

Dear Parents & Friends of Kuyper,

Thursday 7 February 2019

I trust by now you have heard about the exciting things your children are experiencing at Kuyper as school has commenced for the new year. If not, please ask them what they have done this week. I visited classes to see creative beginnings. Deep learning involving people, sensory experiences, leaves, stones, petals, sand, paint, music, balloons and water to name a few. Some experiences led to writing, expression, exertion, movement, design, science and mathematics. Others too involved organ dissection, spiritual heart discussion, weeds, plants and trees, engineering and building through cards or spaghetti. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and exuberance these learning gems brought to the faces of our students (See the photos below). Even better, it was excellent to see teachers present Jesus in His rightful place as Lord of all, within these learning opportunities.

We are celebrating new beginnings for a number of new teachers who have joined us this year. We are thrilled at their arrival and thank God for their contribution to enhance the learning journey of our students. In particular we welcome Mrs Merrilynne Shaw to Year 5, Mr Ja Baldwin to Year 3 and Mr Mitchell Cavens to Secondary Music. In addition, Mrs Leila Thomson and Mrs Sandra Daly return to Kuyper, replacing Mrs Alexis Clarke who is on maternity leave. Dr Shareen Liggins returns in a greater capacity teaching English in the Secondary School and also brings a wealth of experience and expertise.



You may be interested to know that Gwendolyn, one of our resident Kuyper koalas, has made an appearance to commence the school year. This brought much excitement for our new friends from WA who don't normally experience koalas in the wild.

Don't forget to come to the Meet the Kuyper Team Evening on Monday 18 February to hear from our new staff and also about what's happening this year at Kuyper. The evening will include a briefing with your child's teacher or year team. A special treat will be the return of the *Kuyperian Singers* (The Kuyper Staff Team) who will share a musical item on the evening. It's not to be missed!

As always, you are welcome to drop in to see me at school anytime for small matters or just to say *G'day*. For lengthier matters, may I encourage you to make an appointment with the Office to meet with me.

It is a privilege to lead and serve such an awesome team of people that God has brought together for the important job of nurturing your children. I look forward to partnering with you again this year.

Ian Shaw
Principal



Notes & Reminders

Whole School Swimming Carnival tomorrow at Richmond Swimming Pool. The students' house colours are as follows:

Colo—blue
Hawkesbury—green
Redbank—red

Feel free to dress up and encourage your team!

School Photos on Wednesday 13 February: order envelopes have been distributed. Please order and pay promptly as no orders will be accepted on photo day. Spare order envelopes and Sibling photo envelopes are available at the Office.

Meet the Kuyper Team evening, Monday 18 February, 7—9pm in the School Hall. There will be music and a light supper. Please join us!

Prayer & Praise

- Give thanks for the seasons and the continued rain.
- Pray that rain will spread throughout the country to those areas that are still suffering from drought.
- Give thanks for holidays and also for work and school to return to.
- Pray for our swimming carnival tomorrow; for safety, fun, fellowship and encouragement for all.
- Continue to pray for the Miller family and for Josh who will return to hospital soon for another transplant, as the previous transplant was not completely successful. Continue to pray for healing, hope and stamina on this difficult journey.

School Calendar

Feb

- Fri 8 Whole School Swimming Carnival
- Wed 13 School Photographs
- Mon 18 Vaccination Program—Year 7
- Mon 18 Meet the Kuyper Team 7—9pm
- Fri 22 Year 12 English HSC student day

Mar

- Wed 6 Zone Swimming Carnival
- Sat 9 Japanese Students Arrive
- Mon 11 Primary State Swimming Carnival
- Sat 16 Japanese Students Depart
- Mon 25 Secondary State Swimming Carnival

April

- Fri 12 Last Day Term 1
- Mon 29 First Day Term 2

May

- Wed 1 Year 9/10 Dubbo Campers depart
- Fri 3 Year 9/10 Dubbo Campers return
- Tue 14 NAPLAN
- Wed 15 NAPLAN
- Thur 16 NAPLAN
- Fri 31 State Cross Country Carnival

June

- Fri 7 Vaccination Program—Year 10
- Fri 28 Western Sydney Careers Expo

July

- Fri 5 Last Day Term 2
- Mon 22 Curriculum Week Begins (staff only)
- Mon 29 First Day Term 3

August

- Mon 5 CSSA Zone Athletics Carnival
- Tue 6 Primary Canberra campers depart
- Thur 8 Primary Canberra campers return

Whole School Swimming Carnival Friday 8 February 2019

Our swimming carnival is **TOMORROW** at Richmond Swimming Pool from 8:45am—12:30pm for K—2 and 8:45am—2:30pm for 3—12 students.

Students are welcome to dress in their house colours for the day; Colo = blue, Hawkesbury = green and Redbank = red. All students will need to wear a shirt and shorts when not competing. Parents are also most welcome to attend. There is a \$1 spectator entry fee to the pool. This is a normal school day and parents will be required to give a reason if their child is absent.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office on 4573 2999 or admin@kuyper.nsw.edu.au

The Junior School Car Park located at the eastern end of the School is now a **staff car park only**.

Due to increased staffing and potential danger with double parking and student access we ask that parents **not** use or drive into this staff car park but rather use street parking.

We have received concerns from parents where the congestion of double parking and limited space has raised safety concerns.

Thank you for your help in complying with this request.

