



KatNews

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Remote
Learning
Edition

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Return to school roadmap

From the Principal

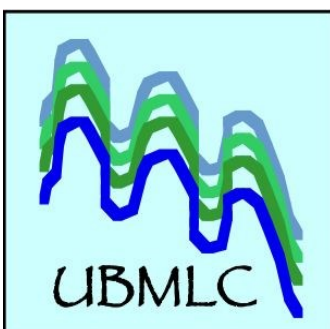
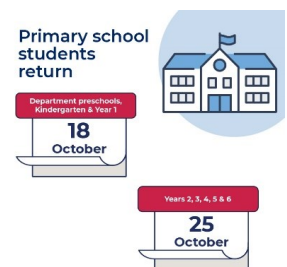
The best learning environment for students is in the classroom and we are looking forward to welcoming back our staff and students to their classrooms in Term 4. We know that while there will be excitement, there will also be some uncertainty about being back together at school.

Return to school for Level 3 plus -

Principles underpinning our return to school approach

- Our key priority is the safety and wellbeing of our students, staff and school communities.
- We will always be guided by the latest Australian Health Protection Principal Committee and NSW Health advice and will keep all settings under review as that advice changes or is updated.
- Existing infection control protocols at schools, combined with new COVID safety measures will help to maintain the health and safety of our students, staff and school communities. These include:
 - mandatory vaccination of all staff on school site, and vaccinations strongly encouraged for all eligible students
 - mask wearing by all staff
 - masks are strongly recommended for primary students both indoors and outdoors unless eating and exercising
 - effective ventilation in all learning spaces, as well as use of outside spaces
 - learning in class cohorts, with physical distancing and reduced mixing of students
 - minimal onsite visitors
 - staggered recess and lunch times
 - strict hygiene procedures, including sanitiser use and intensive cleaning.

As students return to face-to-face learning we will balance the wellbeing of students with the return to classroom teaching and learning.



School Expectations

Respect Yourself
Respect others
Respect the Environment

The virtue this week

is
Patience

Our PBL lesson

this week is
'Respect the environment during assembly'

From the Principal continued

Physical distancing -

All adults must keep 1.5 metres distance from each other, including teachers and support staff, and parents and carers waiting to collect children.

Physical distancing between children in the same class is not required under the latest health guidelines. Mixing between class groups will be minimised and students will be supported to follow strict hygiene practices like:

- *regularly washing hands
- *not sharing drinks or food
- *coughing or sneezing into their elbow, or else using a tissue which should be put in the bin straight away
- *filling water bottles from bubblers rather than using the bubbler directly

Visitors -

Only essential visitors are allowed on school sites at this time. When dropping off or picking up your child, parents and carers need to stay outside school grounds, you will need to wear a mask and physically distance.

Planning Ahead for 2022!!

The executive and I are starting to think about classes and enrolments for 2022. Our student numbers are vital for class planning and staffing arrangements. Please let us know if your family is moving or planning on being away for the beginning of the new year.

Staffing changes

We say congratulations to Carly Nankervis on the birth of her boy Vinnie. Yay!!

We welcome Ms Oates. Ms Oates will be job sharing with Ms Suito on 2N until the end of the year.



*Fiona Paine
Principal*



A huge Happy Birthday to the following people who have recently had birthdays or have one coming up...

Week 1

Ned 2N

Ethan 5/6K

Jane 2N

Imogen 3/4G

Week 2

Frankie 5/6B

Farley 5/6K

Week 3

Aras KG

Indigo 5/6K

Kai 3/4G

Levi K/6N

Georgia 2N

Merle 2/3D



NSW Department of Education

COVID-safe operations for schools

Department Preschools,
Kindergarten & Year 1

18
October

All other years

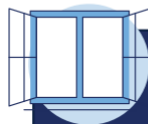
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October

From 18 October, students sitting their HSC exams will be able to access their schools full-time for revision and study sessions.

Students should be at school from the date indicated for their year group unless they are unwell.

Drop-offs and pick-ups

Drop-offs and pick-ups will be by staggered groups and all entrances and exits will be used to start and finish school days. Please follow the physical distancing rules, avoid gathering outside gates, remain off school grounds and wear a mask. (some exceptions made for vulnerable students.) Try to stay in the car. This does not apply to (OOSHC). Sign-in procedures are required.



Ventilation

Open or well-ventilated spaces reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 because infectious particles are more quickly diffused in the open air than in spaces with less ventilation. Outdoor settings will be used where practicable.

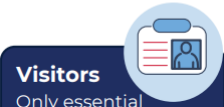
Vaccination

All adults on school sites must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, including employees, contractors, volunteers and essential visitors. Students aged 12 or above are now eligible for a COVID-19 vaccination. Parents and carers can book in a Pfizer or Moderna vaccine now.



Masks

Masks will be required for all staff and all students in Year 7 and above while they are indoors and outdoors on school sites unless eating or exercising. Masks are strongly recommended for primary students both indoors and outdoors unless eating or exercising. Students should bring their own masks where possible, but schools will have back-up supplies just in case. Masks are also required for all travel on public transport for children 13 years and older.



Visitors

Only essential visitors are allowed on school sites. All visitors are required to wear a mask and sign-in using the Service NSW QR code when entering the school.



Hand hygiene & cleaning

Students will be reminded to wash their hands often. Sanitisers, soaps, paper towels and other essential items will be readily available for students. Enhanced cleaning will continue on our school site.



Kindergarten 2022

Is your child ready to start school next year?

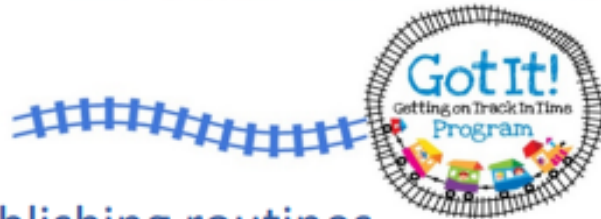
We are now taking enrolment forms for Kindergarten 2022. If you have a child ready to start next year, please collect an enrolment pack from the front office. Enrolments can now also be submitted online via the link on our website.

<https://enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/#/?schoolCode=4546>

For information regarding the 'Starting School Group' and orientation please contact our office.

As we are nearing the end of this term, our **kindergarten enrolments for 2022** are beginning to grow. If you haven't enrolled for next year or know of a neighbour or friend who hasn't enrolled yet please consider doing so. The current restrictions don't stop enrolment processes as these can now be done online. If you have questions about enrolment, please call the school office.

Got It!



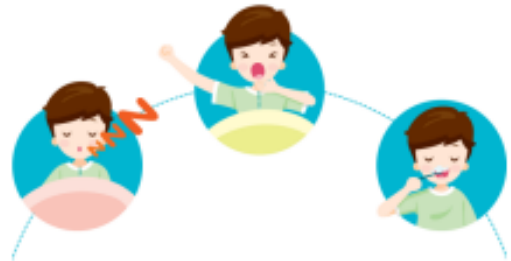
Re-establishing routines

Will your child and family need some adjustment to get back into school learning?

Getting your child and family into a regular routine in the weeks leading up to returning to school will help make the transition and change easier to manage.

The week before:

- Return to usual school day wake up, morning and bedtime routines.
- Ensure they are getting enough sleep.
- Practice having breakfast, lunch and snack times that coincide with typical school breaks.
- Create a calendar that counts down the days until their return.
- Practice getting ready to go to school e.g. finding their uniform and packing their bag.



The day before:

- Include your child in packing their school bag and getting their uniform ready.
- Talk with them about the plans for the next day including the morning routine, what to expect when they arrive at school and afternoon pick up plans.



The morning of:

- Allow extra time to get ready.
- Keep yourself calm to help your child remain calm.
- Repeat all the information you discussed with them the previous night about what their day will look like.



Mental Health Month October 2021

Good mental health is when we can cope with the stressors of our daily lives, participate in loving relationships, contribute to our community, and work towards our goals. Everyone has mental health. And we can all benefit from looking after our own mental health and the mental health of our communities. Here are some ideas for ways to reflect, have fun, and find connection through October.



Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
03	Go on a family walk you've never been on before. Choose a different route, or visit a new place.	04	Make a video call to someone you all know together.	05	Send a message of appreciation to someone who has made a positive impact on family.	06	Watch YouTube videos of cute animals.	07	Teach your children a skill - and have them teach you a skill in return.	08	Listen to each family member's favourite song.	09	Take a trip to the library and have each family member borrow a book.
10	WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY Get everyone in your family to make a mental health promise!	11	Go bird watching or frog spotting. You can use citizen science apps like BirdCount or FrogID.	12	Make up a story together.	13	Get everyone in the family to draw a part of your pet, then make a portrait using all the pictures.	14	Do a jigsaw puzzle together.	15	Blow bubbles.	16	Challenge your family to go a day without any screen time.
17	Fly a kite!	18	Leave a positive review together for a local business you enjoy like a restaurant, café, or shop.	19	Do some colouring together before bed.	20	Find a kid-friendly yoga video you can follow along with as a family.	21	Make an indoor cubby house out of cushions and blankets.	22	Go on a walk together and have a friendly "best photo of the walk" competition.	23	Go to a museum or the zoo to see in-person or virtual exhibits.
24	Go to the playground.	25	Pick out a meal you've never had before and make it together.	26	Make and drink hot chocolates together.	27	Build something together with lego, cardboard, or any other material you think of.	28	Go around in a circle and name the three best things that happened to each of you today.	29	Watch a family favourite movie together.	30	Camp overnight in the backyard.
31	Pick a few of your favourite activities this month and aim to do them regularly.												



Find out more at lookafteryourmentalhealthaustralia.org.au

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY 10 OCT
Look after your mental health, Australia

SUPERHERO YOGA



I am brave.
WARRIOR 1 POSE



I am strong.
WARRIOR 2 POSE



I am peaceful.
PEACEFUL WARRIOR POSE



I am kind.
WARRIOR 3 POSE



I am a superhero!
HALF MOON POSE

Teddy woofs a huge thank you to everyone at KPS for his birthday wishes, cards and videos and is looking forward to seeing you back at school to share walks, wags and pats.



TEDDY
TURNED
2
HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Dear Teddy, 🥰🥰🥰🥰❤️✨

I wish you a fabulous birthday I hope your celebration gives you many happy memories! Enjoy your special and amazing birthday

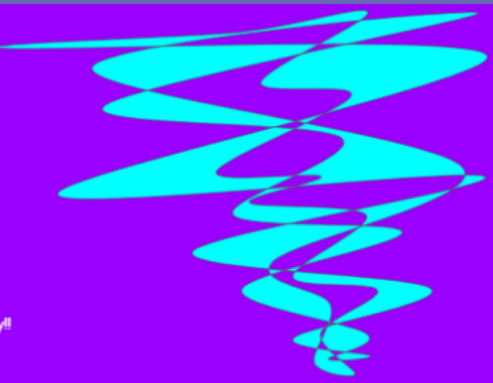


HAPPY BIRTHDAY TEDDY!!

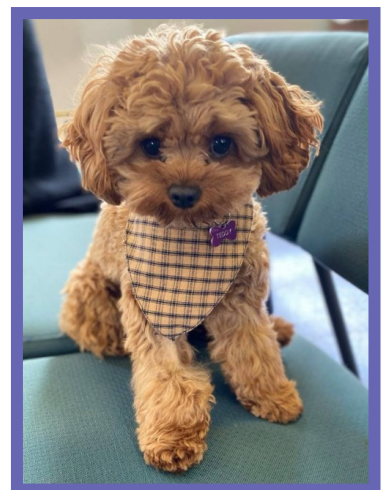
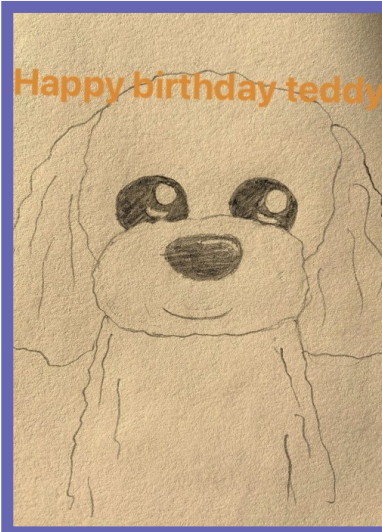
...LOVE Angus GR # nice you



Teddy!!



Waiting for all the kids to come back to school and play



Teddy's first weeks at KPS



Library News

SCHOLASTIC  **Book Club**

HOME DELIVERY AVAILABLE



SPECIAL HOME EDITION
DIGITAL CATALOGUE



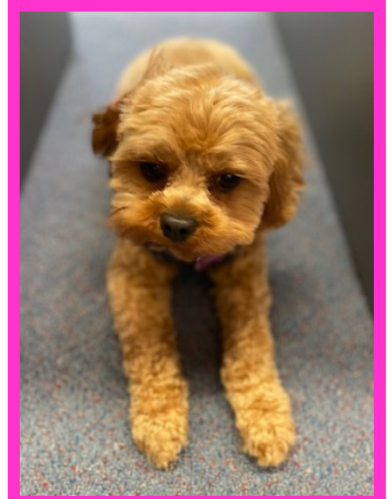
Welcome to Term 4 and a special Home Edition of Book Club!

Please look out for your physical catalogues for a **BUMPER CHRISTMAS ISSUE 7** arriving once your school reopens.

In the meantime, while we are still schooling from home, we've created this **special digital catalogue** for parents to keep their children inspired to read and learn—with 8 additional pages of fun Home Learning ideas and delivery available direct to the home!

<https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/>

Look what's new in the Library. Teddy and Mrs Barrie can't wait to share new books with you.





KATOOMBA PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C UPDATE - TERM 4, WEEK 2

Well done KPS community - to all parents/carers, students, educators and staff - we did it! After months and months of home learning and distancing, our children start returning to school from next week and we hope for a smooth and safe transition for everyone. As always, we are so thankful to all the KPS educators and staff for everything they are doing to manage this, and to you all for your support.

VENTILATION AND AIR FILTRATION IN SCHOOLS

Currently the NSW Government is not committing to state-wide ventilation or air filtration improvements in schools ahead of returning to face-to-face learning, and so as a P&C, we are taking a few extra steps to support our students and staff, including an independent air quality audit and suggested action plan of all classrooms. It was determined that an air monitoring and filtration system would be beneficial, but we need your help to implement further improvements. You can:

1. Support the [ePetition](#) urging the NSW Government to implement a state-wide ventilation plan for all schools. 20,000 signatures are needed by 21 Oct.
2. If the Government does not provide resources, the P&C has launched a [crowd-funding campaign](#) to raise the funds needed to install air monitors and filters at KPS. We need to raise \$15,000 (or \$50 per student) to equip each classroom. If you do intend to donate, please do so early so we can confirm the order.
3. Encourage your child to wear a mask in school, especially as if we can provide more ventilation equipment, it will not be available until the new school year.

Follow the links to the petition and crowd-funding campaign for more detailed information. You can also find these links on the Katoomba Public School Facebook Page, please share widely.

KEEP IN TOUCH

NEXT P&C MEETING: Wednesday 13th October @ 7:15pm

LOCATION: Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82028169037>

CONTACT/AGENDA ITEMS TO: sec@kps-pc.org

Katoomba Public School Starting School Group Online

Starts August 18th 2021
10.30 am – 10.50 am
Wednesday Mornings

Listen to Stories



Do you have a child starting kindergarten next year?

Meet the Teachers



Join us for a starting school playgroup. It helps to provide a gentle introduction to school life through play.

Parents are invited to join their children in a online playgroup each Wednesday morning. Siblings are welcome to join in too.



Play Games

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Katoomba Public School:

Phone: 02 4782 1226

OR

Text or call Amanda on: 0423 720 492



Sing some songs

