CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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AWARDS

During discussions with parents, staff and students, the topic of awards was raised. The purpose of our awards has always been to acknowledge our students’ outstanding effort and achievement and recognise improvement. In consideration of the diversity of points of view and in consultation with staff, I am proposing a trial of the following changes to students’ awards for 2015 as follows:

- **Values Awards** - values tickets will continue and be expanded to include our learning values. Values awards will be celebrated at class and year level meetings on regular occasions.

- **Merit Awards** will continue with up to two per class per fortnight and be read out at each assembly.

- **Golden Letter Awards** will replace the Student of the Month. Golden Letter Awards will continue to recognise outstanding effort and achievement. The Golden Letter will expand to two awards per class at the end of each term.

- We are removing commercial sponsorship from our awards and will merge our Citizenship and Fair Play into one award called the **Kaleen Spirit Award**. The Kaleen Spirit Award is to be awarded to one student, per class, per term for outstanding citizenship and fair play.
**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Just a reminder that the Kaleen Primary swimming carnival will be held at the Dickson Aquatic Centre on Tuesday 10 March. Students will have the opportunity to swim competitively and/or participate in the many games and fun water activities scheduled. Students competing in the 100m events will need to travel by private transport to be at Dickson Pool ready for an 8:30am start. All other students will depart from school by bus as soon as practical after 9am. Students will be back at school prior to 3:00pm for routine pickups. Please ensure all swimming forms are returned as soon as possible. Once again, the carnival will be held in combination with Giralang Primary School.

**ASSEMBLY**

Please be advised that there will be no senior assembly on Friday 13 March due to Questacon Science workshop program (Years 3-6). This program is being provided at no cost to parents and is part of the Kaleen Primary Science enrichment program.

**NEW COMMITTEE**

It was really pleasing to see so many parents at the Kaleen Primary Parents and Citizens Association’s Annual General Meeting on 24 February. During this meeting a new executive committee was voted in and I am looking forward to working with them throughout 2015. On behalf of our school, I wish to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to all outgoing executive and committee members for their tireless efforts and support of Kaleen Primary School. I am pleased to advise you that the 2015 Parents and Citizens Executive Committee consists:

- President: Santos Muni
- Vice President: Shubhra Roy
- Secretary: Megan Finkle
- Treasurer: Wendy Blake
- Assistant Treasurer: Harry Hao
- Public Officer: Anne-Marie Wigney

**STUDENT LEADERS**

During the last month our school has been involved in electing our school leaders for 2015. Our school leaders play a very important part in the functioning of our school and as role models for other students. Our elected student leaders feature on page 4 of this newsletter. Congratulations to you all. We know you’ll represent Kaleen Primary with great pride.

**STUDENT HEALTH AND WELL BEING**

The amount of sleep that children need varies depending upon the individual and the age of the child. Research tells us that too little or too much sleep can have a negative impact upon a child’s ability to focus and concentrate the following day, and may consequently affect their performance at school. Below is a table to show how much sleep may be appropriate for your child.

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For more information about your child’s sleeping needs, see the Sleep Health fact sheets at [www.sleephealthfoundation.org.au](http://www.sleephealthfoundation.org.au).

**LOST PROPERTY**

Just a reminder for parents and students that students’ lost property will be on display in the hall. To assist staff in returning items to their owners please make sure items are clearly marked.

**OUR STUDENTS**

We really enjoy learning more about our students so keep sending in your stories! Notes
can be sent to the front office via email admin@kaleenps.act.edu.au.

Congratulations to the following students:

“Stripes” by Sol

Sol (3O) won the National Arboretum Photography competition, in the under 12s category and received prize money of $500 for his winning entry “Stripes”. His sister Elfin (1Q) also received highly commended for her entry “Red Flowers”. Winning entries in all categories are currently displayed for the next 2 weeks at the National Arboretum and can also be accessed via the following web link.  

Ramy

Ramy’s photo was taken during the world cup cricket match at Manuka Oval on 18 February 2015. It was Bangladesh vs Afghanistan and Bangladesh won the match by 105 runs.

Sachin

Sachin (2C) was selected in the ICC Cricket World Cup 2015 LG Anthem Kids competition to lead the ICC Cricket World Cup 2015 players onto the field for pre-match national anthem. He attended this event on Tuesday 24 February at Manuka Oval where he had the opportunity to meet great players including the batting sensation Chris Gayle. In the event, Sachin lead the players to the field with other selected children his age and participated in their respective national anthem before the game. It was a great experience for Sachin as he stood with some great players in this ceremony which was viewed by millions of cricket fans around the world on TV. He also was able to get a signature from Chris Gayle, who set a number of records in that match at Manuka Oval.

Laurie Campbell – Principal
2015 STUDENT LEADERS

Congratulations to our student leaders for 2015.

School Captains and Vice Captains

Captains Lily and Cayden with Vice Captains Ananya and Satvik and Mr Laurie Campbell

2015 Sports House Captains

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NIHONGO NYUUSU (JAPANESE NEWS)

It is with great delight that I welcome Mari Kitasaka to the Japanese team at Kaleen Primary! I will now be teaching all Preschool to Year 3 classes (30 and 3L) on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and Mari will teach all Year 4 – 6 classes and 3L on Thursday and Friday. Mari is a highly qualified native speaker of Japanese and she has much to offer our senior students. In just 5 weeks at our school Mari has come up with some great new ideas and activities and she has brought a fresh approach to how Japanese is taught at Kaleen Primary.

Mari will ‘appear’ from time to time at Friday assemblies speaking about some aspect of Japanese culture or language. This Friday she will be speaking about Hina Matsuri (Doll’s Festival) at the junior assembly and she will also write a Nihongo nyuusu (Japanese News) item each term. Mari will do her jikoshookai (self introduction) to the school community in the next newsletter.

Having Mari on staff has allowed me to reinvent myself as a teacher of Japanese in the junior school and I am really enjoying the opportunity to sing lots of songs, read lots of story books, do lots of counting, play with puppets, have Japanese tea parties and generally have lots of fun! I especially look forward to my Tuesday and Thursday visits to preschool where we lay out the blankets and learn Japanese under the trees! It is so lovely when you hear that after the Japanese lesson children are making sushi out of play dough and eating in a Japanese restaurant in play corner or that they are going home and teaching little brothers or dads some Japanese words!

In all Kindergarten to Year 6 classes students are trying to learn their Japanese jikoshookai (Self introduction) which they will deliver to Mako-sensei, our new Japanese Teaching Assistant from Kagoshima University when she arrives in Term 2. In Kindy, students will just learn to say ‘how do you do’ and their name in Japanese but at each year level after that the jikoshookai will expand to include information about their age, year level, family, likes and dislikes and their favourite colour, sport, food or person! This activity gives students an authentic opportunity to use their Japanese in a very real situation. Please listen to your child’s self introduction – most children are still a bit hesitant but by the end of term, with 5 more lessons under their belt they should be very confident!

I am keen to ascertain if there would be any parental interest in a ‘Japanese in the junior school’ community forum in Term 2. It would be an opportunity for parents to meet Mari, Mako and myself and get an overall idea of what we try to achieve in our Japanese program at Kaleen Primary. It would also give us an opportunity to spruik the value of learning a second language like Japanese! We could show you some of our wonderful resources and how we use them and we can give some pointers as to how you can support your children at home. If you are interested please speak to your child’s class teacher or send me an email at ros.brydie@ed.act.edu.au

Ros Brydie - Teacher of Japanese
10 THINGS I WONDER – BY 4L

The students were tasked with writing down 10 things in the world they wonder about. After reading these examples, you won’t be left wondering how amazing the next generation is, and how thoughtful, considerate, interested, and engaged they are.

I wonder when the first toy was ever built – Louisa
I wonder why the moon controls the waves – Eric
I wonder if there will be peace in the world – James
I wonder why the universe is perfect – Hamish
I wonder how long you can survive in space without a helmet – Archie
I wonder when people found out rockmelon is a fruit – Isla
I wonder what the future is like – Alicia
I wonder what happens in Star Wars Episode VII – William
I wonder why the lion has a mane – Viraan
I wonder if you could stay in space for more than 5 years – Taylor
I wonder why carrots have evolved to have one large root – Jonathan
I wonder why some people have two different coloured eyes – Yasidu
I wonder what people will invent next – Geordie

Ryan Lindsay – Year 4L Teacher

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY AT KPS

Looking for something to do with the kids on the weekend? Come along to the CONNECT AND PARTICIPATE EXPO! Saturday 28 March, 11am – 4pm at the Old Bus Depot Markets in Kingston. The EXPO will provide opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to discover the wide range of social groups in Canberra including sport, outdoor recreation, art & craft, music, performing arts, environmental and hobby groups. There will be come-and-try activities, performances, food stalls and more. Entry is free. A free ACTION bus will run a loop every 20–30 minutes from Civic (Platform 10 Northbourne Ave) to the Old Bus Depot Markets in Kingston, between 11am to 4pm. For more info, visit www.connectandparticipateexpo.com.au

On Friday 27 February, teachers and students across the school and preschool donned gloves and plastic bags to help keep our external environment in top shape. Bags containing a variety of items were collected by year groups beginning with the preschool in the morning and finishing with the Kindergarten classes accompanying their Year 6 buddies in the afternoon.

With grateful appreciation to everyone for their very genuinely enthusiastic attitudes, the playground and surrounding ovals were vastly improved in very little time.

Our efforts here at the school, which was a registered ‘Clean Up Australia Day’ site, mirrored those of the wider community with ‘Clean up Australia Day’ which took place at over 6000 sites around Australia on Sunday 1 March.

A huge thank you and well done to all involved!

Melissa Chiles – Green Team Coordinator

Cleaning up our little bit of Australia
Our library is open for extra borrowing time between 3pm and 3:30pm on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, as well as from 1:10pm to 1:35pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes.

We host an internet cafe on Wednesday mornings from 8:45am to 9:30am. If you need access to a computer or printer or need some extra help online, our library staff will be available to help. We can help parents and carers to access LOOP (online book club ordering) and other school related information technology tasks.

If you have any spare time on Friday mornings between 9am and 11am, we welcome volunteers to come in and help us prepare resources by book covering, stamping and hinge taping. All help is greatly appreciated.

All borrowers need to use a library bag every time they borrow. We have some spare plastic bags and welcome the donation of more plastic bags. Please bring them to the Resource Centre or drop them in at the front office.

CHIEF MINISTER’S READING CHALLENGE

It’s that time of year again and the Chief Minister’s Reading Challenge has begun. The challenge is for children to read 12 or more books by 5 September and record it on their reading records. Please note there are a few changes to the Challenge this year. Previously children needed to read 8 books from the Chief Minister’s reading list. This year, children can read 12 books of their own choice. Once your reading record is complete, bring it into the library and we will register it. All children that complete the challenge will receive a certificate of participation as well as earn vouchers for new resources for the library. For more information, visit the website www.det.act.gov.au/teaching_and_learning/chief_ministers_reading_challenge/how-to-meet-the-challenge.

If you have any questions please contact me at Christina.McCombe@ed.act.edu.au.

Krissy McCombe – Resource Centre

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

PI DAY 2015 – 3/14/15 9:26

On the fourteenth of March, 2015 at 9:26am the (slightly American) date/time is 3/14/15 9:26. What better way to celebrate than to get together with like-minded Pi lovers and recite Pi. Dickson College will be running a community Pi memorisation competition. There are brightly coloured knitted scarves for first prize for primary, high school and open categories (if first prize winners recite at least 150, 250 or 350 digits). There will be other prizes for high achievers, and certificates for all.

Please arrive at Dickson College between 9:00 and 9:15am so you can find the hall and be ready for a group Pi cheer at 9:26. After the competition we will celebrate with morning tea. Please bring a plate of circular food to share. Registration is free but you must register to be eligible for prizes. You can download a registration form from Dickson College’s website www.dicksonc.act.edu.au/specialised_programs/maths_enrichment.

Caroline Evers – former Kaleen Primary teacher

2015 Sports Expo

The 2015 Sports Expo is set to be even bigger than last year, with even more sports involved in 2015. The Hockey ACT Sports Expo is the place to get all your sporting action during the April School Holidays. The Sports Expo is run as a 2 day clinic with participants experiencing all 6 sports over both days. Quality coaches from each sporting code will be there to give participants the knowledge and guidance as they learn and develop through each sport.

Dates: 15th and 16th April
Time: 9am-2pm (both days) Ages: 6-16 years old
Location: National Hockey Centre, Lyneham ACT
Cost: $100 for the 2 days
Email shelley.watson@hockeyact.org.au to register

SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at any Commonwealth Bank branch, over the phone on 13 2221, or via NetBank if you are an existing customer with NetBank access. Remember to take in identification for you and your child (driver’s license and birth certificate). You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book that your child will use to participate in the program.

Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). At Kaleen Primary, school banking day is Friday. Students should bring their deposit books to the front office. Thank you for supporting our school and helping to teach your child the benefits of saving regularly.

SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 2015 – 10AM TO 3PM

OVER 35 STALLHOLDERS. SAUSAGE SIZZLE (10AM TO 1PM) RAISING FUNDS FOR OLIVIA LAMBERT FOUNDATION, JUMPING CASTLE AND FACE PAINTING

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