Wow! We have completed our first full term at KPS in 2020. Everyone is tired but we did it!

I would like to acknowledge the effort, persistence, patience and resilience our school community has shown, especially the students. Term 3 COVID has allowed more consistency and consolidation, allowing the teachers at Kurrajong PS to do what they are passionate about - to teach well.

I want to acknowledge the sacrifices families are making during these COVID times. We understand these are stressful times, but please always remember, ‘You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, smarter than you think, and loved more than you'll ever know.’ - A.A. Milne

You and your child’s mental wellbeing is very important to Kurrajong PS, please do not hesitate to have a chat if you ever need to.

Today we held our Clayton’s Athletic Carnival to maintain some normality. It wasn't a regular carnival but our students had a wonderful time. A big thank you to Mr Wegg and Mrs Barwick for their fantastic organisation.
LAST WEEK I received news that Miss Bernacki has decided to retire from teaching. Miss Bernacki has been an intrinsic part of the fabric of Kurrajong Public School for many, many years and will be missed by past and present students alike. In Miss Bernacki’s words, “... decades of dedication to students and public education are now at an end. I have many wonderful memories of the children I have taught and the people who made my job such a joy. They will remain with me ...”

For the past term Mr Luke Brandjes has done an amazing job looking after Miss Bernacki’s charges in 3/4 Orange and I’m very happy to say he has agreed to continue doing so for Term 4.

Mr Brandjes will have the class from Monday to Thursday and Mrs Roxanne Surace will cover the class on Fridays.

Miss Bernacki does not just retire from class teaching but she also retires from the position of Assistant Principal. This means I am now in the process of forming a panel, publishing an advertisement and interviewing prospective applicants.

As part of the panel process I have asked our P&C president Mrs Pilgrim to nominate a parent representative. It is a requirement of the process that this person MUST be a member of the school’s P&C.

SCHOOL eNEWS

Have you registered for eNews yet?

Electronic permission notes are now being sent home instead of paper ones. If you have already subscribed to both Newsletters AND class lists, the process should be seamless. However if you are having difficulty with this new process please let us know and we will be able to assist you with the set up process.

I think you’ll agree that it really is an easy and efficient way to respond to school notes.

The school eNews App has been updated and improved and now allows parents to complete absence notes as well as permission notes for excursions and incursions etc. and thereby will minimise the need for those endless notes going back and forth.

Remember - subscribe to eNews!

TELL THEM FROM ME PARENT SURVEY

Each year our school undertakes the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement. Please ensure that you contribute to our continual school improvements by completing this survey. To access the survey please visit: [http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/bwjy](http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/bwjy)

2021 ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2021 are now being accepted. Children born between August 1 2015 and July 31 2016 are eligible to enrol.

Parents wishing to enrol a child for school next year should come to the office and speak to Mrs Bartley, our Enrolment Officer, between 10:00am and 2:00pm during the school term. Please note that due to adult social distancing rules we can only attend to one family at a time. You may be asked to wait outside for a short period of time.

In order to receive the Application for Enrolment package, please bring with you a hard copy of the following original documents:

- child’s birth certificate for proof of age
- Passports and visas for parents and students if born overseas
- Proof of residence (current council rate notice or lease agreement, with copy of Rental Bond Board deposit receipt and 3 (three) utility bills e.g. gas or electricity account, water bill, mobile or landline telephone account)

You will also need to bring your child’s up to date immunisation certificate and, if your child suffers from asthma, or an allergy, we will require a letter from your doctor providing us with information on the diagnosis.

Have a safe and well deserved break.

See you in Term 4!

Miss R
PUBLIC SPEAKING

This year Kurrajong Public School had all students from Stage 2 and Stage 3 enter the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition.

From this competition, Georgia and Myree from Stage 2 as well as Olivia and Matilda from Stage 3 were selected to compete at the local level.

We would like to congratulate both Georgia and Myree who received the award of highly commended for their speeches in the Stage 2 competition.

It is with great excitement to announce that both Olivia and Matilda were successful in the local competition and will be participating in the Regional Final in Term 4.

Well done to all of the participants across Stage 2 and Stage 3.

KPS ASSESSMENT CHECK IN

This term, Year 3 and Year 5 have participated in the Department of Education Assessment Check In.

This was produced as an external assessment to provide teachers with information about how the students were progressing despite the impact of COVID 19.

Students sat a Numeracy and Reading test and staff were able to access the results within one day. The information from these assessments will be used to guide future teaching and learning programs.

Congratulations to all students who participated in this assessment.

BOOK CHARACTER PARADE

We will be holding our Book Parade on Wednesday October 21.

We are looking forward to seeing some creative costumes again this year.

Students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character or in a costume to match the theme.

This year, the theme is Curious Creatures, Wild Minds– Costumes need not be expensive as many book character costumes can be created using everyday clothing.

Unfortunately due to current COVID restrictions, parents will be unable to attend this event.

More information in this newsletter.