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Newsletter Term 4 Week 2 2020

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Welcome Back

I can barely believe that we are already at the end of week 2 in Term 4. There are many exciting events and activities taking place during the term. Please keep up-to-date by checking the school's fortnightly newsletter, notes, and notifications that are sent home via the App. The school's website is also a useful source of information and permission notes that are being sent home can also be downloaded from the website.

### Kinderlinks

Last night, we welcomed our 2021 kindergarten parents to find out what makes our school a wonderful school for both the students and entire families. Thank you to Mrs Sorensen for not only organising and co-ordinating this successful transition, but also for providing our new families with relevant and much needed information as they enter KRPS. Thank you to Mrs Goodhew for collating the enrolments and Miss Dale, Mrs Heaton, Mrs Waldron, and Miss Azzopardi for teaching our Kinderlinks sessions over four Wednesdays during this term. As usual, this is a huge team effort from all of our staff members, co-ordinating classes, rooms and timetables. Thank you everyone for making it a successful program.

### Thank You – Huge Shout out to P&C

We want to take the time to celebrate everything our P&C does every day for our students and the school. The support we have had from our wonderful P&C fundraising efforts is amazing. Last week the P&C voted to donate a variety of group team building sporting equipment, environmental education recycling bins, Bee Bots robots, UE Boom speakers



for every classroom, and a new Shade Shelter over the play equipment totalling a massive donation of \$22,780. These resources enable our students to extend their learning and connections with each other and the world. We highly value our P & C and celebrate through our continued support for everyone involved. We give you all a huge applause for what you do and recognise all the time, love and effort our P&C puts in to advance public education in our state. Thank you!

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Rachel Scott being selected through merit selection for a permanent fulltime position at North Kellyville Public School beginning in 2021. Mrs Scott has been an important member of the KRPS staff team for the past 12 years and we wish her all the very best as she begins the next chapter in her teaching career. We know that North Kellyville Public School will benefit from the experiences and expertise Mrs Scott will bring to the new school and its community. Congratulations Mrs Scott, a position well deserved.

### World Teachers' Day



Across the globe, World Teachers' Day is a day where school communities formally recognise the educators who inspire, challenge, and empower students to reach their goals and achieve outstanding personal results and the extraordinary efforts they go to for the children under their care. This year we will be acknowledging this day, Friday 30 October 2020.

All teachers at KRPS, be it classroom teachers, specialist support teachers, executive teachers and leading executive, love what they do and the difference they can make in the lives of each and every student. We are extremely fortunate to have a superb teaching team of professionals who give their time to ensure the students, your children, have every opportunity possible to be challenged and stretched to reach goal they thought were not possible so that they can be active engaged

citizen in both local and global contexts. This year we have seen this more than ever.

There are many ways that you can show your appreciation for the work they do. You could:

- Write a letter
- Make a 'Thank You' card
- Draw a picture
- Just tell them how much you appreciate them.

To all of our colleague teachers on World Teachers' Day, thank you.

## School Development Days 2021

Commencing at the start of 2021, the changes to School Development Days (SDD - pupil free days) include:

- an increase from one to two SDDs at the commencement of Term 1
- a decrease from two to one SDDs at the end of Term 4.

(Term 2 and 3 SDDs remain the same.)

The School Development Days (pupil free days) are scheduled for Wednesday 27 & Thursday 28 January 2021.

Students in Years 1-6 will return Friday 29 January 2021.

Kindergarten students will begin on Wednesday 3 February 2021.

*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

## A MESSAGE FROM THE DUPUTIES

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### Tell Them From Me Survey 2020

Thank you to those that have already completed our survey, we are looking forward to sharing our results with you, and using these to inform our next 4 year School Improvement Plan.

Our Partners in Learning parent survey closes tomorrow afternoon, the survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carers views on the school's support of learning and behavior. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au> To access the survey for our school go to: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/n4j3k> The survey is available in 23 languages.

### School Photos Term 4

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON: Tuesday 3 November 2020 and Thursday 5 November 2020**

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) using our school's unique 9 digit advanced order code. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

**ORDER NOW go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) and enter the code C39 AKJ 3HQ**

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day, Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed. Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please contact us at [www.advancedlife.com.au/contact](http://www.advancedlife.com.au/contact)

### 2022 Selective High school Applications

Applications for a Selective High School are now open and close on 16 November 2020. Please follow the link that will provide you with the necessary information about the process. *SHS Application Information*

Please keep in mind that this process is NOT conducted by the school, however, it is important you let us know that you have applied so that we can ensure your application proceeds. You can do this by filling out the below form.

*2022 Selective HS Intention to Apply*

### Key Dates

Application website opens: 13 October 2020

Application website closes: 16 November 2020  
**You must apply before this date.**

Test centre and test authority advice released: 25 February 2021

Selective High School placement test: 11 March 2021

Placement outcome information released: 2 July 2021

Regards,  
Renee Ross

## YEARS 5 AND 6 DEBATING 2020

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On Thursday 17th September, Kellyville Ridge participated in round 3 of the Premier's Debating Challenge. After much preparation and continuous hard work our Year 6 debating teams were ready to face each other!

Kellyville Ridge Four Directions consisted of Shamaila, Arden, Sienna and Ariana, ready to debate. The girls were outstanding

when delivering their speeches and rebuttals. The Philly76ers consisted of Sohaaib, Nicholas, Kurt and Ryhim. The topic for the debate was " That primary schools should start each day with a 30-minute exercise class." The girls spoke with confidence and had outstanding rebuttals. Our speeches went on for 4 minutes and we had many rebuttals that proved that we know how to argue with style. Our Four Directioners won this debate and they showed excellent teamwork and persistence.

Both teams should be very proud of their efforts and start to this year's Premier's Debating Challenge. The feedback that we received from the adjudicator was positive and full of praise for the standard of our debates. They specifically stated that our teams were exceptional in the delivery of the speeches and presented well-thought out rebuttals. I huge thank you to all students who participated in the debate teams and the workshops. I hope you enjoyed the experience and gained the skills and knowledge required for debating.

Thank you,

Mrs Radhika Reddy (Debating Coordinator) and Miss Cimino



for and they will continue to add something new each day. This helped them reset their brains and they felt more motivated and optimistic.

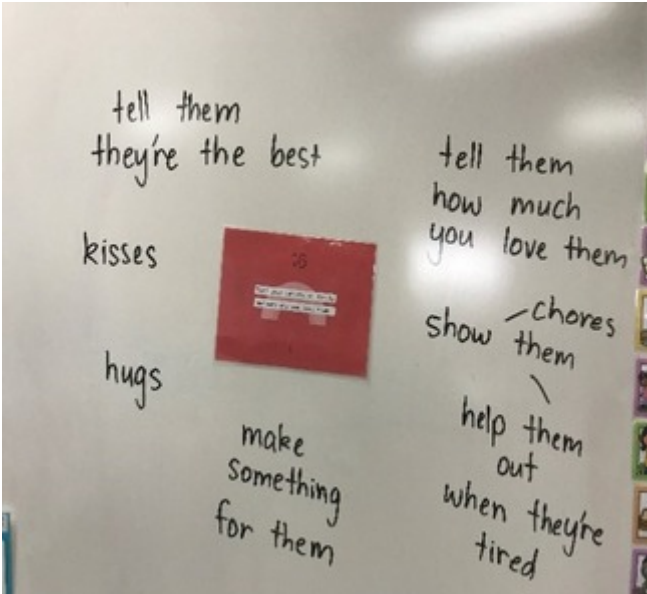


## SRC WELLBEING INITIATIVE 2020

This year the SRC students have been involved in various wellbeing activities. It was a good start to the term, as the members enjoyed participating and contributing to various wellbeing activities that were encouraged in the classrooms. This was the first time that KRPS acknowledged 'Jersey Day' which was on 4th September 2020. The students wore sporting colours and were actively involved in various wellbeing activities. We are working towards Term 4 with a new initiative, 'Kindness Challenge'. This initiative is already happening in several K-2 classrooms and it is wonderful to see how students learning to be kind to each other and building a sense of appreciation. The SRC would like to take this activity further next term, whereby they will incorporate these little focus wellbeing tasks in 3-6 classes as well. Some stage 3 classes are already working on these initiatives.

In 6H, students watched the mindfulness toolkit video on gratitude. They discussed how life can be complicated when they think about all the things they don't have. 6H students decided to practise saying thank you and being grateful for everything they have. They recorded one thing they are grateful

In 1B students have enthusiastically participated in the 'Kindness Challenge'. Here are some photos of students working with their partners and contributing actively to discussions. The class brainstorm was based on the statement, 'Tell your parents or family members why you love them.'



Thank you,  
Mrs Radhika Reddy (SRC Coordinator), Mrs Vicki- Smith and  
Miss Claudia Cimino

A big thank you to all SRC members for their continuous hard work and commitment to building team spirit and resilience. We are looking forward to Term 4 and we will continue to implement activities and lessons based on kindness, resilience, dedication, appreciation and responsibility.