FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I hope all families have settled into the new term. I would like to share with you information about what is happening around Kaleen Primary and give you details about our busy schedule in the coming week.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

Students from Years 2 to 6 sat the ICAS Mathematics Competition on Tuesday this week, the last ICAS paper for the year. Kaleen Primary students have sat a whopping total of 572 ICAS papers this year, across six competitions! A further 80 students also sat the Australian Mathematics Competition last week. Certificates for the ICAS Computer Skills Competition will be presented at the end of this Friday's assembly.

SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEYS

The 2014 School Satisfaction Surveys are now open. Parents and carers, school staff and students (in Years 5 and 6) are asked to participate in these important surveys. The survey results will contribute to the school improvement process, which aims to achieve high standards in student learning, innovation and best practice in ACT public schools. The surveys include nationally agreed parent and student items and our 2014 School Board Report will include a summary of our school survey results for these national items. 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 and areas for further development. A letter about the parent survey was sent home earlier this week. Families who are interested in having the survey translated into their home or first language are invited to contact the Front Office. We thank you for providing feedback through this process.

COLDS AND FLU

At this time of year, colds and flu are abundant in Canberra. Recently we have had a larger than normal number of students presenting to our Front Office with high temperatures and coughs in varying states of distress. At Kaleen Primary we do have students who are highly vulnerable to illnesses. In the interests of student wellbeing, could I ask parents/caregivers to keep sick children or those with symptoms at home until they are well. Thank you for your support in this matter.
PARTNERSHIP CLUSTER

The Kaleen Cluster consists of the Principals and Deputy Principals from Giralang Primary, Maribyrnong Primary, Kaleen Primary and UC Kaleen High School. The cluster is part of the broader alliance of schools across the Belconnen Network. The purpose of these partnerships is to develop quality teaching and learning practices across schools and strengthen transition pathways for students. This week Lynne Sheville and I have been meeting with Kaleen Cluster Principals and executives to enable opportunities for teachers to share practices and ideas for improving student learning and extension opportunities across core curriculum areas.

ANU CHESS CHAMPIONS

Kaleen Primary was proud to send four teams to the recent ANU Primary Schools Chess Championship. Team members were Jamie, Akhil, Nikhil, Isaac, Yasidu, Tomas, Daniel, Ruhaan, Ryan, Sriya, Sam, Ricky, Ruofan, Ramon and Athena. All students represented Kaleen Primary with distinction and our team of Ricky, Ruofan, Ramon and Athena proved themselves a formidable force and claimed the number one position for the tournament! A big thank you to Mr Wylie and Mr Shapowloff for their support of chess at our school and our wonderful parents for providing transport. Well done to all our teams and good luck for the ACT finals later this month.

STEP INTO LIMELIGHT FESTIVAL

Just to let you know around 50 amazing talented Kaleen Primary students are participating in the Step into the Limelight Festival in the combined choir, drama and dance performances on 28 August. Students have been hard at work rehearsing. The Step into Limelight program involves over 1300 students over 4 days. Thank you to all parents for their support with transport and arrangements and thank you to Mrs Skye Knight for her commitment to performing arts at Kaleen Primary. Tickets are on sale through Ticketek on 132849 or premier.ticketek.com.au. We look forward to sharing their success with you in upcoming newsletters.

BASKETBALL

Eight students from Kaleen Primary attended the Year 5/6 boys Jamie Pearlman Cup on Thursday 7 August at the Belconnen Basketball Stadium. The team consisted of Angus, Matt, Liam, Jordan, Ivan, Billy, Josh and Ricky.

The boys represented the school proudly, each individual participated with enthusiasm, a high degree of skill and exceptional sportsmanship. This made for a fun, active and enjoyable day! Kaleen Primary lost the first game to Amaroo Primary 30-20, defeated Gold Creek Waratahs 28-8 and the Evatt Eagles 62-2. (Amaroo made the final and lost by 1 point). A big thank you to Mrs Ruth Taylor who supported the team as scorer throughout the day and to Mr Vearing for his continuing support of our students.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge our 41 track and field representatives who competed in today’s Belconnen District Athletics carnival at the Australian Institute of Sport – we look forward to learning more in the near future.

All the best for the week ahead.

Laurie Campbell – Principal

SRC JEANS FOR GENES FUNDRAISER

The Student Representative Council (SRC) is made up of two elected students from each class. We meet once per week to discuss how we can improve our school and how we can help our local community. Last Friday, the SRC asked all students and staff to put on their jeans and give generously to support research into cancers, birth defects, and genetic diseases at The Children’s Medical Research Institute. More information is available at www.cmri.org.au.

The response blew us away! Altogether we raised an outstanding $503.90!!!! We appreciate your participation on the day. Well done!

Adithya and James – Year 3

Aimee Griggs and Jen Swift – SRC Coordinators
GREEN TEAM NEWS TERM 3

This term holds much promise for the activities of the Green Team with a newly elected team of students working with the ongoing and very hardworking Year 6 representatives. We are particularly thrilled to have Kindergarten representatives joining the Green Team this term.

Our major projects for this term will involve:

- Painting a group of gnomes to take their place within the community collection at Floriade Flower Festival this September.
- Hosting the school’s inaugural ‘Nude Food Day’ designed to encourage minimal use of packaging around lunches.
- Establishing the new garden beds in the playground.

Earlier this year, Green Team representatives were asked to design a logo as part of the introductory activities. I’d like to congratulate Anneka (6S), Emily (6T) and Keishan (5W) whose design was chosen to be the Kaleen Primary Green Team logo.

Late last term the students of the junior school learnt about local efforts to save the endangered species of the Corroboree Frog as part of activities to mark ‘World Environment Day’. The school was invited to participate in a T-shirt poster design competition resulting in many high quality presentations. The winners will be announced shortly.

A special thank you to Mrs Gina Harrop for her commitment and enthusiasm in leading the Green Team. Mrs Evelyn Prior will assist the Green Team for the remainder of the year.

Congratulations to the following students who will serve as class representatives for the Green Team in Term 3. We look forward to you all making valuable contributions in this role:

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Melissa Chiles – Green Team Organiser

FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

LOST PROPERTY

Currently we have a large amount of lost property including unlabelled clothing and items. Please remember to label all your child’s clothing and school items such as lunchboxes, drink bottles and bags. Please check that your child has not brought home someone else’s property accidentally.

SCHOOL BANKING

Commonwealth School Banking day at Kaleen Primary is every FRIDAY. Bank books can be dropped to the Front Office on Friday mornings for processing. To get your child started for School Banking you will need to provide identification for yourself, the school has the copy of your child’s birth certificate. If your child already has an existing account and would like to register for School Banking all they need to do is bring their yellow Dollarmite wallet on FRIDAY with a small deposit.

Di Wallace – Business Manager
BOOK WEEK – CONNECT TO READING

I was getting organised for Book Week this year and thought to myself – I wonder do people actually know why we have Book Week? We have Book Week to celebrate books, specifically the books that have been selected by the Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA) as notable, short listed, honour listed or Book of the Year. If you would like to explore this further, please visit the CBCA website cbca.org.au/index.htm.

Next week is the busiest week of the year for the Resource Centre. Here is a summary of the exciting activities throughout Book Week.

Monday 18 August

Book Fair is in the Resource Centre. After the 8:30 – 9am borrowing time, the Resource Centre will be closed for the remainder of the day. The Book Fair is the Resource Centre’s major fundraiser for the year. All proceeds from the Book Fair go directly into buying resources. The books are all recent releases and very reasonably priced. I buy a lot of my Christmas presents at Book Fair as they are cheap, popular and contemporary.

Tuesday 19 August

Preschool students will visit the Book Fair in the morning with their Grandfriends. Kindergarten through to Year 6 students will have a chance to look at the Book Fair and write a wish list of books they might like.

11:20am: Junior Book Week performance: “Worlds Apart”

1:45pm: Senior Book Week performance “Worlds Apart”

6-7pm – The Reading Hour is an initiative from the Love2Read organisation and focuses on getting people reading. It is focussing on the hour of 6-7pm on Tuesday 19 August. We strongly encourage you to make some time to read with your child/children for at least 10 minutes a day or one hour a week. For more information, please visit www.love2read.org.au/readinghour.cfm.

Wednesday 20 August

Book Fair is open 8:30-9am and 3–3:30pm.

Thursday 21 August

Book Fair is open 8:30-9am and 3–3:30pm.

The Book Week Character Parade is at 9:15am in the gym. Students and staff are encouraged to dress up as a character from a book. Emphasis is on imagination and reusing things – not so much on spending lots of money. I always end up borrowing, reusing and making things to get my characters to look good. The best dressed person from each class will receive a book prize (to be claimed Friday afternoon).

Friday 22 August

8:30am Book Fair opens and remains open all day for Grandfriends and students.

2:30pm Book Fair closes to allow processing of orders and packing up.

Julia Chadburn – Teacher Librarian

Reading Magic: Why Reading Aloud To Our Children Will Change Their Lives Forever

The fire of literacy is created by the emotional sparks between a child and a book. It isn’t achieved by the book alone, by the child alone, or by the adult who is reading aloud—it’s the relationship winding between all three, bringing them together in easy harmony.

Mem Fox

Dianne Frame is the Community Representative on our School Board and is a Real Estate Agent with LJ Hooker, Manuka. Dianne is happy to donate $500 to the school from every sale when she lists and sells any property introduced to her by school parents or staff.

Contact Dianne on 02 6239 5551 or 0411 092 990
NIHONGO NYUUSU (JAPANESE NEWS)

Term 3 has started well. Learning continues apace in all classrooms – Kindy students are learning how to describe animals; Year 1s and 2s are still embedding core classroom expressions and vocabulary; Year 3s and 4s are using their body part language to describe themselves and others and Year 5s and 6s are rapidly expanding their vocabulary and sentence structure as we continue to ‘travel’ to different Japanese cities.

New ‘Japanese for the fridge’ handouts have been given out in classes over the past few weeks. Please ask your child about them and ask them to explain what we have been doing in weekly lessons. All research indicates that one of the best ways for children to embed new knowledge is for them to teach the concept to someone else. Their ability to do so will give you an ‘on the spot’ indication of where they are at. However, please be aware that the latest ‘Japanese for the fridge’ will also contain material they haven’t yet learn as we are only in Week 4 of Term 3! If you have any questions, please contact me at school on 6205 5888.

Over the past 2 weeks the Kaleen Primary ‘meeting room’ has been temporarily transformed into a Japanese ‘tea house!’ Sayaka’s grandmother is a sado (tea ceremony) instructor and Sayaka wanted to teach our senior students about this very traditional Japanese art. The students showed curiosity, enthusiasm and an ‘open mind’ to a new experience as they knelt quietly and politely on floor cushions sipping green tea and admiring Sayaka’s tea making style!!

Sayaka and I, along with 12 ‘hand picked’ Year 4 students and 6 Year 6 ‘origami experts’ are looking forward to this year’s annual ACT Primary Schools’ Japanese Fun Day to be held at Giralang Primary on Wednesday 20 August. 15 ACT schools will participate and we will have a full report and photos for the next newsletter. Tanoshii deshoo! (It is sure to be fun!)

Ros Brydie - Teacher of Japanese

JULY STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to:

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July Students of the Month with Mr Campbell and Mrs Sheville
BOARD REPORT

The School Board met again on Tuesday 12 August and welcomed Laurie Campbell to his first Board meeting as Principal. The Board heard an update on staffing developments. We discussed the fact that the school is expecting some movement of staff through the current transfer round, although the majority of our current teachers are expected to remain next year, and some are planning to return to Kaleen Primary. This is influenced in part by the Directorate’s five year cycle and the professional pathways process for teaching staff. The process of permanently filling the Deputy Principal’s position is underway. The position is currently open to applicants who could transfer from an equivalent position. If the position is not filled in this first round, it will be open to anyone to apply. Professional development opportunities are continuing through the school’s scheduled teacher training program.

Offers of enrolment for Preschool for 2015 have now been made, with almost all places accepted. This means our Preschool is full for next year, in line with the Directorate’s policy to have the Preschools at capacity. This will have a flow on effect for enrolments for Kindergarten in 2016.

Work has been going on to strengthen the connections between the cluster of schools in our area - Maribyrnong Primary, Giralang Primary and UC Kaleen High. One of the aims of this process is to create better transitions and support for the movement of students from primary school to their local high school.

Ongoing maintenance and improvement works continue around the school, for example, garden beds in the Preschool, improvements in the Kindergarten office and staff toilet in the junior end, the Kitchen Garden roof and the soggy area near the basketball courts. There is always work to do to stay on top of the maintenance of our facilities.

The next board meeting is scheduled for 16 September. Please feel free to contact any of the parent representatives about things discussed by the Board. Contact details are on the front page of each newsletter.

Elissa Steel – Board Parent Representative

2014 SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEY

The survey opens on 11 August and closes on 29 August 2014

WE VALUE YOUR FEEDBACK!

The survey results contribute to the school improvement process, which aims to achieve high standards in student learning. Your feedback is highly valued and important to us.

We will be hosting an Internet Café for Parents to complete the survey in the comfort of our computer lab. Morning/Afternoon Tea will be provided

Everyone is welcome!

The Internet Café will be open at the following times

- **Friday 15 August 8:30 –10:30am**
- **Thursday 21 August 2:30 –3:30pm**
- **Monday 25 August 8:30:9:30am**
- **Wednesday 27 August 5:00—6:00pm**
- **Thursday 28 August 2:30-3:30 pm**
- **Friday 29 August 8:30—10:30 (Last Day)**

There will be a staff member there to support you and answer any questions.

Michelle Northey – Executive Teacher

[love2Read](http://www.love2read.org.au)
P&C REPORT

Thank you very much to everyone who braved the frosty night air to attend the P&C meeting on Tuesday 5 August. It was the first with our new Principal and Laurie Campbell provided an extremely informative, thorough Principal’s report. Coming up this term will be a Father’s Day Mini Raffle (see below) as well as a Father’s Day Breakfast BBQ put on by the Kitchen Garden. We also set a date for the World Teachers’ Day morning tea which was inaugurated last year. This year the P&C will provide morning tea for all staff on Wednesday 25 September to show our appreciation for the fabulous job they do each and every day. If you would like to help with this celebration or have any ideas you would like to share please come to the next P&C meeting on Tuesday 9 September at 7pm in the Staff Room.

FATHER’S DAY RAFFLE

On Monday 18 August tickets will be sent home for our Father’s Day Mini Raffle. There are 16 prizes in all which include Microsoft software, a signed Raiders rugby ball, Tupperware, Chef’s Toolbox products and LOTS of socks and chocolates.

Each family will be sent a book of five $1 tickets. Please return your sold and unsold tickets by Thursday 4 September as we will be drawing it on Friday 5 September. Tickets should have a name, phone number and (if possible) the name of a child that the prize can go home with.

For more details or additional tickets, please contact Kate Rowntree. Thank you for your support and good luck!

Kate Rowntree – P&C Vice President

ACTION BUS SERVICE CHANGES

On Monday 1 September a significantly enhanced ACTION bus network, including more direct routes, better connections, increased frequency and improved weekend services, will commence. Changes to bus routes that affect Kaleen Primary students are:

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<td>Afternoon</td>
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<td>528 This service will no longer operate. Kaleen Primary students to use routes 30 and 31. Kaleen High students to use route 250.</td>
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Visit the ACTION website [www.action.act.gov.au](http://www.action.act.gov.au) or call the dedicated information hotline on 6205 5033 for full details of changes and new school service network routes, maps and start/finish times. Please note that although a school service may be unchanged in route and direction, you will need to check the start and finish times.

UNIFORM SHOP REPORT

Welcome back to Term 3 and a special welcome to any new families joining us. Just a reminder that the Uniform Shop is P&C operated and is open every Wednesday of school term from 8:30 – 9:30am. We sell Preschool and Primary School uniform items and accept payment by cash or cheque only. We also have a table of good quality second hand items available for a gold coin donation. If you have items at home that your child has outgrown and would like to donate them, bring them to the Uniform Shop or the Front Office. We are currently very low on volunteers. If you are available on Wednesday mornings and would like to help, please contact me on 0478 640 910. Children are welcome and you are usually only required to come twice a term.

Kate Rowntree – Uniform Shop Coordinator

L.J. Hooker Kaleen is proud to continue to support the Kaleen Primary School community. For all your Real Estate needs contact the office on 6241 1922.
At Preschool we have had a busy start to the term with our visit to the Canberra Symphony Orchestra. The children were very excited as we boarded the bus which took us to the Llewellyn Hall. The Canberra Symphony Orchestra transformed the Llewellyn Hall into a zoological garden with their production of ‘Carnival of the Animals’. In this colourful work the different instruments of the orchestra illustrated a range of exotic animals from the lumbering elephant to the shimmering aquarium and majestic swan. Warwick Potter the conductor tamed the instruments as they played the loud and soft tones of the animals. The children were asked to guess the animal as each instrument played. This was an exciting adventure which exposed the children to the world of classical music. A big thank you to all of our amazing parent helpers who accompanied us on this excursion.

Ellen Caulfield – Preschool Teacher

EXPLOSIVE SCIENCE WEEK ACTIVITIES

What: Science in ACTion
Where: Australian National University – Melville Hall (off University Ave)
When: 10am – 4pm, Saturday 16 August
Cost? FREE!

Explore 3D printing, aircraft design, fossils, parasites, cutting edge IT and so much more. Hear from artists, cartoonists, researchers, authors, climate scientists and see some explosive science shows. The littlest members of the family will love Shelly the Snail, exciting science shows with curious puppets, face painting and our free giveaways.

Don’t miss these special Science in ACTion events!

10am – 12 noon - Meet the AFP detector dogs and talk with their handlers.
1pm Hear about what it’s like to live in space with astronaut Rick Hieb
12 noon - 3pm – Explosive science shows with Science Show Offs Graham Walker

This is just the start of what’s on offer throughout National Science Week - Australia’s largest celebration of science! For further details of all our events, visit www.scienceweek.net.au or stay up to date by following us on facebook.com/ScienceWeekACT or @nswk_ACT on Twitter.