



5th March 2019, Term 1 Week 6

Katoomba North Public School Community News

COMING EVENTS

March

- 8th Oz Opera
- 14th Community – Seniors Morning Tea
- 18th Possum Magic Workshop
- 19th Bush Care Excursion – Stage 2
- 21st Harmony Day

April

- 2nd 5/6 Excursion to Circular Quay
- 9th Possum Magic Excursion
- 12th Easter Hat Parade

AFL – Friday Sport

**Kindergarten all gloved up for the
School's Clean Up Day**



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Principal's Log - Sunday 3rd March – 21.00 hours

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

Calendar Events

Oz Opera perform at our school on **Friday the 8th March**. This is a no cost performance due to the generosity of the Deliga Foundation. Unfortunately this performance is for students only.

Katoomba Neighbourhood Centre are holding a senior's morning tea next **Thursday 14th March** which we are hosting at school. If you know of any elderly folk over the age of 55 please invite them on our behalf to attend. Some students will be performing for our visitors.

We are fortunate the theatre company Monkey Baa will be providing 2 workshops for students on the 18th March. The first workshop is for Kindergarten. The second workshop is for students from years 1-3. However there is a limit of 30 students for this workshop so permission notes need to be in the front office as soon as possible. This limit is requested by the theatre company.

Stage 2 are going on a **local excursion to Bureau Park** (across the road from the school) on the **19th March**. The students will work with staff from the Blue Mountains City Council in bush care and plant identification in the park.

Years 5 & 6 will be travelling to Circular Quay for their term excursion on the 2nd April.

Students in years 1-4 will be able to attend the **Joan Sutherland Centre** to see **Possum Magic** on the **9th April**. This is the major excursion for classes this term.

The last day of term, **12th April**, will be the annual **Easter Hat Parade**.

We welcome Ms Abigail Strutzenburg to our school for the next 8 weeks. Ms Strutzenburg is part of an exchange with Indiana University and Australian schools. Ms Strutzenburg is here to see how Australian schools differ to the USA. She will spend time working with groups of students in 5/6 Corals.

Barbeque and Cake Stall

On the 23rd March NSW voters decide on a new government. As usual the school will be open as a polling centre. We would like to take the opportunity to have a BBQ and cake stall on the day. A note detailing how you can help will be sent home. Please see if you could spare time either serving, or making a cake for the stall. This is usually a profitable way for us to raise money for resources for classrooms.

Congratulations to

- Oskar who has been selected in the district PSSA AFL team. Oskar had to compete with students from other mountain schools to gain his place in the team.
- our swimmers who went to the district carnival a couple of weeks ago. They competed with other schools at Glenbrook. I understand some of them improved their race times too.
- Students who successfully auditioned for the Opera House choir
- Students who successfully auditioned for the Opera House recorder group
- Our students who have been elected to represent their class on the Student Representative Council

It was great to see families enjoying an egg and bacon roll last Thursday morning at our welcome back BBQ.

Whilst the weather may cool down in the next few weeks, students are still required to wear a hat this term. Please ensure your child has a cap or hat kept in their bag each day.

The Blue Mountains Music Festival is on the 16-17th March. We are part of the organisations that benefit financially from the festival. I know some parents and staff have volunteered to work at the festival. Marina Brown is coordinator of the “rubbish rooms” and she does a wonderful job all weekend ensuring the festival is as carbon neutral as possible. Thank you to parents and staff who have indicated they will give up time over the weekend.

Recycling

We spend a huge amount of money on waste removal at school. Generally it costs the school over \$7000 to have our rubbish removed each year. Of course that money can be better spent in the school. Today classes participated in Clean Up Australia day by picking up rubbish around the school and surrounding areas. Whilst there wasn't much rubbish collected children did not have much information about what can be recycled.

At recess and lunch, buckets were in the playground for food scraps, peels etc. You will be pleased to know not much food was wasted however we had an old recycling crate nearly filled with plastics including chip and biscuit wrappers, sandwich bags, and plastic wraps. We need to bring our waste down to an acceptable level. I am interested in your opinion as to how we can do this. Some schools ask children to take all plastic wrap etc back home in their lunch box so the amount of rubbish thrown away is significantly reduced and then the cost of that to the school is lessened.

Other schools have parents who collect the food scraps to feed to chickens or compost for their gardens. We are investigating establishing a worm farm at school. Other suggestions you have to solve this problem will be appreciated.

Cathy Clark Principal of The Best School in the Blue Mountains.

House Captains



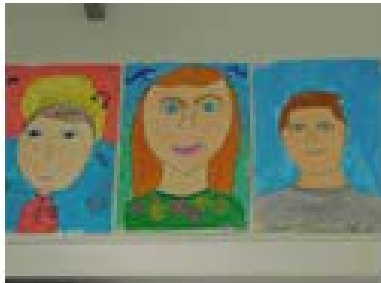
Back Row L-R: Aleria, Sidney, Oliver, Blake, Satine, Ayla, Roemii
Front Row L-R: Oliver, Oskar, James, Bella, Niobe, Nathan, Connor
Absent: Maddie

Zone Swimmers

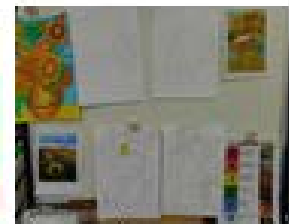
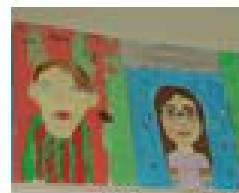


Back Row L-R: Sidney, Beau, Oliver, Tara, Archie
Front Row L-R: James, Alyssia, Phoebe, Tessa

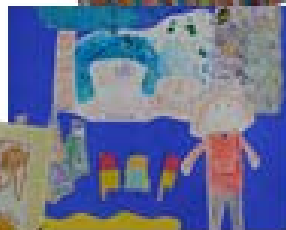
Look at the great artwork we have been working on in our classrooms



Stage Three Art Class Time!
Self Portraits & Sunflowers!



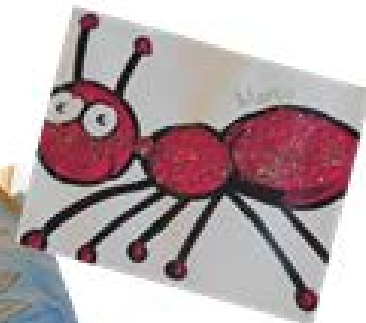
Year One have been
reading 'There's a Sea in my
Bedroom'



Year Two Gorillas
hiding in the Jungle.



Year 3 Dragonflies! Look at the
details on the wings!



Kindergarten's amazing ants in
the Amazon!



Year Four Tiger Artworks!

CAPA:

On Friday afternoon, our students participate in a selected CAPA (Creative Arts & Performative Arts) group, choosing from Junior and Senior Dance groups, drama and art groups. Mrs Fendall's CAPA group of students imagined, wondered, created, constructed and played with cardboard boxes. Our imaginations took us on "Adventures with a cardboard box". Tesla's box was "everything": She sailed a pirate ship to the castle, lived in a tiny house, took a caravan trip to the beach and drove her car to the park. Connor and Cooper constructed a tall tower, which wobbled and fell, before boxes transformed into a hotel joining Aleria's shop. Pekay, Daud, Blake and Jai built a castle, with a drawbridge, guards to secure the fortress and tower with view to protect the castle walls. Each of the students contributed ideas, worked collaboratively, designed, discussed, built, and remodelled their imaginary worlds. I wonder where our imaginations will take us next week?



Mrs Fendall



What will we build next?

Music News

It's all happening in music at Katoomba North Public this term.

Band, recorder ensemble, choirs and ukulele club have all started rehearsing madly And this Friday we have (drum roll!) Oz Opera performing in the school hall at 10.15am. Classes will be there for some magical music and merriment as the opera singers present 'By the Light of the Moon'.

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

School canteen will be open this term on Friday 15th March and Friday 12th April.

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	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 5/6 Excursion Circular Quay	3 Assembly	4	5
11	8	9 Possum Magic Excursion	10	11	12 Easter Hat Parade 

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking will resume once a new co-ordinator has been appointed.

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.



Seniors & Students Morning Tea

Residents of North Katoomba aged 60+ are invited to a soiree at North Katoomba Primary School.

Students will share some of their talents for your entertainment.

You are invited to share yours... child-friendly poems, stories, songs are encouraged!

RSVP: 4782 1117 or josiev@belongbm.org.au

Thursday
14th March

10.45 – 12 pm

Cuppa &
Connection

at Katoomba
North Public
School

Delicious
refreshments
Gold coin donation

*Brought to you by
Katoomba
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Centre and Katoomba
North Public School*



Calling for volunteers – we need your help!

Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help.

The program requires a volunteer School Banking Co-ordinator to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. This only takes a small amount of your time one day a week and the Commonwealth Bank will provide support in how to run the program. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills.



If you are interested in volunteering for this great program, please fill in the tear off section below and return it to the office as soon as possible.

Yes, I would like to help with School Banking!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Availability: _____



CHILDREN'S CHORAL WORKSHOP

18-19 MAY

Presented by Paul Jarman

Hosted by Blue Mountains Youth Choir

For boys and girls 9-16 years

Time: 10am – 4pm both days, with final concert

Venue: Faulconbridge Public School hall



Paul Jarman is an Australian multi-instrumentalist, composer and choirmaster. He is known for his work with school children, assisting them to develop their compositions. Jarman works with other composers and choir leaders, and promotes the inclusion of traditional music forms in compositions.

ACADEMY  SINGERS

For Details & Registration Visit:
www.academicsingers.com.au

Blue Mountains Youth Choir is a Creative Kids Provider – Register for \$100 for this workshop.