



Kapooka

Public
School

Respect Responsibility Resilience



Information Booklet

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Welcome to our School - Kapooka

Welcome to Kapooka Public School. We are a public school operated by the NSW Department of Education. It is situated in the small village of Kapooka which is attached to the Army Recruitment Training Centre (ARTC). This Australian Army base is 8 km south of Wagga Wagga just off the Olympic Highway.

Kapooka Public School provides a comprehensive education for students from Kindergarten to Year 6. The school has an enrolment of approximately 70 children. A Busabout bus transports children from Wagga Wagga to Kapooka School, this bus arrives approximately at Kapooka School at 9:00 am and departs the school at 3:00 pm each day.

The school, originally established within the grounds of 1 RTB, has been at its present village site since 1962. The village itself contains approximately 57 refurbished modern homes. The school is situated in a pleasant, semi-rural environment with spacious, well-grassed play areas. Classes are accommodated in 4 demountable classrooms. All classrooms are well-equipped and air-conditioned. In 2021 a State government grant enabled us to extend our Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA).

As well as giving priority to teaching English and mathematics, this year we have been part of the Rural Access Gap program which is the first stage of the Schools Digital Strategy that will ensure the school is digitally transformed to match our metropolitan counterparts. This program has enabled Kapooka school to enhance digital classrooms through upgrades to connectivity and learning spaces and leveraging cloud technology. Every student has access to a laptop and Mobile Learning Devices are integrated into learning activities. Our Music program includes recorder lessons with a performance at the Opera House in Sydney (approximately every 3 years), participation in the Choral and Dance Spectacular (CHORDS) every 2 years, performances at the Wagga Market Place during Education Week and the Wagga Eisteddfod as well. Each year we have an annual "Dance" concert based on a specific theme.

Parents play a vital role in all aspects of the school's program. There is an active and supportive P & C Association which provides excellent resources for the school. Parents are always encouraged to visit the school and assist with activities.

The school has a permanent staff of a teaching Principal, experienced and dedicated teachers, a School Admin Manager and a School Admin Officer. Our current staff members are:

Mrs Lyn Eacott	Principal
Mrs Paula Hounsell	Teacher
Mr Rhys Holloway	Teacher
Mrs Michelle Ray	Teacher
Ms Margaret Sheahan	Teacher
Mrs Julie Stewart	Teacher
Mrs Cherrie Godwin	Defence School Mentor (DSM) (Monday to Thursday)
Mrs Cindy Hounsell	School Administration Officer (Thursday)
Mrs Joh Norton	School Administration Manager (Relieving)
Mr Andrew Smith	General Assistant

The information contained in this booklet should help you to become better acquainted with our school. We welcome parental involvement in school activities. Please feel free to visit the school should you wish to discuss any aspects of your child's education.

Further information is available on our school website – www.kapooka-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Kapooka Public School values



At Kapooka Public School we have adopted the following values. Respect, Responsibility, Resilience. Our aim is to ensure that these values are adopted, understood and practised by all members of the Kapooka Public School community and that they underpin the interactions of all students within the school and the wider community.

RESPECT will be demonstrated by students when they:

- appreciate the efforts of others such as family, staff and other students value their friendships
- recognise the rights of individuals
- respect the property of others
 - speak politely
- follow instructions

RESPONSIBILITY will be demonstrated by students when they:

- make informed choices about their behaviour
- take control of their own actions
- accept and utilise guidance from family and staff
- strive for goals
- be cooperative
- encourage others

RESILIENCE will be demonstrated by students when they:

- have a growth mindset
- be able to bounce back
- persevere
- attempt all tasks
- play safely
- be a good sport

School Terms 2022 and 2023

	2022	Term holidays
Term 4 Staff & students return to school on Monday 10th October Students finish Term 4 on Friday 16th December	Monday 10 th October 2022 to Tuesday 20 th December 2022	Wednesday 21 st December 2022 to Tuesday 31 st January 2023
	2023	Term holidays
Term 1 Staff return Friday 27 th January Students start school Tuesday 31st January 2023 Kindergarten students start Wednesday 1st February 2023	Friday 27 th January 2023 to Thursday 6 th April 2023	Monday 10 th April 2023 to Friday 21 st April 2023
Term 2 Staff return Tuesday 24 th April Students return to school on Wednesday 26th April	Monday 24 th April 2023 to Friday 30 th June 2023	Monday 3 rd July 2023 to Friday 14 th July 2023
Term 3 Staff return Monday 17 th July Students return to school on Tuesday 18th July	Monday 17 th July 2023 to Friday 22 nd September 2023	Monday 25 th September 2023 to Friday 6 th October 2023
Term 4 Staff & students return Monday 9th October Students finish Term 4 on Friday 15th December	Monday 9 th October 2023 to Tuesday 19 th December 2023	Wednesday 20 th December 2023 to Monday 29 th January 2024

Kindergarten students begin school on Wednesday 1st February 2023.

Staff Development Days - First two days of Term 1, the first day of Terms 2 & 3 and the last 2 days of Term 4.

Students do not attend school on these days.

Public Holidays

New Year's Day – Sunday, 1st January 2023
 Australia Day - Thursday, 26th January 2023
 Good Friday - Friday, 7th April 2023
 Easter Saturday - Saturday, 8th April 2023
 Easter Sunday - Sunday, 9th April 2023
 Easter Monday - Monday, 10th April 2023
 ANZAC Day - Tuesday, 25th April 2023
 Queen's Birthday – Monday, 12th June 2023
 Labour Day - Monday, 2nd October 2023
 Christmas Day - Monday, 25th December 2023
 Boxing Day - Tuesday 26th December 2023

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Accident & illness

Any students needing First Aid will be treated using basic emergency care in the first instance. Parents will be contacted should their child become ill or hurt. The ambulance will be contacted in the event of serious accidents/illness. Parents must supply emergency contact numbers upon enrolment. These people will be contacted in the event of a parent being unavailable.

When your child is absent from school for any reason, please submit the student's absence via the Skool Loop App, class Dojo or complete a "**Student Absence Notification Form**" that is available from the office. It is a Departmental requirement that all student absences are explained, and preferably in writing. Please keep your contact details up to date in case of an emergency.

Allergies / Anaphylaxis

If your child has an allergy, please let the school know. Your child may be allergic to or have a severe allergic reaction (Anaphylaxis) to medication, bee stings, animals, plants or food. All staff are trained and are regularly updated in Anaphylaxis training. Parents are asked to support the school by not providing their children with any peanut-based products in their child's lunch boxes. Parents of children with known allergies must supply details of the allergy and an appropriate emergency care plan upon enrolment. In the event of an emergency, staff are trained in the use of Epipens. **Parents, please remember to update the medication as dates expire.**

Ambulance

Our school contributes to the NSW Ambulance Fund covering the cost of transporting students within NSW where necessary. An ambulance will be called if it is felt that a student's health is at risk. Parents or contact persons will be contacted as soon as possible should an ambulance be necessary. Students will be accompanied to hospital by a staff member if a parent is not available.

APP – for Android and iPhone

It is strongly advised that you download the Skool Loop App for your Android or iPhone. Go to your APP/Play store and search for Skool Loop. Download and install Skool Loop. Register and select our school. Enter your email and name and create a password. Please subscribe to the class group(s) that your child/ren are in.

Asthma

Parents of asthmatic children will be requested to provide an up-to-date asthma plan as supplied by their family doctor.

Children who suffer from Asthma are able to keep their puffer on them or in their school bag. You may also provide Ventolin and their spacer for the office.

Our staff are updated with techniques and information on a regular basis.

Kapooka School is an "Asthma Friendly School".

Assemblies

A morning assembly is held each day on the cement area at 9:10am. Brief information is distributed at this time. Assemblies are held each term at the Kapooka Neighbourhood Centre or under the COLA commencing at 2:15pm. Each class runs one assembly per term. During the assembly students receive merit awards and any other special awards. Class items are also presented. Assembly dates are advertised in the newsletter and on the school APP. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Attendance

The law in NSW states that all children between the ages of 6 and 17 are required to attend school every day the school is open, unless they have a good reason for not attending. Regular attendance at school is important to ensure satisfactory progress is being made in all aspects of school development. Parents must send their child to school every day unless:

- The child is too sick to go to school.
- The child has been injured.
- The child has to go to a special religious ceremony.
- The child has an infectious illness e.g. chicken pox, mumps or measles.
- There is a serious family situation which requires the child's involvement.

It is **not acceptable** for parents to keep their child away from school for activities such as:

Birthdays, pension days, shopping, minding other children, haircuts.

If your child is hesitant about going to school or refuses to go for some reason, parents should contact the Principal or School Counsellor at your child's school. The Principal may ask a Home School Liaison Officer to contact you to provide support and discuss the issues.

OR

the Student Welfare Consultant at the Wagga Wagga Office.

If your child is absent, a signed and dated explanatory note should be sent to school giving reasons for absence. Parents can notify and explain absences on the new Skool Loop app as well. Parents may wish to phone this information to the school, but a written explanation is preferred. If your child is delivered late to school, or you need to collect them early, please fill in a yellow Late Arrival/ Early Departure note at the front office.

If your child has an unavoidable appointment during school time, please send to school prior to the appointment and bring back after the appointment to maximise their learning time.

Before and After School Care

Kapooka Public School **does not** have before or After School Care. Kapooka students can access this service through Henschke School, Out of school Care (OOSH). Care hours are from 7-9am and 3:18-6pm. Busabout buses pick students up from Henschke and drop off at Kapooka Public School at 9am. The afternoon bus will pick students up from Kapooka at 3pm and drop off at Henschke. The OOSH office hours are from 8am – 6pm and can be contacted on 0481 338 799 or coordinator@hooshcare.com.au

Bell times

Classes commence	9:05 am
Recess	10:55 am – 11:15 am
Lunch	12:45 pm – 1:30 pm
Classes Finish	3:00 pm (bell rings 2.55pm)

It is recommended that children should not arrive at school prior to 8:45am. Teaching staff are on duty from 8:45 am. If for an unexpected reason your child does arrive at school prior to 8.45am, they are requested to sit on the seats until the teacher is on duty.

Bicycles / Scooters

Students riding bikes or scooters to school must wear their helmet. Students must walk their bikes/scooters within the school grounds. Students may “park” their bike/scooters in the rack located between the two sheds as you enter the school.

Book club

Our school participates in Scholastic Australia book club. There are 8 issues during the calendar year (2 per term). Brochures are sent home with children for parents to browse and make a purchase if they wish.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using the LOOP system, using the class 'Library'. Head to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or download the APP from your APP Store.

When the orders are received, they are given to the class teacher to distribute. Volunteer parents run our book club. The school receives bonus points from your orders for our Library. If you do not wish your child to receive the order, please advise the office. (i.e. ordering for a Christmas or birthday present).

Bus travel

A Busabout bus transports children from Wagga Wagga to Kapooka School and return. This bus arrives at our school at approximately 9.00 am each day and departs from Kapooka at 3.00 pm. Students line up outside the school in the afternoon with the teacher on duty prior to catching the bus. If your child is not catching the bus on a particular day, please advise the school.

A bus route is available from the front office.

If at any times you have concerns regarding students travelling on the bus, **please don't hesitate to phone Busabout on 5942 6600.**

Busabout has a code of conduct and they ask you talk to your child/ren regarding this.

A note from Busabout:

“Students are reminded that they are to travel on the bus that has been allocated to them, the number of which is printed on the front of the bus pass. This is to avoid any safety problems due to overloading.

Parents and students are also reminded to read closely the **conditions of travel** as printed on the reverse side of the bus pass, in particular conditions 1, 9 and 10. Please be advised should students fail to show their bus pass, they will be asked to pay a fare, as per Condition One on the bus pass".

Busabout Management

Bus applications are to be completed on the following website:

<https://ssts-apply.transport.nsw.gov.au/ApplySSTS/ApplySSTS.html>

Students are reminded to have their bus pass on them each day. It is a good idea to fasten them to their school bag.

Canteen

Our School Canteen is run by our P & C parent volunteers.

Lunch ordering is in the form of a "**Meal Deal**" once or twice a term. Meal Deal notes are sent home prior to Canteen day. Orders are to be placed by using the **My School Connect app** by the due date.

Please note: as shopping happens the day prior to canteen day, late orders cannot be accepted. Meal deals and treat days are also advised within the school newsletter and on the school app.

Our school canteen is a member of and follows the "Healthy Schools Canteen Guide".

Community of Small Schools

Kapooka School is part of the Wagga Wagga Community of Small Schools.

Four schools form part of this network group; Kapooka, Ladysmith, Tarcutta and Uranquinty. Traditionally each term the group gets together for a combined day such as: Author day, Maths day, Sports day, Public Speaking, Touch Football Day. Other interactions include leadership days, debating, combined staff meetings and the P & Cs working together.

These interactions allow staff to develop their professional learning together, students to enlarge friendship groups and the communities to work together for a variety of reasons.

Counsellor

Our school counsellor is available to assist teachers and parents with children requiring support. Parents are able to refer their child to meet with and/or be assessed by the counsellor. Appropriate referral/permission forms are available from the Principal. The Principal and teachers may occasionally suggest counsellor referral. Again, appropriate referral/permission forms must be signed and filled in by parents before the counsellor can see any child. The counsellor will usually contact parents prior to seeing the student and will usually compile a written report and contact parents to discuss findings.

Creative arts

All students participate in creative arts. Children are taught throughout the year in the areas of music, visual art, drama and dance. We participate in events offered to all Wagga schools and invite local talented people to coach our students.

Crunch 'n Sip

Crunch 'n Sip involves providing a fresh fruit/vegetable snack each day.

Please provide a drink bottle with water for your child to use throughout the day or use the complimentary drink bottle provided in the welcome pack.

Crunch 'n Sip break is designed to encourage high fibre, low fat, low GI snack options with an emphasis on and preference for fruit and / or vegetable snacks. The aim of "Fruit Break" is to provide a supplementary energy source to students following the physical activity of our morning fitness activities. It can be a long time between breakfast and recess and for those students who have breakfast early or have little or no breakfast, "Fruit Break" will help top-up and maintain their energy levels for learning.

Parents are requested to provide a fruit or vegetable snack for their children that can be easily consumed within five minutes. **All fruit must be cut up into pieces for easy eating** for younger students. Please no tinned fruit, jelly cups, or anything that requires spoons.

Some suggestions

are:

- Fresh fruit, apples, banana, grapes, watermelon, kiwi fruit, rockmelon, berries, mandarins, pineapple - all must be cut up into small bite pieces for younger students.
- Dried fruit - sultanas, apricots, apple, pineapple etc
- Raw vegetable pieces, carrots, snow peas, celery, ALL cut up into bite sizes
- Cheese sticks, cheese cubes/slices

No nuts or peanuts please due to Anaphylaxis.

Please do not send roll-ups, muesli bars, chips, lollies, baked treats (eg biscuits, slices, cakes). These items are fine for recess and lunch boxes, but not for the 9.30am "Fruit Break".

Curriculum

The Key Learning areas for K-6 are:

- English
- mathematics
- science and technology
- history / geography
- creative and practical arts
- personal development, health & physical education
- all programs are based on the NSW/Australian curriculum and integrate technology.

Defence School Mentor - (DSM)

As a school with significant numbers of Defence families, Kapooka is fortunate to have a DSM based at the school. The DSM is employed to provide support to students and Defence families in our school. The DSM assists students with understanding and adjusting to new school routines, peer groups and enabling students along with their parents to have a smoother transition into and out of their school and community. Xena, the therapy dog, attends school two days a week to work with students.

Enrolment

Children who turn five between 1 August one calendar year and 31 July next calendar year are eligible for enrolment at a NSW public school. Documentation providing proof of age, such as birth certificate/passport, is required on enrolment. Proof of immunisation is also required (Immunisation History Statement, which is available from Medicare). Parents wishing to enrol their child at Kapooka Public School will be required to complete an "Application to Enrol" form.

A NSW enrolment form may be downloaded or completed online from our school website www.kapooka-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Excursions

School excursions play an important role in the education and social development of your child. Before a child participates in a school excursion, parental permission will be sought. Permission notes are sent home prior to any excursion and must be returned by the date specified or your child may miss out on the excursion. Please note that children who are on Yellow or Red levels of our behaviour level system will not be eligible to attend school excursions.

Family contributions

The school asks for a small voluntary contribution from each family to assist with providing resources for their children. This is currently set at \$30.00 per family per annum.

Financial Assistance

The school has funds available to support families in various areas of financial support, ie, contributing to payment of performances or excursions. Parents experiencing financial difficulty with any payment/activity, are asked to contact the Principal and all efforts to assist will be made.

High school transition

For students attending Year 7 in Wagga Wagga, transition programs are established by the various high schools. Children will be given the opportunity to attend various orientation sessions. Information regarding these programs will be forwarded to parents as they occur.

Home learning/home reading

Individual teachers set home learning. It is intended that completing tasks at home will assist study, independence and time management skills. An important component of the school's home learning is the Home Reading program. Kinder to Year 2 students have home reader diaries to record their night's reading. The home reader diary is signed off each night and when they reach 'certificate' level in the book they are rewarded with stickers.

Infectious diseases

From time to time infectious diseases become evident in schools. The school will follow procedures as set by the Department of Education in dealing with such an outbreak. The following is a guide as to exclusion from school periods:

- Chicken Pox 5 days after rash appears and until blisters have dried.
- COVID-19 Signs of flu like symptoms, please have a COVID test ASAP. Keep your child home.
- Conjunctivitis while there is a discharge from the eye.
- Gastroenteritis for at least 24 hours after diarrhoea stops.
- German Measles(Rubella) 4 days after the rash appears.
- Glandular Fever only if sick with the illness.
- Head Lice only if head lice management is ongoing.
- Hepatitis A 2 weeks after first symptoms or 1 week after onset of jaundice.
- Impetigo (school sores) until treatment starts. Sores should be covered with watertight dressings.
- Influenza until they look and feel better.
- Measles at least 4 days after rash appears – contacts who are not immune should be excluded for 14 days after onset in the last case at school.
- Mumps 9 days after onset of swelling.
- Scabies/Ringworm until the day after treatment has begun.
- Slapped Cheek does not have to stay away as is most infectious before the rash appears.
- Whooping Cough until the first 5 days of a special antibiotic has been taken.

Kinder orientation

Kindergarten Orientation sessions occur throughout term four each year. They provide opportunities for children to visit our school and become familiar with the school environment, staff and routines. The school works closely with the neighbouring Kapooka Early Childhood Centre (KECC) to ensure children attending are provided with opportunities to interact with our students and the school.

Leaving school premises

Children should not leave the school premises without permission during school hours. If it is necessary to collect your child during school hours, parents need to call into the front office and complete a yellow slip. This is then given to the child's class teacher which is kept for the class roll.

Library

Kapooka Public School has a well resourced library with new resources being purchased or donated by the P&C each year. Each child receives a half hour library lesson each week. Children are expected to treat each book carefully and parents should notify the school immediately if books are damaged or lost. Our library is open during lunch time and the teacher on duty runs special activities on various days for students (i.e. chess, dress up).

Money collections – Parent Online Payments

Money may be requested for various purposes throughout the year. We request all payments are made via POP. This can be accessed via the School Website. The only time we will require cash is for Small School Lunches. In these instances parents are asked to enclose money in a well-sealed and clearly labelled envelope or zip lock plastic bag. This should state the child's name, the amount enclosed and the purpose. Children will pass money to the class teacher which they will then forward to the office. Please ensure the envelope is taped down/stapled at the edges to ensure small coins are not lost on the way. Plastic zip locked bags are a great idea for sending money to school. If it is labelled with your child's name, it will be returned to you for reuse.

Parent on line payments - POP:

- Making a school payment online.
- "Make a Payment" tab at www.kapooka-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Medical information

If your child has a medical condition, you are requested to complete a medical information form detailing any allergies, asthma or other known health concerns regarding your child.

Should children require prescribed medication at school, parents must provide the medication in its **original container** and complete a "Prescribed Medication at School" form with detailed instructions for the administering of such medication to the student and given to the front office. **Staff are not permitted to administer un-prescribed medications to children during school hours, eg. Panadol, Nurofen.**

Music

As well as class music programs students in the senior years participate in the Sydney Opera House Recorder Festival every 3 years.

The school may participate in the Wagga Eisteddfod and Wagga Wagga Schools' Choral Festival (CHORDS). Students are also given instruction in percussion.


Newsletter

The school newsletter is a form of communication to parents. Our school newsletter is circulated every 2nd Monday by email, the school APP or from our school website:

www.kapooka-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Student achievements and samples of student work are regularly featured in the school newsletter.

Notes to Parents

Notes that are to be returned to school will have a "boomerang"  on the bottom section and are to be returned to the class teacher.

Please ensure that boomerang notes are returned to school by the due date. Please keep the top part of the note for your information.

Parent interviews

Parent/Teacher/Child interviews are conducted during term 1. Available times, will be on the Skool Loop app for each teacher.

In past years we have found “Parent/Teacher/Child” interviews to be a very successful way of providing feedback to parents and we look forward to discussing your child’s progress with you.

You may request Parent/Teacher interviews any time throughout the year. Please phone the school to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Parent participation

At Kapooka School we welcome parent involvement in all activities and have appreciated the interest and assistance given to our school by many parents in the past. Please feel free to come and see us at the school if you would like to help in any way. e.g - P & C, canteen, class reading, sport, craft groups or anything else that you would like to contribute to.

Parents are reminded that if helping in the school, a Declaration for Volunteers and Non-child Related Contractors form, Working With Children Check (WWCC) and 100 points is required. Paperwork for this is at the school office.

P & C

The Parents and Citizens Association (P & C) normally meets twice a term. The P & C is actively concerned with the interests of the school and organises fund raising events throughout the year. Your active support for both the meetings and events will be most welcome. Membership is \$2.00 per year. Membership allows you voting rights.

Some of the Committees that would require parental help are:

Canteen

Uniform co-ordinator / Fundraising

Chapel chocolates co-ordinator

Religious instruction (SRE)

When available, Chaplains from ARTC Kapooka, or other community volunteers, provide religious instruction to all classes. Instruction is non-denominational and is based on the Religion in Life leaflets as recommended by the Department of Education. Should you wish for your child/ren not to participate in Scripture, a written note will be required from you.

School Activities

Throughout the year, activities such as learn to swim, dance programs, shows, gymnastics and Healthy Harold may come to the school. Payment for these are often subsidised by the P & C to reduce the cost to parents. Notes detailing the activities and costs are sent home.

School Parliament

Kapooka School has an active School Parliament. The Parliament consists of representatives from each class. Students vote on who their representatives will be. Students from each class discuss issues with their representative who will then bring it to a Parliament meeting. Parliament meets at least twice a term to discuss matters about the school and to consider/agree on fundraising activities.

School Photographs

School photographs are taken annually. Each class has their photo taken and each student is photographed, regardless of ordering. An envelope with the students name and class is printed by the photographer and sent home when the time comes. Traditionally these photos are taken during Term 1 or Term 2 of the school year.

- When ordering you may pay either by cash, cheque or credit card.
- You may have sibling photos taken of your school children in your family.
- There are varied packages offered at the time for you to purchase.
- Photographs of Captains/Vice Captains are taken.
- Parents may order these through the photographer.

Sport & PE

Sport is normally held each Friday and all students are encouraged to wear their sports uniform on this day. Generally, sport lessons take place in the afternoon sessions, but during the hotter terms (1 and 4), sport may be held during session one. Regular physical education fitness sessions also take place each week.

The children have the opportunity to compete in sports such as netball, T-ball, touch football AFL, rugby league and soccer throughout the year. The children also compete in our own and Wagga District Small Schools' swimming, athletics and cross country carnivals. Opportunities are available for talented athletes to attend trials at district level through the year. We have two sports houses, **Gugubarra** and **Wambuwyuny**.

Student performances

Each year the students have the opportunity to perform in various capacities to a variety of audiences. These range from class assembly items, participation in Education Week performances at the Wagga Market Place, the Wagga Eisteddfod and the Choral & Dance Spectacular (CHORDS) as well as a recorder performance at the Sydney Opera House approximately every 3 years. A whole school concert takes place each year. Any students displaying high level talents in music, speech, drama or dance may also attend various camps and choral groups arranged through the Wagga Creative Arts organisers.

Student reports

Reports provide an indication of student achievement as assessed through a series of standardised and class-based assessment tasks throughout the terms. Student reports are sent home with students at the end of terms 2 and 4.

Students in Kindergarten are assessed during the first few weeks of school through the Best Start program. Letters are sent home prior to parent interviews detailing the skills students have and how parents may assist to continue to develop these skills.

Students in Years 3 and 5 participate in the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). These tests assess students in the areas of Writing, Literacy and Numeracy. Once marked and analysed, detailed reports are sent to parents from the Department of Education. Teachers are available to discuss student results when parents receive the reports. The National Assessment Program (NAPLAN) will be held in Term 1 each year. Students in years 3-6 will also participate in Check-In Assessments to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy to tailor teaching to students needs.

Support programs

Students requiring additional support may be assisted through individual and small group programs with the Support Teacher Learning Assistance (STLA) teacher. Students with significant learning or behaviour needs may also be eligible to apply for funding support which can provide a School Learning Support Officer (SLSO) to work with the child in the classroom. Application for this support is done in conjunction with counsellor testing.

Uniform

Kapooka Public school colours are green and gold.

SUMMER UNIFORM

Girls:

- Green and white checked dress with white collar and trim
- Black shoes/runners with white socks
- School hat
- Bottle green sports skirt or skorts or shorts with a green polo shirt (gold trim on collar) is also an option

Boys:

- Bottle Green Sports shorts
- Green polo shirt with gold trim on collar
- Black shoes/runners with white socks
- School hat

WINTER UNIFORM

Girls:

- Green school tunic (available for hire at \$20 per season which includes a \$10 refundable deposit)
- Green tights
- Gold polo shirt or skivvy
- Green Kapooka sloppy joe/hoodie
- Green / gold trim track pants
- Green polo shirt with gold trim on collar – long or short sleeve
- Jacket, zippered, green / gold trim
- Black shoes/runners with white socks

Boys:

- Grey jeans or trousers
- Green / gold trim track pants
- Green polo shirt with gold trim on collar – long or short sleeve
- Green Kapooka sloppy joe/hoodie
- Jacket, zippered, green / gold trim
- Black shoes or runners with grey socks

A bottle green tracksuit is also an acceptable option for both boys and girls to wear during winter. A school spray jacket is an additional item available for purchase along with matching track pants.

SPORTS UNIFORM**Girls:**

- Bottle green sports skirt or skorts or shorts
- Green Polo shirt with gold trim on collar
- Joggers or runners with white socks

Boys:

- Bottle green sports shorts
- Green polo shirt with gold trim on collar
- Joggers or runners with white socks (or green and gold football socks)

Uniform orders should be made via the **My School Connect** app. Once the order has been received the Uniform Co-Ordinator will then process your order and send it home on Friday with your child/children if completed by 3pm on Wednesday of that week .

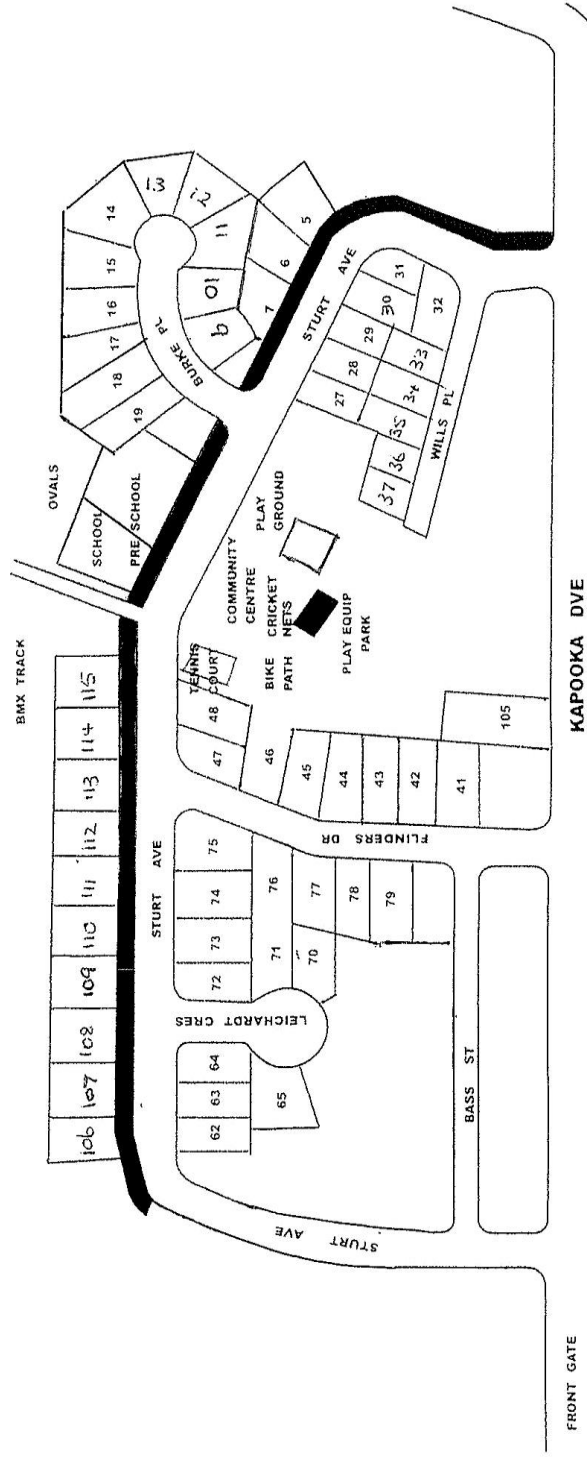
Special Notes:

- All new student enrolments receive a complimentary drink bottle courtesy of the P&C.
- ***Kapooka Public school has a no hat, play in the shade policy during all school terms (one two, three and four)***

Our Playground



KAPOOKA VILLAGE - HOUSING LOCATIONS



Develop Stage 1 - Play Equipment Park