



6th March 2018, Term 1 Week 6

Katoomba North Public School Community News

COMING EVENTS

March

- 9th Oz Opera – 10.15-11.15am
- 16th Grandparents' Day
- 21st Harmony Day
- 29th Easter Hat Parade
- 30th Good Friday

April

- 2nd Easter Monday
- 13th Last Day of Term

May

- 15th Naplan
- 16th Naplan
- 17th Naplan
- 18th Futsal
- 25th District Cross Country

Year 6 Sneak Peek – Katoomba High School



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Principal's Log - 21.15 hours

Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems at the beginning of each year staff sit together and plan the school calendar. Events appear to be weeks or months away. However already we are in week 6.

Please invite grandparents in your child's life to our school next **Friday the 16th of March for Grandparents' Day**. We have an invitation in the newsletter. We are planning a short concert in the hall commencing at 12pm and then there will be time for grandparents to see their grandchild in the classroom. The P and C are organising a pre order lunch for the day. More details on the pre order for lunches will be sent home soon.

Our welcome back to school disco run by the SRC (Student Representative Council) was a huge success with over 123 children attending. The SRC made a profit close to \$800. Their next fundraiser is on **Harmony Day on the 21st March**. A gold coin donation will be asked for from students and staff who wear orange coloured clothing.

Thank you to the community members who have donated their time to work at the Music Festival on the weekend of the 16-18th March. Our school benefits greatly by our involvement in this festival. We are trying to raise enough money to install air conditioning units that will actually heat the hall effectively. If you haven't been in the hall on a cold day you won't know how ineffective the heating is for our climate.

Children this Friday will be able to watch OZ Opera's performance of the Magic Flute in the hall. This performance is for students only. Good news there is no cost to families. Oz Opera is fully subsidised by the Deliga Foundation whom we sincerely thank.

We have trees which require dead wooding or removal. This vital tree maintenance will, weather allowing, be carried out next week. Please ensure you follow any directions by the tree company staff and keep behind any barricades.

We appreciate most parents' work commitments do not fit into school hours. However, any child dropped off at school before 8.40am is not supervised on the playground. Staff commence duty at 8.40am. The school cannot be held responsible for any accident your child receives out of school hours unless they are on an excursion or an approved school activity.

There is a reminder about the new working with children check (WWCC) regulations further in the newsletter. Whilst parents very kindly gained their working with children check in previous years regulations now require parents or close relatives to complete a form (appendix 11) and show 100 points at the front office. If you volunteer in the school in any capacity eg banking, canteen, or are part of the P and C we require you to complete the necessary forms. Please note you no longer need the WWCC completed.

This term the front office has lent out 70 hats and caps to children who have forgotten a hat. We now only have about 5 in the office. Please ensure your child has a cap or hat this term. I do know most of the hats have disappeared where ever all other lost clothes go. It's just a shame we can never find where all the lost property disappears to!

And finally, can I again thank all the parents and community for supporting our school in so many ways? Especially so is the way you and your children have welcomed and accepted our new families into the school community. We have a unique group of students who quietly accept each other, support and provide friendship. Not all school environments have this acceptance or provide a place where students can be themselves without judgement. This is indeed a reflection of parent values. Katoomba North is an exceptional school.

Cathy Clark Principal of the best school in the Blue Mountains.

Swimming Carnival



District Swimming Team

On Friday 23rd February I took 9 of our students to the Zone Swimming Carnival. They had to qualify at our school swimming carnival to go on to this next level which is a huge achievement alone.

We are extremely proud of the way they represented our school at the carnival. They swam their best and produced some great results – including some Personal Bests!! Tessa McKay will now go to the Regional Carnival at Homebush for 3 events representing all Blue Mountains schools! She gets to race in the same pool as the Olympic swimmers!!

Thank you to Lewyn, Jullian, Orana, Tessa P, Yanna, Archie, Oliver C, Sidney and Tessa M for representing our school in such style. We were commended on the day for outstanding behaviour and sportsmanship. Congratulations to all our competitors and Good Luck Tessa for Regionals!!

Overall our school came 11th on the day out of all the Blue Mountains schools. Only 2 other Upper Mountains schools came in ahead of us on the day. Proving that in our small school – the possibilities really are endless.

Mrs Cullen



Music News

'Ah, ah, ah, ah, ah ... 🎵', sings the chillingly nasty Queen of the Night! She'll be here on Friday with Pamina, Tamino, Papageno and all the other characters from Mozart's Magic Flute.

We are also preparing some lovely music for Grandparent's Day on Friday 16th March in the hall at 12pm.

Our choirs, dance and music groups are all well underway practising for their performances. Hopefully you've been hearing some beautiful sounds emanating from our wonderful school.

P & C News

BREAKFAST PROGRAM



Volunteers run this wonderful program Monday to Friday between 8.40 – 9.00 a.m. with the appreciated ongoing support from Bendigo Bank Katoomba, Rotary Club of Katoomba, Earth Recovery, Blue Mountains Food Co-op, parents and students.

Donations of jam, vegemite, honey, marmalade, long-life milk, fruit and milo are always welcome. Contact Caroline (mobile: 0415 609 700) if you are interested in helping to run our breakfast program or drop off donations to the school office or the community room.

SCHOOL CANTEEN

The canteen is a special part of the children's school week and to keep it going we really need your help. Even if you can only help one Wednesday a term it would be very much appreciated. Please see put your name down in the office if you would like to help.

SCHOOL UNIFORM NEWS

Winter stock has arrived! Please see Caroline on Mondays down in the hall at uniform shop 9:15 – 10am and Fridays 2.45- 3.15pm.

Caroline can also be contacted on 0426 399 335 for more information.

Community News

PLAY AND CHAT PLAYGROUP





Is on for 0-5 year olds and their parents/carers, Monday and Tuesday mornings, 9.15 – 12.15 during the school term. Sandpit, cooking, music, outdoor play, painting and more. All welcome!

WHAT'S ON IN THE HUB – Mondays and Tuesdays – 9.15-12.15

19th February – pasta necklace creations
20th February – making hair scrunchies
26th February – kit making workshop
27th February – friendship bracelets
5th March – sharpie tie-dye bookmark
6th March – rice paper rolls – a lunch time treat
12th March – make a rainbow shaker
13th March – cooking healthy meals
19th March – stained glass windows from tissue and contact

20th March – make rainbow people for Harmony Day
26th March – rainstick designs
27th March – Easter craft
2nd April – sock owl door stop
3rd April – cooking healthy meals
9th April – Making family boxes, bring a passport photo of your child
10th April – Leura Cascades, 9.30 – explore cascades and have morning tea

TERM 1 CALENDAR 2018

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Term 1	January 29	30	31	February 1	2
1	Staff Development Day	Students Return			
2	February 5	6	7 Assembly	8	9
3	February 12	13	14 Swimming Carnival	15	16
4	February 19	20	21 Back-up Swimming Carnival Assembly	22	23 District Swimming Carnival
5	February 26	27	28	March 1 School Disco 	2
6	March 5	6	7 Assembly	8	9 Oz Opera 10.15-11.15am
7	March 12	13	14	15	16 Grandparents' Day
8	March 19	20	21 Harmony Day Assembly	22	23
9	March 26	27	28	29 Easter Hat Parade 	30 Good Friday 
10	April 2 Easter Monday 	3	4 Assembly	5	6
11	April 9	10	11	12	13 End of Term

SCHOOL BANKING

Tuesday is School Banking day this year. Please bring your bank books to the office before 9.30am.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION

The **school contribution** is a small yearly fee that is used towards the cost of classroom resources, arts and crafts materials, books and sporting equipment. If you haven't already paid your contribution could you please do so through the school office?

Fees are as follows:

\$42.00 per year for 1 child
 \$75.00 per year for 2 children or
 \$90.00 per year for 3 children or more.

Dear Parents/Carers,

CHANGES TO WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS REQUIREMENTS IN SCHOOLS. (WWCC)

You may be aware Katoomba North Public school had taken the initiative of ensuring all volunteers to our school who work with your children have a current working with children check (WWCC). As well, all employed service providers eg therapists, who worked or visited the school needed to show a current WWCC.

The regulations for WWCC in schools has altered.

Changes include –

1 All Primary teachers in NSW, office and support staff need a current WWCC by 17th November. I'm happy to report all staff at KNPS this includes permanent, temporary and casual staff have a current WWCC. We achieved this before the end of term 3. Most staff had a current WWCC completed by the end of term 2. (gold star to us all).

2. The following grid identifies the WWCC for visitors and volunteers. I brought up the issues of the changes at the last P and C meeting eg asking parent present 100 points and fill in "appendix 5". It was agreed our school's protocol we currently have in place (all volunteers have a current WWCC) is the strongest guarantee to parents and community that child protection and safety of students is covered.

As the new rules now apply can I ask all parents who volunteer in our school to adapt to the new guidelines by showing 100 points to the front office and completing "appendix 5"? If you can find time before the end of the year we will be able to commence 2018 compliant with the new guidelines.

Cathy Clark Principal



Education

WWCC requirements for visitors and volunteers

		WWCC	100 points of ID	Appendix 5 declaration	Appendix 11 declaration	Organisation-issued ID	Photo ID (eg driver licence)
1	Parents and close relatives (not covered in 2 or 3 below)	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
2	Providing intimate, personal care to children with disabilities	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Part of a formal mentoring program	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
4	Any other adult volunteers who will have direct contact with children	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
5	Guest speakers, presenters and others who will only have supervised contact with children	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓
6	Parent and close relative volunteers engaged by the P&C	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	All other volunteers engaged by the P&C	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
8	Paid employees of P&C who will have direct contact with children (process managed by P&C)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
9	Representatives of industrial organisations	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓
10	Visiting child-related government employees eg NSW Health or FACS	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
11	Volunteers aged under 18 years	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗

DEFINITIONS

'Close relative' refers to a:

- sibling, step-sibling, parent, step-parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece or nephew of the person
- In the case of an Aboriginal person or a Torres Strait Islander, a person who is part of the extended family or kin of the person according to the kinship system of the person's culture.

'Direct contact' is physical or face-to-face contact.

'Industrial organisations' refers to bodies such as the NSW Teachers Federation and Public Service Association of NSW.

RETENTION OF INFORMATION

The department has comprehensive guidelines for the retention of identity when schools request this of contractors, which comply with the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS). This policy says, in part, that customer credit/debit card data must never be written down or stored. When credit/debit cards are used for identification purposes, only the front of the card with the cardholder name is copied and the numeric details of the cards obscured. The identification documents must be securely kept by the school for seven years post engagement and then disposed of in a secure manner, such as shredding.

INVITATION TO GRANDPARENTS' DAY AT KATOOMBA NORTH PS

**We would like to invite all our wonderful grandparents to a
day of fun and entertainment.**

WHEN: Friday 16th March, 2018

PROGRAM: 12:00—hall concert

12:30—open classrooms

1:15— lunch



We look forward to seeing you all!



Katoomba North Public School would
like to thank Leura Butchery for their
support of the SRC Disco.