Kellyville Ridge OOSH operates from the school hall from 7.00am till 8.30am and 3.00pm till 6.00pm.

For more details contact Cubbyhouse Before & After School Care 1300 553 583 (Head Office) or 9629 4217 (Kellyville Ridge OOSH)

FROM THE OFFICE

- Please ensure that your child’s name and class are on the Invoice return slip.
- Please bring payments straight to the office, preferably before 9.00am. Uniform sales are by order only. Order forms are available from the office or on the website. Orders will then be filled and sent home with the student/s concerned once payments have been processed.
From the Principal

Meet the Teacher Night

This week we held our "Meet the Teacher" sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. It was wonderful to see and meet so many parents on both of these evenings. Your interest and support is very much appreciated as we all work together to continue to provide a positive, dynamic learning environment for your children. Thank you to the teachers for their presentations on these nights and particularly to the Assistant Principals and grade coordinators for leading the sessions. Copies of the grade information brochures are available on the website.

Homework Survey

A big thank you to those parents who have taken the time to respond to the survey that was sent home after the 'Meet the Teacher' nights. The survey closes Monday and copies are available on the app and website.

Afternoon Dismissal

To make afternoon dismissal easier, I am asking parents to please not wait outside the classrooms. Doing this hinders the movement of our students and could become a potential hazard if there were to be an emergency evacuation. A good collection point is under the COLA or on the basketball court.

Parents are also asked not to wait outside the library. The library and the Music room are teaching spaces and are used right up until home time.

School Development Days

Just to clarify for our new parents.....During Terms 1, 2 and 3, the first day back after the holidays is set aside in all Government Public Schools as a School Development Day. This is a day when teachers are able to participate in training and development activities. Also, the last 2 days of Term 4 are gazetted as Staff Development Days.

This means that normal classes do not operate and there are no children in attendance on these days. Parents are asked to make alternative arrangements for the care of their children.

Mrs D. Edwards
Principal

Kellyville Ridge is now On Facebook!

In conjunction with our school app and new website, we are striving to keep you informed and updated of the many exciting activities and events that take place at our school. In line with this, we have just launched a new school Facebook page. We are sure that this will make a positive contribution to the communication across our school community, however, it is important to note that any inappropriate comments will be deleted. The link to find us on Facebook is

https://www.facebook.com/Kellyville-Ridge-Public-School-1520591768237725/

Mr Hope
From the Deputies

AFTERNOON PICKUP

Thank you to all those parents who are using the Kiss and Drop zone in the afternoons. This is working extremely well with traffic clearing completely by 3.15pm. Please observe the rules of the zone by ensuring that you do not leave your car, to come into the school or to look for children. Hefty fines do apply for not adhering to the laws that are displayed in the zone.

CONSIDERATION FOR NEIGHBOURS

Please have due consideration for our neighbours when parking or picking up students in the mornings or afternoons. Although you are well within your rights to park legally outside homes, it is illegal (and most frustrating for the home owners), to park across driveways. Please also ensure that your children do not walk into the neighbours’ front yards or touch their property. This is disrespectful and does not reflect the values of Kellyville Ridge Public School.

PARKING

Please remember that the Staff Car Park cannot be used by parents between 8am and 3.30pm. Parking spaces that are reserved (Principal, Deputy Principal, Assistant Principal), are not to be used by parents at any time.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mrs J. Maher  Mr I. Duncan

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

This year, Kellyville Ridge will once again be participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. The Challenge aims to foster a love of literature and to encourage children to read widely for leisure and for pleasure

The current challenge has begun and needs to be finished by 19th August 2016.

For K-2, students the challenge involves students experiencing 30 titles of quality literature selected from the Premiers Reading Challenge list.

K-2 teachers will incorporate this into class programs. If students choose to read additional books at home it will be for their own interest and pleasure, not as part of the challenge.

Students in 3-6 who wish to be involved in the challenge have started reading books already. Students are required to read 20 titles from the PRC booklist relevant to their grade. Many of the books on the Premier’s booklist are available for loan in our school library. Books for the 3-4 challenge have an orange fluro strip on the spine. Books for the 5-6 challenge have a pink fluro strip on the spine.

Each 3-6 student is responsible for maintaining their own log online at the PRC website. All students should be able to log on to the PRC website using the same DET username and password as they use to log on to the Internet at school. The booklist titles and ID numbers are available on the PRC website.

For more information please see the PRC website  https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/rules.html
**Clean Up Australia Day.**

This week, our school donned gloves to participate in Clean Up Australia Day! Kindergarten through to Year 6 each took charge of an area and under the supervision of teachers got busy! We at KRPS are proud of our school grounds and were pleased to be involved in this long standing community event.

Clean Up Australia Day has now been running for 27 years! Since that time, over 286,000 tonnes of rubbish has been collected across Australia! Wow! We are happy to say that we were nowhere near that number but we were keen to do our part.

If you would like more information on local community events taking place in your area this weekend, then please see the following link [http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au](http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au)

Mr Easton & Mrs Flett - Organisers
Kellyville Ridge celebrates Harmony Day on Tuesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} March

The Harmony Day theme for this year is 'Our Diversity is our Strength' and is a day that we embrace cultural diversity and share what we have in common. It is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

As our 3-6 Athletics Carnival fall on the 21\textsuperscript{st} March, students at Kellyville Ridge will be celebrating Harmony Day on Tuesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} and all students at Kellyville Ridge will be involved in celebrating Harmony Day.

Children are to come ready to participate in sport activities which they will do at some time during the day with their class. They can also come dressed in orange, which is the official colour of Harmony Day.

For more information, please contact Mrs Dobruscki.

Easter Eggstravaganza!

Thursday 24\textsuperscript{th} March

You are invited to join in the fun of the Easter Eggstravaganza.

\begin{itemize}
  \item **9.15 am** - K-2 students perform Easter songs and parade in class groups
  \item **10.15 am** - Students in years 3-6 are invited to come down to the hall and COLA area for the P&C Easter Raffle.
  \item **11 am** - Recess. Parents may join students for recess and view the Easter Eggstravaganza display in the library.
\end{itemize}

It's time to get busy creating!

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  \item **Years K-2** students are asked to decorate an Easter hat or an Easter basket that they will wear or carry with them during the school's Easter Hat Parade.
  \item **Years 3-6** students are asked to create a decorated egg (blown or hard boiled). Displays must have a title such as, 'Dame Eggna Eggerage' with fantastic glasses and a gorgeous dress, or 'Andre Eggasi' with a bald head and a tennis racquet or 'Mrs Eggwards'!!
\end{itemize}

Please do not bring these to school until Thursday 24\textsuperscript{th} April.
Easter Colouring In Competition

A colouring in competition sheet has been sent home with the Kindergarten students. Entries are due back at school by Tuesday 8th March and will be posted to the Greenway office of our Federal Member, Ms Michelle Rowland.

The prize is a chocolate Easter egg hamper and the winner will be announced during the week commencing 21st March.

Have fun colouring and good luck!

CANTEEN

PLEASE NOTE: CANTEEN CLOSURE

The canteen will be closed next Tuesday and Wednesday due to lack of parent helpers. Mrs Chennel, our canteen coordinator will be overseas and unfortunately, there have been no volunteers to man the canteen on these two days.

Flexischools have been informed and lunches will not be able to be ordered on the days the canteen is closed.

There will be no over the counter purchases at recess or lunch on these days.

If you are interested in helping in the canteen, please complete the attached slip and return it to school ASAP. Dads and grandparents are warmly welcome. Emergency helpers are also required if you are able to fill in occasionally at the last minute - your help would be most appreciated.

Please note that food brought from home cannot be heated in the Canteen.

HELPERS ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK

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Advice Regarding Head Lice

Up to date information on head lice is important as there are many misunderstandings about 'head lice' and how to treat them effectively.

Research undertaken by NSW Health has shown that:
Head lice infestations are a common occurrence, particularly in primary schools:
• about 23% of primary students have head lice at any one time
• anyone can catch head lice regardless of their age, sex, or how clean their hair is
• head lice move from one person’s head to another via hair
• head lice do not survive long when they are off a human head
• head lice have built up some resistance to head lice treatments

Information on effective treatment is essential to break the cycle of head lice infestation.

What you can expect from the school
Where one student has head lice this serves as a warning light that there is likely to be an infestation in either specific classes or across the whole school population, including staff.
The school will send a letter home to parents when infestations of head lice occur and request that parents examine their child’s hair and undertake treatment where eggs or lice are identified.
Schools also provide information about head lice infestations and treatment for parents (eg through school newsletters).
They will also encourage students to avoid head to head contact in group activities as far as possible.
In rare cases where students are experiencing a chronic head lice infestation the school, parents and the local community may need to work together to treat the infestation.

Tips for parents in reducing the spread and treatment of head lice:
• regularly check your children’s hair;
• manual removal of all eggs. This is the bottom line in lice control. It is necessary to use an effective fine toothed metal comb; normal plastic combs just do not work;
• check all other members of the family with the conditioner and louse comb technique;
• treat everyone in the family who has live lice and viable eggs;
• use separate brushes and combs and soak them in hot water (60ºC) for 30 seconds after use. You may need to heat the water as not all tap water is this hot. There’s no need to soak brushes and combs in a treatment solution;
• launder clothing and bedding in hot water and dry in clothes dryer or on clothes line;
• children who are seen scratching their heads a lot should be examined;
• tie back and braid long hair;
• keep a fine tooth head lice comb in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use it when they apply conditioner to their hair;
• infected children should be treated with a recommended shampoo and eggs (nits) should be removed with a fine-toothed comb. Some authorities recommend repeated treatment at weekly intervals for 4 to 6 weeks;
• every two weeks, examine the beads of children who have been infected or have been in close contact with an infected child.

As infestations are particularly common in primary schools, it is best to choose a treatment that can be used over time. There is no single solution to eradication, only persistence.
Footpaths and driveways

You can stop to drop off or pick up passengers  **BUT**
only for less than 2 **minutes**
**AND** the driver must stay with the car

**School Zone**
Fine from $177 + 2 demerit points
All other roads, fine from $106
Year 6 into Year 7 2017 and Year 5 into Year 7 2018 Information Evening

When: Monday 14th March 2016, 7pm.

The staff and students of Blacktown Girls High School are pleased to invite all interested parents and their primary school daughters to a Year 6 into Year 7 Information Evening to be held on Monday 14th March 2016 commencing at 7.00pm, when we will answer any questions of parents and prospective students. In addition, we would be very pleased to meet with any interested Year 5 parents who are considering sending their daughters to Blacktown Girls High School in 2018.

It is the aim of Blacktown Girls High School to provide a quality education specifically designed to ‘make a difference’ for girls. As reported in both national and local media, the excellence of both our academic and extra curricula programs especially in the area of literacy and IT have been widely recognized. We have also seen evidence of this in the ‘Value Added’ data for both HSC & NAPLAN over recent years. In moving into the future we will continue to offer these high quality programs focusing on preparing our students for life and work in the 21st century.

The school offers enrichment course and curriculum for Talented Girls in a program which runs parallel to our Selective Class. Mainstream and supported students are also well catered for in our inclusive school.

The evening consist of two parts –

Firstly – there will be an information session where you can learn about our school and the benefits of girls-only education

Then – you will be invited to browse amongst the faculty displays where specific information will be available about the excellent programs offered in each Key Learning Area. You will also be able to talk to teachers and students about the school.

For the students attending, we have a range of mini-lessons from different faculties designed to give an idea of the learning activities which may be engaged in at our school.

Please pass this invitation on to friends or neighbours who may have a daughter in year 5 or 6.

We look forward to meeting you.

Peter Flowers
Principal

Rebecca Simm
Primary/Secondary Liaison

Please return this portion to Ms Simm C/- Blacktown Girls High School or phone 9831 7577 or Fax 9831 7838 or email: rebecca.simm@det.nsw.edu.au by Wednesday 9th March 2016.

Name .................................................................
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