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Newsletter Week 2 Term 3 2021

Message from the Principal



Thank you

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support, kindness and lovely messages. These acts of kindness are very welcomed by our entire staff and give that small amount of morale to keep going in such challenging times. Many of our staff are, like you, juggling teaching their own class (working) whilst managing their own children's remote learning. It is challenging, so encouraging each other and looking after everyone's wellbeing is our main focus.

I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to our P&C executive team and P&C members for their generous care package delivered to school this week with goodies and treats to share in recognition of the work they are doing each and every day.

Thank you again for working and being supportive of the school.

I know that some of the decisions you have seen coming from the School during this evolving situation has had more dire implications on your lives than you would ever have wanted. I want to thank you for having the confidence in us and for being patient and supportive. Whilst not an ideal situation, our obligation is to make sure everyone is safe and still has the opportunity to connect with their teachers and peers and learn – even though through a very different landscape. I hope you have felt supported by us as a School.

I look forward to the day when we can welcome you all back into our school. I miss our chats and seeing you socialising in our gardens and playgrounds - as the integral part of our school that you are.

Family Fun Virtual Disco



A special treat for all of our KRPS students and families. We are hosting a virtual disco for your entire household. Bring the toddlers, big brothers and sisters, mums and dads for a fun afternoon dance along. Footsteps are our DJ for this event.

Looking forward to dancing with you all ... virtually.

Topic: KRPS Family Favourite Disco

Time: Jul 23, 2021 03:15 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/>

64870156432?pwd=SmZIT3QvRWlscE42bVnHZm5MWnEwQT09

Meeting ID: 648 7015 6432

Passcode: 317528

[External Validation](#)



Today, Kellyville Ridge PS completed a process of External Validation. Once during a five-year cycle, schools in NSW undergo this process. An independent panel comprising of a Principal, School Leadership (PSL) and a peer principal considers the school's evidence of progress using the standards articulated in the School Excellence Framework (SEF). External validation provides an opportunity for schools to discuss their judgements about the school's practice, and the evidence that underpins them, with a panel of peers. The aim of the 'EV' is to investigate how the elements of SEF are embedded in our school practices and School Plan and are being successfully delivered by examining the body of evidence. The comprehensive report provides an analysis and evaluates our current practice at Kellyville Ridge Public School against each of the domains and elements of the SEF. Kellyville Ridge PS Executives worked collaboratively to collect and analyse each piece of evidence against the SEF and our School Plan 2021-2024. I want to thank the executive team for their contribution to the EV submission and particularly to Mrs Ross and Mrs Schiffel for working tirelessly alongside me in the rigorous analysis and triangulation of evidence and data to support our on-balance judgements. The 'EV' panel reaffirmed our judgements in all but one domain, where they rated us at a higher level than we rated ourselves. This close correlation is what the school is looking to achieve, to ensure our evaluative processes and practices are robust to determine our alignment with the Statements of Excellence. I wish to thank the entire staff for their contribution of evidence and discussions around our practices and process. As a school we have made progress and the 'EV' panel were delighted with the improvements and future directions of the school. Well done everyone.

The panel report will be tabled at the next P&C meeting.

Education Week



Education Week (Monday 26 July – Friday 30 July) is an annual, state-wide event that celebrates public education in NSW with an emphasis on students, educators and the communities that support them. In Education Week 2021, the theme of 'Lifelong Learners' celebrates education as a lifelong journey from before a child enters an early childhood setting, progressing to primary and secondary school, and continuing their learning journey into adulthood; learning a trade, entering tertiary education, or the workforce.

At Kellyville Ridge Public School, Education Week will be celebrated each day in the online lessons and videos the teachers are engaging the students in each day. The students will have the opportunity during their Literacy session each day, to discover and be guided in their writing by children's authors in live video workshops. On Wednesday 28 July, our families are invited to a virtual morning tea. This is a time where we can come together, albeit virtually, over a cuppa and just celebrate 'Lifelong Learning'. In recent years, we have as a society proven how critical lifelong learning is for success. Our Education Week celebrations will conclude with a digital showcase of our students' work in a Sway. Each Class will showcase samples of work across a variety of Key Learning Areas to represent their learning in 2021. The Kellyville Ridge Public School community will be able to access this Sway via a link which will be released via the School App at the end of the week.

Topic: Education Week Morning Tea

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/63034241076?pwd=L1RaY0xyZ3kweHREaHF1bGtoU2NTdz09>

Meeting ID: 630 3424 1076

Passcode: 823151

Additionally, you can access Education Week activities run by the Department of Education at:

[Virtual events \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au)

These include:

Monday - Education Week launch live stream

10am - Monday 26 July 2021

Tuesday - Parent and carers webinar

Exploring vocational education and training at school - P&C webinar

Wednesday - Learning through Country

10am, Wednesday 28 July and on demand

Thursday - Arts and wellbeing webinar

3pm, Thursday 29 July - Learning through lived experience webinar

Friday - Virtual art exhibition

From the ashes - digital exhibition

Available on demand

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

Rhonda Gosman

Principal

Message from the Deputy

Fun activities for children during Stay at Home order

Below are some fun ideas for activities to keep your children busy during the Stay at Home Order.

Piece together a puzzle

Clear the dining table and take out a puzzle for some fun. OR make your own by pasting a picture from a magazine onto a sheet of cardboard (recycle cereal boxes), then cutting up the image into different sized shapes.

Stone art

Collect some flat, smooth surface pebbles on your next walk outdoors, give them a good clean and dry, then get ready to paint. Some ideas to paint are faces, animals, flowers, designs then place them in pot plants as colourful decorations.

Origami

An ancient Japanese legend promises that anyone who folds a thousand origami cranes will be granted a wish by the Gods. This quiet, no-mess, and stress-reducing activity can keep young and old kids entertained for hours. Check out this website for other fun to make <https://www.origamiway.com/origami-animals.shtml>.

Nature discovery

Get out in the garden and collect leaves, flowers, grass,

feathers, bark, and more. Look at them closely and draw their intricate structures, noting differences and similarities.

Make a happiness jar

On colourful pieces of paper, write down or draw things that make you happy, and place it in a jar to open at the end of the month and read together. Or you can display the notes on a wall, for daily appreciation and gratitude.

Guidelines for Remote Learning

Below are some posters from the NSW Department of Education with some guides to support Remote Learning during this Learning from Home period.

Opportunity Class Placement Test

As a result of the most recent advice from NSW Health regarding the duration of COVID-19 restrictions, the Opportunity Class Placement Test has been **delayed**. New testing arrangements for students will be announced as soon as possible. Parents and carers will be contacted with further details as soon as they are available. Please log in to your application dashboard and ensure that your contact details and child's current school are up to date. Email the team at ssu@det.nsw.edu.au if any of these details have changed.

Regards,

Rebecca Schiffli

Rel. Deputy Principal

Remote Guidelines for Parents

https://kellyvilleridgeps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1228/remote_guidelines_for_parents.pdf

Remote Guidelines for Students

https://kellyvilleridgeps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1229/remote_guidelines_for_students.pdf

Stage 3 Lockdown Lessons at Taronga Zoo

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Stage 3 were determined to not let a lockdown get in the way of a great opportunity to visit Taronga Zoo during Weeks 1 and 2!

Alright, so perhaps they couldn't get there physically, but they enthusiastically attended the Virtual Zoo Lockdown Lessons offered by the Taronga Institute of Science & Learning educators and keepers. Created especially for these times of remote learning, the half hour lessons have introduced Stage 3 to *Remarkable Reptiles*, *Furry Friends*, *Desert Dwellers* as well as *Predators and Prey*.

Students from years 5 and 6 have begun their Adaptations science unit of work already this term via remote learning, and are making connections and applying prior knowledge based on the virtual lessons from Taronga Zoo.

Students have been introduced to many Australian reptiles, birds, amphibians, monotremes, mammals, marsupials, arthropods and arachnids during the lessons. They have discovered that these creatures have adapted to their specific environments in many interesting and clever ways over many, many years. These adaptations enable the animal to not only survive, but thrive in particular biomes.

Stage 3 are eagerly awaiting the Friday lessons *Exotic Encounters* and *Australian Animals* and are hoping that these amazing lessons continue throughout the remote learning period.



Sports Update

https://kellyvilleridgeps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1227/t3_w2_sport_newsletter.pdf

Sydney West Orienteering

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On Thursday, 17th June, Mrs Carr and Mrs Reddy had the pleasure of accompanying 44 enthusiastic Year 6 students to the Sydney West Orienteering Carnival. This event is open to students from throughout the region, taking place in the bushland surrounding Fred Caterson Reserve at Castle Hill, over two consecutive days. The majority of participants were new to the sport of orienteering and the children enjoyed the challenge of combining their skills in endurance, logic, map reading and teamwork. The behaviour, effort and attitude of our students was outstanding! Kellyville Ridge experienced wonderful success at the carnival, with our team consisting of Lachlan, Brayden and Jacob placing first overall in the Year 5/6 Relay category. Some students also achieved individual accolades, with Jacob placing 1st, Brayden placing 2nd and Jordan placing 3rd in the boy's race and Tatum placing 1st and Bree placing 2nd in the girl's race. Once all times had

been collated from both days of the carnival, we are excited to announce that Tatum was awarded Sydney West Champion in the Girl's Year 5/6 Competition! Bree followed closely behind, recording 3rd place overall in the region. In the boy's division, Jacob placed 2nd and Brayden 3rd in all of Sydney West. These are amazing achievements, and we are proud of you. A huge thank you to the volunteers from Orienteering NSW for their guidance throughout the day and to our very own Miss Scott who was the Sydney West Convener, doing a magnificent job of coordinating the entire event. Congratulations to all competitors and staff involved in making this a satisfying and successful orienteering campaign for Kellyville Ridge in 2021!!!

