

# EDUCATION WEEK 2019 – EVERY STUDENT EVERY VOICE



Thank you to over 200 family and friends who joined us throughout the day for Education Week 2019. This was an opportunity for us to demonstrate to you the myriad of activities that are undertaken in any one day at Kingswood Public School.

Our theme for this year's Education Week was Every Student Every Voice. It is very empowering for the students of today and adult citizens of tomorrow. Student voice is more than just having a say. Valuing and actioning the ideas, opinions and expertise of all students has significant impact for student wellbeing. Through having a voice - being heard ...Students become partners in learning. Student perspectives, experiences and aspirations shape and enrich our schools and communities and actively influence our decision-making as we strive to succeed.

We began the day with our fundraiser for the year - Plate decorating in the lower hall and the Book Fair in the Library. Many families took this opportunity to paint a plate or water bottle design or a mug or purchase a book for their child or donate one to the school. Thank you to families who supported these opportunities. The book fair raised an amazing \$6956.

Throughout the morning our P&C provided refreshments and hosted a gathering space for our community to become more connected. Thank you to the P&C for their efforts in this and their continued support of our school community.

The special assembly for family and friends that was held after recess was a showcase of our students Kindergarten to Year 6. The entire assembly was led by the confident Year 6 Student Leadership Team. Our ES1 and S1 public speakers - Mohamed, Sufyaan, Abeera and Amaly amazed and informed the audience with their facts and incredible ability to speak before a large audience. These students are aged between 5 and 8 years of age!!!! Wow - we have leaders of the future amongst!



Following this we were dazzled by the Year 2 Dance troupe choreographed by Miss Phillips and the very reflective Year 6 Dance group choreographed by Mrs Azzopardi. Both groups demonstrated sensational skills in dance and shone on the stage. We look forward to their

performances later this term in full costume at Blue Mountains Dance Festival to be held at Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre.



Through the assembly we had a chance to listen to the many reasons why students like Kingswood Public School as a learning space while watching the interviews conducted by S3T. S3T filmed and cropped the videos so we could have a snapshot across K-6 of What Kingswood Public School means to me? Every class in the school had buddied up with another class earlier in the term and drawn and written their responses to this question - Every student Every Voice. These are on display on the windows of the old hall. Please take some time to read them - they provide a glimpse into your child's life at school.

Our assembly was concluded with Town Hall Choir with vocal support from S2 & S3 interested students and conducted by Ms Ochert. These students had rehearsed for only two weeks with Ms Ochert to provide the audience with such musical treat of Oye La Musica -The Rhythm of Music ...The Rhythm of Song - The Rhythm of Life! We look forward to Town Hall Choir performing at Sydney Town Hall, Sunday 27 October - Good luck!



We concluded our assembly with a knowledge challenge for our family and friends - An Amazing Race Trivia Hunt. Stage 3 students confidently and competently informed the visitors about our house teams, our Acknowledgement of Country sign, the history of the Heritage Room, the importance of the yarning circle and the use of the green room - our reflection space. It was great to see so many parents actively engaging in this challenge with our student leaders. Your support encourages our students to take risks, become active citizens and models the importance of community.

Family and friends then had the chance to engage with their child in our Open Classrooms. Each class had a STEAM focus - Science, Technology, Engineering Art or Mathematical focus. Open ended challenges create learning environments that build collaboration, connectedness and creativity. Thank you to the teachers who demonstrated what learning in a 21<sup>st</sup> century classroom looks like.

We finished our Open Day with a combined flashmob dance. This is never an easy feat to move 500 students and over 200 visitors in less than 4 minutes but Kingswood Public School community did it with ease!



We hope you enjoyed the day and now have a small glimpse into what we do each day.

The staff would like to acknowledge the continued support parents give to us as we endeavour to strive to succeed for our school.

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