9.30am to 3.30pm

**LOCATION**  
Parliament of New South Wales,  
6 Macquarie Street  
Opposite Martin Place

The public café will be open.

**BOOKINGS  
ESSENTIAL**



P: (02) 9230 2047 or  
E: [communityengagement@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:communityengagement@parliament.nsw.gov.au)

# Earth Day



APRIL 22, 2024



K-6 Magpies have been making the most of the move to our new classroom this year. We love being so much closer to the oval, the equipment and the garden. We are able to incorporate so many other activities into and around our learning.





# K/6M FUN





## Build-a-Mind Workshop

### Lego Robots

Blaxland



**Thursday 18th April**  
10am till Noon  
**Lower Mtns Neighbourhood Centre**  
**Blaxland**  
**Ages 7+**

Young learners will explore the exciting world of robotics with Lego, build and program their own robots using Lego bricks, motors and sensors. Through fun and interactive activities they will learn the basics of programming and how to use sensors to control their robots' movements.

Limited Places

**Bookings Essential Via:**

☎ **02 4739 1164**  
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## Build-a-Mind Workshop

### 3D Printing

Blaxland



**Thursday 18th April**  
1pm - 3pm  
**Lower Mtns Neighbourhood Centre**  
**Blaxland**  
**Ages 10+**

A hands-on 3D printing workshop. In this workshop you will be learning the basics of 3D design and printing by creating your own custom name tags, 3D characters or other objects. We'll be using tinkercad to design our name tags. Our other items will be hand made using 3D pens.

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## Abstract Portrait Painting

with local author

Lawson



**Monday 22nd April**  
10am - 12pm  
**Mid Mountains Neighbourhood**  
**Centre Lawson**  
**Ages 6-12yrs**

### Abstract Portrait Painting

Join Sharon from Loose Parts Press to create self-portraits, with a focus on capturing feelings and ideas, rather than realism.

Enjoy Sharon's reading of her book

"What Is It?"

No Cost. All materials provided.

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# FAMILY FUN DAY

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND FUN FOR THE  
WHOLE FAMILY!**

**Wednesday, 24 April**

**10-1**

**Village Green, Bullaburra**



**Mountains Outreach  
Community Service**



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