



11th February 2020, Term 1 Week 3

Katoomba North Public School Community News

COMING EVENTS

February

- 18th Meet the Parents
- 19th Assembly
- 21st Zone Swimming Carnival
AFL
- 27th Year 6 Sneak Peak Katoomba High School
- 28th AFL

March

- 4th Assembly
- 6th AFL
- 13th Oz Opera
- 18th Assembly
- 20th AFL
- 25th Debating
- 27th AFL
- 31st U.B.M.M.F. Rehearsal

April

- 1st Assembly
- 3rd AFL
- 8th Easter Hat Parade
- 9th **Students last day for Term 1**

Welcome Kindergarten 2020



Barton Street, Katoomba 2780
Office Hours: 8.30am – 3.00pm
Principal: Cathy Clark



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Principal's Log - Sunday 10th February – 15.30 hours

Dear Parents/Carers

As this is our first newsletter for the year I hope you have time to read it as there is a lot of information we have sent you.

Doesn't Katoomba North have that magic touch!!! We were so fortunate to have our swimming carnival on a beautiful, dry, warm, sunny day. And to all the parents who volunteered and helped us thank you so much. Being a small school we really need your help at carnivals and events. Photos of the carnival are on following pages.

WELCOME to all our NEW KINDERGARTEN PARENTS and PARENTS of NEW STUDENTS not in Kindergarten.

I am so pleased to have you as part of our school community. Kindergarten have settled in so well. It's like they have been at our school for years. Remember if you have any concerns please see Sally Fowler (Kindy teacher) or myself. We are here to help. If you have a child not in Kindergarten welcome to you. And please come and talk to your child's teacher or myself if you have any problems.

Ladybird Musical Scholarships.

There is information about these musical scholarships in the newsletter. If you would like your child to apply for one, application forms are available from the front office.

Class names for 2020. This year classes have taken on the names of Australian trees or bushes.

Kindergarten	Lilly Pillies
Year 1	Eucalypts
Year 2	Bottlebrushes
Years 3/4	Grevilleas
Years 5/6	Wollemi Pine

Year 6 _SNEAK PEEK at Katoomba High School.

This is scheduled for the 27th February. A note regarding the arrangements on this will be sent home to all year 6 parents. We have found the transition to high school is smooth due to the many events and opportunities Katoomba High provide our students.

Stage Excursions and Class Planning.

In this newsletter you will find the approximate cost for excursions, class or school events your child may participate in. Teachers have included extras eg dance or events in the school which may have a small cost. We hope you find this beneficial to you as we are extremely aware that educating children can be expensive. As always please contact me if you need support financially for excursions.

MEET THE TEACHER - 18th February. Come along and meet your child's teacher; find out what is happening in their class. We are holding this on Tuesday 18th February (next Tuesday). A detailed note with times will be sent home later this week.

School Leaders

Our school leaders are:

Captains – Tessa Payne and Oliver Cullen

Vice Captains – Yanna Anderson-Hughes and James Cayzer

Prefects – Mikayla Bailey, Madison O'Bryan, Nathan Charlton and Oliver Wursig



House Leaders for 2020.

Congratulations to our House Captains and Vice Captains for 2020.

They are:

Banksia- Sarah Healey and Hamish Gordon Captains, Mika Sakai and Vincent Scott -Vice Captains.

Blue Gum: Aurora Barrow and Sidney Swinfield Captains, Madeleine Muller and Thomas Loy-Vice Captains

Waratah: Ella-Rose Mallin and Connor Charlton Captains, Sophie Kate Wilds and Riley Moyle-Vice Captains.

Wattle: Summer Hill and Archie Taylor –Brown Captains, Poppy Newman and Kai Mortensen-Vice Captains.

Changing Lighting in Our School

As part of decreasing our school's carbon footprint I have sourced a company which can change our fluro lighting to more environmentally friendly LED lighting. Part of the benefits are of course the cost to the school in electricity use. Currently each fluro light fixture has a minimum of 2 fluro lights at 40watts. Some settings have 3 lights. This is a minimum of 80watts in each setting. It is estimated we have annually 57,317kWh in lighting consumption. By changing to LED lighting we can reduce this to 17,256kWh annually. What a huge energy saving! And then add the financial savings this will bring to us both short and long term.

As well our fittings are becoming hard to replace, are brittle and David our General Assistant is always changing flickering lights.

I seek your support in redirecting the fund raising money (in the fundraising account) raised by the community which was ear marked for our new sound system. Now that we have secured the money for the sound system from Susan Templeman's community grants, I would like to use that money as part payment for the new upgrade.

If you have any opinions or thoughts on this please don't hesitate to email me at the school email. I trust you see this as a valuable choice to use our fundraising for part payment of the upgrade. I will be able to use school funds from 2019 for the rest of this initiative. I look forward to hearing your opinions.

The school's email is katoombn-p.school@det.edu.au

Newsletter Feedback

In this newsletter is a small survey. I am seeking your opinions on our newsletter. If you have the time please complete this survey and bring it into the front office. I look forward to hearing your opinions and suggestions. You can also send this to the school email.

Regards

Cathy Clark - Principal of the best school in the Blue Mountains.

Stage Two Grevilleas!

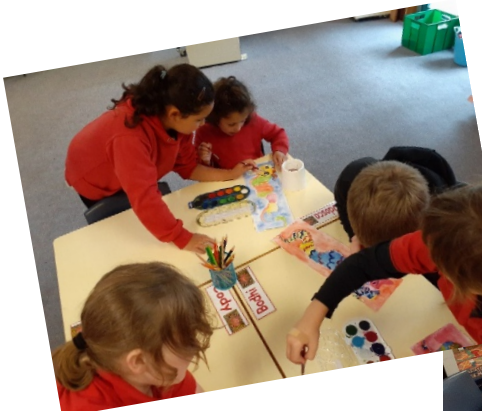
Year Three and Four have started the year with a unit of work looking at how Chinese New Year is celebrated around the world. Last week we used water colours to paint the lions that dance through the streets during the New Year celebrations.

Raphael – one of our Year Four students, brought in traditional gifts for us too. A basket of red envelopes filled with lucky golden treats! Everyone got to take an envelope home with them! Thank you, Raph!



This year is the Year of the Rat – according to the Chinese Zodiac, if you were born in the Year of the Rat you are an outgoing, cheerful and sociable character!

Ms Abela and Mrs Cullen would like to congratulate Stage Two for making a fantastic start to the year!



Music News

Welcome back, everyone! Get ready for another, even bigger year in music in 2020!

We have the The Barber of Seville, Oz Opera, performance, Narragunnawali Festival Choir, Town Hall Choir, Senior Recorder Festival Ensemble, Junior & Senior Dance Festival Groups, Opera House Special Projects, Ukelele Club, Band Project, Instrumental Tuition, Drumming Groups and 'Reality Bites', our big school show!!! (Did I leave anything out?!) We are exhausted already just thinking about it! Stay tuned for more information about everything that is happening this year.....



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 1 CALENDAR

2020 Term 1 1	January 27 Australia Day Holiday	28 Staff Development Day	29 Years 1-6 Start School	30	31
2	February 3 Kindergarten 2020 Start School	4	5 KNPS Swimming Carnival 	6	7
3	10	11	12	13	14
4	17	18 Meet the Parents	19 Assembly	20	21 Zone Swimming Carnival AFL
5	24	25	26	27 Year 6 Sneak Peak KHS	28 AFL
6	March 2	3	4 Assembly	5	6 AFL
7	9	10	11	12	13 Oz Opera
8	16	17	18 Assembly	19	20 AFL
9	23	24	25	26	27 AFL
10	30	31 UBMMF Rehearsal	April 1 Assembly	2	3 AFL
11	6	7	8 Easter Hat Parade 	9	10 Good Friday

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?

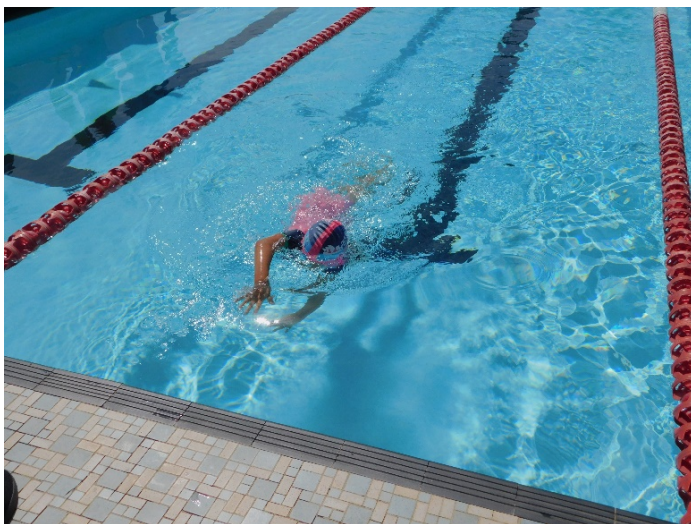
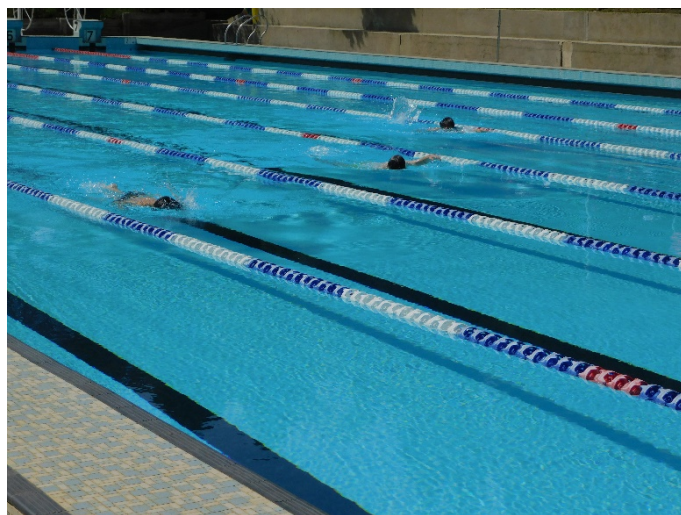
Fees are as follows:

\$42.00 per year for 1 child

\$75.00 per year for 2 children or

\$90.00 per year for 3 children or more.

Swimming Carnival



Early Stage 1 2020 Lilly Pilly Class Expenses

<u>Event/Activity</u>	<u>Approx. cost</u>
Swimming Carnival	\$7.50 + canteen money
2 x SRC Disco	\$10.00 each
Easter Eggs For Morven Gardens Nursing Home	\$ - donation of chocolates
Eater Hat Parade picnic lunch order	\$5.00
Easter Hat Parade Guessing Comp.	\$.50 per guess
Mother's Day stall	\$5.00 per gift
Father's Day stall	\$5.00 per gift
Calmsley Hill City Farm Excursion	approx.. \$45.00
2 nd class excursion - location to be decided	approx.. \$45.00
Book Week Picnic Lunch order	\$5.00
Book Week Book Fair	cost varies
Teddy Bear's Picnic Bear Registration	\$1.00 per bear
Teddy Bear's Picnic - ice-creams and spider drinks	\$2.00 each
Teddy Bear's Picnic - How Many Tiny Teddies in the Box? Competition	\$.50 per guess
SRC Walk-a-thon	\$ - donation amounts variable
School Photos	\$25 +
Fundraising events throughout the year - ice-cream & cupcake stalls	approx.. \$2.00 each item
Fundraising events throughout the year - sausage sizzles	approx.. \$5.00 each
Voluntary School Contribution	\$42.00 per child, \$75.00 for 2 children, \$90.00 for 3 or more children
Athletic Carnival	approx.. \$5.00 + canteen money
Opal Card for excursion travel - if required	approx. \$15 credit
Canteen Lunch Orders	optional
Yet to be decided - End of Year Movie Day	approx. \$15.00
Astronomy Night Cafe	approx. \$2.00 per item
Year 6 Gala Day	approx. \$5.00 - \$10.00

Stage Two Budget 2020

Term	Event / Item	Estimated Cost	
Excursions			
1 or 2	History / Art – First Contacts Excursion to Sydney	Bus or Train TBC Entry costs TBC Estimated cost (maximum)	\$35.00
3 or 4	Joan Sutherland/ Riverside theatre or like performance	Opal card + approximate \$30	\$30
Whole school sport			
	Swimming Carnival	Pool Entry & Bus fare (subsided)	\$7.50
	Athletics Carnival	Bus fare (subsided)	\$4.00

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 2020	No cost to families TBC for 2020	
CAPA Options			
Dance:			
1-4	Dance – Joan Sutherland Centre Dance – Upper Blue Mountains Dance Festival	Coach costs to Penrith return (Parent expense x tickets to show)	\$20
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)	\$15
Instrumental			
1-3	Recorder – Sydney Opera House	Participation fee: TBC \$30 Opal Card to Sydney + Dinner (Parent expense x tickets to show)	\$30
Art			
	Operation Art workshops	Participation fee: \$50.00	
Sport Options			
4	Swimming Scheme	\$50.00 cost to families (i.e. subsided estimate)	
	Programs subsided by school funds and sporting grants:		
	Football Code Workshop sessions: AFL	No cost to families	
	Ball Sports Code Workshop sessions i.e. Basketball	No cost to families	
	Cricket Gala Day	No cost to families	

Stage 3 Budget for families in 2020

CAPA Options			
Dance:			
1-3	Dance – Joan Sutherland Centre	Coach costs to Penrith return (Parent expense x tickets to show)	
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	Participation fee: \$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	
	Ball Sports Code Workshop sessions i.e. Basketball	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

Stage 3 Budget for families in 2020

Term	Event / Item	Estimated Cost	
Excursions (1 x excursion or camp per term)			
	Camp: Nepean Adventure Park 2 nights & 3 days	\$280pp (Near & Far including PACER Rebate & Canberra Park Resort) Term 2, 2020 (June)	\$280
	Sydney (Science/ Geography)	Including transport approximately \$50.00	\$50
	Bathurst (History)	Including transport approximately \$80.00	\$80
	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			\$431.50

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 2020	No cost to families TBC for 2020	



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Ladybird Music Scholarships 2020

10th February, 2020

We continue to be so fortunate to provide part scholarships for music tuition at school. These are courtesy of the kind and generous people at Ladybird scholarships who will contribute part of the fees to meet the cost of tuition. Parents/Carers will be required to pay the remainder of the fees each term within the first 2 weeks of tuition. Parents can arrange this with their child's music tutor. Tutors' details will be available from Catriona once scholarships are organised.

PLEASE NOTE- students who learnt an instrument in 2019 will need to reapply for a scholarship.

Applications are on a "first in first name" basis and subject to need and interest of the student and available tutors. We have previously offered guitar, woodwind, drums and piano. A waiting list may be formed if tutors can not accommodate all students.

Students allocated scholarships, will be given a guideline outlining expectations attached to this privilege including behavioural expectations, attendance requirements and the commitment required to attend lessons.

For further information about the scholarships, please speak to Catriona at school.

Application forms are available at the front office. Please complete the application form and ensure it is returned no later than Friday 21st February, 2020 to the front office. You will be notified if your child's application has been successful.

SPECIAL EDUCATION IN ETHICS

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Following the Dec 2010 amendment of the NSW Education Act 1990, students who don't attend Special Religious Education (SRE)/Scripture classes in NSW public schools now have a legal right to receive philosophical ethics classes (known as Special Education in Ethics) as an option to supervised 'private study.'

The NSW government has authorised Primary Ethics, a not-for profit organisation, to deliver these classes. The philosophical ethics classes that make up the Primary Ethics curriculum are inquiry based. Children use dialogue and discussion, learning how to think about ethical matters through the give-and-take of reasoned argument.

The curriculum is being offered to Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3 students in classes of 16 children. Classes do fill very quickly therefore children will be placed on a waiting list once each class is full. The Special Religious and Special Education in Ethics classes will commence in Week 4 on Wednesday 19th February 2020. Those children who already do not attend SRE will have priority access to this class over others who might want to join.

For further information about the content of the philosophical ethics curriculum or to see a short video, *What Happens In Ethics Classes*, please go to www.primaryethics.com.au

If you are interested in having your child attend this class, please ensure notes are signed and returned to the office before Friday 14th February 2020. Notes are available from the office.



Sing with Blue Mountains Youth Choir

for boys and girls 9-16 years

Saturday 21 March

BMYC will be co-hosting a free concert with St. Hilda's Anglican Church in Katoomba, sponsored by Bendigo Bank, Katoomba Branch.

Counterpoint children's orchestra will be among other children performing at the concert.

To be part of our choir for this event, please register online at our website: academysingers.com.au (go to the youth choir page)

There will be two note-learning workshops:

Workshop Dates: Sundays 1st and 8th March

Time: 2pm to 4.30pm

Workshop Venue: Mid-Mountains Community Centre, Lawson

Concert: Saturday 21st March 3pm, with rehearsal at 1pm

Tutors: Catriona McKay and Gwen Blackwell

Cost: \$60 Creative Kids Vouchers accepted

Afternoon tea will be served after the concert



Katoomba North Public School
P&C Association
Barton St, Katoomba NSW 2780



Dear Katoomba North parents and carers,

This year we have a new Canteen Coordinator, Brie Moyle, who has some exciting plans for healthy and tasty food for our children. The P&C is keen to get the canteen running again as soon as possible. The plan is for the canteen to open Friday of each week.

For the canteen to run we need volunteers who are able to help. We will need helpers both on the days when it is open and to help with food prep on other days as well. We understand that many parents are busy so will be setting up a roster of those who are able to help. Even if you can only help once a term it will be greatly appreciated.

If you are able to help please fill in and return the slip below.

Canteen Volunteers

Name: _____ Contact number: _____

Child's Name and Year: _____

☐ I am able to help in the canteen on the following Fridays

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 28 th Feb | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 th Mar | <input type="checkbox"/> 13 th Mar | <input type="checkbox"/> 20 th Mar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 27 th Mar | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd Apr | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 st May | <input type="checkbox"/> 8 th May | <input type="checkbox"/> 15 th May | <input type="checkbox"/> 22 nd May |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 29 th May | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 th June | <input type="checkbox"/> 12 th June | <input type="checkbox"/> 19 th June |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 26 th June | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd July | | |

☐ I am not able to help on Fridays but can help with food prep on other days. (days to be arranged with canteen coordinator to suit both parties)



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NEWSLETTER SURVEY

As a school we are always trying to improve the way we communicate with you. I am seeking your opinions and suggestions for any improvements on the current newsletter so we can make it more relevant to you.

Please give this completed survey to the front office or email it back to katoomban-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Regards

Cathy Clark
Principal.

Which of these statements best matches your reading habit of the newsletter?

- ☐ I always read the entire newsletter
☐ I read parts of the newsletter.

What is the most useful sections of the newsletter to you?

- ☐ Calendar
☐ Information about students and classes
☐ Community information
☐ Music news
☐ P and C information
☐ Principal's message

Do you have any suggestions for additional content that you would like to see included in the newsletter?

What was the most useful piece of information in the newsletter this week?

What information in the newsletter is most important to you?

What do you like reading in the newsletter?

Can you give any feedback on the presentation the newsletter?

Any other feedback or suggestions?

We appreciate and thank you for your feedback. I will be reporting the results of this survey in the newsletter shortly.