



29th October 2019, Term 4 Week 3

Katoomba North Public School Community News

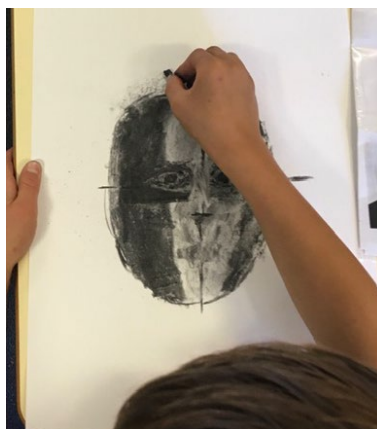
COMING EVENTS

November

- 1st Astronomy Night, 7.30pm
- 5th Kinder Prep
- 6th Kindy Excursion to Joan Sutherland
Tree Planting
Assembly
- 7th School Photos
- 8th Teddy Bears Picnic
- 11th Swim School commences this week
Remembrance Day
- 12th Stage 1 Op. Art – Cultural Centre
Kinder Prep
- 13th Stage 2 Op. Art – Cultural Centre
- 14th Stage 3 Op. Art – Cultural Centre
- 18 Swim School continues this week
- 19th Kinder Prep
- 20th Assembly
- 22nd Soccer Gala Day
- 26th Debating Gala Day
- 29th Year 6 Gala Day

Young Archie

Young Archie students experimenting with charcoal to create their portraits for the Young Archie competition in 2020.



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Principal's Log - Monday 28th October – 20.00 hours

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

Term 4 is well and truly here. We are not only organising end of year activities but are also planning for 2020. It seems we have one event completed and another then starts. Term 4 is such a big term too for year 6; their farewell, transition to high school and finally graduation. Please check our calendar so you don't miss out on anything.

This term we have the STEM kit at our school. Years 3-6 are enjoying lessons learning to use robots, build their own and practice coding. Some of our students, already great coders are teaching others. Schools book the STEM kits for a term. Next year we are scheduled to receive another kit in term 2.

We have our life skills program again this term. Every child K-6 participates each Friday in this valuable program. They learn skills necessary for friendships and practice yoga, relaxation and meditation. Parents are invited to come along and see the program in week 6. We will give you a reminder in week 6. The school has subsidised this program so each child can attend.

Another reminder that swim school commences week 5. Children in years 2, 3 and 4 who wish to participate in this important program should have their notes in as places are limited to 55 children. Money is due (\$45) by the commencement of the program. Again our school funds have subsidised this program as the cost normally would be over \$120 for the 10 days.

Thanks to Mrs Fendall who has sourced out different sporting activities this term including cycling for stages 2 and 3 and a swim squad for selected students in years 1, 2 and 4. Both programs are for 6 weeks. I saw the cyclists last Friday and they were having a great time. The swim squad also reported they enjoyed their session at the pool.

Your child today visited the Planetarium. The hall was transformed into planets and everything solar. I'm sure they will be talking about this for ages. The cost for the planetarium to visit a school is \$10 per student however the P and C have generously paid for each child to attend.

And if you can, come to school on Friday the 1st November, this Friday, and view the planets and moon courtesy of Mr Paull Payne (and his telescope). Teachers are also organising activities in the library. The evening will commence at 7.30pm. If this changes due to the weather we will inform you via fb and school stream. I believe solar treats will also be sold from the canteen.

Our annual Teddy Bears' Picnic is scheduled for next Friday (8th November). This is a fun day for students only. Students must register a bear, or soft toy with the "Teddy Bears Association" registration office located on the Kindergarten hallway before the day. It is \$1 per bear or toy to register. Students may bring a picnic lunch to share. A note went home last week with more details about this fun day at school.

Do you know anyone who has a child in the area who should be commencing kindergarten next year? If so, please encourage them to find out about Kindy Prep and enrol their child ready for 2020.

And lastly I have made contact with the principal at Trundle Central School. Trundle CS is a small school near Parkes/Dubbo which like all schools in rural Australia is in a community strangled by the drought. We are making a video about our wonderful school, sending photos etc and discussing how we can further help this community.

My sincere thanks goes to:

The P and C for meeting the cost so all our students can attend the Planetarium visit today (Tuesday).

Parents who supplied cakes and treats for our stall, those who helped on the BBQ and in the canteen at the "Meet The Street" afternoon last term. We raised over \$900 which has been added to our sound system fundraising.

Staff who gave up their Sunday for "Meet The Street".

Year 6 girls who are working through friendship issues respectfully and accepting staff advice!

Mrs Fendall for organising cycling and swim squad.

Margaret Holmes who sewed the senior dance group skirts. They looked fabulous too.

Ms Goodwin for organising the swimming program weeks 5 and 6.

All the parents who continue to volunteer in our school with reading groups, classroom support and breakfast club.

Members of the Wildplant Rescue Centre, BMCC and volunteers who are ensuring our school playground is filled with native plants and shrubs. (Planting occurs next Wednesday).

Cathy Clark
Principal



Students start rehearsing your amazing talents now..... Our Semester Two Talent Quest will be on Tuesday 10th December at 11:45am. Audition slips will be available in the next couple of weeks!

Mirror Flashing across the Blue Mountains

Every autumn in the southern highlands of N.S.W, a group including members of the traditional Gundungurra and D'harawal people gathers on the top of a hill, known as the Gibbergunyah, to make contact with another group 82km to the North West in Katoomba by using a mirror and the sun to create a flash across the Blue Mountains.



Local Indigenous mentor and historian Peter Swain has recognised that the line of sight of the mirror flash, across the rugged country of the Nattai, Wollondilly, and Wingecarribee Rivers, follows a traditional mountain path, which in turn follows an important songline of the Traditional custodians of the mountains.

"In the old days, the young people of the tribe would go ahead, set up camp and light a fire, and then the older people would know where the camp was and navigate through the bush by the rising smoke."

Mirror flashing and Koori flag-raising event is an enjoyable way for people to acknowledge the traditional owners of the wild country between the Southern Highlands and Katoomba, and pay respect to the elders past and present.

Lily 4C



4C took to the outdoors to cast reflections of the sun with make shift mirrors using gold cardboard. It was a fun way to learn about the mirror flashing across the Blue Mountains.

Year 3 Chinese Fans

Year 3 have made their very own Chinese fans. They used Chinese powered watercolour mixed with a drying agent to create their fans. What a great job they did!



Ozobot

Stage 2 explored the exciting new digital learning resources from the Department of Education's STEM share community. Students used the ozobots creating their own coding map for the robots to follow. Students watched their robot perform different tasks and agreed they were all enthusiastic in the lesson.

Ms Abela



Play-based Mathematics fun!

Children in Year 1 have been having a wonderful time turning two dimensional shapes into three dimensional objects. Students were given the opportunity to become deeply engaged in a play-based mathematics lesson which involved transforming playdough into models made up of three dimensional objects. Well done Year 1 and thank you for sharing your wonderful work!



Upper Mountains Dance Festival!

Tuesday 15th October, our Junior and Senior Dancers performed at Katoomba High School in front of a packed audience. They were complimented by many people on such fabulous performances!

Once again we are extremely proud of our dancers for continuing to dazzle us with their talents! Although dance is over for the year please make sure all outstanding money has been paid to the office this week.

We will be making costumes available for purchase this year. Please see the office if you wish to purchase your child's costume!

A huge thank you to Mrs Holmes for once again making all the senior costumes. Her time and effort has been very much appreciated!



Music News

This Wednesday afternoon, we have some of our musicians performing at Thrive's 40th Birthday Celebration! The party is from 3.30- 5.30 at 2 Station St, Katoomba North. Come along with the family for some music and fun!

We are also gearing up to Community Carols on Friday 6th December hosted by our school. The art team is busy preparing decorations and our students will be learning some new carols in the coming weeks.

A big thank you from Miss Catriona to 5/6 Corals for the exquisite 'musical' artworks in the music room...if you haven't seen them yet, drop in and have a look! It's creative arts all around at our amazing 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, Coles 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 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 4 CALENDAR

2019 Term 4 1	October 14	15 KHS Dance	16	17	18
2	21	22 Kindy 2020 Prep	23 Assembly	24 Disco 	25 Summer Games
3	28	29 Planetarium Kindy 2020 Prep	30	31	November 1 Astronomy Night
4	November 4	5 Kindy 2020 Prep	6 Kindy Excursion to Joan Sutherland Assembly	7 School Photos 	8 Teddy Bears Picnic 
5	11 Swim School Begins 	12 Kindy 2020 Prep Stage 1 Op Art 	13 Stage 2 Op. Art 	14 Stage 3 Op. Art 	15 
6	18 Swim School Continues 	19 Kindy 2020 Prep 	20 Assembly 	21 	22 Soccer Gala Day 
7	25	26 Debating Gala Day	27	28	29 Year 6 Gala Day
8	December 2	3	4 Assembly	5	6
9	9	10 Talent Quest 	11	12	13 Presentation Day
10	16	17 Farewell	18 Graduation Students Last Day	19 Staff Development Day	20 Staff Development Day

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking is on Fridays this term. Please bring your bank book to the office before the bell goes in the morning.

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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ASTRONOMY NIGHT

28th October, 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This Friday 1st November we will be having an 'Astronomy Night' led by one of our amazing parents Paul Payne. Paul is an astronomer who brings a wealth of knowledge to share along with his very large telescope for us to take a closer look at the night sky.

The Astronomy Night will commence at 7:30pm in the school library. As this event forms part of Katoomba North's Science Week, there will be interactive astronomy activities in the library and space themed supper treats for sale.

Families are invited to come along and enjoy some time under the stars. You may wish to bring a torch and as this event relies on clear skies please check our school app and facebook page for updates if the weather is inclement.

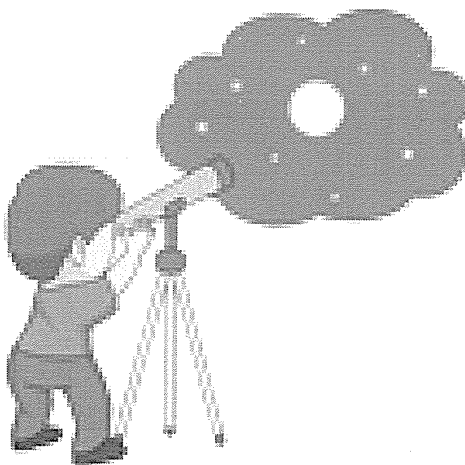
Thank you for supporting our school events and we look forward to seeing you there.

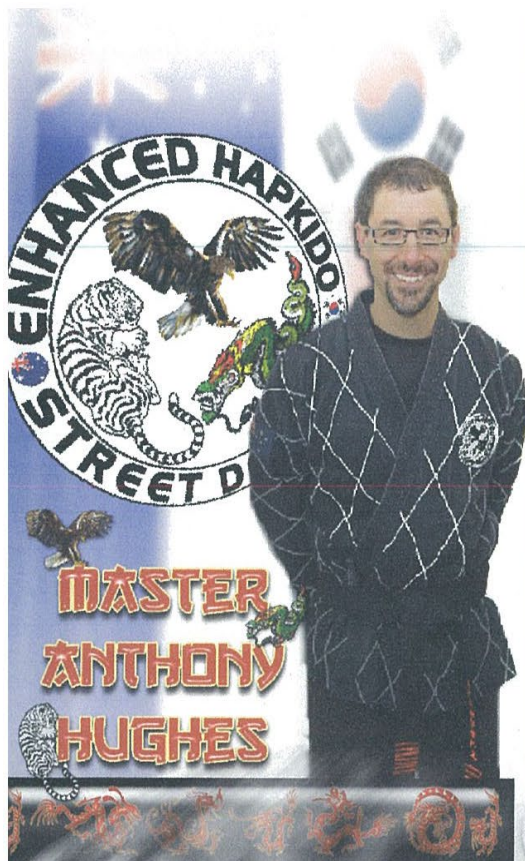
Cathy Clark

Cathy Clark
Principal

K. Cullen

Kristie Cullen
Assistant Principal





MARTIAL ARTS

STREET DEFENCE FOR MAN, WOMAN & CHILDREN



Beginners are welcome to join
Intermediate classes as well on:



Monday nights Kids Eaglets 5:30pm — 7pm

Monday nights Teenagers & Adults 7pm — 8:30pm

Thursday night 6:30 to 8:30pm (Teenagers & Adults)

Mums and Dads can join in with their kids.

Saturday morning 11 am - 1:30 pm

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The last Saturday of every month)

New Beginners are welcome anytime through the year



FAMILY BASE CLASSES

Involving Teens, Adults Men, Women, Children
combined of all ages 5yrs - 12yrs

Eaglets 13 yrs - 17yrs - 18yrs +



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