



**The official newsletter
of Katoomba Public School**

Kat News

Term 1 Week 8, 21st March 2025

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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
'borrowing sports
equipment' &
'embracing diversity
& difference'.*

Warami Midigar ~ Hello friends

Dear parents & caregivers,

Welcome to our Week 8 newsletter!

It has been an incredibly busy fortnight here at Katoomba Public School. We were thrilled to host the Blue Mountains Music Festival once again, transforming our school grounds into a vibrant music festival. The live performances were fantastic, and seeing the rainbow flags flying above the big top added a special touch. A heartfelt thank you to our P&C for their tremendous efforts in the lead-up to the event and throughout the weekend. The cake stall and raffle were hugely successful, and I was overwhelmed by the generosity of those businesses and families who donated cakes and raffle items. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces volunteering their time to support our school while enjoying some truly incredible musical performances, including my favourite the very talented 19 Twenty! The festival was a brilliant showcase of community spirit, and I felt immensely proud to be part of the Katoomba team.

This week, we also held our amazing Athletics Carnival at Pitt Park, and we were blessed with beautiful weather. It was fantastic to see everyone participating with such enthusiasm and sportsmanship. A big thank you to Mr Nicholson and Mrs Perry for their incredible organisation, which made the event run smoothly and successfully. The positive energy and camaraderie displayed by our students were truly inspiring!

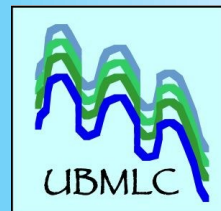
In other news, our Year 6 students had the opportunity to attend a Sneak Peek at Katoomba High School as part of their transition activities. Thank you to Mr Bourke and Mr Lawday for accompanying them and making this experience enjoyable. Stay tuned for more transition activities in the coming terms.

A big thank you to Mrs Nankervis for organising the Stage 3 excursion to the Australian Museum. It was a wonderful experience, and our students had a fantastic time exploring and learning. The museum has an incredible range of displays where students were able to experience science, culture, art & nature.

Coming up....

Wednesday	26 March	School photo day
Monday	31 March	Parent-Teacher interviews
Monday-Thursday	7-10 April	Book Fair in the Library
Thursday	10 April	Easter Hat Parade & hot cross bun day

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Our Koori Club recently visited Birraban at Katoomba High School, where students participated in various cultural experiences, including discussions on connecting to Country, engaging in a dance circle and more. The Koori Club met with Katoomba HS students, building positive relationships that we will build upon throughout the year. Thank you to Ms King, Mr Marshall, Miss Mandy and Uncle David King for making this event possible.

This week, we celebrated Harmony Week, and I want to extend a huge thank you to Miss Fellows for coordinating an incredible series of events that highlight the true meaning of Harmony Day. This day recognises Australia's cultural diversity and the many benefits it brings to our community. At KPS we are fortunate to have a richly diverse student population. Recently, we collated our English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D) data, revealing that nearly a quarter of our students—50 in total—come from language backgrounds other than English (LBOTE) and 8% of our students are Indigenous. The languages represented in our school include Arabic, Bisaya, Cantonese, Czech, Dari, Dutch, French, German, Hindi, Italian, Khmer, Nepali, Norwegian, Sinhalese, Swedish, Tagalog, Thai, Tibetan and Turkish. This incredible diversity is something we are excited to celebrate, and I commend Miss Fellows for her exceptional work in bringing our community together.

We were also fortunate to have had Mr Isaac visit our school to teach drumming to some of our students. This experience focused on teamwork, friendship and belonging, all while enjoying the joy of music. A huge thank you to Mr Isaac for sharing his talents with us! We look forward to having him back to visit again someday soon!

You may have noticed some ongoing improvements to our playground spaces. Mr Gaynor has been working tirelessly to tidy and update our gardens. If you see a weed, please pull it out; if you notice some rubbish, kindly pick it up. Together, we can keep our school beautiful—check out these before and after pictures!



Our attendance for Week 8 is at 89%. While this reflects positive growth from 2024, I would love to see our attendance consistently exceed 90%. Regular attendance is crucial for academic success, building friendships and fostering confidence. Please continue to encourage & support your child to attend school everyday. If they are absent, please ensure this absence is explained on SchoolBytes in a timely manner.

Lastly, I want to remind everyone to communicate respectfully with one another on our grounds and during school events. The best educational outcomes happen when parents and schools collaborate as partners. Building strong relationships with parents, carers and our school community is fundamental in promoting positive student behaviour. Let's continue to ensure that all interactions are respectful and supportive.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our school community.



Relieving Principal—Katoomba Public School

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH AWARD

This year, Katoomba Public School has joined the National Australia Day Council's "Aussie of the Month" program. This program supports positive behaviour in schools by rewarding a student for their active citizenship.

Our very first Aussie of the Month Award goes to ... Hanna!

Hanna is a junior Library Monitor this year, and even though she hasn't had the job for long, she has been so eager and shown so much initiative. Hanna turns up to library regularly at lunchtime, asking what she can do to help. She quietly goes about her job and has even started helping other students find books they were looking for. I think this demonstrates great KPS citizenship and makes Hanna a perfect recipient for our first Aussie of the Month.

Congratulations, Hanna ... and thank you for all you do to help your fellow students and your teachers!



Week 7

Maison	KE
Zahra	KW
Bonnie	1/2E
Vera	1/2E
Heidi	3/4F
Ahmad	5/6BC
Zeinab	5/6B
Zoey	5/6B
AJ	5/6R
Georgia	5/6R



Week 8

Oscar	1/2L
Penny	1/2L
Lana	1/2L
Tilly	2/3N
Henry	3/4F
Poppy	5/6R



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to everyone who has had a birthday in weeks 7 & 8

Theodore	KW
James	1/2E
Gyutrul	1/2E
Oskar	4/5BC



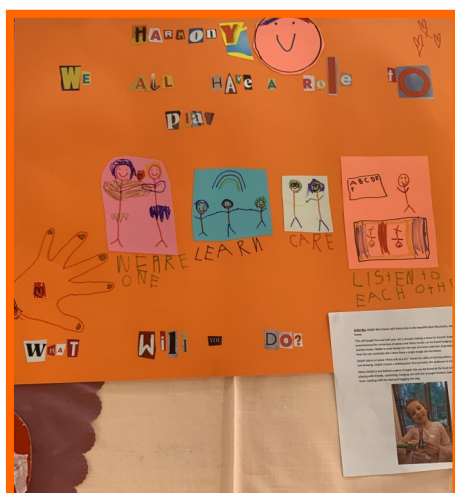
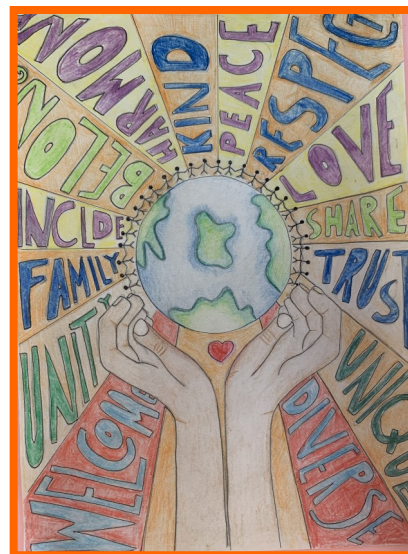
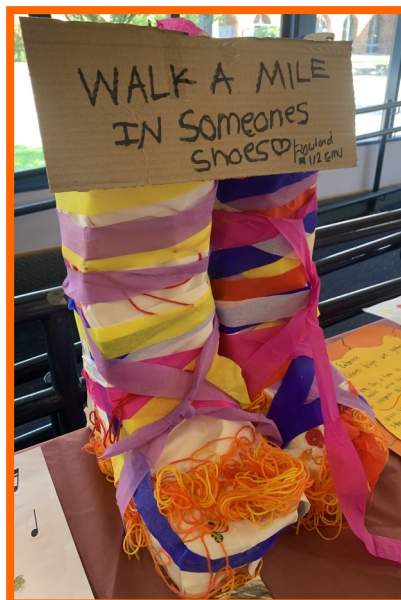
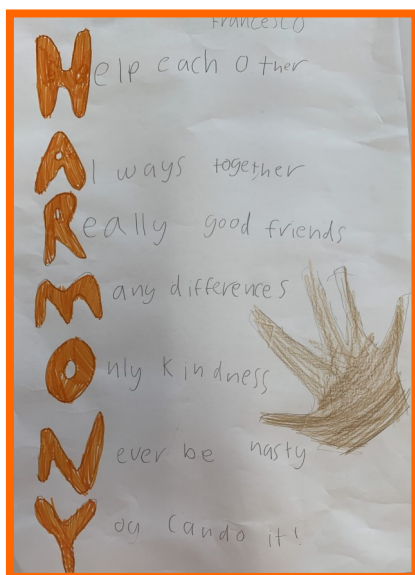
Leo	4/5BC
Mae	4/5BC
Ariane	1/2L

Harmony Week Creative Competition

An ENORMOUS thank you and congratulations to everyone who entered the Harmony Week Creative Competition. Thank you to the families who supported the entrants.

Every single entry was creative, clever, thoughtful and fitted the 2025 Harmony Week theme of, "Everyone Has a Role to Play" ... picking winners was a very difficult job! Congratulations to the winners ... from Kindy: Ella, Sophia & Delphi; from Stage 1: Rowland; from Stage 2: Francesco; and the Stage 3 winner.

All works are still on display in the Hall—feel free to pop by this week and admire the creativity and efforts of our students.



Harmony Week @ KPS





Community Liaison News

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent-Teacher interviews are next week, with interview slots available from 8.30am-5pm, Monday, 31 March to Friday, 4 April.

Details will be sent out via SchoolBytes this week. You will be able to book an interviews via SchoolBytes – bookings will open on Thursday—and you will be able to select either face-to-face or phone interviews. We hope this makes it easier.

FROM YOUR P&C ...

This year's fundraising efforts at the Blue Mountains Music Festival hit all the right notes. The Raffle, Cake Stall and Art Show saw impressive school community involvement, generating a total of approximately \$8,000 in combined revenue.



Despite the warm weather, it didn't dampen anyone's appetite. The team quickly adapted, adding ice creams to the menu, and we soon had people lining up for a little extra Tuck Shop love. Over at the Raffle stand, festival goers discovered the excitement of the Tombola, with fantastic prizes and instant wins! There was a buzz ...perhaps from all that sugar?!

The generosity of the event patrons was heartwarming — many customers were heard chatting with volunteers, expressing how much they appreciated that their purchases were supporting the school. "Don't worry about the change love", was music to our ears. Thank you, KPS school community for all the delicious cakes, raffle items, beautiful art, and, most importantly, your time and support.

Final takings from the Blue Mountains Music Festival will be shared at next month's P&C meeting, on **Wednesday, 9th April at 6pm**. Everyone is welcome!

Our next fundraising event will be the Federal Election BBQ—be sure to come along and grab yourself a democracy sausage, and if you'd like to get involved and help leave your name & number at the Office or contact the P&C at kps.secretary1@gmail.com.

Peace and love, *KPS P&C Executive Team*

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 selling hot cross buns for a gold coin donation ... GF & vegan options available too.

Picnic—1.20pm-1.55pm

Hat Parade—2pm-2.55pm

Book Fair—Book Fair will be open too



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. You will be able to pay by cash or card, and the school will receive a percentage of sales towards new books for our library.

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 up coming plans and events.

Thank you, P&C members!

2025 Athletics Carnival





BLUE KANGAROOS! ALL INCLUSIVE FOOTBALL



Come join the amazingly fun

BLUE KANGAROOS!

We are an all aged **inclusive football team**. We gather Saturdays in the school terms 11:30 to play football. Join us to learn ball skills, make friends, have lots of fun and become a valued team member. We support players to join in any way that works for them and at their own pace. After a run around we hang out and have a sausage and chat. Siblings are welcome to join us too!

Registration fees- \$85 (per family) but please see Bron or Lisa if this is tricky. Visit www.hazelbrookhawks.com.au for rego instructions.

We "KICK OFF" at Gloria Park Hazelbrook

March 29 11:30(or when you can get there)

Please ring Bron 0422493895 or Lisa 0413548562 with any questions.

Absolutely everyone warmly welcome!



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WOMEN'S OVER 30'S FOOTBALL

REGISTER NOW

If you have been inspired by the Matilda's, spent hours watching other people play or just decided you want to give it a go then this is the team for you !

It doesn't matter if you are new to soccer or your skills have become rusty after a season or decade off. We want you !



PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE NOW TO REGISTER
OR REGISTER ON THE WENTWORTH FALLS
FOOTBALL CLUB SITE.

ALL GAMES WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY NIGHTS




Join us in 2025

**KATOOMBA
PHYSIE**

Classes held at
Katoomba
Civic Centre

**Class times 2025
Wednesday's**

- Petites 4:30pm to 5.00pm
- 5 to 8 years 5:00pm to 5:45 pm
- 9 to 12 years 5:45pm to 6:30pm
- 13 to 16 years 6:30pm to 7:15pm
- ladies 7:15pm to 8:00pm

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EPphysie Phone: Kelly 0400 590 755



Parenting Programs TERM 2, 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 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 <i>** Childcare available</i> <i>** Must register</i>	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.

