



15th May 2018, Term 2 Week 3

Katoomba North Public School Community News

COMING EVENTS

Fridays - Canteen

May

- 16th Naplan
- 17th Naplan
- 18th Futsal Competition
- 23rd Boomerang Bag making in the
community room
- Assembly
- 25th District Cross Country
- 31st Debating Workshop

June

- 6th Assembly
- 7th Public Speaking Day – Year 4
- 14th Newcombe Ball Gala Day
- 18th Recorder Performance – Opera House
- 20th Assembly
- 21st Debating Gala Day

July

- 2nd NAIDOC Week
- 4th NAIDOC Assembly
- 4th Talent Quest
- 6th Talent Quest

Cross Country

A great day was had by all!



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Principal's Log -

Dear Parents/Carers,

By the time you receive this newsletter years 3 and 5 have completed 50% of the NAPLAN tests today. You may be aware of the recent media reports, comments and discussions in regards to NAPLAN testing. Just to clarify – our school uses the NAPLAN results which we receive in August to analyse any overall improvements, or areas teaching needs to focus on. My staff know where each individual child in their class is achieving and please keep in mind that we receive results a few months after the tests.

Over the past few years staff have worked hard on developing student writing as well as planning a more suitable spelling program for K-6. I'm sure the controversy over NAPLAN will continue for a while. Staff have started the process of report writing for semester 1. When you do receive your child's report please take the time to read it and make an appointment to see your child's teacher at the end of the term.

We have a newly elected P and C committee.

President – Amy Forbes

Vice President – Elke Rossa

Secretary – Trudy Corney and Sharon Peralta (sharing this role)

Treasurer – Leah Nott

Uniform Co-ordinator – Caroline Gilligan-Payne

Canteen Co-ordinator – Tabitha Bush

I would personally like to thank the outgoing committee for all their efforts supporting Katoomba North throughout 2017. The committee have exciting events and fundraisers planned for the year. Get out your trivia books in readiness for the trivia night planned.

CANTEEN DAY IS NOW FRIDAY

We have commenced the dance program for term 2. This is the third year we have had the Footsteps company provide a whole school dance program. I know children enjoy the dance session and according to Mrs Cullen Friday dance is a great way to end the week.

As the weather has become colder staff have needed to prompt students in bringing a jumper, jacket or sweatshirt. Please ensure your child has warm clothes packed even if the day seems to be sunny. We don't have enough spare jumpers when we have a day that becomes cold.

Some children have indicated they are concerned they will be in "trouble" when they are not in uniform. Whilst it is preferable for all children to be in our uniform on cold days coloured jackets, gloves etc are more than acceptable. I personally want our students at school rather than be at home because their school jumper is in the wash. If your child would like to wear warm slippers in the classroom that's fine too. Shoes or boots though must be worn in the playground.

We continue to have trees which are deemed high risk removed from the grounds. Most trees have been dead wooded. We will have two trees near the community room removed in the next two weeks as the trees are in "stress". There will be much excitement from students as the trees are going to be craned over buildings.

And finally, I am again proud of our two captains Tessa McKay and Lewyn Mortensen who gave "The Ode" at the dawn service at Katoomba on ANZAC Day. RSL members have told me it was the best they have heard "The Ode" being read especially by students. We have this on video which we are endeavouring to put on the school website and face book. Thanks to the families who marched with staff at the 11.00am march on ANZAC day in Katoomba.

Cathy Clark Principal of the best school in the mountains.

Music News

What a great musical start to the term! The Opera House choir had its first combined rehearsal at Wenty last week, and yet again we showed ourselves to be the most professional choir in the mountains in terms of brilliant musicianship and behaviour! Reports from Mrs Cullen's recorder ensemble at its first combined rehearsal were no less impressive! The players are managing to master some pretty tricky music indeed. Word is that the school dance ensembles are stepping up too (pardon the pun) with lots of practice as they prepare for the Dance Festivals later in the year.

It's also all go for our BIG SHOW which is coming up in term 3. Prepare to be amazed yet again as the students showcase their talents and dedication....

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: 0426 399 355) 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 – Canteen Day has changed to FRIDAY

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 Friday a term it would be very much appreciated. Please 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!

BOOMERANG BAGS ARE COMING TO THE COMMUNITY ROOM

Commencing Wednesday 23rd May we will be learning how to cut and make Boomerang Bags. Workshops will also run on 4th June and 2nd July in the community room.



TERM 2 CALENDAR

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| Term 2 1 | April 30 Staff Development Day | May 1 Students Return | 2 | 3 Cross Country  | 4 |
| 2 | May 7 | 8 | 9 Opera House Cluster Rehearsal Assembly | 10 Recorder Cluster Rehearsal | 11 Mother's Day Stall  |
| 3 | May 14 | 15 NAPLAN | 16 NAPLAN | 17 NAPLAN | 18 Futsal Competition |
| 4 | May 21 | 22 | 23 Assembly | 24 | 25 District Cross Country |
| 5 | May 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | June 1 |
| 6 | June 4 | 5 | 6 Assembly | 7 Public Speaking Day | 8 |
| 7 | June 11 Queen's Birthday | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 8 | June 18 Recorder Performance Opera House | 19 | 20 Assembly | 21 Debating Gala Day | 22 |
| 9 | June 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 10 | July 2 – NAIDOC WEEK | 3 | 4 NAIDOC Assembly | 5 Talent Quest | 6 Talent Quest Last day 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.



Teddy Bear's Picnic Day

