



**The official newsletter
of Katoomba Public School**

Kat News

Term 1 Week 6, 7th March 2025

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Warami Midigar ~ Hello friends

Dear parents & caregivers,

It has been a wonderful few weeks at KPS, with teaching and learning programs in full swing. I am proud of the enthusiasm and dedication our students continue to show in all their activities.

In Week 5, we were fortunate to host the Life Education Van. Students had the opportunity to learn from Healthy Harold, the much-loved giraffe, who taught them about cyber safety and making healthy choices. It was an engaging and educational experience for all!

Last Wednesday Ms Charlton and I were fortunate enough to attend the Zone Swimming Carnival, where our students demonstrated incredible sportsmanship and enthusiasm. It was a pleasure to see them participate with such positivity and excitement. Special congratulations to Mae, who will be heading to Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre later this month to represent KPS and the Blue Mountains at the Sydney West competition. We wish you the best of luck, Mae!

Today, we were lucky to have Sergeant Kennet-Tribe from the NSW Police to deliver a valuable cyber safety talk to Stage 2 and Stage 3 students. They learned about the importance of engaging safely online and the dangers of sharing personal information. These lessons are essential in our digital age, and we are grateful to Sergeant Kennet-Tribe for his time and expertise.

I would like to congratulate Mrs Nankervis and the Rosella students for their excellent assembly on Thursday. Despite some technical difficulties, they managed to pull off a great presentation, and we are so proud of all their hard work. Just a reminder that assemblies are now 3-weekly on Thursday afternoons. It was

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*

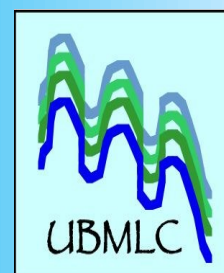
*Garden Bee CANCELLED
10 & 17 March*

*Our PBL focus is
'value, care
and respect' by being in
the right place, at the
right time & doing the
right thing AND being a
good friend.*

Coming up....

Tuesday-Friday	11-14 March	KPS Creativity Raffle tickets on sale
Tuesday	11 March	Year 6 KHS "sneak peek" & family info night
Wednesday	12 March	P&C meeting
Thursday	13 March	Stage 3 excursion to Australian Museum
Thursday-Friday	13-14 March	KPS Art Show open for families
Friday-Sunday	14-16 March	Blue Mountains Music Festival
Monday-Friday	17-21 March	Harmony Week
Tuesday	18 March	Koori Club to KHS
Wednesday	19 March	Athletics Carnival

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brilliant to see so many parents and carers there yesterday. We love having community members in our school to share in the successes, growth and achievements of our students and staff.

We continue to have various trades working on plumbing, landscaping, roofing and floor coverings around the school. I want to thank everyone—especially our staff and students—for their patience during this time. Once the work is completed, it will be well worth the wait!

Unfortunately, our attendance rates have dropped this fortnight, sitting just below 90%. Consistent attendance is crucial for student success, as it helps improve learning outcomes, increases future career opportunities and fosters positive relationships and confidence. If your child is having trouble attending school on time or is facing any challenges, please reach out to your child's class teacher to discuss how we can work together to support positive attendance and engagement moving forward.

Looking ahead, NAPLAN is fast approaching, with assessments taking place next week and the following week. NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy, all linked to the Australian Curriculum. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time every day during the assessment window, as this will help ensure a smooth and efficient testing process. We appreciate your ongoing support.

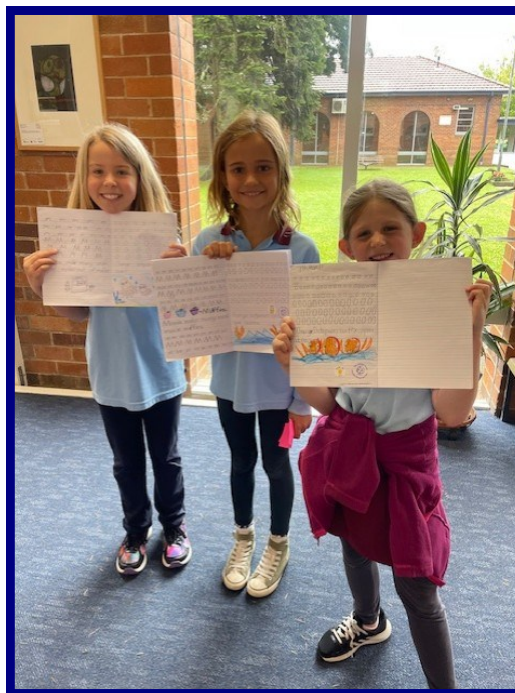
Finally, the Blue Mountains Music Festival (BMMF) is just around the corner. We encourage you to support our school by purchasing tickets for our raffle and attending the Festival. Heavily discounted tickets are available through the QuickCliq system for school families. A huge thank you to the BMMF committee and the P&C for organising this event! A massive thank you to everyone who generously (& enthusiastically) donated to our raffle. We have been overwhelmed by the kindness of our community! It is moments like this that show the true community spirit of our wonderful school.

As part of the BMMF, we are hosting a KPS art show. Join us on Thursday & Friday morning before school to view (and purchase!) the art!

As always, thank you for your continued support. Let's keep working together to make this a fantastic year for our students!



Relieving Principal—Katoomba Public School



Week 5

Macie	KE
Hamilton	KW
Leo	4/5BC
Heidi	3/4F
Hannah	5/6B
Levi	5/6R



Week 6

Lukin	1/2L
Samaya	1/2L
Sebastian	1/2L
Lana	1/2L
Riley	2/3N
Harley	1-6M
Violet	2/3N
Aras	3/4F
Vinzent	3/4F
Ahmad	4/5BC



Achievement Awards

Week 6

Penny	1/2L
Kora	3/4F
Elliot	4/5BC
Oskar	5/6B
Poppy	5/6B
Cormac	5/6B
Zoey	5/6B
Georgia	5/6R



Oscar	1/2L
Lexi	1/2L
Sebastian	1/2L
Svea	1/2L
Lana	1/2L
Penny	1/2L
Lukin	1/2L
Zoe	1/2L
Namsel	1/2E
Grace	1/2E
Rylan	1/2E
Yousef	1/2E
George	1/2E
Bonnie	1/2E
Rowland	1/2E
James	1/2E
Tom	1/2E
Jordyn	1/2E
Harvey	1/2E
Tilly	2/3N
Rachel	2/3N

Week 6



PBL Awards

Week 6 - Being a good friend

Whole class	KE
Whole class	KW
Reggie	1/2L
Kelly	1/2L
David	1/2E
Bonnie	1/2E
Tom	1/2E
Freddie	3/4F
Leo	4/5BC
Stella	5/6B
Oscar	5/6R

Zara	2/3N
Lily	2/3N
Vinzent	2/3N
Tilly	3/4F
Freddie	3/4F
Henry	3/4F
Kora	3/4F
Luca	3/4F
Jaxon	3/4F
Heidi	3/4F
Francesco	3/4F
Ahmad	4/5BC
Leila	4/5BC
Jean-Paul	4/5BC
Lincoln	4/5BC
Neriah	5/6B
Elizabeth	5/6B
Josie	5/6B
Georgia	5/6R
Edmond	5/6R



Happy Birthday to the following people who have had a birthday in weeks 5 & 6

Mattias	KW
Elijah	2/3N
Kora	3/4F
Taleisha	5/6R
Macie	KE
Willow	1/2L



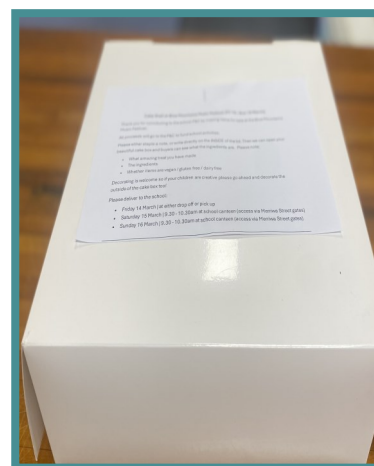
Jett	5/6B
Hazel	4/5BC
Josie	5/6B
Freddie	3/4F
Lama	5/6R
Zeinab	5/6B



Calling all bakers!

The P&C are raising money for our school at the Blue Mountains Music Festival this weekend at a KPS Cake Stall. **If you can help by donating a cake or biscuits or other tasty treat, pop by the Office any day this week and pick up a cake box to fill.**

Cake donations can be dropped to school on Friday, 14 March or over the weekend if you are coming to the Festival. All the details you need to know are on the cake box. Thank you for helping (and thank you P&C for organising!).



Harmony Week at KPS ... 17-21 March

HARMONY@KPS

"We all have a role to play"

Week 8 - Monday 17th - Friday 21st March

Harmony Week is all about celebrating the rich diversity of cultures in Australia and at KPS! It's a time to promote inclusivity, kindness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone, no matter their cultural or language background.

FAMILY PICNIC & PERFORMANCE DAY & DRESS UP

On Friday 21st March, Week 8

- Wear orange or your cultural dress
- Gold coin donation, raising money for Blue Mountains Refugee Support Group
- Family Picnic from 1:15pm. Please BYO snacks and picnic rugs.
- Followed by a whole-school and family Harmony Assembly from 2pm

KPS HARMONY POSTER COLLAGE

We are creating a photo collage keepsake for the school to showcase Harmony @ KPS.

Please send a photo of your child's face to:
abbey.fellows2@det.nsw.edu.au

DUE: Wednesday 19th, Week 8

***but you can start sending them in now**



HARMONY *week*

CREATIVE COMPETITION

Showcase your creativity in our
Harmony Week Competitions.

Winners and prizes from each stage!

Create something that aligns with the 2025
Harmony Week slogan:

"Harmony - We all have a role to play!"

You could create a poem, song, artwork
(ANYTHING - **BE CREATIVE**)!

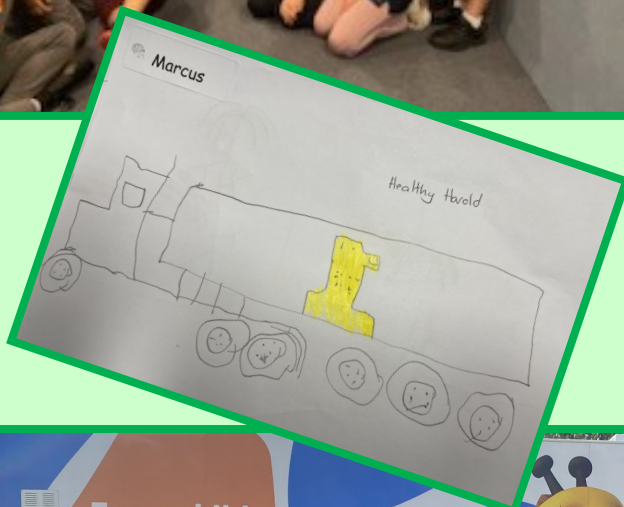
DUE: Thursday 20th, Week 8

****Winners will be announced at the Harmony
Assembly on Friday 21st (Week 8) and winning
entries will be published in KatNEWS.**

*This is an optional task for those students who
wish to create something at home.*

Healthy Harold comes to KPS

It was fabulous having Healthy Harold come and visit us again. The children enjoyed his visit and learnt about important topics, in an age-appropriate manner, such as the importance of nutrition and physical exercise, strategies to dealing with cyberbullying and bullying, resilience, respectful relationships and ways to keep safe at school and home. Thank you, Ms Charlton for organising Harold's visit.





Community Liaison News

MERRIWA ST CROSSING

Thank you to the Blue Mountains City Council staff who have been helping at our Merriwa St crossing in the mornings and afternoons.

We have been advised by Council that the traffic diversion from Lurline St, up Merriwa St, has ceased and so the council staff will no longer be present.

Thank you for taking care, driving safely and observing all signage and road rules as you drop off and pick up your children each day. If you observe any traffic incidents that concern you, please let us know so that we can continue to work together to help keep our children safe.

BLUE MOUNTAINS MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Festival is on at our school from Friday, 14 March to Sunday, 16 March. You will see equipment and tents being set up leading up to, and after, the Festival. Please take care as you move around the school and do not enter cordoned off areas.



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 this **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!

Zone Swimmers

A HUGE congratulations to the KPS swimmers who represented our school at the Zone Swimming Carnival. Thank you for your exemplary behaviour, good sportsmanship and for representing our school so wonderfully. And thank you too to the parents and carers who transported and supported the swimmers!

Ollie came first in his backstroke heat, Mae came second overall in the Junior Girls' breaststroke and everyone swam super well. Congratulations, everyone!



RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

An ENORMOUS thank you to all the people & businesses who have donated prizes for the **KPS Creativity Raffle**! We are so lucky to be part of such a generous and creative community. **Come along to the Community Room before school, Tuesday—Friday from 8.40am to 9.10am and buy your tickets!** Pop your ticket in the box beside the prize you would like to win!

1 ticket—\$2

3 tickets—\$5

7 tickets—\$10

Book of 50 tickets—\$50

Thank you to all the generous people who have donated these prizes:

Bonsai English Elm from Wayne

Fruit baskets from Toderellos

Gift boxes from Debbie

Knitted hat from Jo

Wine from staff

Minerva's bower voucher from Clare

Wreath from Michelle

Jacket from Jane

Station Bar voucher from John and Filia

Scenic World & Carrington Hamper from Anthea

Scenic World passes from Anthea

Jewellery & bags from Jenny

Crochet from Debbie, Cate, Margaret

Cross stitch from Helen

Firewood cover from Michal

Hamper from Alice

Massage voucher from Natalie

Vintage skyway cushion from Fiona

Earrings from Olive

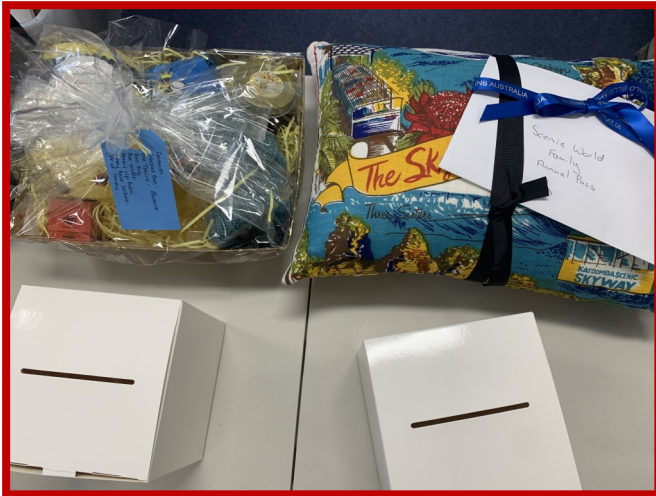
Paintings from Helen

Quilted cushion covers & doll from Heather

Books from Eloise

Cat & dog hamper from Nicky

Jewellery from Amanda



Wooden boxes from Stuart's dad

Fruit cake from Stuart's mum

Keyrings from Jane

Candles from Heidi

Painting & gift set from the Rendells

Explorer bus passes from Jason at
Fantastic Aussie Tours

Coffee vouchers from Cassiopeia



Thank you to these businesses for supporting KPS

We have had some more generous donations from local businesses, generously supporting our school and our kids.

Sun Valley Produce donated potting mix and a variety of manures to help our Kitchen Garden grow.

Mitre 10 Katoomba donated even more garden resources, including hoses, hose fittings and tools. (If you drop into Mitre 10 and let them know you are from KPS they will gift you a free kids' t-shirt, while stocks last.)

Charlie Carp donated cute little pots made out of recycled plastic and natural fertiliser.

Scenic World lent us the amazing Saif, who worked with Seth to fix up and build a wall in one of our bathrooms; and Zuzanna who spent hours working in Guma Gurung.

An enormous thank you to these local businesses for helping make it possible to run special programs like our Kitchen Garden program, and to Natalie who connected with these fabulous businesses on our behalf.



BMCC Councillors support our Guma Dancers

Thank you to Councillors Sarah Redshaw, Suzie Van Opdorp and Brent Hoare for donating \$700 towards a costume for our Guma Dancers.

They will look even more fabulous in their new costume than they do already!.

If you're coming to the Blue Mountains Music Festival opening ceremony on Friday, 14 March at 7pm, you will get a chance to see the Guma Dancers perform, along with one of our choirs.



MONDAY WORKING BEES

THERE WILL BE NO WORKING BEE ON MONDAYS, 10 & 17 MARCH

Please note that we will not be holding our regular working bees on the next two Mondays, due to the Blue Mountains Music Festival set up and pack down.

BUT ... join us **every Monday afternoon from 3pm to 4pm** after that for a Kitchen Garden working bee! 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.

LEARN TO PLAY BASKETBALL



REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Our Development Programs are the perfect choice for primary school children who are eager to learn the fundamentals of basketball in a safe and supportive environment

Two programs a year:

- Summer: Term 4 to Term 1
- Winter: Term 2 to Term 3

REGISTER

<https://bluemountainsbasketball.com.au/>

SKILL BUILDER (10-12 YRS)

Friday 4.10pm - 5.00pm

LEARN TO PLAY (6-9 YRS)

Saturday 9.00am - 10.00am

COST

Available on website

LOCATION

Katoomba Sports & Aquatic Centre

TO BOOK FREE TRIAL CONTACT

operations@bluemountainsbasketball.com.au



BASKETBALL COME & TRY

FREE



EVENT

**FRIDAY 4th APRIL 2025 | 4-6 PM
KATOOMBA AQUATIC CENTRE**

**JUMP INTO THE WORLD OF BASKETBALL, GRAB A MATE AND
REGISTER FOR A FREE AFTERNOON OF FUN!**

ALL KIDS WELCOME | AGES 7 TO 12

**SPECIAL GUEST COACH
SYDNEY FLAMES PLAYER CAITLYN MARTIN**

REGISTER NOW VIA LINK OR QR Code
<https://bnsw.info/OMOG-Try>



Transport for NSW

Free child car seat safety check



2 in 3 car seats are not used correctly

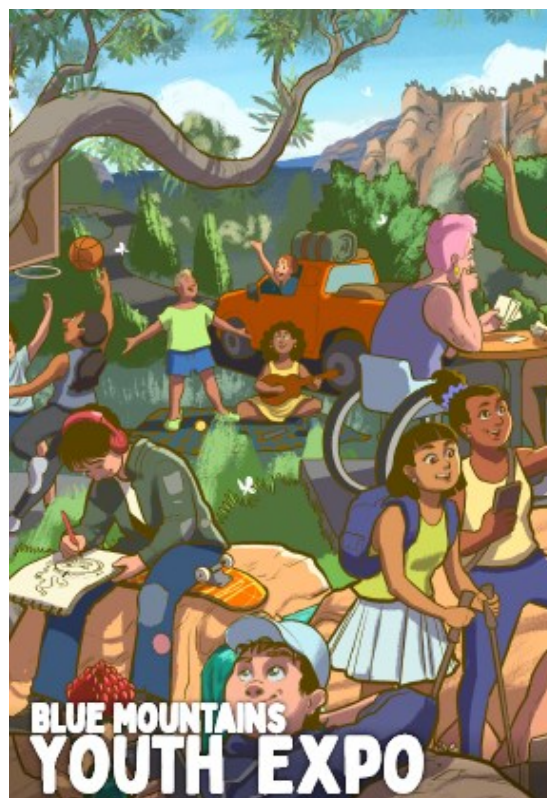
Make sure your child is safe with a free inspection by a Transport for NSW Authorised Restraint Fitter. You can have your child car seats and booster seats checked for safety and correct fit.

DATE: Saturday 22 March 2025
TIME: 9am - 1pm
LOCATION: United Cinema, Katoomba (underground car park)

Bookings are essential. Call 4780 5000 or email council@bmcc.nsw.gov.au



An initiative of your local council and Transport for NSW as part of the Local Government Road Safety Program



Do you have a young person starting high school?
Find out what's on offer for people aged 12 – 18 years.

UPPER MOUNTAINS EXPO

Tuesday 18 March

5.30 – 7.30pm
Civic Arcade
81-83 Katoomba St, Katoomba

LOWER MOUNTAINS EXPO

Wednesday 26 March

5.30 – 7.30pm
Blue Mountains Theatre and Community Hub,
106 Macquarie Rd, Springwood

STALLS | POP-UP PERFORMANCES | BBQ

Find out about:

- sporting and recreational groups
- free youth services and drop in spaces
- free and confidential wellbeing support

The Expo is free, younger siblings are welcome, and there's no need to register.





Parenting Programs TERM 2, 2025

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

FREE

Program	Date/Time	Location	Register
Circle of Security Seven week program that helps parents form secure relationships and stronger bonds with their children (0-12 yrs).	Every Monday 12th May - 30th June 6:30pm - 8:00pm	Little Zak's Academy 14-28 Whitecross Rd WINMALEE	
Tuning in to Teens Six week program that teaches parents to help children (10-18 yrs) understand and regulate their emotions.	Every Monday 19th May - 30th June 6:30pm - 8:00pm	Online via ZOOM	
Bush Playgroup Six week interactive outdoor workshop for parents & carers and their children aged (3-5 yrs).	Every Friday 23rd May - 27th June 9:30am - 11:30am	Lapstone Public School 1/3 Achievement Ave LAPSTONE	
Cool Little Kids Six week program that gives parents skills to help their (0-6 yr) old children manage their anxiety.	Every Wednesday 21st May - 25th June 10:30am - 12:00noon ** Childcare available ** Must register	Blaxland Uniting Church Hall 72 Old Bathurst Rd BLAXLAND	

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.

