



12th February 2019, Term 1 Week 3

Katoomba North Public School Community News

COMING EVENTS

February

- 19th Meet the Teacher
- 22nd Zone Swimming

March

- 4th Schools Clean Up Day
- 7th NRL Gala Day
- 8th Oz Opera
- 14th Community – Seniors Morning Tea
- 18th Possum Magic Workshop
- 19th Bush Care Excursion – Stage 2
- 21st Harmony Day

April

- 9th Possum Magic Excursion
- 12th Easter Hat Parade

AFL – Friday Sport

Welcome Kindergarten



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Principal's Log - Sunday 10th February – 20.30 hours

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

Already week 3 and our school calendar is filling quickly with events. Mountain weather was kind to us last Wednesday when we held our annual K-6 swimming carnival. This year's carnival had the most participants in the 50m pool with some of our year 1 students competing! I don't think I've ever seen 7 year old children compete in a carnival and swim 50m. Special well done goes to Roy, Hunter, Maddie and Vera.

Year 2 students also joined in the carnival and competed with enthusiasm and determination. Some of our students qualified for district and will represent our school at Glenbrook pool next Friday (22nd Feb).

Thank you to the parents who assisted on the day especially with time keeping.

Kindergarten have had 1 whole week at school. Traditionally we have limited their access to the playground until they settle in, however this Kindergarten are already on the oval. Some of them seem like they have been to school longer than 1 week. Welcome again to all our new Kindy families. In this newsletter you will find a letter I am sending home with students in regards to student use of technology and the internet. If you could find a few minutes and discuss this with your child it would be appreciated. Teachers will go through the "do's and don'ts" in class so there is no confusion on expected behaviour.

Following suggestions from parents last year though the school survey, teachers have prepared a general costing for each stage K, Stage 1- (years 1 and 2), stage 2 (years 3-4) and stage 3 (years 5-6) for the year. This will be sent to you in the next few days so you are aware of events etc where teachers ask for payment.

Katoomba North PS try to subsidise events and programs as much as possible. Programs such as dance, swim school, life skills program, sporting programs and some performances are either free for students as they are paid for by the school or heavily subsidised.

If there is an event and the budget does not allow you to pay for your child please see me.

Katoomba Neighbourhood Centre is holding a seniors/community morning tea on the 14th March and Katoomba North PS is the host. If you have an elderly neighbour or friend invite them to come along to the school and meet other neighbours.

Both our recorder group and choir were again successful in being part of the NSW Department of Education's Art's Unit performances at the Opera House. The recorder group will perform in August and the choir in September. Mrs Cullen, Miss Catriona and Mrs Fowler will be asking students to audition for the groups soon.

If you can, please come along to our **Meet the Teacher** night next week. The afternoon/evening will be on **Tuesday the 19th February**. You can visit each class, Kindergarten parents can meet Mrs Fowler at 4.30pm and find out what 2019 holds for Kindergarten. Stage 1 teachers Mrs Cliff and Ms Goodwin will be available at 5pm.

Mrs Cullen and Ms Abela will commence their session at 5.30 and Ms Cosgove and Mrs Fendall will be available at 6pm. Please note this will be general information about class activities and events. Individual discussions can be organised for another time. Teachers will meet parents in their classrooms. Class sessions will be for 30 minutes.

Term 1 is a “no hat, no play” term. This means any child without a hat needs to play in the shade under trees. Please encourage your child to keep a hat or cap in their bag.

Who could believe it, however, we already have lunch boxes, drink bottles, hats and clothes left at school. Writing your child’s name on their belongings ensures you have a bigger chance of getting these items back home.

School officially commences at 9.10am. Teachers are on morning duty at 8.40am. Please be aware any child at school before 8.40am is not able to be supervised. Any child on the play equipment or playing in the playground after 3pm is not supervised as staff finish supervision unless it’s bus duty at 3pm.

Sorry for the delay, however, music scholarship notes will be out this week (hopefully). We are just confirming the tutors available. Children who had scholarships in 2018 will need to apply for a scholarship in 2019.

Thank you in anticipation of your support towards our wonderful school in 2019. We are a phone call away if you have any concerns or issues.

Cathy Clark - Principal of the Best School in the Mountains.

Music News

Get ready for a big year in music everyone!

There's Ukelele club for years 2-6, band (if you already play an instrument), recorder ensemble years 3-6, Opera House Senior Choir, Narragunnawali Festival Junior Choir, Junior and Senior Dance and Senior Broadway Ensemble. You can also learn a musical instrument such as guitar, flute, saxophone, clarinet and piano at school.

Stay tuned for more information or find out more from Miss Catrione.

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

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

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!

TERM 1 CALENDAR

2019 Term 1 1	January 28 Australia Day Holiday	29 Staff Development Day	30 Students Years 1-6 resume	31	February 1
2	4 Kindergarten start 	5	6 Swimming Carnival 	7	8
3	11	12	13 Swimming Carnival (back up) 	14	15
4	18	19 Meet the Teacher 	20 Assembly	21	22 Zone Swimming 
5	25	26	27	28	March 1
6	4 Schools Clean Up Day	5	6 Assembly	7 NRL Gala Day	8 Oz Opera
7	11	12	13	14 Community – Seniors Morning Tea 	15
8	18 Possum Magic Workshop	19 Bush Care Excursion Stage 2	20 Assembly	21 Harmony Day	22
9	25	26	27	28	29
10	April 1	2	3 Assembly	4	5
11	8	9 Possum Magic Excursion	10	11	12 Easter Hat Parade 

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 contribution that is used towards the cost of classroom resources, arts and crafts, materials, books and sporting equipment. If you can pay 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.



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MEET THE TEACHER EVENING – 19TH FEBRUARY, 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

As many children have changed classes and or teachers we would love to give you the opportunity to meet your new child's teacher. This information evening will let you know of class programs, teacher expectations of students and how you can assist your child.

The information evening is on the 19th February 2019.

As parents have children in a variety of classes we have planned the timeframes so you can attend each session. Class teachers will meet in their classrooms.

Unfortunately there will be no time available for you to have an interview with the teacher. If you would like to see your child's teacher please make a time you both can talk privately.

Kindergarten	4.00-4.30pm
1C and 2G	4.30-5.00pm
3A AND 4C	5.00-5.30pm
5/6	5.30-6.00pm

I look forward to seeing you next week.

Regards

Cathy Clark
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Following parent feedback last year, teachers have prepared general costings for their year/stage. This may give you a clearer guide to upcoming excursions or events and the cost for each.

Our financial system will allow parents to pay money during the year even if there is no immediate event or excursion towards any costs for their child. It is called "fees in advance".

As always if financial circumstances prohibit you from paying of ran excursion please do not hesitate to see me.

Stage 1 Costings for 2019

Approximate costs each term for excursions will be \$40.

Term One will be the Possum Magic Excursion to Penrith (Should be less than \$40)

Term Two will be to Sydney Aquarium Darling Harbour

Term Three - Taronga Zoo

Term Four - Pioneer Village in Penrith

Stage Two Overview of Events for 2019 - Anticipated Costs

TERM 1

Possible show at Joan Sutherland Centre- \$20 plus Opal card for travel.

TERM 2 Sydney Excursion – Barrangaroo Art Day **Opal Card \$15.00**

Links to NAIDOC and Bronwyn Bancroft Study

TERM 3 Local Area Excursion – cost of bus to visit local lookouts between Wenty and Mt Vic – including Mt York visit. Link to History/Geog /Art **Bus cost \$20**

TERM 4 Katoomba Asian Food Trail – Walk to main street – **Approx \$15 (for food)**

Party Day

Your child may like to be part of the following that in that have a cost

- Yr 3 – Junior Dance, Opera House Choir, Narragunnawali Choir, stage 2 Gala days for sport
- Yr 4 – Senior Dance, Opera House Choir, Opera House Recorder, Stage 2 Gala days for sport
- Swim school term 4

Stage 3 Anticipated Costs 2019

Term	Event / Item	Estimated Cost	
Excursions (1 x excursion or camp per term)			
	Camp: Canberra 2 nights & 3 days	\$320pp (Near & Far including PACER Rebate & Canberra Park Resort) Term 3, 2019	\$320
	Sydney (History/ Geography)	Including transport approximately \$50.00	\$50
	Local x 2	Opal card costs & walk	\$20
Whole school sport			
	Swimming Carnival	Pool Entry & Bus fare (subsided)	\$7.50
	Athletics Carnival	Bus fare (subsided)	\$4.00
TOTAL STAGE 3			
			\$421.50

Whole School Events – in addition			
SRC			
1	Disco (or like event)	\$10.00	\$10
2	Fundraiser Event TBC	\$5.00	\$5
3	Fundraiser	\$7.00	\$7
4	Disco (or like event)	\$10.00	\$10
School Fundraiser			
	Year 6 Gala day	\$10.00 - \$20.00	\$10
Events:			
	Lifeskills 2018	No cost to families TBC for 2019	

CAPA Options			
Dance:			
1-3	Dance – Joan Sutherland Centre	Coach costs to Penrith return (Parent expense x tickets to show)	NIL
1-4	Dance – Upper Blue Mountains Dance Festival	Coach costs to Katoomba return (Parent expense x tickets to show)	
Choir			
1-3	Choir – Opera House Choir	Participation fee: TBC \$40 Opal Card to Sydney + Dinner (Parent expense x tickets to show)	
1-3	Choir – Narragunnawali - Upper Blue Mountains Music Festival	(Parent expense x tickets to show)	
Instrumental			
1-3	Recorder – Sydney Opera House	Participation fee: TBC \$40 Opal Card to Sydney + Dinner (Parent expense x tickets to show)	
Art			
	Operation Art workshops	\$50.00	
Drama			
	Joan Sutherland/ Riverside theatre or like performance	Opal card + approximate \$30	
Sport Options			
4	Swimming Scheme	\$50.00 cost to families (i.e. subsidised estimate)	
	Programs subsidised by school funds and sporting grants:		
	Football Code Workshop sessions: AFL	No cost to families	
	Football Code Workshop sessions i.e. Soccer Wanderers	No cost to families	
	Cricket Gala Day	No cost to families	
Optional Uniform items – Year 6 only			
1	Year 6 KNPS Sweater	\$50.00 (approximately each)	50
1	Year 6 Black School Uniform Polo Shirts	\$20.00 (each)	20

Swimming Carnival





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11th February, 2019

Student Use of Technology and the Internet- The Do's and Don'ts.

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Internet based resources have become more interactive and on-line communication is now an important part to students' learning. There are a variety of web tools permitting students to publish work. Their participation in such experiences as video conferences and podcasts are now accepted aspects of the internet and part of the classroom.

As with class and playground behaviour there is an acceptable code of behaviour when using technology and the internet. Any language that is unacceptable in school is also unacceptable on the internet.

The NSW Department of Education utilises filtering software and other technologies to prevent students from accessing websites that are inappropriate for children. The school monitors online activities through teacher supervision and observation.

The following list explains the "do's and don'ts" when accessing the internet and technology. Class teachers will go through this list so your child is aware of our school expectations.

Serious breaches in the misuse of technology or the internet may result in your child losing the use of technology/internet for a period of time.

If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Cathy Clark
Principal

“Do’s and Don’ts - Technology and the Internet”

- ✓ The internet can be accessed at school during class time for specific class work or when permitted to access games or other personal interest sites by a teacher.
- ✓ Unacceptable content cannot be accessed.
- ✓ It is expected students will tell the teacher if offensive material appears.
- ✓ Not all information on the internet is accurate.
- ✓ As information on the internet may be copyright it is expected students will acknowledge any material used.
- ✓ It is not acceptable to copy another person’s work from the internet.
- ✓ Passwords should be kept confidential.
- ✓ It is expected students will not pass on information such as names, addresses, phone numbers, photographs, passwords, locations, entry codes or cracks on any sites or apps.
- ✓ Some sites may be blocked by the Department of Education. This may include games that are violent, have offensive language or are in another language other than English.
- ✓ Students are expected to log off after each session on computers.
- ✓ Songs with offensive language are not considered appropriate content for school use.
- ✓ Students are not permitted to download, update or install any program.
- ✓ Whilst students can print document or pictures, they first need to check with the class teacher.
- ✓ Students are expected to take care when using computers, iPads or other equipment.

Katoomba North Public will be participating in "Clean Up Australia Day" on Monday 4th March 2019 in their fitness session at 11.45am.



Stage Three will clean up Bureau Park, Stage Two will clean up the footpath surrounding the perimeter of the school and Stage One will clean up the school oval. Kindergarten will make sure that the play equipment and surrounding area is tidy.

Our focus will be to teach the students how to sort the rubbish after the collection into what can be recycled, what can go into the worm farm/compost heap and what goes to landfill.

All students need to come to school with a pair of gloves and lots of enthusiasm ready to participate.

Thank you

Megan Cliff Co-ordinator for 2019