



Katoomba North Public School Community News

COMING EVENTS

September

- 4th Joan Sutherland Dance
- 6th Big Day In – Year 6 KHS
- 7th Zone Athletics Carnival
- 12th Information Night, Kindergarten 2019
- 13th Farmers' for a Day
- 19th Musical
- 20th Musical
- 23rd Meet the Street
- 28th Last Day of Term

October

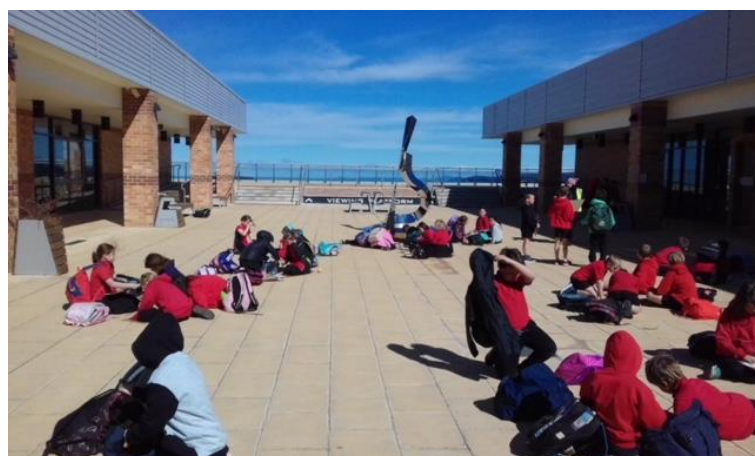
- 17th KHS Dance
- 31st Kindergarten Transition begins

November

- 7th Kindergarten Transition
- 8th School Photos
- 12th Remembrance Day
- 14th Kindergarten Transition
- Camp – Stage 3
- 15th Camp – Stage 3
- 16th Camp – Stage 3
- 21st Kindergarten Transition
- 28th Kindergarten Transition

Operation Art Exhibition

On Tuesday 13th August Stage 2 & 3 walked up to the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre to see the Operation Art Exhibition. Every year schools across New South Wales are invited to participate in Operation Art, an initiative of The Children's Hospital at Westmead in association with the New South Wales Department of Education. Katoomba North Public School has entered Operation Art for many years. Our stage 2 & 3 students had the opportunity to view a selection of the 2018 entries at the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre. Students also viewed the World Heritage Exhibition and created a small artwork.



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Principal's Log - Monday 27th August – commenced 11.15 hundred hours

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

Most of us in schools are catching our breath as we realise we have already come half way through the term. The dance groups are preparing the final steps for the Nepean, Blue Mountains Dance Festival at the Joan Sutherland centre next Tuesday 4th September. I understand tickets to the evening performance were sold out quickly and there were only a few seats left for the matinee performance. Mrs Cullen and Ms Goodwin are taking the dancers today to the theatre for a final rehearsal on the stage.

My thanks to the parents who have assisted Mrs Cullen and Ms Goodwin with sewing or organising costumes. It is a huge job that is done in the background of the dance organisation.

Our athletics carnival held in week 3 was a huge success. The Katoomba Little Athletics Association was generous in allowing us to use their equipment. Whilst the day was windy, it seemed all children had a great time. Both Megalong and Mt Victoria Public Schools expressed their appreciation in being able to join us. Mrs Fendall has reviewed times and students who qualified for district have received notes. Please note the district is at Blacktown and we are not organising a bus to this event.

Girls in stages 2 and 3 played their first gala day of football last week. Mrs Fendall said the girls played well and implemented some coaching ideas they were given on the day. This is the first time the gala day has been played in the Upper Mountains so hopefully next year this can be an annual sporting day on our calendar.

Last week our choir performed at the Narragunnawali Festival of Music at Katoomba High School. The wider community was again witness to how our students are great ambassadors for our school with their behaviour and singing. I know many of our students are participating in many activities whether it is dance, choir, leadership, sport, etc that take up a huge amount of time and commitment both for the students and parents who support these children.

The P and C committee ran a fun filled trivia night a couple of weeks ago. Over \$3000 was raised for our school. The business community of Katoomba especially supported our school by donating prizes for the lucky door and raffle. Trudie Corney was the lucky winner of the watch. It was great seeing parents bring friends along to the night. Thank you to the committee for all your hard work. A list of businesses who have supported our school is in the newsletter. If you can, please support these businesses when you are shopping.

On Wednesday the 15th August I was contacted by one of the co-owners of the Carrington Hotel Michael Brischetto, invited me to attend lunch at the Carrington and meet a delegation of principals and teachers from China. The delegation was visiting the mountains for one day. Michael thought they might like to talk to local Principals over lunch. Michael then called me later to see if the delegation could tour our school after lunch. The principals from St Canices, Blue Mountains Grammar and myself were asked numerous questions about our school systems, teacher training, curriculum, primary schooling and government policies. The delegation of 30 educators then visited our school. They took photos of classrooms, books children were reading, the school grounds, lessons etc. They were then travelling to Victoria where they were meeting principals and touring schools. Victoria has a program whereby Chinese students and teachers visit their schools for a week at a time. The children attend class and the teachers participate as staff support. I have indicated to Michael my enthusiasm at hosting Chinese students and staff in 2019 if this program is advanced to NSW.

Our hall heaters are well and truly working! At least they are ready for our unpredictable cold days. Due to the dry conditions I have told children that any handstands, cartwheels etc can now not be done on the grass. The grass is quite brittle and we have had a couple of students with grass in their eyes. Students landing on the hard ground, is now like landing on concrete.

Sadly I need to introduce a fee for students who require a replacement PBL badge or star. Each badge or star costs the school \$10 so if badges or stars are lost we request parents pay \$10 for a new one.

Each year schools need to complete a fire and safety audit. Certain aspects of the school are examined and we are checked for working fire extinguishers, hoses, exit lights etc. The hall curtains now need to be "fire proofed" with a fire retardant. This will be completed in week ten this term. The cost is over \$2000 however it is a mandatory requirement of the annual fire safety audit.

We are so excited to let you know that Dylan and Aki's paintings which were entered in the Nagoya Sister City Art exchange have been chosen to be sent to Nagoya in Japan. There were over 130 entries and only 80 were selected. To have 2 students in our school selected is such an honour. Ms Abela is working with students each second Monday afternoon who are learning new skills to enter the Young Archie next year.

Katoomba North PS is running a "Farmer for a Day" in support of the farmers affected by the drought. This will be Thursday 13th September (Week 8). The SRC is organising a variety of activities including a pre-order sausage sizzle, line dancing, dressing as a farmer and more. A detailed note will be sent home soon. All money raised will be sent directly to the "Buy a Bale" organisation.

We need you to keep Wednesday 19th September or Thursday night the 20th September free for our musical. Classes have been practising their class item and the primary cast have been rehearsing parts over the past term. Teachers may be sending home notes requesting your support with costumes. I know Ms Abela is after any flannelette checked shirts you would either donate or lend to her class.

May I remind you that students should not be at school before 8.40am. This is when teachers are on duty. Children here on school grounds earlier than this are not supervised.

Cathy Clark Principal of the best school in the Mountains.

Term 3 Update from 5/6

Nurragunnawali Festival of Choral Music

On Tuesday 21st of August 2018 and Thursday 23rd of August, choir members from Katoomba North Public School went to Katoomba High to perform for the Nurragunnawali Festival of Choral Music with a host of schools from the Upper Blue Mountains.

At the Tuesday night performance, we all met at the carpeted basement at 6:00 pm and waited there until 6:30 pm. When we got inside Bridgette delivered the Acknowledgement of Country. Our combined choir introductory song was "Touch The Sky" by Alex Mandel. Afterwards there was a large applause.

The choir's second song was "Amani" by Jim Papoulis & Jacques Sebisaho, and straight after that we sang "Not While I'm Around", a heartbreaking song by Stephen Sondheim that made a bunch of parents and teachers cry.

Individual performers came and played the violin and the flute. Then we all stood up once again and sung "Bonse Aba", an acapella song, with no music with it. We got another applause then we sang "Somewhere Only We Know" by Tom Chaplin.

Later in the performance Tessa, Rory and Magnus came on and sang "Breathing Underwater". They were magnificent; more parent tears.

The second last thing we did that night was sing "Ngarra Burra Ferra" another song with no music. We sang the finale, "Solid Rock", a rock song by Shane Howard to great applause. Then we all went home, very tired.

The Nurrugunawali Choir would like to thank Miss Catriona and Mrs Cullen for their hard work. Congratulations to Tessa M. with her stunning artwork selected for the Nurragunnawali Festival program.

by Evie

Opera House Choir

The Opera House Choir performance was held on 30th of July, 2018.

Mrs Fowler, Mrs Cayzer and Miss Catriona met all of the singers at Katoomba Train Station at 9:00 am. We caught the 9:15 train down to Sydney, arriving at 11:00am and then we walked to the Sydney Opera House.

After we had all had a little snack on the steps in front of the harbour, we headed in the Opera House to find our seats and rehearse. We spent around 1 to 2 hours singing before we had another break. After our second break we went back in and sang a couple more songs.

At 4:00 some parents came and picked up their kids to go to dinner but most of us went to City Extra with the teachers. At City Extra there were a couple of big tables and we got to sit with our friends. We also got to have as much soft drink as we wanted. After we had eaten all of our food the waitress took our plates and they had brought all of us a bowl of ice-cream.

After dinner, we walked back to the Opera House but before we went inside we took some photos of us in front of the Harbour. Once inside we went back to our seats and the concert started. We sang a total of 11 songs but there were a lot of other performers and it took a really long time, until about 9:20pm. After the performance was over we waited outside in the cold for our parents. We all got home around 12:00 pm and we went to bed straight away!

We all had a fantastic, fun and busy day! Thank you to Mrs Fowler, Mrs Cayzer and especially Miss Catriona for all of your work and rehearsal time to get us ready for this opportunity to sing at the Opera House.

by Tara & Miahnie

The Girls' Soccer Gala Day



On Thursday the 23rd of August, 2018 Stage 2 and 3 girls went to Pitt Park, Wentworth Falls for the Girls Soccer Gala Day. We arrived at Pitt Park at 8:45 to get ready. We changed into the smart soccer shirt uniform and warmed up for the soccer games that we had ahead.



Both the Senior and Junior girls team played several games across the day. We watched and cheered each other on. Our teams were commended for their sportsmanship and enjoyment of playing the game. It was a fun day and we were lucky to get to go.

by Tsepai and Bridgette

Athletics Carnival

On Wednesday, the 8th of August 2018, K-6 went to Pitt Park for our school Athletics Carnival. We were joined by Mt Victoria and Megalong Public Schools.

We caught a bus from school to Pitt Park. When we arrived, the teachers were setting up the track and field events, the cupcake stall, and the tarps for all the children to sit on in house and school groups. We got started once everyone arrived. When the long distance 800m races started, some people entered the events and some people went straight to the canteen.

Mrs Cullen was calling out the events and everyone had something to do. The Kinder Pearls 50m races were great fun and the Year 1 and 2 students had lots of novelty sports activities to participate in with Mrs Fowler and Mrs Cliff. If you were 8 years old this year up to 13 years old, then there were lots of track and field events including 100m, 200m, 800m, shot put, discus, long jump and high jump events. Thank you to all the teachers and parents that helped out with timing and recording our athletics activities.

When all my friends and all the Waratah people were racing, I cheered them on like nobody else was even there, but I still cheered on for everyone else too. I entered the field events including shot put, long jump, high jump and discus. I was very proud of myself because I improved my shot put and threw further than last year. I did not make the qualifying level for high jump, but I was still proud of myself for giving it a go. For lunch I got a sausage sizzle, and it was delicious. I had also helped sell cupcakes for the year six farewell. Most of the day I hung out with Bridgette and Laila. Over the whole day, I had heaps of fun with my friends and giving it a go at all the carnival activities.

Thank you to all the parents who helped on the field, on the track and in the canteen. Thank you to Mrs Fendall for organising the carnival. We all had a great time.

by Orana

Book Parade, 2018

On Monday the 6th of August, Katoomba North PS had our annual Book Parade during Book Week as our chance to celebrate reading. The Book Week theme this year was "Find Your Treasure".

Everyone dressed up as their favourite characters from their favourite books. There were a lot of costumes including the Cheshire Cat, Stick Man, Where's Wally, Harry Potter, the Hobbit, the Cat in the Hat, James' Giant Peach, Superheroes, Disney characters and more. Our teachers even dressed up as Where's Wanda, Paddington Bear, the Highway Rat, Merida, Mary Poppins, the Very Noisy Bear and more.

Monday morning began as it usually does and stage 3 set up the hall because it was too cold to have the parade under the Cola. The hall had heaps of decorations like paper chains and our favourite book quotes on cards hanging from the ceiling.

Straight after recess, everyone began to get into their costumes for the parade. As the parents and classes began to arrive we started to play some music. Then the whole school took turns parading their fabulous costumes around the hall, ending with the whole school dancing to the Chicken Dance.

Year 6 held a very yummy and successful cupcake stall to fundraise for their Year 6 Farewell. Thank you to all the families who baked great cupcakes!

Later during book week, each class visited every classroom and teacher in the school to listen to some of the 2018 Children's Book Award Council 2018 shortlisted stories. We loved Mopoke, Rodney Loses It, Koala, The Second Sky and The Great Rabbit Chase.

On Thursday, we were lucky to have the author Yvette Poschoglian talk to us about developing great characters in writing. Mrs Poschoglian wrote the Ella and Olivia series and Escape from Cockatoo Island. It was really interesting to hear about how characters are created and how stories are published.

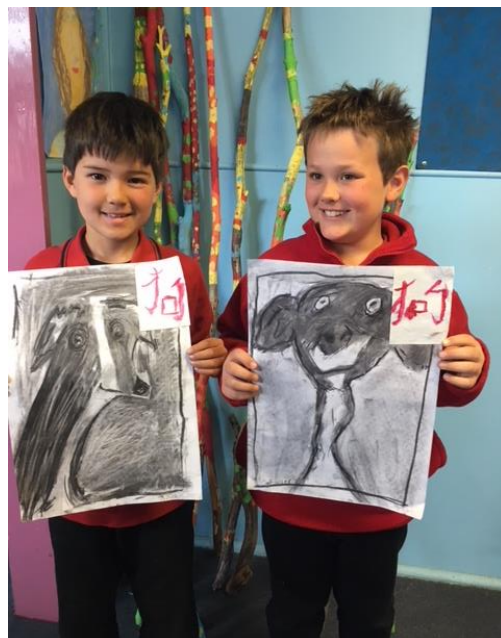
What a great book week. Thank you Mrs Fowler for organising so many opportunities for us to read and listen to great books.

by Lara and Kailey

Nagoya Sister City Art Exchange Exhibition, 2018!

Congratulations to Dylan and Aki, your art work has been selected for this year's Nagoya Sister City Art Exchange Exhibition. The students' artworks will be sent to Japan to be part of the Nagoya Art Exhibition and sometime in Term 4 Katoomba North Public School will receive two students' art work from Japan. Once these art works arrive we will put them on display in the administration building. A fabulous achievement for our two students and a wonderful program to be participating in. Well done, Dylan and Aki. We are very proud of you both.

Ms Abela



Music News

Once again Katoomba North has shown how dedicated and mature we are at the Narragunnawali Festival of Music! Our singers performed beautifully last week at Katoomba High School; we were the best school by far, of course! Thank you also to Tessa McKay for representing our school in the Breathing Underwater vocal trio.

Junior and Senior dance groups are performing at the Nepean Dance Festival over the next 2 weeks and are sure to do us proud too. Thank you to Mrs Cullen, Ms Goodwin and the dancers for their amazing choreography and hard work, and to our amazingly talented resident costume designer, Mrs Holmes for some spectacular costumes!

Next big event will be the school show, 'Darryl Kerrigan's Family Snaps' in week 9, Thursday evening 20th September...more info coming soon, but keep that date free!

P & C News

Father's Day Staff

Dear families of Katoomba North Public School,

On behalf of the P&C we apologise that there is no Father's Day stall this year.

We understand this may be disappointing for some of you and for the children of KNPS, however as we are short on volunteers to help run the stall we have had no choice. Sorry if you are disappointed.

If you can help in the future we'd really appreciate your help and support as our P&C runs with only a handful of Mums. Our circumstances have changed this year making it more of a challenge to run the different stalls throughout the year.

Katoomba North Public School Trivia Night

I would like to say another thank you to all who helped our Trivia Night be such a great success:

Trudie Corney for walking the streets of Katoomba with me asking for our local Business Support; Trudie and Caroline Payne for helping me collect the various donations; Caroline and Leah Nott for helping wrap all the gifts; Scott Walton for a great job in hosting a great night; Miss Catriona for our musical section; Elke Rossa, Caroline and Anna for supervising the movies and to the parents and friends who supported the night... thank you so much!

This night would not have been possible without all the amazing local businesses who supported our night! Thank you so very much, because of you we were able to raise \$1050 for our school!

The Blue Mountains Food Co-Op Katoomba went above and beyond our wildest dreams by donating \$2,500 and 2 x \$50 vouchers bringing our total for the night \$3,550

Gemglow Jewellers Katoomba

Beyond Beaut-T-Ful Bags Katoomba

Taronga Conservation Society Australia

Wilde Ivy Flowers and Gifts

Scenic World Blue Mountains

aBras KadaBras

Blue Mountains Explorer Buses

The Edge Cinema Katoomba

Richards Financial Services Katoomba

Katoomba Camera House

Blue Mountains Fine Flowers Katoomba

Katoomba RSL Club

Karen Edwards Photography

Katoomba Workwear

Sanwiye Korean Café Katoomba

Katoomba Music

Sushi & Co Katoomba

Blue Mountains Pilates

Station Bar Woodfired Pizza

Gallery One88 Fine Arts

Mountains Dry Cleaners Katoomba

Aunty Jack's Katoomba

Salon Nouveau Katoomba

Katoomba Bargain Books

The Salon, Blue Mountains

Blue Mountains Pharmacy

Basil Nut Café & Restaurant Katoomba

The Hattery Katoomba

Pure Serenity Beauty Therapy Katoomba

Platinum Concept Hair and Beauty

The Little Lost Book Shop Katoomba

Greenwell and Thomas Pharmacy

Kent & Lane - Men's and Women's Quality Clothing

I, along with the P&C, are very proud of everyone's effort. Thank you again!

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

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 see put your name down in the office if you would like to help.

SCHOOL UNIFORM NEWS

Please see Caroline Monday-Thursday down in the hall at uniform shop 3.00pm – 3.15pm 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!

COMMUNITY ROOM - Wednesday Morning – 9.15 – 9.45am

Join us for some fun while helping our school. Currently we need helpers to paint stars for the Year 6 Farewell. Simply meet at the Community Room after morning assembly on Wednesday.

TERM 3 CALENDAR

Term 3 1	July 23 Staff Development Day	24 Students Return	25	26	27
2	July 30 Opera House Choir	31	August 1 Assembly	2	3 Jeans for Genes Day 
Book Week 3	August 6	7 Book Parade	8 Athletics Carnival 	9	10
4	August 13 Stage 2/3 Excursion Operation Art	14 Operation Art Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2)	15 Operation Art Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) Assembly	16 Kindergarten Excursion – Woolworths Operation Art Stage 3 (Year 5 & 6)	17
5	August 20 UBMMF (practice) Milo Cup	21 UBMMF Performance 6.30pm	22	23 UBMMF Performance 6.30pm	24
6	August 27	28 Dance Rehearsal The Joan	29 Assembly	30	31
7	September 3	4 Joan Sutherland Dance	5	6 Big Day In KHS – Year 6	7 Zone Athletics
8	September 10	11	12 Information Night Kindergarten 2019 Assembly	13 Farmers' for a Day 	14
Education Week 9	September 17	18 Open Day	19 Musical 	20 Musical 	21
Science Week 10	September 24	25	26 Assembly	27	28

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.

'Sensational Kids' A Sensory Processing Disorder Seminar

4 - 6pm September 12th 2018

ur resident sensory expert,
Occupational Therapist
Matthew Jones, will present a
seminar for anyone who has
a child in their life affected by
sensory processing issues.

Topics Covered include:

- Tips and techniques to help your child
- Family self care
- Signs of sensory issues

Light Supper provided

Katoomba Neighbourhood Centre

6 - 10 Station Street Katoomba

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Book Week

