



# KELLYVILLE RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER Term 4 Week 8 Thursday

### 5 December 2019

#### Diary Dates

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| Wednesday 11 December | Year 6 farewell assembly 9.30am<br>Year 6 farewell dinner |
| Monday 16 December    | Presentation Assemblé                                     |
| Wednesday 18 December | Last day of school for students                           |

#### **From the Principal**

The last few weeks have flown by and the end of year has crept up on us. As we reflect on the 2019 school year, I wish to acknowledge and celebrate the many wonderful learning experiences and educational opportunities that have taken place for our students at KRPS, in numerous classrooms and in very creative and innovative ways. Together staff students and parents have planned diverse learning and extra-curricular opportunities, executed best teaching practices and held students to high standards and expectations. Kellyville Ridge's unique character, excellence in learning and teaching, and the tremendous dedication and talent of our staff, students and parents continues to make it a wonderful and special learning environment for all of our students.

#### Twilight Markets

What a wonderful atmosphere of community spirit was displayed last Saturday evening at the Twilight Markets. Such and incredible event does not just happen. Thank you to the P&C team, led by Mrs Thrussell, and Mrs Knott and to the staff team led by Mrs Smith, for the time and effort they have given to the year-long preparations, including but not limited to: sourcing sponsorship, publicising the event far and wide, coordinating store holders so there was something for everyone, organising stores themselves, co-ordinating working bees, ensuring the large cook up was enough to feed the famished, communicating endlessly with everyone, all aimed at ensuring the night was the best it could be. It is events such as this where our wider community family work in partnership that makes Kellyville Ridge PS really 'The Place to Be'. Thank you to everyone who were part of the organising team, part of the night and to those who came to be part of and support our KRPS family.

#### Canberra Camp

In Week 6, Stage 3 travelled to Canberra for a four day excursion. This was a fantastic opportunity to experience first-hand and learn in our nation's capital. The Australian government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist you in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate programme toward the travel expenses incurred. The school applied this discount to cost of the camp, in anticipation that the camp program was going to meet the necessary requirements to receive the Government contribution. The contribution will be paid directly to the school now the camp has concluded and we submit relevant documentation. I am sure that students kept families entertained on Thursday night, with many dinner tables buzzing with news and stories of this wonderful adventure.

#### Reports

Reports School reports will be sent home on Friday 13 December. The teaching staff have been working tirelessly throughout this term to compile the data for the reports. The reports are a reflection of the student's progress throughout this semester and are graded against syllabus outcomes, not their peers. Please take the time to reflect on your child's achievements and most importantly the effort they have placed in to their learning.

#### Gates being closed

As you are probably aware, this term we have been closing all school gates at 9:30am -2:30pm to ensure student safety. Please note, the gates are not locked and parents are welcome to enter and close the gate before making their way to the office to sign in.

#### **Why Are The Gate Changes Being Made?**

*Safety Concerns:*

- To keep our students safe.

- Ensuring those who access the school have permission and have signed in, or are at least seen by the teacher on duty if entering outside of drop-off/pick-up times.
- Ensuring students do not leave school grounds.
- We have children with additional needs, strict custody arrangements and a range of other legal and special family circumstances. We can better support them and their safety if the gates are closed.

The safety and education of your child/ren will always remain our first priority.

### **Thank You Morning Tea Tuesday 10 December 2019 at 11.00am – Library**

The school is very grateful for the support and assistance which it has been given this year by all parents, caregivers and community members as helpers in the classroom and canteen, in sporting activities, transporting students, accepting positions of responsibility and attendance at P & C meetings, fundraising events, and many more! As a small token of our appreciation for the wonderful support you have given to the students, staff and the school throughout 2019, we are hosting a morning tea on Tuesday 10 December, commencing at 11.00am in the Library. **ALL** parent/ community helpers of 2019 are warmly invited to attend. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 10 December.



### **Year 6 Graduation Assembly and BBQ**

Wednesday 11 December Graduation Assembly 9:30am - School Hall followed by a barbeque on the front grass. All parents and carers welcome to attend.

### **Year 6 Farewell**

Next Wednesday 11 December evening is the Year 6 Farewell. Thank you so much to the team of Year 6 teachers co-ordinated who have organised the night. We are all excited to acknowledge and celebrate our wonderful Year 6 students as the graduate primary school and prepare to move onto high school.

### **Presentation Day Assembly**

This celebration of learning on Monday 16 December is a day we celebrate the achievements of the students in many different areas. Mrs Griffiths and Mr Keary have done an amazing job organising the day and it promises to be a remarkable one. I encourage you all to attend to acknowledge the achievements of 2019. Our Presentation Day Assembly is held in the school hall beginning at 9:30am. I look forward to seeing you there.

### **Staffing Update**

There is always a deal of staff movement at schools across NSW at the end of a school year. At the end of this year we will be farewelling several valued staff members. Mrs C. Marsden recently announced that she is resigning from the Department of Education at the end of this year. Mrs Marsden has been a staunch champion of education throughout her teaching career and we applaud the contributions that she has made to the learning journeys of the many students she has taught during her 30 + years. We were very fortunate to have such an outstanding music teacher, band and choir coordinator at Kellyville Ridge Public School. Her music teaching has had unmeasurable positive impact on so many students' lives and lifelong passions. Mrs Marsden always places each student at the centre of everything she does. Congratulations to Mr S. Watkins! Mr Watkins was successful through Merit Selection for a classroom teacher position at Dawson Public School. Mr Watkins is an outstanding teacher and will be sorely missed by our community. Miss G. Crawford will be taking up a position in the UK, whilst Mr J. Gale will be taking up a contract closer to home. Miss Edgecombe has secured a position through the Expression of Interest process at Bowral Public School where she will be living in 2020. Miss G. Dowsing, Mrs S. Maher, have secured a contracts at a neighbouring schools. We also bid farewell to Mrs R. Kaur, Mrs S. Waller, Mr G. Bessell, Miss M. Kershaw, and thank them for their efforts and contributions made to the lives of Kellyville Ridge students and staff. Every one of these people has made a valuable mark on our school in the time they have spent at Kellyville Ridge PS. Their care of our girls and boys, collegial relationships with fellow staff and positive interactions with the school community have been a feature of their daily actions. We wish these loved and esteemed staff members every success in their future endeavours!

### **Out of School Hours care**

Thank you for your patience as we attempt to address the challenges our families are facing in obtaining care for our students before and after school. An application has been lodged to increase the placing for Out of School Hours Care at KRPS. We await the decision by the regulatory authority. I anticipate that there will be over 200 places available in

2020, when this application is approved. I encourage parents who are seeking care before and after school, to ensure they have their name on the list so that when places become available they may be contacted. There are alternative Out of School Hours care options also at the following:

**The Island** provides a service both before and after school. They have vacancies for approximately 30 students and are happy to begin the service as soon as they have 8 students in attendance. The school will work through solutions to ensure the students are supervised until the bus arrives. **Contact Ben 9836 1700.**

**Inspire** provide a service after school only. They currently have vacancies and can begin as soon as they have 8 students. **Contact Aaron 0413 715 022.**

**Stanhope Happy Kids Family Day Care** may also have vacancies. **Contact 0401 417 444.**

I trust that these solutions will assist our KRPS families in making the necessary arrangements for before and after school care.

### **Staff Development Days**

The last day for students this year will be Wednesday 18 December, 2019. Staff will be at school on Tuesday 28 January, 2020 completing mandatory training and planning for 2020. Year 1 – 6 return to school on Wednesday 29 January 2020. Kindergarten students will only come to school for their Best Start assessment between Wednesday 29 January and Friday 31 January and then return home. Kindergarten students will begin their staggered start times on Monday 3 February 2020.

### **Years 1-6 Students Return Wednesday 29 January 2020**

All students should return to the 2019 lines for the start of 2020. Students will be with their 2019 class until we are able to ensure we are certain of our return numbers and 2020 classes can be formed. We anticipate that this will be able to occur during the first few days at school.

### **School Newsletter**

This week is the first week where we sent out the new format of the newsletter. We will trial sending out messages in both Schoolzine - SZapp and SkoolBag over the next two weeks to ensure you receive the messages. To receive the new format please download the SZapp and search for Kellyville Ridge Public School. This app has some wonderful facilities; links to the school website, syncs with the school calendar, and you can submit absence notes – please ensure that you sign in the bottom text box when submitting an absence note.

There is an App available called 'SZapp' which can be downloaded onto your Android or iPhone. The link below details all the information you need regarding the set up and use of the App. The passcode for our school is 3675.

<https://kellyvilleridgeps.schoolzineplus.com/szapp>

While the App is available as a convenience to you it is not compulsory to download it; the newsletter will automatically be sent to your email address by default. If you do not receive an emailed newsletter from Schoolzine, please email the school office detailing your full name and preferred email address so that you can be added to the database.

### **School Calendar**

<https://kellyridge-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/calendar.html>

*Don't forget every day to remind your children how special they are and how much you love them.*

Kind regards,

Mrs Rhonda Gosman

Principal





WEDNESDAY 4th  
DECEMBER 2019

Fifty science, technology, engineering and mathematically-inspired girls from years 4 and 5, were provided with the unique opportunity to join future like-minded 'techsperts' to interact with STEM professionals from international industry and educational organisations. They spent the morning engaging with and exploring a wide variety of exciting hands-on, high-tech activities and workshops such as coding, robotic challenges, 3D printing and virtual reality technology.



**"It was actually the Game Design that got me: it just connected to my art AND tech side. It truly was the best day EVER!"**







**"We learnt how to open a computer without a password!"**

**"I used code to program and operate the Dash Robots."**

**"We tested our reaction times and raced wooden formula one cars powered by carbon dioxide."**

**"We used a 3D printer and a laser printer."**

**"It showed the fun side of technology. There were lots of interactive, programmable robots in the Sapphire Room. The Horizon Room, though, had it ALL! VR technology, 3D printing, Animation, Design, Alexa. It was the BEST experience of my life!!"**





**GIRLS TECH DAY had everything! Electrical circuits, Lego Robotics, Virtual Reality, Sphero Mini Golf Challenge, Tablet Robotics using Dash Robots and LEGO WeDO, Green Screen Filming, 2D on Cintiq, Alexa, Augmented Reality, Aqua Vein Equipment, Cyber Security-Hacking, Paper Engineering, Drones Challenge, Blacktown Girls High Robotics Team,**



## Band and Chamber Choir:

Please return all performance shirts, instruments stands and drum pads to the music room. The last days for returns are:

Year 6: Wednesday 3 December

Years 3 to 5: Wednesday 10 December

Items lost or not returned by the given dates will require payment to replace the item.

All items should be returned to Mrs Day/Marsden in the music room.