

# The Waratah

17 December 2020

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

This is the last newsletter for 2020. I'm sure there is a big sigh of relief among teachers AND students that 2020 is finally coming to an end. It has been a year of many challenges and I'm extremely proud of all of our staff who have risen to every challenge 2020 has thrown at them.

On behalf of the staff of Kurrajong Public School, I would like to wish all families a safe and restful festive season. We look forward to another fantastic year in 2021.

Yesterday we said goodbye to our Year 6 students. We hope they take away many fond memories of their time at Kurrajong Public School, and we wish them all the very best for the future. We will miss you all!

### PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

Thank you to all of the parents and community members for attending our annual presentation assembly 'virtually' and of course those invitees who were there in person. The assembly was very successful and it was great to celebrate so many wonderful student achievements, as well as the many fantastic events of 2020.

Well done to the students for their tremendous efforts during 2020. Thank you to Mrs Barwick and Mrs Stapleton for doing a wonderful job organising the assembly. Congratulations also to Mr Hurley and our school band who sounded magnificent via their pre-recorded item at the assembly.

Well done to all involved! The awards presented are noted on the following pages.



### 2021 Term 1

Week 1  
CANTEEN CLOSED ALL WEEK

29 January

Years 1-6 start school  
Best Start Assessments

Week 2  
CANTEEN  
OVER THE COUNTER SALES ONLY

1 February

Kindergarten start school

17 February

KPS Swimming Carnival



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Thank you to the Kurrajong Public School P&C for their tireless efforts organising COVID modified functions during the year. Being a part of a P&C must look so easy from the outside but it isn't! You may have read that our P&C executive have retired. Whilst I thank them for their dedication and commitment to our school, I look forward to working with a brand new team next year.

This year we say goodbye to Mrs Jenny Cook. Mrs Cook has been a huge part of KPS over the years. She has applied more ice packs and dried more tears than I care to remember. Mrs Cook is set to enjoy a sea change on the north coast and to say she will be missed is an understatement.

Mr Brandjes has been a stalwart this year; stepping in to relieve Miss Bernacki through COVID restrictions and beyond. He has decided to take a break from teaching but I sincerely hope we see him at KPS again in any capacity. I thank him for his contribution to our school and wish him all the very best.

To the families who are returning to Kurrajong Public School in 2021, we look forward to working with you next year and we also thank you for your patience and understanding during what has been a difficult year. The number of parents willing to volunteer their time to assist the school, even during COVID has been overwhelming.

School will resume on Friday 29 January for students in Years 1-6. 2021 Kindergarten students will commence their 'real' school on Monday 1 February.

## CLASS STRUCTURES 2021

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During the last few weeks, teachers have been completing the lengthy job of looking at classes and student placements for 2021. Many aspects of a student's placement are taken into consideration, to carefully place every child. The teachers possess information on each student's academic ability, reading levels, mathematics ability and emotional and social needs. Student friendship groups are taken into consideration as well. Possible friendship groups are one consideration in the placement however, it is viewed in terms of 'learning buddies' not necessarily 'social buddies'. While having a special friend is important, I remind everyone that these are class groups for **learning**.

As you can see, this is a very thorough process that involves considerable time, sensitivity and care. This is not a process about one child. Every child is important. All children are given consideration. Every child is placed in reference to a bigger plan of how students, classes and teachers come together for optimal learning. I thank all of our teachers and support staff for their input and support of this critical process.

Please remember, these may be temporary class allocations. The final composition of classes will not be determined and released until the commencement of 2021 after all late enrolments have been considered. As it currently stands with projected enrolments we will be forming eleven classes. Teachers will plan and organise in teaching stages, with each stage having equal support from the Assistant Principals. Classroom teachers will still have responsibility for the management and organisation of their own class.

## FRIDAY 29 JANUARY 2021

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For the first day back next year, these procedures will be followed. All students will assemble in the hall when the 9:15am bell rings. New students starting at Kurrajong Public School will need to go to the office and then directed to the Hall. When all rolls have been completed, for their classes for 2020, groupings will be announced for 2021.

We would appreciate parents departing the school in the usual manner. This can often be a nervous time for students and parents. Past experience indicates that if parents are present, the anxiety that children may be experiencing is often heightened. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Have a wonderful, safe and loving Christmas and New Year!

Miss R



# Student Equipment Lists - 2021

Below is a copy of the equipment lists required for stages next year.

Please remember to label all items with your child's name.

## EARLY STAGE 1 Kindergarten

- Box of tissues x 2
- Hand sanitiser pump pack x 2
- Pack of baby wipes
- Paint shirt
- Plastic A4 document wallet x 2

## STAGE ONE Year 1 & 2

- Box of tissues x 2
- Hand sanitiser pump pack x 2
- Pack of baby wipes
- Glue sticks x 4
- A4 exercise book (homework)
- A4 plastic document wallets x 2

## STAGE TWO Years 3 & 4

- Box of tissues x 2
- Hand sanitiser x 2
- Glue sticks x 4
- Coloured pencils
- Lead pencils
- 128pg A4 exercise book x 2 (homework)
- A4 cardboard document wallet x 2
- 30cm clear plastic ruler
- Scissors
- Textas—optional
- Pencil case
- Sharpener & erasers
- Pens - black, blue & red

## STAGE THREE Years 5 & 6

- Box of tissues x 2
- Hand sanitiser x 2
- Glue sticks x 4
- Coloured pencils
- Lead pencils
- Textas—optional
- Scissors
- Sharpener & erasers
- Highlighters x 4
- 30cm clear plastic ruler
- 128p A4 exercise book x 2 (homework)
- A4 cardboard document wallets x 4
- Pens - black, blue & red
- Geometry set
- Small pencil case



# Term 1 2021



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1	<b>Mon 25/01</b>	<b>Tue 26/01</b> Australia Day 	<b>Wed 27/01</b>	<b>Thur 28/01</b>	<b>Fri 29/01</b> Students return 1-6 <b>Best Start Assessments – by appointment</b>	<b>Sat/Sun</b>
2	<b>Mon 01/02</b> Kinder begin	<b>Tue 02/02</b>	<b>Wed 03/02</b>	<b>Thur 04/02</b> <b>Newsletter</b>	<b>Fri 05/02</b>	<b>Sat/Sun</b>
3	<b>Mon 08/02</b>	<b>Tue 09/02</b>	<b>Wed 10/02</b>	<b>Thur 11/02</b> <b>Welcome BBQ</b> Meet the Teacher Night	<b>Fri 12/02</b> <b>Assembly</b>	<b>Sat/Sun</b>
4	<b>Mon 15/02</b>	<b>Tue 16/02</b> P&C Meeting 6.00pm AGM	<b>Wed 17/02</b> Swimming Carnival	<b>Thur 18/02</b> <b>Newsletter</b>	<b>Fri 19/02</b>	<b>Sat/Sun</b>
5	<b>Mon 22/02</b>	<b>Tue 23/02</b>	<b>Wed 24/02</b>	<b>Thur 25/02</b>	<b>Fri 26/02</b> SRC & Library Assembly	<b>Sat/Sun</b>
6	<b>Mon 01/03</b>	<b>Tue 02/03</b>	<b>Wed 03/03</b> Zone Swimming Carnival	<b>Thur 04/03</b> <b>Newsletter</b>	<b>Fri 05/03</b>	<b>Sat/Sun</b>
7	<b>Mon 8/03</b>	<b>Tue 9/03</b>	<b>Wed 10/03</b> Scripture Starts	<b>Thur 11/03</b>	<b>Fri 12/03</b> <b>Assembly</b>	<b>Sat/Sun</b>
8	<b>Mon 15/03</b>	<b>Tue 16/03</b> P&C Meeting 6.00pm	<b>Wed 17/03</b> Stage 3 Camp	<b>Thur 18/03</b> Stage 3 Camp <b>Newsletter</b>	<b>Fri 19/03</b> Stage 3 Camp	<b>Sat/Sun</b>
9	<b>Mon 22/03</b>	<b>Tue 23/03</b>	<b>Wed 24/03</b>	<b>Thur 25/03</b> Young Leaders Day	<b>Fri 26/03</b> <b>Assembly</b> SRC Harmony Day Disco	<b>Sat/Sun</b>
10	<b>Mon 29/03</b>	<b>Tue 30/03</b>	<b>Wed 31/03</b>	<b>Thur 1/04</b> <b>Newsletter</b> Easter Hat Parade	<b>Fri 02/04</b> 	<b>Sat/Sun</b>



# 2020 Presentation Day wrap-up

## School Awards

Dux

Principal's Award

Staff Award

Hamish Keen School Values Award

Isabelle

Summer

Charlie

Patrick



## Citizenship Awards

Macquarie Federal Member Civics Award

State Member Encouragement Award

Hawkesbury City Council

Richmond RSL Junior Citizenship

Richmond Club Citizenship

Richmond Rotary

Museum of Fire: Science & Maths

Kayleigh

Joshua

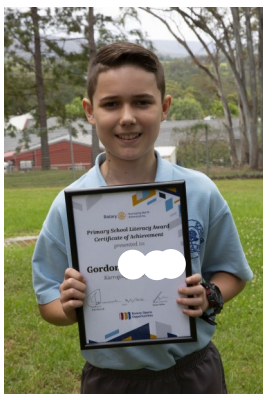
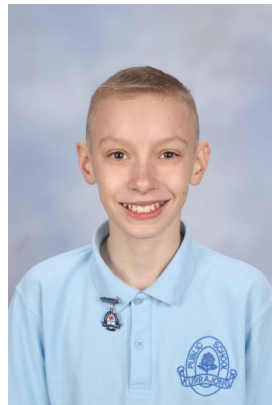
Sienna

Benjamin

Tully

Cooper & Miley

Aidan



## North Richmond & Kurrajong Rotary

Literacy Award

Numeracy Award

Gordon

James

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# Presentation Day Assembly

## Library Awards

Kayleigh Alice Kaitlynn



## Music Awards

Guy Mager Award Olivia



Band Members Outstanding Effort

Senior Band Jonas  
Beginner Band Grace

Dedication to  
School Music  
Program Medallions

Patrick & Aidan



Environmental Award - Harry

## Sports Awards

Junior Girls Champion Amber  
Junior Boys Champion Jake

Senior Girls Champion Layla  
Senior Boys Champion Jordan

NSW Premiers' Sporting Challenge Medallion Layla



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# Presentation Day Assembly

## Student Captains Induction 2021

Captains Olivia and Layla  
Vice Captains Dean and James



## House Captain Induction 2021

Banksia House Captain

Ella

Banksia Vice Captain

Lily

Boronia House Captain

Drew

Boronia Vice Captain

Hannah

Bottlebrush House Captain

Kyan

Bottlebrush Vice Captain

Samuel

Wattle House Captain

Jake

Wattle Vice Captain

Riley



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# Presentation Day Assembly

## **P&C Life Membership Award**

Lisa Turner

## **Student Representative Council Awards**

Isla, Levi, Olive, Ella-Mae, Darcy, Adele, Ruby, Lily, Darcy, Holly, Lacey, Isla, Mae, Kyan, Flynn, Seth, Hali, Bella, Sienna, Isabelle, Malakye, Jake

## **Attendance Certificates**

Gordon, Tully, Aidan

# Class Awards

## **K Purple Academic Awards**

### **K Purple Certificates**

Micah, Isla

Summer, Levi, Issy, Sophia, Winter, Samson, Sophia, Darcy, Evalyn, Liam, Suzanna, Luca, Abigail, Beau, Zoe, James, Lucas

## **K Pink Academic Awards**

### **K Pink Certificates**

Olive, Maybry

Leif, Auden, Ethan, Koby, Jimmy, Madison, George, Emma, Bodhi, Olivia, Bentley, Chelsea, Georgia, Maybry, Sophia, Ella-Mae, Isabella, Loxley

## **1/2 Red Academic Awards**

### **1/2 Red Certificates**

Abigail, Adele

Willow, Levi, Luca, Niamh

## **1/2 Blue Academic Awards**

### **1/2 Blue Certificates**

Luca, Dylan

Emily, Max, Olivia, Ruby

## **1/2 Green Academic Awards**

### **1/2 Green Certificates**

Harrison, William

Linsey, Alyssa, Josie, Indyannah

## **3/4 Yellow Academic Awards**

### **3/4 Yellow Certificates**

Oscar, Sophie

Mae, Amber, Aria, Elle

## **3/4 Aqua Academic Awards**

### **3/4 Aqua Certificates**

Caleb, Eloise

Finn, Max, Chelsea, Margaret

## **3/4 Orange Academic Awards**

### **3/4 Orange Certificates**

Savanna, Hali

Sarah, Archie, Grace, Rocco

## **5/6 Crimson Academic Awards**

### **5/6 Crimson Certificates**

Kyan, Cooper

Bella, Summer, Lewis, Finn

## **5/6 Lime Academic Awards**

### **5/6 Lime Certificates**

Matilda, Ashley

Archie, Tara, Elem, Xylia

## **5/6 Teal Academic Awards**

### **5/6 Teal Certificates**

Olivia, Misa

James, Jonas, Gordon, Charlie

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