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Important Dates

10 Aug	Hay Day Fundraiser
14-17 Aug	Book Fair
15 Aug	Combined Band Practice— Year 6
16 Aug	STEM Night 5-7pm
17 Aug	Geronimo Stilton Visit
17 Aug	Senior Assembly
17-18 Aug	Robocup
20-24 Aug	Book Week
21 Aug	Year 6 Sausage Sizzle
24 Aug	Book Character Dress Up Day
24 Aug	Junior Assembly

Notes Home

Hay Day
Stem Night
Yr 3 & 4 Touch Gala Day
The Great Book Swap
Scholastic Book Fair

Download the [Skoolbag app](#) on your smartphone to stay up to date with school events, notices, and important info. Search for 'Kaleen Primary' on the App Store or

Mission

To engage, equip and empower all children and young people to learn for life.

Vision

At Kaleen Primary School we are committed to working with parents as partners in learning to ensure that all students succeed. We are committed to the holistic development of every child - socially, emotionally, academically, culturally and physically. We build our student's knowledge in cross-disciplinary, critical and creative thinking, and problem solving skills with the aim of developing our students as future focused 21st Century learners. As a professional learning community, we work collaboratively to ensure all students achieve their learning potential and enjoy coming to school to learn, share, celebrate and have fun.

Dear Kaleen Community,

We are well and truly in the swing of Term 3! Our school priorities continue to focus on enhancing Literacy and Numeracy practices, our STEM and Sustainability programs and our Positive Behaviours for Learning initiative. All teachers are working in one of four Strategic Plan Teams (SPTs) to create research based plans to improve student outcomes in these areas. Please [click here](#) to watch a short video that summarises our school strategic priorities that we plan to address over the next five years. I would like to say a huge thank you to Jamal Sabet for putting together this amazing video for our school community.

CENSUS – Late Arrivals

Last week we completed our census for our student enrolments and National Consistency Collection of Data (NCCD). As part of the census process we have been informed by the Directorate about late attenders and that from Monday 13 August all students who arrive after 9:10am will be marked as late on the School Administrative System (SAS). As we know it is important for children to arrive on time as the school learning commences at 9:00am. All students who arrive after 9:10am will need to be signed in (by a responsible adult) at the front office and will be issued a late slip to give to their classroom teacher. We thank you for your continued support.

P&C Vice President

Ben Peters Jones - 0466 386 377

Board Chair

Bruce Whitby - 0400 394 235

Board Representatives

Heather Rea - 0403 771 921

Emma Snowden - 0430 357 093

PE@K Timetable

Term 3

PE@K Lunchtime Clubs

Monday – Coding

Tuesday – Art Club

Wednesday – Writing & Tinker 1

Thursday – Tinker 2

Friday – Engineering

PE@K Programs

Senior Choir - Monday

Junior Choir – Tuesday

Japanese Choir – Thursday/Friday

Year 3 and 4 Recorder – Thursday

Green Team – Friday

Year 5 Band – Wednesday

Year 6 Band – Friday

Rock Band - Friday

KIPS Junior and Senior – **Every
Lunchtime**

PBL Update

Congratulations to all our Kaleen Primary students for earning over six thousand W@K tokens! Next Friday, each cohort will celebrate this achievement by enjoying a 'Mystery Movie Morning'. This term, the PBL team have decided to update our whole school incentive system to include House Group targets. When teachers observe our students living our school expectations (of being Safe, Responsible, Respectful, Learners) students will receive a corresponding W@K token to put in their Sporting house cylinder. When all four House Groups reach 1000 tokens each, there will be a mystery school prize and the first House Group to reach 2000 tokens will receive an additional prize.

Freshtastes Program

Last week, the ABC News came into the school to learn more about our *freshtastes* healthy eating program. The program aired last Sunday night and Sohum (6LL) and Catherine McGufficke (parent rep) did a fabulous job showcasing our school achievements ([click here](#) to watch the story). Hayley (6JS) and Sohum also accompanied our teachers Fiona Chapman, Mel Chiles and Kate Doak to the *freshtastes* celebration earlier this week in Harrison. This project links to our sustainability program and our school garden projects. Our Edible Community Garden brings together learners of different age groups, celebrates indigenous ties, strengthens links with local community groups and encourages environmental sustainability. Recently we have developed composting facilities and worm farms along with a food scrap collection program to increase student awareness of and participation in the sustainable management of waste. This program highlights the fabulous work our school is doing to promote healthy eating and sustainable lifestyles.

Winter Walk to School Week

Winter Walk to School Week is on next week. We are celebrating and supporting this important initiative by meeting students and their families at checkpoints on Tuesday, 14 August and walking to school together. A note went home earlier this week which outlines specific times and meeting points. We are hoping the winter weather will be more like an early spring and I look forward to walking with you on the day.

Hay Day

On Friday, Kaleen primary school will celebrate Hay Day to raise money to support our Aussie farmers battling drought conditions across the country. The Buy a Bale campaign is part of the charity *Rural Aid* and we are encouraging students (and the school community) to dress as a farmer (or a farm animal) and bring a gold coin/small donation. Student Parliament chose to support this important cause and I would like to thank students and community members for putting this forward as a proposal. We will be collecting donations from classrooms on Friday morning and I thank you in advance for your contributions.



Learning Expo and Awards Ceremony Updates

Based on feedback from a number of families, we have decided to trial a change to some of our school procedures.

This year, we will be holding our Learning Expo over two days and offering families the option of attending either session. In Week 9, we plan to offer session 1 on Thursday afternoon 3:15-4:30pm and session 2 on Friday morning from 9:00-10:30am, (with a concert running from 10:30-11:00am). Adding a second session will support families with grandparents travelling from interstate (as session 2 backs onto a weekend) and will reduce classroom congestion on each day.

We have also had feedback from staff, parents and students that our awards ceremonies at the end of term are too long (sometimes running for an hour and a half). We are currently handing out 12 awards each year (two Golden Letters and one Kaleen Spirit per term) which means over half of the students in each class receive an award each year. We have decided to reduce the number of awards offered to one Golden Letter and one Kaleen Spirit per term (eight awards a year). This could essentially reduce the duration of award assemblies by up to half an hour. Due to the additional Learning Expo session, we will now be holding this term's awards ceremony on Friday Week 10 at 9:10am.

Bye for now,
Chris Shaddock
Principal



We're proud to be a Fresh Tastes graduate!

Our school has been involved in Fresh Tastes since 2015 and the results are great! We've had a positive shift in our food and drink environment and culture.

We were recognised for our achievements at a celebration event, with students accepting a certificate and a vertical garden gift from Suzanne Orr MLA, Member for Yerrabi.

We want to thank all students, parents and staff who have been driving forward activities to make healthy foods and drinks a bigger part of every day school life.

Find out more about Fresh Tastes at

www.act.gov.au/freshtastes



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School Satisfaction Surveys 2018

It's that time of the year when parents, school staff and senior students (Year 5 and Year 6) are asked to complete a short, but important survey. The survey results will contribute to school research and improvement processes. The survey will be conducted from 14 August to 3 September 2018. Although the survey is voluntary, we hope you will want to participate. It won't take much of your time and it will help us understand areas where we are doing a good job, as well as areas for further improvement. A letter or email about the parent survey will be sent to you next week. A summary of our school results is provided in our 2017 School Board Report which is available on our website. All surveys will be completed online.

Once again, we will be encouraging a high rate of participation from our parent community and have an exciting incentive for the completion of these surveys. We are planning on hosting a 'Wheel's Day' for all classes who receive an 85% survey completion rate. There will be a visual display in the foyer as motivation and once each class achieves the target they will be placed on the wheel...Don't be surprised if you are hounded by your children to complete your online survey so they can return their slip to the class teacher! More information and updates will follow.



Heroes' Corner

If you would like to have your child's achievements acknowledged here, please email a short blurb to mary-caitlin.cox@ed.act.edu.au.



100 Days of Kindy

This term, we celebrated 100 Days of Kindy for this year's cohort. The students and teachers dressed up to reflect their new-found wisdom. If you'd like to see more, please visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/KaleenPrimary/>.



Discount Raiders Games

Enjoy a discount for the up coming Canberra Raiders games. When purchasing through Tiketek, use the following codes:

Raiders v Tigers Sunday 12 August
- 1RAITIG8

Raiders v Roosters Sunday 19 August
- 1RAIROO8



Transport Canberra

Transport Canberra is inviting your feedback on the new public transport network that Transport Canberra is planning for our city in 2019. The online survey can be accessed at www.yoursay.act.gov.au.

Tip #6**Acknowledge and encourage your children's qualities****Why is this good for your child?**

Knowing what their qualities are will help your child build confidence and feel good about who they are.

Try this...

Remind your children of their great qualities when life is challenging for them.

**P&C Update**

The P&C met on Tuesday 7 August for the first meeting in Term 3. Key outcomes from the meeting were:

- Election of Ben Peters Jones as President and Siaan Ansori as Vice President. We are pleased that all Executive Committee Positions for 2018 are now filled.
- We encourage you to engage with P&C Committee members and/or your Year Cohort Representatives to ensure the P&C provides you with the best support.
- Update on the school canteen and agreement on the way forward to ensure this service continues to meet the needs of the community. We are pleased to welcome Sue Stonell as the new Canteen Manager and look forward to the forthcoming improvements to the canteen service. Sue is available Wednesday to Friday to discuss your canteen ideas and, as ever, warmly welcomes any volunteers who might like to help her!
- Mr Shaddock presented the school's strategic plan. The P&C provided feedback on the Plan and made suggestions to improve communication between the school and parents. We look forward to hearing more from the school executive about the positive directions set out in the plan.
- Discussion of forthcoming activities, including support for this week's Drought Relief Day led by the Student Parliament. The P&C always welcomes ideas for community or fundraising events. Please send in your suggestions!

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 4 September 2018 (week 7). We hope to see you there in person if possible or if not, talk to us in the playground or via email at kaleenpandc@gmail.com.

Library News

You are invited to our Scholastic Book Fair!! (Week 4)

Hours of operation:

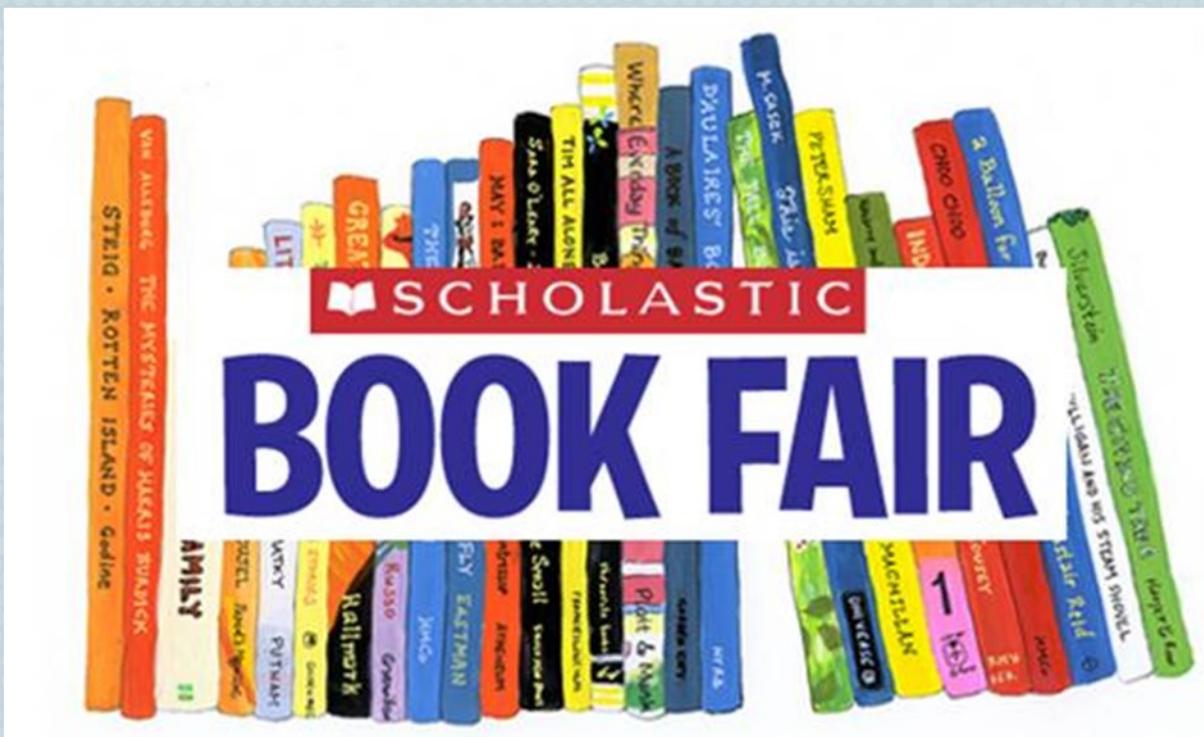
Hours of Operation: 14-17 August

Tuesday - Thursday 8:00 am- 9:00 am, 1:00-1:30 pm, 3:00 pm-4:00 pm

Extra Thursday Only- 5:00 pm- 7:30 pm

Friday 8:00 am-9:00 am

Come on in and check out the large variety of book for sale. There is something for every age group and reading level. All Book Fair sales go towards earning money for the library.



Book Fair Events

Friday 17 August 1:10-1:35 pm Geronimo Stilton Visit -available for photos, book signing, hugs and high fives. Families and siblings welcome.

Week 5 (20 August- 24 August)- Book Week.

Friday 24 August- Book Character Dress up and Parade- Dress up as your favourite book Character and participate in the recess parade. Parents welcome from 11:00—11:30 am

日本語ニュース (Japanese News!)

ACT Japanese Speech Contest

The ACT Japanese Speech Contest will be held at Kaleen Primary School in the morning of Saturday 22 September. Let me introduce our school's representatives in this exciting event!

Senior Squad

Division D (Open)

Sohum(6LL) Mathew (6KT) Jasmine (4NV) Ruby (4JS) Emma (4NV) Aaron (6LL)



Division C (Senior)

Krishna (5CG)



Hanwen (6KT)



Division B (Middle)

Prijay (3FS)



Ambareen (3FS)



Junior Participants

Kindy: Prinith(KSP), Erika(KSP), Cooper(KJB), Tomoki (KJB) Agatha (KJB), George(KJB), Emma(KKD)

Year 1: Riya(1MS), Peter(1MS), Ava(1AP), Shrestha (1AW), Eleanor(1AW)

Year 2: Masaki(2SB), Adi(2FC), Yohaaan(2FC), Hunter (2LO), Pinipa(2LO), Henry(2LO), Sanul(2SC)

Narumi sensei has moved to a new host family!

Thank you very much to the Belling Family for looking after Narumi so well! She had a great time at your place. Narumi has moved to the Johnson Family for Term 3. As the photo shows, she is already having a great time!. Thank you for her new host mother, Karen, and her host father, Peter, for welcoming Narumi to their family. Thank you Charlotte (3FS) and Addelin (KSP) for teaching Narumi English!



Mari Kitasaka (Kitasaka Sensei)

Teacher of Japanese

Golden Letter Assembly and Kaleen Spirit Award



Kindy



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6