

The official newsletter  
of Katoomba Public School

# Kat News

Term 1 Week 10, 5th April 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  
'Caring'*

## Resilience is all about being able to overcome the unexpected.

Research has since established resilience as essential for human thriving, and an ability necessary for the development of healthy, adaptable young people. It's what enables children to emerge from challenging experiences with a positive sense of themselves and their futures. Children who develop resilience are better able to face disappointment, learn from failure, cope with loss, and adapt to change. We recognize resilience in children when we observe their determination, grit, and perseverance to tackle problems and cope with the emotional challenges of school and life.

Resilience is not a genetic trait. It is derived from the ways that children learn to think and act when faced with obstacles large and small. The road to resilience comes first and foremost from children's supportive relationships with parents, teachers, and other caring adults. These relationships become sources of strength when children work through stressful situations and painful emotions. When we help young people cultivate an approach to life that views obstacles as a critical part of success, we help them develop resilience.

The capacity to rebuild and grow from adversity is a key factor in achieving optimal mental and physical health.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April is Anzac Day**, all students are invited to march with KPS.

Please meet up at the top of Katoomba Street, Carrington Place at 10.50am. All students to be accompanied by an adult and to wear school uniform.

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April** will be a **staff development day**. All staff are participating in a day of professional development based on Curriculum Implementation.

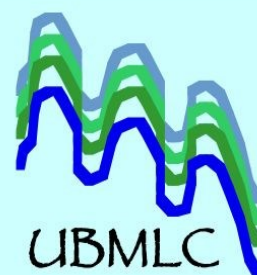
**Students will return to school on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April.**

Thank you to staff and students for making Term 1 such a fun and productive time. Thank you also to all parents and carers for supporting their children and the school this term. We cannot do this job without you. **Have a safe and happy holiday!**

*Fiona Paine  
Principal*

## Coming up....

Friday	5 April	Leadership day @ KHS for School Leaders
Wednesday	10 April	Backflips Against Bullying show
Wednesday	10 April	P&C meeting 7:15pm
Friday	12 April	Last day term 1
Tuesday	30 April	First day term 2 for students
Friday	3 May	School Photos



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to the following people who have had a birthday in weeks 9 & 10

Zander	2/3L
Sarthak	2/3L
Nelson	5/6B
Hanna	4/5T
Penny	K/1T
Quinn	K/1T
Bhakdo	4/5T



Neriah	5/6K
Harry	5/6K
Amy	4/5T
Arthur	1/2Q
Morgan	1/2Q
Zara	K/1T

## Academic Awards

Bonnie	K/1P
Mackenzie	K/1T
Tilly D	1/2Q
Sarthak	2/3L
Lincoln	3/4S
Taleisha	4/5T
Eliza	5/6B
Neriah	5/6K



## Virtue Awards

Week 8 virtue ~ Fun

Darcy	K/1P
Penny	K/1T
Arlo	1/2Q
Emily	2/3L
Poppy	3/4G
Nina	3/4G
Archie	3/4G
Max	4/5T
Tiernan	5/6B
Lenny	5/6B
Aiden	5/6K
Oliver	5/6K

Weeks 7

Karma	5/6B
Luca	1/2Q
Violet	1/2Q
Tilly M	1/2Q



Week 8

Moshe	K/1P
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## Community Liaison News

### PLEASE WAIT INSIDE THE SCHOOL GROUNDS FOR YOUR CHILD

Thank you to everyone, for working together to help keep our children safe when arriving at and leaving school each day.

Please follow these safety measures to:

We ask that the parents and carers who meet their children at the Merriwa St gate, please come into the school grounds when the gates are opened and wait for your children in the flagpole quadrangle. Having groups of adults waiting beside the Children's Crossing makes it harder for drivers to see pedestrians (particularly children) trying to cross the road.

Please park your car and meet your children inside the grounds, or teach your children to use the crossing and walk down to you – never pull up on the other side of the road and let your children run across to the car.

All drivers are required by law to stop at the "Children's Crossing" on Merriwa St when the flags are out, for pedestrians.

Please do not park across our neighbour's driveways, even for a minute.

NEVER stop on the crossing to let your child out – this makes it very unsafe for other children using the crossing (and also attracts a large fine).

Please don't walk through the staff carpark.

Again, thank you for continuing to look after our young pedestrians.

### TERM 2 RETURN DATE

The last day of Term 1 is Friday, 12 April. All children return to school for Term 2 on Tuesday, 30 April. We wish everyone a very safe and happy Autumn school holidays, and hope everyone is able to have some time with their families and friends.

### EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S PARENT APP NO LONGER SUPPORTED

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"!

### P&C MEETING NEXT WEDNESDAY

Everyone's very welcome to come along to next week's P&C meeting—**7 pm, Wednesday 10 April**. We meet in the staff room or you can join via Zoom (meeting details are on the school website's Calendar of Events). P&C meetings are a great opportunity to hear what's happening at school, share your feedback and meet other school families.















# 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



FREE EVENT

SPEAK

MAKE

## FESTIVAL OF DEMOCRACY at the Parliament of NSW

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

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

- 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)

## 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**  
**info@belongbm.org.au**  
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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.

**Bookings Essential Via:**

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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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