

**The official newsletter
of Katoomba Public School**

Kat News

Term 1 Week 2, 9th February 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
starting week 3,
Friday 16/2*

*The virtue this
week was
'Teacher's choice'*

*Our PBL focus is
'I value, care
and respect
using universal
expectations'*

Welcome to the 2024 school year

It was great to see all the students back for Term 1.

Students have all been placed into their 2024 classes. Many hours and much effort has been placed into structuring classes and I am sure all students will settle in quickly over the next couple of weeks.

Our Meet the Teacher evening is coming up on Tuesday 27th February, 5pm. Please put this date in your calendars so you can come along and hear an overview of your child's class program.

staff 2024

K/1 Turtles

Ms Neale

K/1 Platypuses

Ms Brooks/Mrs Hughes

1/2 Quokkas

Ms Abbey (Assistant Principal Early Stage 1 and Stage 1)

2/3 Lyrebirds

Ms King

3/4 Sugar Gliders

Mrs Galbraith

4/5 Tree Frogs

Ms Rose/Mr Bourke

5/6 Brolgas

Mrs Rhodes & Ms Suito

5/6 Kookaburras

Mrs Perry & Ms Nankervis

K/6 Magpies

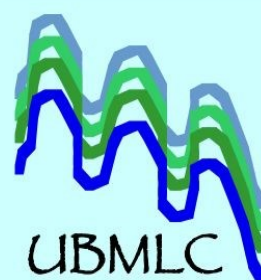
Mr Marshall with Ms Mandy & Ms Kylie (SLSOs)

- ★ Learning and Support Teacher – Miss Charlton (Assistant Principal Stage 2)
- ★ Librarian and RFF – Mrs Barrie (Assistant Principal Stage 3)
- ★ RFF – Ms Bateman and Mrs Snow and Ms Suito
- ★ Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction – Mrs Peck
- ★ School Learning Support Officers – Cate Paterson, Steph Brown, Simone Engelbrect
- ★ Community Liaison Officer – Cate Paterson

*Fiona Paine
Principal*

Coming up....

Friday	9 Feb	Kindergarten started
Thursday	15 Feb	Connect Playgroup starts in Green Hall
Tuesday	20 Feb	Dance 2Bfit starts
Thursday	22 Feb	AECG @ Springwood High School
Tuesday	27 Feb	Meet the Teacher
Wednesday	6 March	Welcome BBQ @ 5pm
Tuesday	12 March	Katoomba High Sneak peek for Yr6
Fri-Sun	15-17 Mar	Blue Mountains Music Festival
Thursday	28 March	Easter Hat Parade





**Happy Birthday to the following people
who have had a birthday in the School holidays and weeks 1 & 2**

Luca	1/2Q	Asher	2/3L
Deane	5/6K	Lilith	K/6M
Max	3/4S	Declan	5/6K
Alex	3/4S	Johnny	K/1T
Oli	5/6K	Edmund	4/5T
Fernando	1/2P	Audrey	5/6K
Zia	5/6K		



Keira	2/3L	Poppy	3/4S
Allan	K/6M	Violet	1/2Q
Eve	5/6K	William	5/6K
Louis	2/3L	Storm	4/5T
Karma	5/6B	York	1/2Q
Laine	K/1P	Bronte	5/6K
Barbara	3/4S		



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

A very happy 2024 to all! Please remember to label all your child's items including their hat, uniforms, lunchboxes (and containers), drink bottles, bags and so forth, so if it does go missing and ends up in Lost Property it can make its way back to your child. Thank you SO much!

Absences .. As the term begins, it is important to remember that regular school attendance is essential for the wellbeing and learning of all students. If your child is absent from school for all or part of a day, you are required to provide an explanation as soon as possible. Please try to avoid partial absences wherever possible as they can create distress for your child and are unsettling and disruptive to the teaching and learning that is happening in the classroom. When the situation is unavoidable, please remember to bring your child to the office to get a late note. Please provide a reason as to why they are late. If you need to pick your child up early from school – please head to the office to obtain an early leaver's note and provide a reason for the early pickup. Whole day absences and partial absences will be included on students' school reports. It is a Departmental requirement that all absences (both full day and partial) are fully documented by classroom teachers. Thank you for your assistance and continued support.

*Fiona Paine
Principal*



Community Liaison News

WELCOME BACK!

I hope everyone had a relaxing Summer break and managed to get some time off to spend with family and friends. A very warm welcome to all our new families. There are lots of ways that you can get involved in the school, from helping with canteen, coming to P&C meetings, changing home readers, covering books in the library, helping with BBQs and fundraising events, gardening, looking after chooks, etc, etc. We look forward to getting to know you and your child.

Thank you to the families who looked after our school chickens over the holidays. We really appreciate your help – and hope that you all enjoyed the eggs!

THANK YOU, P&C

Thank you to everyone who attended the first P&C meeting for 2024 – it was wonderful to see everyone again and to meet some new Kindy parents! Your time coming along to P&C meetings is much appreciated. Having an active group of parents and carers on the P&C provides a forum for the school to hear from you, to seek your feedback and to let you know what is going on at school. It's also a great way for you to meet other KPS families.

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, 13 March 2024 at 7 pm** (second Wednesday of the month). You can join us via Zoom or in person in the Staff Room. Meeting details, including Zoom link, are on the school website's [Calendar of Events](#).

If you have any questions or would like to receive P&C information, contact the P&C at sec@kps-pc.org.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies will be starting again from next Friday, 16 February. Everyone is welcome to come and join us for assembly each week, from about 9.15am, in the Hall. Next week's assembly will be hosted by our wonderful student School Leaders. A different class or group of students hosts the assembly each week.

Check the school website's Calendar of Events to find out if your child's class is hosting an assembly this term: <https://katoomba-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/events.html#> (please note that occasionally we need to make a change to the assembly host class at short notice due to unforeseen circumstances). Classes not running an assembly this term, will have their turn later in the year.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS TERM?!

Wondering what's coming up this term? Have you had such a relaxing Summer break that you have forgotten all about school?! Well, here's a cheat sheet on the ways you can keep informed of all things KPS ...

School Bytes Parent Portal: sign up for a free Parent Portal and download the app 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"!

The school website: <https://katoomba-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/> - the Calendar of Events includes details of the term's events; you can access all KatNews newsletters; photos of some fabulous KPS moments and much more.

Facebook: Follow us on Facebook to receive reminders of up coming events and to see some of the wonderful things our students get up to <https://www.facebook.com/KatoombaPublicSchool>

NSW Education Parent app: The Parent App offers similar, but more limited, features to the School Bytes Parent Portal. We will be phasing out the NSW Education Parent app over this term. If you are currently using the Parent App, we encourage you to [register for a School Bytes](#) account and download the School Bytes Parent Portal app for your phone. You can choose to receive reminder notifications straight to your phone. From Term 2 we will be switching to the School Bytes Parent Portal and will stop updating via the Parent app. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Cate at catriona.paterson@det.nsw.edu.au or ask at the Office – 4782 1226.

Community Liaison News continued...

We will also email you on occasion with important information, so please keep the Office updated if you change any of your personal contact details, including email address.

Here are a few of the things coming up this term ... head to the website for full details:

Tue

27

FEB

Meet the Teacher information sessions
 Tuesday 27 February 2024 5-6 pm
 Katoomba Public School
 Come along and meet your child's new teacher, and hear about some of the plans for the year ahead. 5...

Tue

05

MAR

Katoomba High School sneak peek for Year 6
 Tuesday 05 March 2024 All day
 Katoomba High School
 Year 6 are off to have a "sneak peek" at high school life. They will come to KPS as normal and then ...
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Wed

06

MAR

P&C Welcome BBQ
 Wednesday 06 March 2024 5-6:30 pm
 Katoomba Public School
 Come along and celebrate the start of a new school year and help us welcome our new families. There ...

Wed

13

MAR

P&C meeting
 Wednesday 13 March 2024 7-9 pm
 Staff Room & Zoom
 Come along to the P&C meeting ... everyone is welcome. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of ...
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Thu

28

MAR

Easter Hat Parade
 Thursday 28 March 2024 2-2:55 pm
 The Oval
 Come and enjoy the best Easter Hat Parade in the mountains! All children (and staff) are invited to ...

KITCHEN GARDEN NEWS

The vegetables in our Kitchen Garden have grown like crazy over the Summer. We have a feast of tomatoes, zucchinis, cucumbers and carrots ready to eat. The veggies are not the only thing to have grown ... the weeds have thrived over the holidays too! We'll be calling for your help very soon to come along to a garden working bee to get those weeds under control!



Community Liaison News continued...

BLUE MOUNTAINS MUSIC FESTIVAL



Katoomba Public School P&C has been involved with the Blue Mountains Music Festival since its beginning, over 25 years ago. The Festival is held on school grounds (on the weekend of 15-17 March, outside of school hours) and P&C volunteers contribute to many aspects of the Festival. It is a major fundraiser for our school and is a LOT of fun to be involved with!

There are a range of volunteering opportunities, including “meet and greet” and assisting Festival goers to be sustainable with their rubbish. In exchange for 10 hours’ volunteering, you will receive a weekend pass to the Festival. Sign up to volunteer on the Festival’s website: <https://www.bmff.org.au/volunteer>.

For more information, contact Cate at catriona.paterson@det.nsw.edu.au.

Ice Block day is back!

Every Wednesday lunchtime in Term 1. Starts THIS WEEK

ICE BLOCKS ... \$1
CHOCOLATE ICE CREAMS ... \$2

This is a Year 6 led fundraising event. Thank you for your support.

P&C Services

Sushi Fridays are back!

Sushi is purchased from Sushi & Co and must be pre-ordered by creating an account with Quickcliq:

<http://www.quickcliq.com.au/>. You need to add credit to your Quickcliq account before ordering, and select your child’s new year and class. Orders need to be in by 9am on Friday morning.

Sushi is available for pre-ordering each Friday of term 1, unless otherwise advertised, starting Friday 16th March.

Thank you P&C for organising Sushi Fridays ... the kids (and teachers!!) LOVE it!

The Lyrebirds are excited to be back at school for 2024!

Here is a snippet of what we are looking forward to.

Rachel: I am looking forward to doing soccer with Diesel and lunch because I can play with Eliska and go to Games Club.

Ivy: I am looking forward to recess and lunch.

Minnie: I am looking forward to the swimming carnival.

Ella: I am looking forward to making new friends like Emily and Stella.

Keira: I am looking forward to Cross Country.

Elsie: I am looking forward to the school chickens.

Edie: I am looking forward to the swimming carnival.

Axel: I am looking forward to chickens, lab, library, KOOSH, recess and lunch.

Stella: What I am looking forward to this year; 1. Having Ms King as a teacher. 2. Art with Ms Bateman.

Eden: I am looking forward to Cross Country because I came 3rd last year and I want to get 1st this year.

Emily: I am looking forward to making new friends like Ella.

Asher: I'm looking forward to soccer.





Elka: I am looking forward to the swimming carnival.

Arthur: I am looking forward to computer lab.

Lishy: I am looking forward to library and lab.

Heidi: I am looking forward to Cross Country because I am fast.

Jaxon: I am looking forward to playing soccer.

Vinzent: I am looking forward to computer lab.

Oskar: I am looking forward to playing soccer with my new friends.

Louis: I am looking forward to playing soccer with my old friends and new friends like Oskar.

Eliska: I am looking forward to going to the library.

River: I am looking forward to library.

Aras: I am looking forward to playing at recess and lunch.

Zander: I am looking forward to astrology and maths.

Ms King: I am looking forward to helping the Lyrebirds achieve their goals.



Road safety



Keeping safe around school crossings

For your child's safety, it's very important to ensure they use the school crossing.

At all crossings you must wait on the footpath, at least one step back from the edge of the road.

If there's a School Crossing Supervisor, wait until they have stopped the traffic and called you to cross.



If you are driving, you must not proceed until the School Crossing Supervisor's hand-held sign is no longer displayed, or until the crossing supervisor indicates that you may proceed through the crossing.

Children's crossings

Children's crossings are usually part-time crossings that operate before and after school hours. They can also operate at other times when children use the crossing for excursions or during break times. When 'Children Crossing' flags are displayed, you must stop at the white line if pedestrians are waiting to cross. Drivers must remain stationary until the crossing is clear of pedestrians.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the [families section on safetytown.com.au](https://www.families.nsw.gov.au/safetytown.com.au)