



**The official newsletter
of Katoomba Public School**

Kat News

Term 1 Week 10, 4 April 2025

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Warami Midigar ~ Hello friends

School Expectations:

*Value Myself
Care for Others
Respect the
Environment*

*The Uniform Shop is
open every
Wednesday during
school term
8.45am-9.30am*

*Our canteen will be
open for pre-ordered
sushi on Fridays*

*Breakfast Club is on
every morning*

*Garden Bee every
Monday at 3pm*

*Our PBL focus is
'respecting personal
space' & 'playground
goals'*

Dear parents & caregivers,

As we approach the end of Term 1, it's hard to believe that the holidays are almost upon us! What a busy and exciting term it has been!

Parent-Teacher Interviews this week have been a fantastic success. Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended. The connection between home and school is vital to the success of our students, and I truly appreciate your continued involvement in their learning. Your insights and feedback during these interviews help us support your child more effectively.

It was wonderful to see all the students looking so sharp in their beautiful school uniforms for Photo Day. I want to thank you for your effort in ensuring your children were dressed so well for the occasion. We are all eagerly awaiting the finished photos, and I am sure they will be fantastic. Be sure to look out for them when they arrive in Term 2!

A special shout-out goes to our incredible swimmer, Mae, for her remarkable performance at the Sydney West Swimming Carnival, held at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre last week. Mae not only represented our school with great pride but also achieved an outstanding personal best time! Her dedication and hard work were evident, and we are all extremely proud of her achievement. Well done, Mae!

Our Black Cockatoo assembly last week was a wonderful success. From all reports it was a wonderful afternoon. We are aware of the ongoing technical issues with the school hall audio system, and are in the process of getting this fixed.

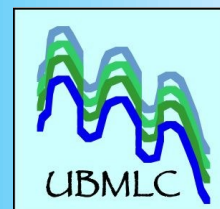
Harmony Week was an outstanding success, and it was fantastic to see the entire school come together to celebrate our rich cultural diversity. A huge thank you to Miss Fellows for her exceptional organisation of this important week. We engaged in a variety of activities that promote inclusivity, respect and understanding of different cultures. We look forward to sharing the completed photo collage soon.

Coming up....

Monday -Thursday	7-10 April
Wednesday	9 April
Thursday	10 April
Friday	11 April
Wednesday	30 April

Book Fair in the Library
P&C meeting
Easter Hat Parade & hot cross bun day
Last day of Term 1 for all students
First day of Term 2 for all students

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I would also like to express our sincere thanks to Mr Isaac, who volunteered his time to come in and teach our students some incredible drumming skills during our Harmony Week celebrations. The energy and enthusiasm from the students were contagious, and everyone had an absolute ball! It's wonderful to see our students not only learning new skills, but also experiencing the joy of participating in such a fun and meaningful activity.

A big thank you to all the students in Years 3–6 who participated in our Athletics Program this term. It's been fantastic to watch our students push themselves, show sportsmanship, and have fun while participating in the various events. Stay tuned for our next fun program.

On Friday, some of our senior students had the privilege of participating in a full day of debating training with Mrs Perry. These students have worked hard to develop their skills in public speaking, critical thinking, and constructing logical arguments. We look forward to seeing them put their skills to the test in upcoming debates. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to build confidence, enhance their communication skills, and engage with current issues in a constructive way. We are all excited to see how they perform!

It's been fantastic to see our school's attendance rates on the rise once again! Consistent school attendance is one of the key factors that contribute to student success, and I want to extend my gratitude to all the families for prioritising regular school attendance. Every school day matters, and we are so appreciative of your efforts in ensuring that your child is at school on time and ready to learn. Let's continue working together to maintain and build on this positive trend.

The week ahead promises to be a busy and exciting way to wrap up the term! We have several important events and activities lined up. Teachers will be off class for one day as part of our collaborative planning days. During this time, teachers will work together to plan for Term 2. These professional learning opportunities are an essential part of improving teaching practice and ultimately enhancing student outcomes. We are committed to ensuring that our teaching staff have the support and time needed to build teacher efficacy, and we look forward to the positive impact this will have on our students' learning experiences.

Our Book Fair is on from Monday to Thursday, and I would like to encourage everyone to come along and support this wonderful event. The Book Fair is an excellent opportunity for students to explore new books and develop a love for reading. It also helps to support our school library, which is an invaluable resource for both students and teachers. Please make sure to stop by and see what exciting books are available!

I am especially excited for the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday, which will be my very first one at KPS! This is always a highlight of the school year, and I can't wait to see the creative and fun Easter hats that the students have made. I'm also thrilled to announce that our friends from Katoomba-Leura Preschool will be joining us for the event, which will make it even more special. I'm sure it's going to be a day filled with lots of smiles, laughter and a true sense of community.

Finally, our next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday evening. These meetings are a great way for parents and carers to get involved in school life, share ideas, and work together with the school to support our students. I encourage you to attend and be part of our vibrant and supportive school community. Your involvement makes a real difference!

As we wrap up this term, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all our students, staff, parents, and carers for their hard work, dedication, and support. Your commitment to our school is what makes KPS such a wonderful place to learn and grow.

Warm regards,

Rhiannon Roberts

Relieving Principal—Katoomba Public School

Attendance matters!

CONGRATULATIONS, MAE!!

Thank you, Mae, for representing KPS & the Blue Mountains at the Sydney West Regional Swimming Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park!

Mae swam brilliantly, beating her qualifying time by a whole 4 seconds, and coming 8th in her breaststroke race! Well done, Mae, and thank you for representing our school!

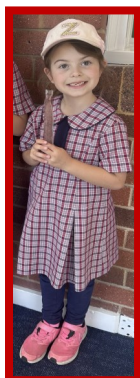


Week 9

Samaya	1/2L
Lana	1/2L
Sebastian	1/2L
Svea	1/2L
Lexie	3/4F
Henry	3/4F
Freddie	3/4F
Heidi	3/4F
Stella	3/4F
Diesel	4/5BC
Ned	5/6B

Week 10

Hamilton	KW
Clara	KW
Zoe	1/2L
Ella	3/4F
Henry	3/4F
Jaxon	3/4F
Jasmine	5/6R
Emelia	5/6R



Happy Birthday to everyone who has had a birthday in weeks 9 & 10

Cormac	KE
Jaxon	3/4F
Zander	3/4F
Sarthak	4/5BC
Riley	1/2E
Hanna	5/6R



Penny	1/2L
Quinn	1/2E
Bhakdo	5/6R
Neriah	5/6B
Amy	5/6B
Morgan	2/3N

Achievement Awards

Week 9

Moshe	1/2L
James	1/2E
Axle	2/3N
Carter	2/3N
Arthur	3/4F
River	3/4F
Nina	4/5BC
Ahmad	4/5BC
Kyah	5/6B
Ethan	5/6B
Tiger	5/6R
Harley	1-6M



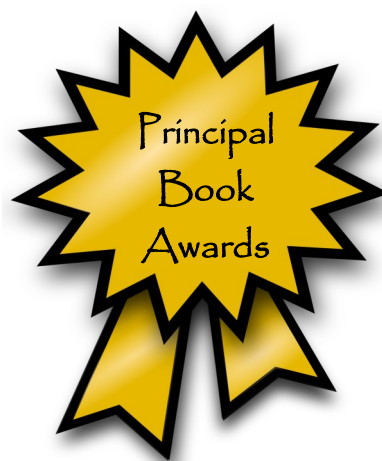
PBL Awards

Week 9 - Being a good friend

Svea	1/2L
Oscar	1/2L
Yousef	1/2E
Violet	2/3N
Eden	3/4F
Hazel	4/5BC
Ned	5/6B
Poppy	5/6R

Week 9

Zofie	1/2L
Ariane	1/2L
Kelly	1/2L
Fernando	1/2L
Yousef	1/2E
Tom	1/2E
Gyutrul	1/2E
Alani	1/2E
Bonnie	1/2E
Louis	1/2E



Pepe	1/2N
Eliska	1/2N
Morgan	1/2N
Jim	1/2N
Minnie	1/2N
Jaxon	3/4F
Kira	4/5BC
Leo	4/5BC
Hanna	5/6B

BOOK FAIR IN THE LIBRARY—7-10 April

The Scholastic Book Fair will be on every morning from 8.40am-9.05am and every afternoon from 3pm-3.30pm, from 7—10 April. You can pay by cash or card, and the school will receive a percentage of sales towards new books for our library.



EASTER HAT PARADE & HOT CROSS BUN FUNDRAISER

Join us on Thursday, 10 April for the VERY BEST Easter Hat Parade in the mountains (if not Australia!!).

Children from Kindy to Year 6 (and staff & families & especially preschoolers) are encouraged to make a hat at home, and show off their creation in the Parade.

Our P&C will be raising money on the day by offering hot cross buns to the children at recess for a gold coin donation ... GF & vegan options available too.



Picnic—1.20pm-1.55pm

Hat Parade—2.10pm-2.55pm

Book Fair—Book Fair will be open too!



Come and join us for our
Easter Hat Parade!
Thursday 10th April

1.20pm: Have lunch with your
child and visit the Book Fair
in the Library!

2.10pm: Easter Hat Parade on the field





Pickles



We played it cool



Dharug



Bayabuni

Warami



New things:

Assembly





In the Library



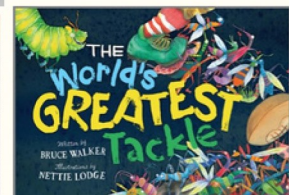
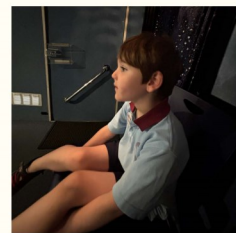
Special Visitors



Community Police Visit



Healthy Harold

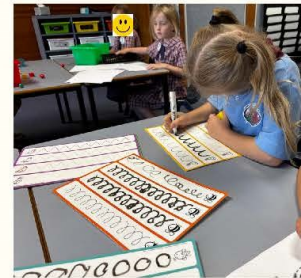


Nettie and Faye - visiting artists

Music and Dance



English

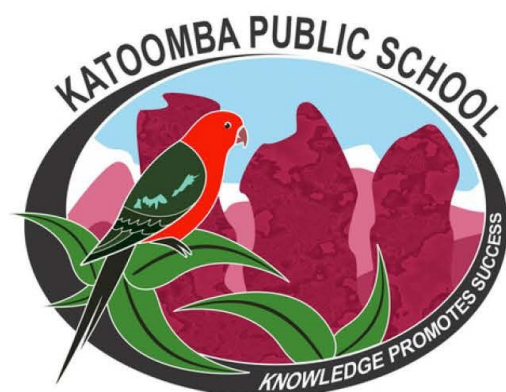
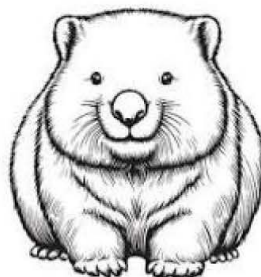
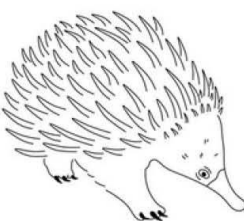


Writing

Maths



Ordering numbers



ANZAC Day ceremony

On Wednesday, 30 April at 9:30am, Katoomba Public School will be holding an ANZAC Day ceremony, delivered by our Year 6 School Leadership Council.

We invite you to join with us for a time of reflection and gratitude for the brave soldiers who fought to protect our country. We look forward to sharing this meaningful occasion with you.

Mrs Perry

Don't forget ... you can find details of upcoming events on the school Calendar of Events, which you can access from your School Bytes Parent Portal or from the school's website.

Download the School Bytes parent portal app to receive notifications and reminders, explain your child's absences, give permission & pay for events and much, much more. See the Front Office if you need assistance :)

MONDAY WORKING BEE

Join us **every Monday afternoon from 3pm to 4pm** for a Kitchen Garden working bee.

Drop in and help when you can—many hands make light work!

Meet in the Kitchen Garden ... BYO own tools or use ours. No experience necessary ... come along, meet other KPS families too!

Please note that all children must be supervised by a parent or carer—no staff supervision available.

APRIL P&C MEETING

The next P&C meeting is on **Wednesday, 9 April at 6pm** (details are on the [Calendar of Events](#)).

Join us online or in person in the Staff room. Everyone is welcome to come along and get involved. The P&C is a friendly, inclusive group of parents & carers, and it's a great chance for you to get involved in the school, provide your feedback & suggestions and hear about upcoming plans and events.

Thank you, P&C members!

Community Liaison news

Jo Clancy, who choreographed and wrote the music for our Guma Dance, and has invited our Guma Dancers to join her and Wagana dancers at various community events, is running a fundraiser for the DUST Youth Dancers.

The DUST dancers are raising money to participate in the Australian Youth Dance Festival in Melbourne, later this year.



Dance, props and fun for Kids 6-12yrs

Led by Jo Clancy and the DUST Youth Dancers, children will make a 10min show and a take home dance prop. [Join us at 1.30pm](#) to see the magic created ✨

Sat 12th April
10.30am-2.00pm
\$35/child
(pack lunch & water)



A fundraiser for DUST to perform & participate in the Australian Youth Dance Festival in Melbourne in July

E: jo.clancy@bigpond.com / 0409 651 290 to book

GUMA GURUNG ... our bush classroom gets some help

An ENORMOUS thank you to Saif and the Scenic World volunteers who spent some of their Saturday with whipper snippers, helping us tidy up Guma Gurung, our bush classroom area. Thank you too, to Wayne and Christian who have been volunteering time in this special part of the school.

Saif and his team of Scenic World volunteers plan to come back again for another working bee, so keep an eye out for their next working bee and come along and be part of looking after, and improving, our school :)



KPS Green Team news

Today the awesome KPS Green Team have been making posters, reminding children about the compost bins. Lately, the compost bins haven't been used a lot.

We want to help KPS be more conscious about our environment and we want to compost our waste to make fertilizer for our Kitchen Garden, to help it grow yummy fruits and vegetables.

This is a reminder that if you have any food waste ... put it in the compost not the bin! It will make it very happy!!

- Neriah, 5/6B



Dharug Dhalang words of the week...



yanu – goodbye

nhaabawunya – see you later



Parliament of
New South Wales

FESTIVAL OF DEMOCRACY

**Tuesday
15 April
9.30am – 3pm**



**Free activities
for children up
to 12 years
at the
Parliament
of NSW**

Visit Australia's oldest Parliament, learn about democracy in NSW, step inside history with guided tours and get creative in workshops and role plays.

- Make craft animals and objects
- Visit our heritage rooms
- Learn how to vote and make a law
- Participate in a committee role play
- Enjoy live music and more...



FREE ENTRY
Activities 9.30am to 3pm

LOCATION
Parliament of New South Wales,
6 Macquarie Street
Opposite Martin Place

Enquiries P: (02) 9230 2047 or
E: dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au

**BOOKINGS
ESSENTIAL**



**The public café
will be open.**

FREE



Creatures in Clay

FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

5 to 12 years

April 16th 10am to 12pm

April 22nd 2pm to 4pm

Make clay creatures and paint them with **COLOURFUL** glazes. We will put clear glass on top and fire them for you to pick up another day. 😊

**TO BOOK: Use the QR code
or call 02 47877770**



April School Holidays

Workshops and Events

Book into one of our workshops, or come to a Drop In Event, these school holidays. More workshops are listed over the page. To book visit our website or your local Library branch.

library.bmcc.nsw.gov.au



Collaborative Creations Bird Finger Puppets

Celebrating the *Birds of Australia* STORYBOX being in residence at the Springwood Hub, we are making bird finger puppets for our Collaborative Art Project. Library users are invited to make a bird finger puppet to take home and / or leave on a branch, in the branch.

Learn to paint the Spinebill Honeyeater with Eloise Short.

10.00 - 11.00am | Kindy - Year 6 | \$6

12.00 - 1.15pm | Year 5 - Year 12 | \$6

Monday 14th April, Springwood Hub

Tuesday 15th April, Katoomba Library

To celebrate having the *Birds of Australia* STORYBOX at Springwood Hub, we have invited local illustrator Eloise Short to facilitate watercolour painting workshops of a local Blue Mountains bird. Come and learn how to paint the Spinebill Honeyeater. Eloise will share with you her knowledge of how to draw and paint one of her favourite Blue Mountains birds. You might recognise Eloise as the illustrator for the wonderful Picture books: *Leonard the Lyrebird*, *Lilah the Lyrebird*, and *The Black Cockatoo with One Feather Blue*.



Hub Picnic Day

Pack a picnic and enjoy free games, craft and activities at Springwood Hub these school holidays. Visit the *Birds of Australia* STORYBOX in the forecourt of Springwood Hub & the facsimile of Gould's Book of Birds in Springwood Library - final weeks!

Wednesday 16th April | 11am to 2pm | Free - Drop In

BLUE
MOUNTAINS
LIBRARY

blue
mountains
City Council

Yarn Bird Craft with Naomi Oliver.

10.00-11.15am | Kindy - Year 6 | \$6

Tuesday 22nd April, Katoomba Library

Come and create your own wonderful soft bird sculpture with Naomi Oliver. Be inspired by the wonderful *Birds of Australia* STORYBOX from the Australian Museum, currently visiting the Blue Mountains, and make your own feathered friend.

Naomi will guide you through the technique of folding and cutting your yarn to create your own colourful bird.



Living Stories Writing Workshops presented by WestWords

Across April, join our free creative writing workshops hosted by WestWords and WestLit Libraries. Learn the skills you need to craft a short story and poem in these workshops hosted by professional writers.

Free | Bookings Essential

J. Marahuyo

Tuesday 22 April | Springwood Hub | 10-15 yrs | 10.30am to 12pm

J. Marahuyo is a neurodivergent Filipino-Australian award winning poet residing on Dharug country. She was shortlisted for the Newcastle Poetry Prize 2024, won the Writing NSW-Varuna Fellowship 2024 and won the Living Stories Prize 2024.

Dannielle Viera

Tuesday 22 April | Katoomba Library | 16 +yrs | 2pm to 3.30pm

Dannielle Viera has been involved in the Australian publishing industry for almost 30 years – first as a copywriter and then as an editor, project manager, proofreader and author. In 2021, her first illustrated children's book, *Amazing Grace*, was published by Library For All. In 2023, her debut picture book, *The Leftover Lemon Dilemma*, was published by Loose Parts Press.



Eclectic Bird Collage with Liz & Elissa

10.00 - 11.00 am | Kindy - Year 6 | \$6

Wednesday 23rd April, Springwood Hub

Birds, Birds, Birds! We have all gone a bit bird-brained for birds, whilst the wonderful *Birds of Australia* STORYBOX from The Australian Museum is in residence. The kids' Team, Liz & Elissa, will facilitate this fun eclectic collage workshop, where we will prepare a range of materials: natural bark, a range of painted papers, all of which will add texture to your completed image. Choose from one of our local bird templates, inspired by Erica Wagna and Joanna Bell's picture book *Hope Is The Thing* to get you started, or you can come up with your own design. We are sure you will be impressed by your completed image.

**FREE
EVENT**

connect
Children and Families

UNDER 5'S FAMILY FUN DAY

WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL
10AM - 1PM

Katoomba North Public School

Please enter via
THE COMMUNITY ROOM GATE on Barton St
Event is mostly outdoors - please be sun safe



- Sensory Activities
- Move and Groove Dance Sessions
- Playdough Fun
- Arts 'n' Crafts
- and More

**For further information contact:
Deb 0491 228 258**

**NOTE:
EVENT WILL
NOT GO
AHEAD
IF RAINING**



WFFC PRESENTS THE WOMEN'S LET'S TALK FOOTBALL SERIES

ALL SESSIONS RUN FROM 7:15PM TO 8:15PM



1st May
NUTRITION
Amanda Watts
Thrive Nutrition
WWF School of Arts



8th May
FEMALE SPECIFIC
PHYSIO
Samantha King
True Balance Physio
WWF School of Arts



15th May
INJURY PREVENTION AND
STRENGTH BUILDING
Adam Cole
A1 Physio
WWF School of Arts



22nd & 29th May
GAME STRATEGY
PRACTICAL SESSION
Football Australia

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE OF CHARGE



Register for any or all the events by scanning the
QR code or go to: <https://tinyurl.com/3nw9m7ja>



LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED AND CHILD MINDING AVAILABLE ON EACH NIGHT

For more information please email: femalefootball@wentworthfallsfc.com.au

These events are funded through our successful grant application with the Growing Football Fund in conjunction with Football Australia and the Commonwealth Bank





Things to do in the School Holidays

Come and join the fun with NPWS ranger-guided activities for kids, teens and families. Discover, create, imagine and explore!

Autumn 2025

Grand Cliff Top Walk guided tour

Join a Discovery Ranger on a 3 hour guided tour along the Wentworth Falls section of the newly constructed trail. Learn about the unique ecosystems and how this spectacular 19km walk on Gundungurra country was created.

Operates every Saturday during school holidays

For bookings visit: www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/guided-tours/grand-cliff-top-walk-guided-tour

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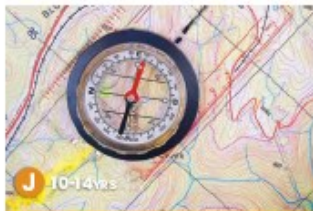
Join our team this April for some exciting school holiday activities.



Bush Alive

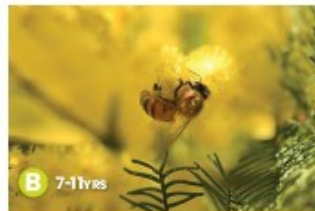


Junior Rangers



J 10-14yrs

Navigation, Mapping and Orienteering
Tuesday 15 April • Blackheath



B 7-11yrs

Bee Adventure
Wednesday 16 April • Blackheath



B 5-12yrs

Spotlight
Thursday 17 April • Katoomba



J 10-14yrs

Navigation, Mapping and Orienteering
Tuesday 22 April • Blackheath



B 5-12yrs

Spotlight
Thursday 24 April • Katoomba



Claustrol Canyon Virtual Reality
All holidays

\$10pp



book now

Grand Cliff Top Walk Guided Tour

Operates every Saturday during school holidays



Holiday activities \$20 per person. Most activities are onsite at Blackheath 10am–12pm. Spotlight is held at Katoomba 6pm–8pm. Grand Cliff Top Walk is held at Wentworth Falls. Meet 15 mins before activity start time.
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