



**The official newsletter
of Katoomba Public School**

Kat News

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Warami Midigar ~ Hello friends

Dear parents & caregivers,

We've kicked off 2025 with a bang! It's been an exciting start to the year, and we've already had some wonderful events and achievements. On the 12th of February, we held our annual school swimming carnival, which was a fantastic success. A big thank you goes to Mr Nicholson and Mrs Perry for their exceptional organisation in making sure everything ran smoothly. We are also incredibly grateful to all the parent helpers who dedicated their time and energy to support the event. Your involvement truly made a difference. Congratulations to all the students who participated, showing great enthusiasm, skill, and sportsmanship. It was wonderful to see so many students giving their best in the water. We're looking forward to the Zone Carnival on Wednesday, 26th February, and wish all the swimmers who are attending, the best of luck!

On Wednesday, 19th February, we had our Meet the Teacher BBQ event, and it was a huge success. There was amazing community involvement, and it was great to see so many families come together. A huge thank you to the KPS staff who stayed behind after school to present important information about their classes, and what to expect throughout 2025. Your dedication to ensuring our families are well-informed is truly appreciated. We also want to give a special thanks to the P&C for organising the sausage sizzle dinner and Zooper Dooper supper, which added a fun and delicious touch to the event. It was a great opportunity for our school community to connect and kick off the year in such a positive way.

This week, the Koori Club had the privilege of being visited by Uncle David King, who has become a cherished member of our school community. We are so lucky to have this connection, proudly supported by Scenic World, as it allows us to celebrate culture and foster a deeper connection with country. The experience is invaluable for our students, as they learn about Indigenous traditions and gain an

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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*

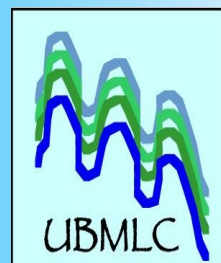
*Breakfast Club is on
every morning*

*Garden Bee every
Monday at 3pm*

*Our PBL focus is
'value, care
and respect' by
listening to learn &
doing our best.*

Coming up....

Monday	24 February	Healthy Harold starts
Monday	24 February & 3 March	Kitchen Garden working bee
Wednesday	26 February	Zone Swimming Carnival
Thursday	27 February	AECG meeting
Tuesday	4 March	Athletics Carnival
Fri-Sun	14-16 March	Blue Mountains Music Festival



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appreciation for the rich cultural heritage that is such an important part of Australia's history.

Last Saturday, our incredible Guma Dancers performed at The Hub in Springwood. Thank you to Ms King and Wagana Dancers, for organising this opportunity for our students. From all reports, our dancers were exceptional and a lovely day was had by all.

Please make sure that you have the School Bytes app on your phone, as it's an essential tool for staying up to date with all the events happening in the school. This term is already shaping up to be a busy one, and we'll be sending out information soon about the Athletics Carnival at Pitt Park, a Stage 3 excursion, and our upcoming Book Fair. There's a lot to look forward to, and we don't want you to miss a thing!

The Blue Mountains Music Festival is fast approaching, and we are excited to announce that KPS families will receive a 50% discount on tickets this year. A big thank you to the Blue Mountains Music Festival for supporting our school with this incentive. More details will be coming soon about how to purchase your tickets through the P&C, so stay tuned! In addition to this exciting opportunity, we are also thrilled to share that we will be running a raffle at the Festival, featuring a high-quality selection of locally made items. We're inviting community members to contribute by donating items for the raffle. Whether it's handmade jewellery, beautiful artwork, delightful crafts, or exquisite plants, your donations will not only help us raise much-needed funds for the school but will also showcase the talent and craftsmanship of our local artisans. Every contribution makes a big difference, and we thank you for your continued support.

Today, we had an evacuation drill where students practised responding to the sirens and moving safely to their designated spaces. We are so proud of how the whole school handled the drill, with students following the instructions of their teachers promptly and responsibly. This kind of preparation is essential, and we'll be holding another evacuation procedure drill in early Term 2 to continue practising and ensuring that everyone is well-prepared.

A big thank you to Mitre 10 Katoomba, who have kindly and generously donated an abundance of products and produce for our Kitchen Garden. This community involvement is essential to the success of our Kitchen Garden and we can not thank Mitre 10 enough.

A huge thank you to the garden volunteers who helped out on Monday afternoon. Your support is truly appreciated, and it's wonderful to see our Kitchen Garden space being cared for by such a dedicated group of volunteers.

We also want to thank Miss Cate and our Breakfast Club volunteers. Breakfast is such an important part of starting the day right, and it wouldn't happen without the tireless effort of our volunteers. You're making a real difference in the lives of our students.

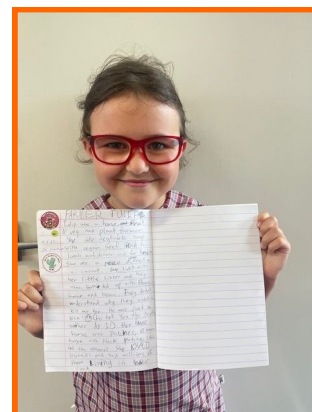
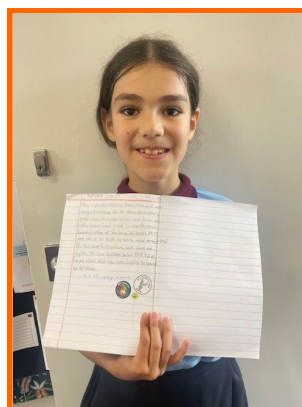
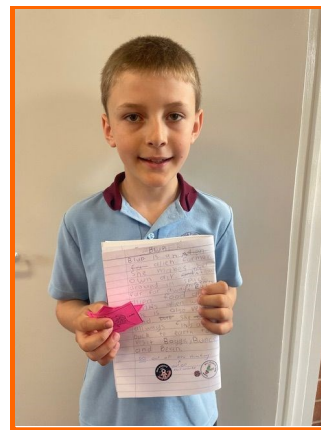
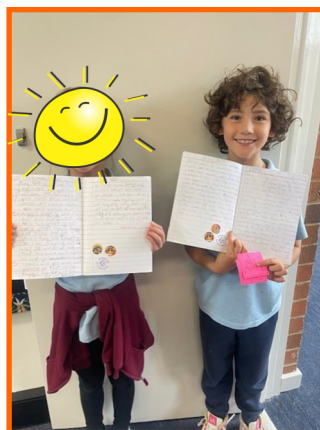
I want to remind everyone that attendance is a huge priority for us here at KPS. It's been wonderful to see that our attendance has remained consistently above 93% since the start of 2025. This is a fantastic achievement, and I want to congratulate the whole school community for making attendance a priority. Well done, team! Let's keep it up and continue to ensure that all our students are present and engaged, as every day of learning counts.

On a personal note, I've had the privilege of having so many students visit my office to share and celebrate their incredible achievements. From spelling tests to creative writing, to some very impressive expressive reading, our students are excelling in all areas. It's so rewarding to see their hard work paying off. I was also lucky enough to spend some time with the Numbats, where I had the joy of teaching Year 3 students spelling. It has truly been the highlight of my week to engage with them and see their enthusiasm for learning.

I wish everyone a relaxing and fun filled weekend,

Rhiannon Roberts

Relieving Principal—Katoomba Public School



End of 2024

Week 3, 2025

Zara	1/2E
Louis	1/2E
Reid	1/2L
Jett	5/6B
Cormac	5/6B
Max	5/6B
Ned	5/6B
Hanna	5/6R



Andi	1/2E
Lincoln	4/5BC
Storm	5/6R

Achievement Awards

Week 3

Sebastian	1/2L
Louis	1/2E
Teshan	2/3N
Keira	3/4F
Elliot	4/5BC
Jett	5/6B
Hanna	5/6R



PBL Awards

Week 3 - Listen to Learn

Lexi	1/2L
Harvey	1/2E
Tilly	2/3N
Henry	3/4 F
Jaxon	3/4 F
Archie	4/5BC
Kira	4/5BC
Noah	5/6B
Kaleb	5/6R

Week 3

Bonnie	1/2E
Grace	1/2E
Louis	1/2E
Lexi	1/2L
Zofie	1/2L
Vinzent	3/4F
Freddie	3/4F
Kora	3/4F
Lincoln	4/5BC
Mae	4/5BC



Week 4

Willow	1/2L
Reggie	1/2L
Rylan	1/2E
Zofie	1/2L
Harvey	1/2E
Ella	3/4F
Elsie	1-6M
Stella	3/4F
Tilly	2/3N
Zoey	5/6B





Happy Birthday to the following people who have had a birthday in the holidays and weeks 1-4

Luca	3/4F
Anshu	3/4F
Sebastian	1/2L
Clara	KW
Vera	1/2E
Johno	1-6M
Max	4/5BC
Yousef	1/2E
Jordyn	1/2E
Alex	4/5BC
Namsel	1/2E
Fernando	1/2L
Asher	4/5BC
Archie	4/5BC
Nina	4/5BC
Lilith	1-6M
Ruby	KW
Grace	1/2E



Ali	1/2E
John	2/3N
Edmund	5/6R
Lily	KW
Saffron	KE
Keira	3/4F
Allan	1-6M
Louis	4/5BC
Laine	1/2L
Poppy	4/5BC
Violet	2/3N
Storm	5/6R
Barbara	4/5BC
Teo	KE
Tilly	3/4F
Hannah	5/6B
Moshe	1/2L
Lincoln	4/5BC



AECG Blue Mountains Ngarra Wingarru

Warami.

The AECG invites all parents, grandparents and carers of Aboriginal school children to attend the Blue Mountains AECG meetings. Please join in and be part of the conversation about what's happening in our local schools to support Aboriginal students and promote learning about Aboriginal culture.

The dates and locations of the 2025 AECG meetings are as follows (they can also be found on the [Calendar of Events](#) on the website & School Bytes parent portal):

All meetings are 4.00pm arrival for a 4.30pm start

Term 1 Week 5	27 February	Katoomba High School
Term 2 Week 5	29 May	Lawson Public School
Term 3 Week 5	21 August	Faulconbridge Public School
Term 4 Week 2 (AGM)	23 October	Katoomba Nth Public School

AECG Awards Night - 20 November 2025 - Springwood HS - 5pm for 5.30pm start

AECG Sports Day - 5 September 2025 - 9.45am - 1.45pm (to be held at Katoomba High school in Yanguu, the new multi purpose building + KHS Oval)

We look forward to seeing you at our meetings this year.

"Land, sea and sky country are all connected so there is no such thing as 'outer space' - no outside. What we do in one part of Country affects all others"

A quote from the Bawaka Country Group as part of the 'Connection: Breathtaking Stories Through First Nations Art and Music'



Ngarra Wingarru

Blue Mountains AECG

Aboriginal Education Consultative Group

Guma Dancers perform in Springwood

Our Katoomba Public School Guma dancers were invited to dance our school totem Guma Dance at the launch of the "Birds of Australia STORYBOX" at the Blue Mountains Community Hub in Springwood last weekend. The event was designed to bring together people from the community with a connection to birds, habitat and the environment.

Our dancers performed the Guma Dance, which was choreographed by Jo Clancy, with the wonderful Wagana Dancers!

Thank you, Ms King, for helping organise our dancers for the day.



At Katoomba Public School

we love our library!



Library Lovers' Day February 14th 2025

The collage features several photographs of children in school uniforms holding up books. The books include 'Macco's Makeover', 'The Hobbit', 'The Wolf Girl', 'Dangerous Creatures Oceans', 'Wings Fire', and 'The Hobbit'. The children are smiling and looking at the camera.

Welcome BBQ & "Meet the Teachers"

THANK YOU ... to everyone who came along to the 2025 Welcome BBQ and "Meet the Teachers" afternoon on Wednesday. We hope that you found the afternoon informative and enjoyed the chance to connect as a community. A copy of the information pamphlet for each class, that was available on the night, will be emailed to you.

An enormous thank you to the P&C for the FREE BBQ, and to all the volunteers who worked so hard to feed us all! Thank you too to the teaching staff for their time and informative presentations.





Community Liaison News

TRAFFIC SAFETY ON THE WAY TO AND FROM SCHOOL

We are continuing to work with Blue Mountains City Council to improve safety for our children as they come to and from school.

As you are aware, the Council have installed improved signage and crossing markings on Merriwa St at the front of the school, and have provided short-term Council traffic supervisors to assist at the crossing for the duration of the diversion of traffic from Lurline St (this traffic diversion is expected to finish by the end of March).

The Ada St "Kiss & Drop" zone is available in the morning to assist you with dropping children off, and avoids the busyness of Merriwa St.

The Council have provided us with the updated details of the school zone offences and corresponding fines.

We ask that all parents and carers also reinforce and model safe behaviours when out and about with your children. Transport NSW have some useful tips about talking to children about [road safety](#).



HELPING OUT AT SCHOOL

There are lots of ways that you can get involved and help out at school ... not only does your help mean we can offer even more opportunities to our kids, but it also shows your child that you value their education and their school, and it strengthens that very important relationship between home and school.

You can help with Breakfast Club each morning, or Sushi Fridays (once or twice a term), help at our Garden Working Bees, help cover books in the library, help in the uniform shop, help with fundraising or events such as the Welcome BBQ, and you can come to P&C meetings. We LOVE our volunteers!

If you can help with any of these things, please contact Cate at catriona.paterson@det.nsw.edu.au or leave your name at the Office.



SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?*



FACT

Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need **YOU** to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.



No Parking

You have 2 minutes to drop-off or pick-up and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

PENALTY
\$277
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS



No Stopping

You are not permitted to stop on a length of road with a no stopping sign.

PENALTY
\$410
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS



Bus Zone

You must not stop your vehicle in a Bus Zone unless you are driving a public bus.

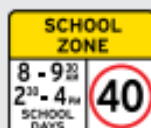
PENALTY
\$410
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS



Mobile Phone Use

Do not use a hand held mobile phone while driving.

MAX. PENALTY
\$544
+ 5 DEMERIT POINTS



School Zone

Speeding Offences

40kmph is the speed limit.
Children are vulnerable in school zones.

MAX. PENALTY
\$4643
+ 7 DEMERIT POINTS

Pedestrian Crossings

Do not stop or park on or near a marked crossing.

PENALTY
\$544
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

Driveways

Do not stop on or across a driveway.

PENALTY
\$410
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

Intersections

Do not stop on or within 20 metres of an intersection.

PENALTY
\$544
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

Parallel Parking

Must parallel park in direction of travel unless signpost states otherwise.

PENALTY
\$410
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

Double Parking

Do not double park in a school zone.

PENALTY
\$410
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

Footpath and Nature Strip

Do not stop on a footpath, nature strip or obstruct ramp or path access.

PENALTY
\$410
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

*Fines are current as of September 2024. Fines and demerit points are subject to change.

IT'S RAFFLE TIME!

We're celebrating the huge amounts of creativity & talent in our community with the **KPS Creativity Raffle!**

You (and your friends, family and acquaintances) are invited to donate a raffle prize ... Do you knit? Or crochet? Or paint? Make jewellery? Or sew? Or grow things? We'd LOVE one of your creations for our raffle (donations needed by 3 March).

Tickets will be available for sale within our community, and at the Blue Mountains Music Festival which is hosted at Katoomba Public School from 14-16 March. Thank you for your support, in helping to raise much needed funds for our school.

KATOOMBA PUBLIC SCHOOL RAFFLE

CELEBRATING CREATIVITY AND TALENT WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

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Whether it's handmade jewellery, beautiful artwork, delightful crafts, or exquisite plants, every contribution makes a difference.

Thank you for your support!

**DONATIONS
DUE BY
MONDAY 3RD
MARCH**



**PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL
OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS**

SUSHI FRIDAYS

Sushi Friday has started!

You can pre-order sushi for your child's lunch via [Quickclig](#). Sushi is purchased from Sushi & Co Katoomba, and picked up and packaged by fabulous KPS volunteers. Orders close at 8.30am each Friday morning.

Thank you, wonderful P&C for providing us with sushi on a Friday!

If you would like to help, please contact Cate at
catriona.paterson@det.nsw.edu.au.

P&C MEETING

The next P&C meeting is on **Wednesday, 12 March 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!

Swimming Carnival

What a wonderful swimming carnival we had! It was fantastic to see children cheering each other on, helping each other and participating. Congratulations to each and everyone of you for your fantastic behaviour and effort on the day. Congratulations too to those swimmers who earned a ribbon or qualified for the Zone Carnival. Thank you to Mrs Perry & Mr Nicholson for organising the Carnival, and to our fabulous parents and carer volunteers.



Kitchen Garden program

Our Kitchen Garden program started this week with 1-6M, 3/4F, 4/5BC, 5/6B & 5/6R. These classes will enjoy a garden lesson each week in Terms 1 & 2. The other classes will have garden lessons in Terms 3 & 4.

We had so much fun harvesting potatoes, sowing seeds and caring for the chickens. The Magpies found a parsnip that was SO big, it took the whole class to pull it up!





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.

Attendance Matters

Hi KPS,

Our attendance initiative is in full swing for 2025, with a brand-new attendance team bringing plenty of exciting initiatives to keep everyone eager and enthusiastic about coming to school—stay tuned!

Attendance has been great, but there's always room for improvement. The **4/5 Black Cockatoos** won the attendance award for the highest attendance percentage, while the **1/2 Emus** earned an award for the most improved attendance.

Remember, **three awards** earn the class a **popcorn party**!

Well done, KPS—keep popping in for positive attendance!

Mrs Perry



Let's start the Dharug Dhalang year, by saying hello to our friends:



Warami Midigar
hello friends



A NOTE FROM MANDS...(in the office)

Just a shout out to all our wonderful staff who keep the wheels turning in our fabulous school! Thank you for all that you do, you are all amazing!! BIG LOVE xxx



We had a SUPER exciting delivery today, from Jess, Mairade and Kane from Mitre 10 Katoomba. They brought us loads of goodies for our garden, including mulch, plants, seeds, potting mix and LOTS more!

Thank you soooo much, Mitre 10 team!

Thank you, Mitre 10 Katoomba!





Parenting Programs TERM 1, 2025

Courses provided FREE to residents of Penrith & Blue Mtns LGAs.
Phone 4720 6500 or email groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au



Program	Date/Time	Location	Register
Circle of Security Eight week program that helps parents form secure relationships and stronger bonds with their children.	Every Wednesday 19th Feb – 9th April 10:00am – 11:30am ** Childcare available ** Must register	Blaxland Uniting Church Hall 72 Old Bathurst Rd BLAXLAND	
Tuning in to Kids Six week program that teaches parents to help children understand and regulate their emotions.	Every Wednesday 26th Feb – 3rd April 6:30pm – 8:00pm	Online via ZOOM	
123 Magic & Emotion Coaching 4 week parenting program that equips you with the skills to manage children's challenging behaviours.	Every Monday 24th Feb – 17th Mar 6:30pm – 8:00pm	Online via ZOOM	
Anxiety Coach 4 week parenting program that helps reduce anxiety and build resilience in your children.	Every Tuesday 4th Mar – 25th Mar 6:00pm – 7:30pm	Nepean Christian School (Puggles Preschool) 836 Mulgoa Road MULGOA	

Register online at www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au



We acknowledge and respect the Traditional knowledge holders and custodians of the land on which we work, the Darug and Gundungurra people.

