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TIME FLIES

Wow, it is nearly April. Where has the time gone? We are coming to the end of our swimming lessons and the children are happy, yet tired. I would like to extend a huge thankyou to all of the Kaleen Primary staff. To undertake lessons for 200 children, we have had to rearrange time tables, playground rosters, release roles and our lives. Our Front Office staff processed 200 forms and have answered numerous queries. All of our staff go above and beyond and we really appreciate this.

CONGRATULATIONS

Jo Keens left last week on maternity leave. We wish her all the best. Congratulations to Mark Bormann and Jacob Burridge who will share the acting Executive Teacher position.

A Random Pearl of Wisdom

There is nothing more genuine than breaking away from the chorus to learn the sound of your own voice.

Po Bronson

HIGH PRAISE INDEED

Lately we have had many visitors to our school and we have had some wonderful feedback that I would like to share with you. Wesley, from the gymnastics coaching club spoke to the staff and stated that he had never encountered such wonderful children. He was very impressed with our students, their attitude, behaviour and enthusiasm. He also praised the standard of our teachers and the quality of the teacher interactions with students. A teacher who visits this school frequently also commented on the “aura” that she felt as she entered the school. She observed the respect and inclusiveness of the staff and students. This teacher said she has visited many schools in her career and thinks that ours is outstanding.

KIDS MATTER!

We have an amazing community and we strive to improve all the time. One of the programs that our school is undertaking is the KidsMatter program. This program celebrates what we do well as a community and helps us improve our practice. We will be sending out KidsMatter updates as we work our way through the program, but we encourage you to visit and explore the resources available at www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/.

“KidsMatter Primary is a mental health and wellbeing framework for primary schools and is proven to make a positive difference to the lives of Australian children. KidsMatter Primary provides the proven methods, tools and support to help schools work with parents and carers, health services and the wider community, to nurture happy, balanced kids.”

Lynne Sheville – Executive Teacher
STUDENT SUCCESSES – WELL DONE!

Snap 100 Photography Competition

My sister and I entered a photography competition. I took a picture of the Acorn playground at the Arboretum. I won the 7 years division and Latoya won the 9 years. Then an artist from the Canberra glassworks made an artwork based on our pictures.

Taylor (3G)

We had to take a picture of Canberra to celebrate the centenary. We met Katy Gallagher and helped cut the cake for Canberra’s 101st birthday. The artist used an old TV screen which was in the kiln for a week to make the artwork. In 100 years Canberra may not look the same as it did in my photo.

Latoya (4MB)

ACT Swimming Championships

Kyle raced in the 2014 ACT Swimming Championships on Sunday 16 March. He won the 8 years and under boys ACT titles in the 50m Freestyle and Butterfly and placed second in the 50m Breaststroke and Backstroke. The highlight was the Freestyle race where he swam a new ACT Championship record for the event (36.64 seconds) breaking the previous event record of 36.82 seconds for his age group. Congratulations Kyle!

BULLYING. NO WAY!

On 21 March, Chelsea, Callum, Delaney and Angus attended the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence Conference at the Hedley Beare Centre. We did a number of activities relating to general conservation, brainstorming on how to better bullying policies in schools (Primary and Secondary) and other important things to try and prevent bullying. Olympic swimmer Alicia Coutts talked to us about some of her experiences and how she overcame bullying.

This confronting event influenced us a lot and benefitted us, not only to be more aware of these issues, but also to see how influential it can be for the targets. We are currently planning some important activities that we can run with the Year 6 students to explain and make them aware of firstly the definition of bullying, secondly the strategies they can use to overcome this and finally to make them understand how confronting it can be for people in the school and community.

Callum and Delaney

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

'Uma-doshi' (The Year of the Horse) is galloping away! Burridge-sensei, Bormann-sensei and I are well into the swing with our new classes. Preschool classes and teachers look forward to about 20 minutes of Japanese singing, stories or games with either Burridge-sensei or Bormann-sensei; all junior school classes (with the exception of 2KS) have a weekly 45 minute lesson with Bormann-sensei and I teach 2KS and all the senior classes. Senior classes each have 45 minutes per week of language and then every second or third week they have a second 45 minute lesson which focuses solely on the hiragana script. In this way all students Year 3 to Year 6 receive, on average, the mandated 60 minutes of language study per week.

We are all enjoying our classes and we are very pleased with the engagement of most students in their weekly lesson. We have spent the first 6 lessons or so working on individual student ‘jikoshookai’ (self introduction) which each student will deliver to Sayaka-sensei, our new Japanese Teaching Assistant from Kagoshima University who will arrive for her 9 month stay in Term 2. Students have also learnt how to ask if someone likes or dislikes something so they will now be able to ask her millions of questions - lucky Sayaka-sensei!! We have 3 wonderfully kind families who have offered to host Sayaka for us - sincere thanks to the Steels (Imogen 6V and Anneka 6S), the Olives (Chloe 2S and Jesse KCK) and the Ongs (Ethan KW).

If any parents are passing by a travel agency I would really appreciate it if you could pop in and pick up current, glossy brochures on Japan as a stimulus resource for our unit. Please just drop them into the Front Office.

We have sent home the first edition of 'Japanese for the Fridge.' The idea is that students who miss their weekly lesson or who are having a bit of trouble remembering are able to review the vocabulary and topics covered in class at home.

Year 3 - 6 students should also have a basic hiragana chart at home so they can practise. Parents of senior students might like to go onto the following YouTube hiragana clip www.youtube.com/watch?v=S5hO8Ir1_sc so you can really appreciate how clever your children are in learning a new writing script!

Finally, after several abortive attempts, I am delighted to announce that I am finally going to Japan for 3 weeks over the holidays - the first time since I last went in 1977!!!

I will undertake a refresher language course and home stay in Kanazawa for the 2 weeks of the holidays and then I will travel to Kagoshima to meet with the Convenor of our exchange and many of KPS's ex-assistants. I have looked forward to this opportunity for so long!

We are sure to have lots of 'Nihongo Nyuusu' next term!

Ros Brydie - Teacher of Japanese

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

YMCA Vacation Care – When school’s out, the Y is in. Jamison Junior Vacation Care, loads of fun in a safe and engaging environment. Autumn bookings opened 24 March for Preschoolers to 7 year olds. Call 6242 4040 or visit www.canberra.ymca.org.au.

QUESTACON School Holiday Workshops – Choose from two different workshop formats where children from 10-15 years of age can invent, design, create and have fun! Half-day and full-day workshops run from 14-24 April. For more info visit www.questacon.edu.au or contact 1800 889 995.

**P&C MEGA EASTER RAFFLE**

**News flash!** This year’s Easter Raffle is not limited to prizes of chocolate and Easter gifts. Other great prizes include a picnic rug, Kings Swim School holiday program passes, Cockington Green family entry passes as well as various Microsoft products.

The more tickets you buy the more chances you have to win. A sample prize basket will be on display at the Front Office. Remember to return your donations, money and ticket stubs to school by **Monday 7 April**. Extra tickets are available. Text your name, how many tickets you want and your child’s class to Sharon on 0416 217 866. If ever you were going to buy extra tickets this should be the year! Good luck everyone.

Sharon Pike – P&C President

**A FRIENDLY REMINDER ABOUT DOGS**

Dogs are sometimes our best friends or even our favourite family member. However these ‘besties’ cannot come to school for drop off or pick up. In fact, they cannot come to school at all. The following information is taken directly from our Territory and Municipal Services website. Dogs are not to be taken into the grounds of:

- a child-care centre, preschool or primary school; or
- a high school or secondary college during school hours or school sports, including after hours training;
- a field or playing area while sport or training for sport is being conducted, or when in use by school groups.

Infringement notices can be issued for any of the above offences. For further information visit [www.tams.act.gov.au/city-services/pets/keeping_dogs_in_the_act/where_can_i_take_my_dog](http://www.tams.act.gov.au/city-services/pets/keeping_dogs_in_the_act/where_can_i_take_my_dog).

Natalie Garrett – A/Deputy Principal

**BELCONNEN ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Congratulations to all the members of our Kaleen Primary Swimming Team who competed at the Belconnen Swimming Carnival at the AIS on Tuesday 18 March. Our students were wonderful ambassadors for our school displaying excellent sport attitudes and always endeavouring to do their best. The cheering and support for Kaleen Primary competitors was non-stop and top notch. As yet we have not received the names of the Kaleen Primary students who will be part of the Belconnen Swimming Team. We will inform you of the names at a later date.

Thank you to all our parent supporters for their assistance and encouragement on the day. Special thanks to Anne-Maree Wigney and Simone O’Neill who worked tirelessly as event marshalls and Kate Rowntree for the supply and management of the Kaleen Primary swimming caps.

**KALEEN CROSS COUNTRY**

The Kaleen Cross Country will be held on Wednesday 9 April between 11am - 12:30pm. Students are already eagerly preparing themselves for the big day. All students in Years 3-6 will participate as well as Year 2 students born in 2006. The distance to complete depends on each student’s year of birth as follows:

2006 ........................................ 1000m - 1 lap
2005 ........................................ 1500m - 1½ laps
2004 ........................................ 2000m - 2 laps
2003 ........................................ 3000m - 3 laps
2002 or 2001 ......................... 3000m - 3 laps

Parents and carers are most welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Katrina Ireland and Karen Stowell – Sporting Event Coordinators
All preschool children have taken part in outdoor painting activities with leaves as they change colour and fall from the trees.

The children really enjoy reading each other’s family photo posters which we have put together in group folders. If you have yet to add your child’s photo poster it is never too late. Together both groups have worked hard to create our underwater birthday chart for the year. Each child has a starfish or turtle that they made to represent themselves.

Taking turns is a skill which we have spent a lot of time talking about this term. Sometimes the children learn to wait for their turn for only a short time, ie, every child has a turn during the session. With ‘Helper of the Day’ they are required to wait for more than the length of the term. It will take 22 preschool days before every child has a turn. Many other activities take 1, 2 or 3 preschool days before everyone has had a turn.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays we have been learning Japanese with Mark and Jacob. We have been focusing on greetings, counting from 1 to 10 and a range of primary and secondary colours.

The Green Turtles have been practicing performing the Mem Fox story ‘Wombat Stew’.

Next term we will change our timetable slightly so we complete indoors activities earlier in the morning and then go outside once the day has warmed up.

Library day for Purple group is Monday and for Green group it is Friday. To borrow a book the children must have a bag and return any books they have borrowed. Remember to bring a pillow, hat and change of clothes each day along with your food.

Sonja and Jennie – Preschool Teachers
IMPORTANT ICAS REMINDER

Please return all ICAS permission forms to your class teacher or the Front Office by Wednesday 9 April. Thank you.

Allan Wylie – ICAS Coordinator

MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to:

KD Emma  KCK Lautaini  KW Andrew
1L Christopher  1W Trevor  1Q Philipa
2S Tipa  2T Wendy
3LC Xavier  3G Jonathan
3S Dallin  4W Chloe
4H Mackenzie  4MB Sohom
5W Luke  5B Joshua
6S Anneka  6T Imaar
6V Arul

CRAZY HAIR RAISING ANTICS AT KPS

On Friday 14 March the SRC organised a fundraising event Crazy Hair Day to support the Leukaemia foundation. Thank you to all students and teachers who participated in Crazy Hair Day, there were some really crazy and funky hair styles! As a whole school we raised over $600. The money will go towards helping people with Leukaemia and fund better treatments and research programs to cure blood cancer.

On behalf of Kaleen Primary we would like to thank Ben (5W) and his Dad, Peter who registered with the World Greatest Shave and shaved their heads at the Student of the Month’s Assembly.

Jen Swift and Aimee Griggs – SRC Coordinators

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.
2015 PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!
ENROLMENT PROCEDURES HAVE CHANGED

Enrolments OPEN:
Monday 28 April 2014 – Day 1, Term 2
Do not enrol prior to this date.

ONLINE enrolments must be completed via the Directorate’s website

NO PAPER COPIES CAN BE ACCEPTED

Enrolments CLOSE:
Friday 30 May 2014

If you any queries regarding the new process, please contact Diana Wallace, Business Manager on 6205 5888 or call into the Front Office.
MATHS GAMES TO PLAY AT HOME

We have included some activities that support mathematical concepts taught at school. These are fun games that can be played anywhere with your children. You will see that the activities can be modified to suit older and younger children and can also be adapted to cover other areas of maths. If you have a great game that you play with your child and would like to share it with the Kaleen Primary School community then please feel free to email the rules to us at admin@kaleenps.act.edu.au.

Mark Bormann and Jacob Burridge – A/Executive Teachers

**NUMERAL MATCH**

Concept: Matching numerals 1 – 10 with a set of objects

Materials: Numerals 1 - 10 (cards can be easily made or downloaded from the internet)

A large group of the same or similar objects (ie counters, cars, small plastic teddies etc)

Players: 1 -2 players works well but more players can be included

How to play:
1. Place all cards in a pile.
2. First player turns over one card and collects that amount of objects and places it next to the card. For instance, if a 3 is turned over then the player collects three objects. Count out loud touching each object.
3. Take turns and repeat for all cards.

Modifications:
- Make numerals 11 – 20 and play as above.
- Put out a group of objects (1-10) and players turn over a card and match the card to the group of objects. Arrange objects in arrays, as they appear on a deck of playing cards and randomly.
- As modification as above but with cards 11 - 20.