



# KatNews

Term 3 Week 9, 9th September 2021



Remote Learning Edition

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## From the Principal

**SASS Recognition Week** – we are Celebrating our SAS Staff this week. What does SASS mean? SASS stands for School Administration and Support Staff. This week students, parents and staff at KPS would like to acknowledge the hard work done by our SAS Staff.

2021 has been a challenging year that has shown the absolute best of what school support staff do in difficult times. You have kept our school running, continued to support students, teaching staff and our school community.

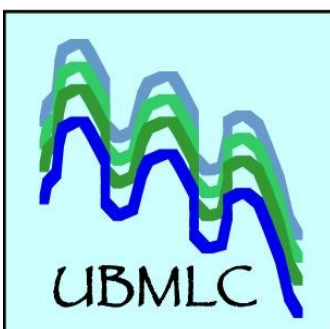
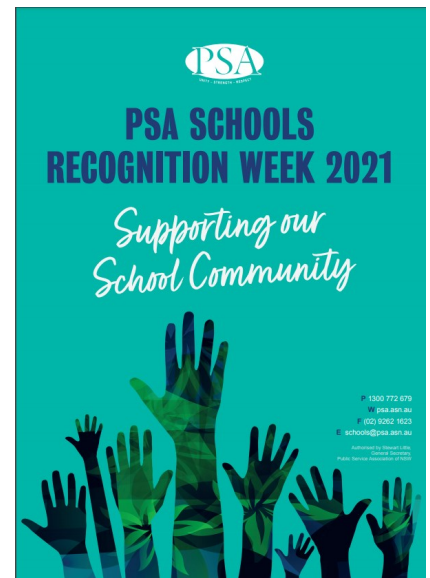
Our SAS staff at our school are Mrs Wassell, Ms Nelson, Ms Shannon and Ms Brown, Ms Cate, Ms Dea, Mr Bourke, Ms Mandy, Ms Rosa and Ms Kylie, who work in our office, classrooms and library. Ian and David are our General Assistants who looks after our grounds and maintenance. Darren, Simone (also in classrooms) and Andrew our wonderful cleaners. Seth who is working on Gunar Garung.

Every day, in so many ways, our valuable SAS staff support us in our school. Without our SAS staff we would not be able to provide the wonderful school that we have here at KPS.

National Recognition Week is a great time to thank all our SAS staff for their hard work and dedication to our school.

**Please give them all an extra big smile and thankyou next time you see them.**

Fiona Paine  
Principal



School Expectations  
*Respect Yourself*  
*Respect others*  
*Respect the Environment*

*The virtue this week is*  
*Friendliness*

*Our PBL lesson this week is*  
*'Respect the environment during assembly'*



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

Week 9

Amelia-Jane 2N  
 Zen 1SH  
 Charlie 5/6B  
 Oliver K/1R  
 Claire 3/4G  
 Ada 5/6B

Week 10

Rose 5/6B  
 Luca 3/4A

Holidays

Lily 5/6K  
 Lydia 3/4G  
 Cailin 5/6B  
 Isla 3/4G  
 Aubrey 2/3D  
 Brian 2/3D

Holidays

Arlo K/1R  
 Jack 3/4G  
 Anakin 5/6B  
 Will 3/4A



# 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.

## Roadmap to return to face-to-face learning in Term 4

### Advice for families

Last updated at 12:20 pm 2 September 2021

The NSW Dept of Education have worked closely with NSW Health to develop a framework for COVID-safe school operations.

#### Staged return (Level 3 plus)

When stay-at-home rules are still in place but other community vaccination and transmission conditions are met, students will return to school in a staged way. This is a staggered return for **prioritised** cohorts, with no mingling or on-site activities. Students will return to face-to-face learning with NSW Health-approved COVID-safe settings on school sites in the following order:

- from 25 October – **Kindergarten and Year 1**
- from 1 November – **Years 2 and 6**
- From 8 November—**Years 3, 4, 5**

During this staggered return, we will need to limit mingling of students across cohorts and no extra activities will be permitted.

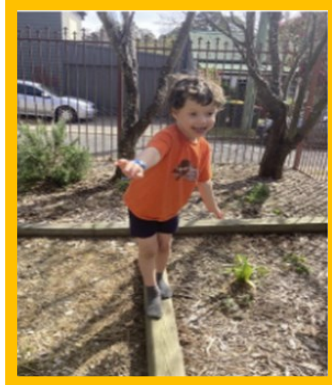
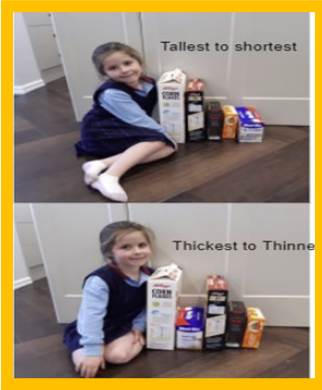
Staff will still be required to wear masks at all times and students will be encouraged to wear masks.

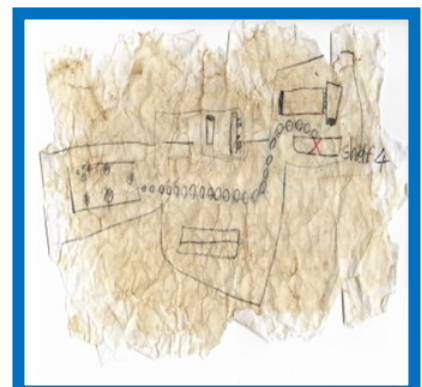
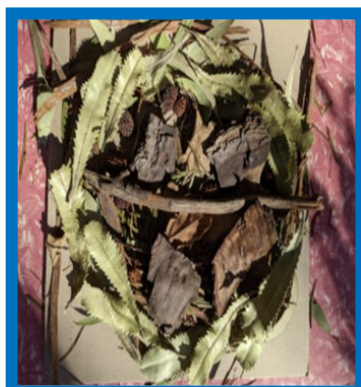
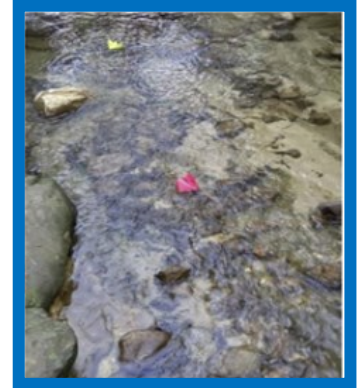
There is still the possibility that our school will remain on current level 4 restrictions and continue learning from home.

Closer to the scheduled return date, schools across NSW will be advised what level of restrictions they need to work under and this will be determined in consultation with NSW Health, based on whether stay-at-home rules still apply, whether our LGA is one of concern, and the levels of vaccinations and COVID case transmissions in our LGA. In the meantime teachers will continue developing their remote learning weekly packs and await any further advice.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families#Roadmap0>

# GLOW WORMS





# ROCK WALLABIES

The Seahorse's have been welcoming spring.



Zelda



Xavier S



Zadie



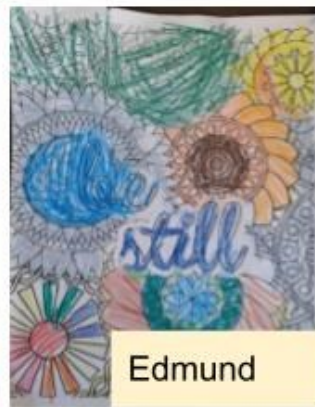
Hazel



Mae



Taleisha



Edmund



My photo of Cherry Blossom Tree by Khai



Our Classroom

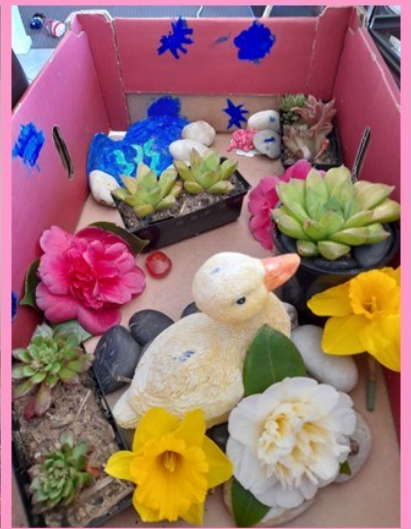


Archie



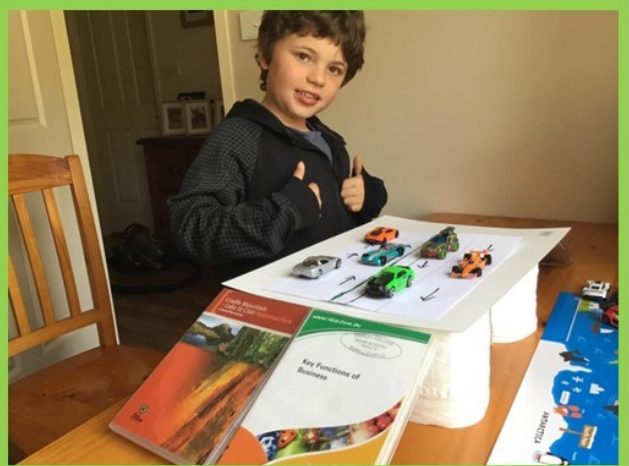
*The Numbats have been busy celebrating the arrival of Spring with bushwalks, Spring tables and picnics, magic potions, paintings, pizza and even a bit of zooming!*





Year 2 have been celebrating the beginning of spring with some spring objects and picnics

Year 3 have been making bridges as part of STEAM activities





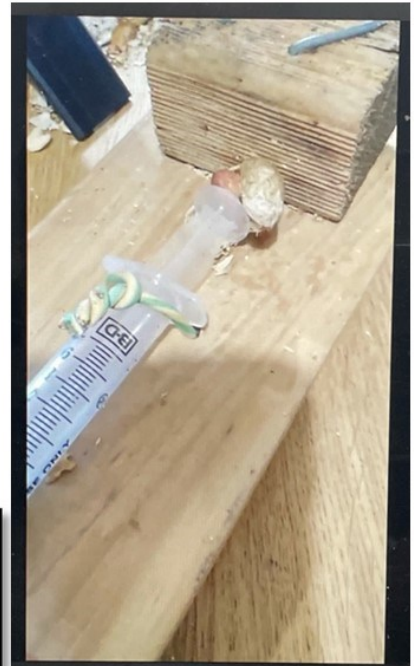
3/4A remember  
when we were  
all at school  
together...



During the 2nd half of Term 3 **3/4G** have been completing some STEAM projects. These projects help to develop 21st Century learning skills like critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity. Other than developing skills the children had fun rescuing one of their toys from a bucket of water and building bridges.



4/5 Lyrebirds have been busy with science experiments and research projects



Pictures and more

Before

1 hour later

2 hour later

Overnight

Orange juice	Empty	Layout
Honey	Empty	
Empty	Vinegar	
Empty	Empty	
Oil	Empty	
1:4 Salt Water	Empty	
1:4 Sugar Water	Empty	
Water	Empty	



## The Siberian Tiger

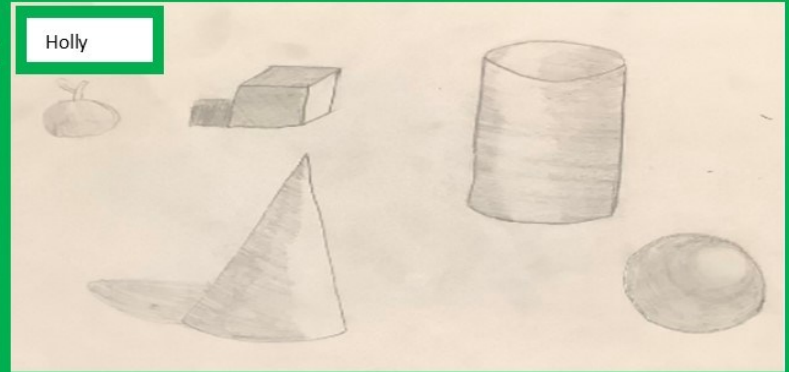
By Lola

5/6B

Ada



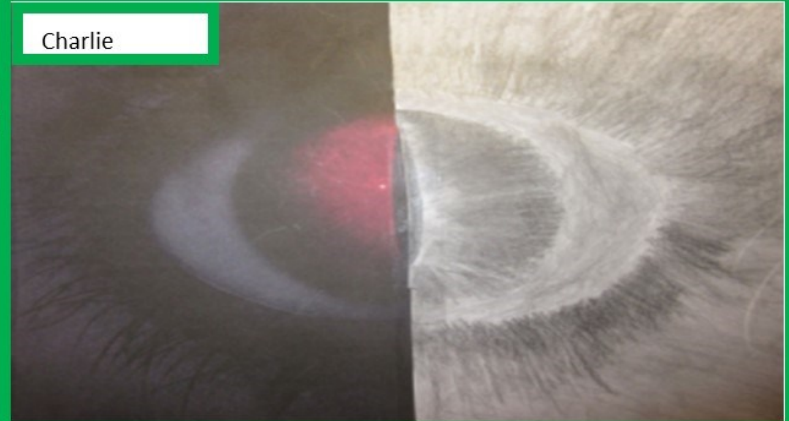
Holly



Leo



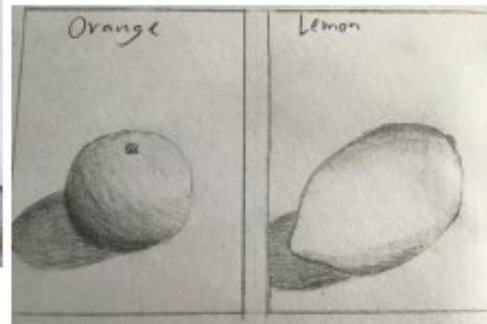
Charlie



Harry



# 5/6 Kingfishers Term 3



Wool! I'm hot! Mexico's temperature varies from 10 to 32 degrees celsius!  
 The climate of Mexico is temperate (mild) and in certain parts of the country it is tropical.



**Cities**

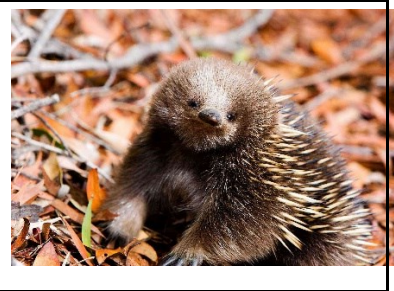
The capital city of Morocco is Rabat, with a population of 1.4M people. Three of the most popular cities are Casablanca (3.7M people), Tangier (947k) and Marrakesh (2.8M). Morocco is overall populated by 35 million people. It is the same size as California.

Rabat, the capital of Morocco      Tangier





# K6N



K6N have been learning from home like everybody else and have been having weekly Zooms. Each week we usually have different visitors pop in and say hi. Mrs Barrie, Ms PainE, Ms Bateman, Mrs Abbey have all joined our class and even Mr Lehman came along to one of our Zoom sessions.

K6N has been learning about animals this term and these are some of our favourite websites.



<https://www.abc.net.au/btn/classroom/dangerous-animals/12827978>



<https://www.abc.net.au/btn/classroom/native-animal-detectives/10522296>



<https://www.zoo.org.au/animals-at-home/>



<https://switchzoo.com/>





# Science

Stage 2 and 3 have jumped head first into exploring the science around water and other liquids. It's been great to see students investigating concepts like buoyancy, density, evaporation, surface tension, liquids with different freezing temperatures and more. This week many students created bottle divers to investigate what affect squeezing a bottle would have on the pressure inside the bottle and in turn the buoyancy of their air-filled diver.





Guess who's turning **2**  
on September 16?

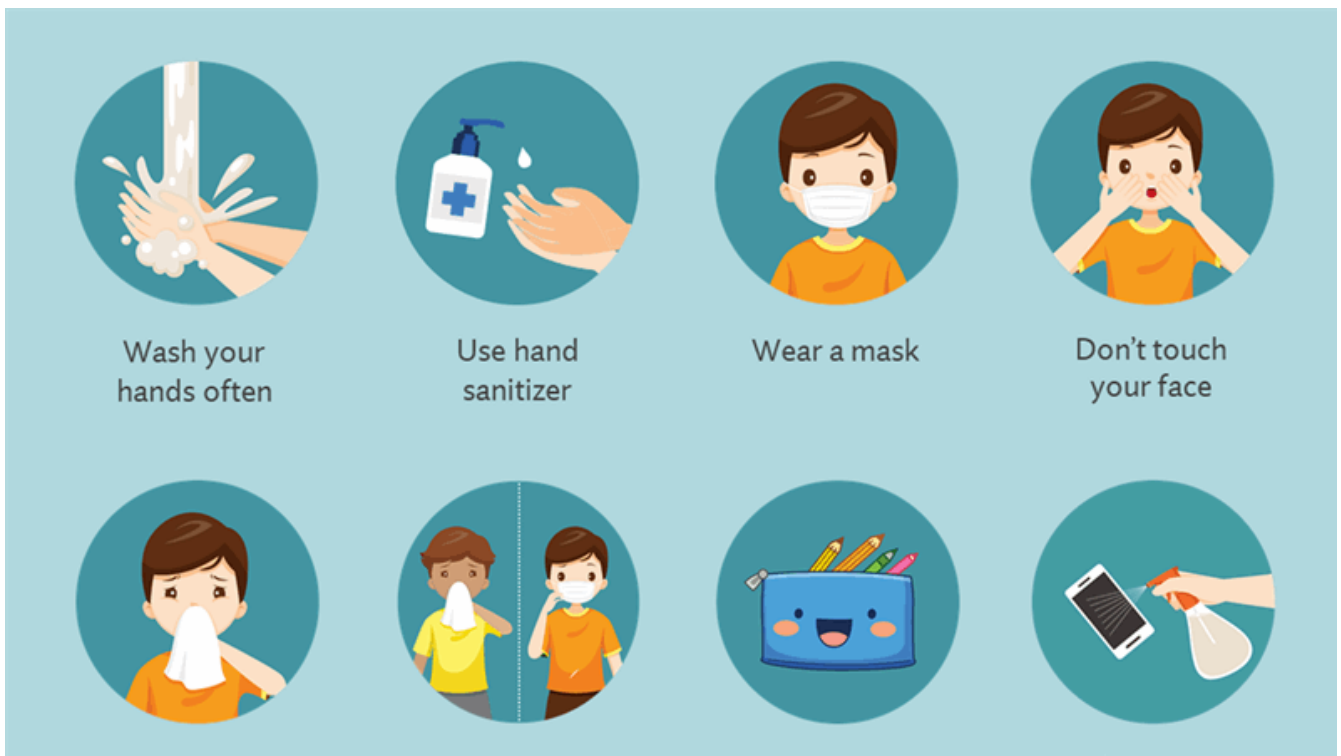


Here are some of  
Teddy's favourite draw-  
ings from KPS kids  
throughout the year. He's  
missing all your cuddles,  
pats and seeing everyone  
at school.





***The Scripture teachers are missing you all too and would like to say a big, "Hello!" and send you this message: "We meet together regularly [on Zoom] and pray for the students, parents and staff of the school every week. We are missing you all and would like to say, 'Hello!'."***





Ask them today

**RUOK?**<sup>TM</sup>

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*really*  
**Are they OK?**  
Ask them today

**Make a moment meaningful and ask R U OK?**

**Find time to ask them how they're really going:**

- On breaks from work or study.
- When exercising together.
- When connecting or doing activities together online.
- When you're spending time together socially.
- When you're doing an activity side-by-side.
- When you're sharing a meal.
- When you're travelling together, even a short trip can be a good time to talk.
- Whenever you're spending quality time together.

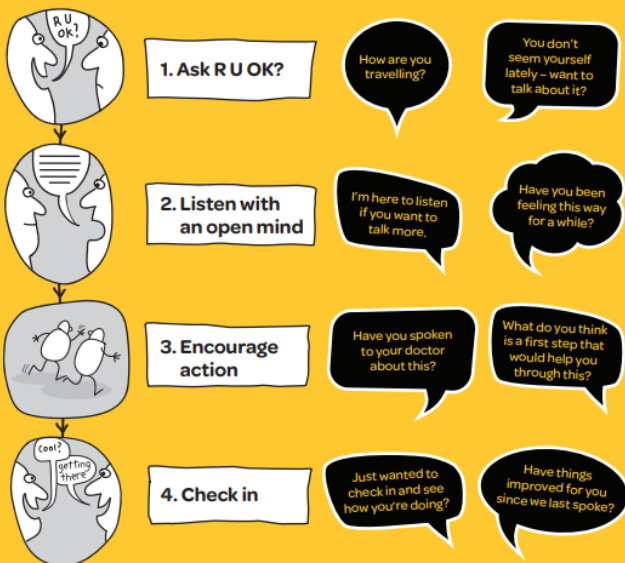
**Remember to stay connected and make asking "are you OK?" part of your everyday**

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**Have a conversation using these 4 steps**



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COMMUNITY BASED  
FAMILY SUPPORT

# 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

