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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday 28 August	Step into the Limelight Gala Performance
Friday 29 August	Year 3-4 Touch Footy Gala Day
Tuesday 2 September	Astronomy Night
Wed 3 September	Year 3-4 Boys and Girls Basketball
Friday 5 September	Father's Day BBQ
Tuesday 9 September	Preschool (Red, Purple) Learning Journey P&C Meeting, 7pm
Wed 10 September	Learning Journey
Wed-Fri 17-19 Sept	Year 5 Camp
Tues 23 September	Year 6 Band Performance, Floriade ACT Athletics Carnival
Wed 24 September	P&C Morning Tea for World Teacher's Day
Fri 26 September	Kaleen's Got Talent, Year 6 Fundraiser Last day of Term 3

Dear Parents and Carers

Over the last two weeks our amazing Kaleen Primary students have challenged themselves in dancing, drama, choir, band, singing-Glee Club, chess, ICAS, NAPLAN online testing (trial), Belconnen Zone athletics, basketball and cross country all the way to Albany, WA. The feedback I have received highlights the excellent behaviour of our students. Congratulations to all students involved in these programs and ongoing thanks to staff and parents for their support.

In curriculum we have been continuing our focus on literacy through Book Week activities. All money raised from Book Week sales is being invested directly back to Kaleen Primary to continue to build our collections to inspire and engage students of all ages. I am told that over \$13,000 of books were purchased, meaning that approximately \$4,000 will be returned to the school. A big thank you to all staff, students, parents and friends who participated. Students are continuing this theme and celebrating literacy and numeracy week through involvement in our Poem in Your Pocket initiative. Poems have been shared throughout our school and you will see examples published in this newsletter.

Last week culminated with a wonderful community event where we were able to open the doors of our school and celebrate all that makes Kaleen Primary a wonderful learning and nurturing environment for our students. I enjoyed hearing generational stories from grandparents having seen their children attend Kaleen Primary (some with Grace Dunlop as Principal) and now their grandchildren. Throughout the day I heard glowing praise and many stories from grandparents and friends who travelled from overseas, interstate and locally to attend. The tradition of Grandfriends Day continues to grow and we had over 500 visitors throughout the morning. Our grandfriends enjoyed year level performances, browsing new books in the library, morning tea and were thrilled by the performances by the Year 5 and Year 6 bands, the Senior Choir, Dance Group and Glee Club. Congratulations to all students involved and a big thank you to parents who kindly donated morning tea. I am sure you appreciate that these events require significant planning and work behind the scenes to make it happen – thanks also to our dedicated staff and talented students.



From the dress rehearsal of the Limelight "Signs" performance on Monday afternoon

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10 SEPTEMBER: KALEEN PRIMARY SCHOOL LEARNING JOURNEY

Kaleen Primary is once again proud to welcome parents and family members to our annual Learning Journey on Wednesday 10 September from 9:10-10:30am. Parents and family members are invited to join us in classrooms during this time to share in the learning of their children. Student work will be on display and teachers will provide opportunities for parents and their children to participate in learning activities together. For those parents or family members who require special parking access, please advise our friendly Front Office staff. We hope you will join us in this opportunity to share in our learning.

Laurie Campbell - Principal

GRANDFRIENDS' DAY

It was wonderful to see such a great turnout for our annual Grandfriends' Day last Friday including many grandparents who travelled from interstate. As well as students sharing some of the great learning going on around the school, classes and year groups went to a lot of effort to organise some special items and activities.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to:

- the students and teachers who opened up their classrooms and made it a such a marvellous day
- the junior school families who provided a delicious morning tea
- the teachers and students who worked hard to put on an amazing Grandfriends Day concert.

Special days like this are made possible by the talents, hard work and generosity of the people in our school community. Thank you!

Jacob Burrige – A/Executive Teacher

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5 SEPTEMBER: FATHER'S DAY

We would love you to join us next Friday morning for our Snag Your Dad Father's Day sausage sizzle from 7:45-8:50am. It is a great time to celebrate the positive role models our students have in their lives. Students are creating portraits which will be on display in the school Gymnasium. Sausages are FREE with complimentary tea and coffee – gold coin donations are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

Cath Jetter – Kitchen Garden

BASKETBALL SUE GEH CUP



Sue Geh Cup Champions

The Year 6 girls' basketball team travelled to Belconnen basketball stadium on 20 August to play in a tournament against a variety of different schools from the north side of Canberra. We played five games in total and won the first four games to get to the grand final against Amaroo School. We won the grand final by around 15 points which was an amazing achievement for our school. Our team played really well and we had an awesome time. Our team was made up of Steffi, Izabel, Jithmi, Ella, Kassidy, Layla, Kristiana and Astha.

Our amazing coach Di Wallace is to be thanked for our achievements as she trained and helped us accomplish our success.

Kristiana (6V) and Ella (6S)

NIHONGO NYUUSU (JAPANESE NEWS)



At Giralang Primary for the Japanese Fun Day

On Wednesday 20 August, Sayaka and I, along with 12 of our Year 4 students and 5 amazing Year 6 'origami experts' spent a very enjoyable day at Giralang Primary participating in the annual ACT Primary Schools' Japanese Fun Day. Madison, Marni, Jack and Shoorjo (4W), Jack L, Hugh, Chanel and Tasma (4H) and Tyler, Edward, Sophie and Jacinta (4MB) spent the day rotating through 7 different Japanese activities ranging from calligraphy, cooking and manga drawing to toy making, outside games and origami. Sayaka hosted 7 Japanese tea ceremonies and Aneka, Hamish, Ahana and Lili Rose (6S) and Helen (6T) patiently explained and helped nearly 100 children make origami *kami fuusen* (paper balloons)! *Otsukaresama deshita!* (It was a big day!)



With a variety of paper balloons (above) and sushi making and Japanese toys (below)



I will be away for the last 3 weeks of term. The Japanese program will continue during my absence. Students will work on portfolio tasks, design some Japanese language board games and begin to prepare their oral presentations for final assessment, our Kaleen Primary Japanese Speech Contest and the ACT Primary Schools' Japanese Speech Contest in Term 4.



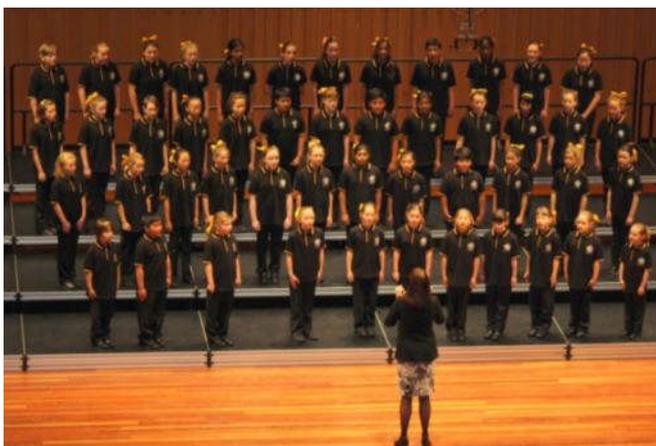
Patently folding origami

Term 4 is traditionally the busiest time for 'all things Japanese' and this year is no exception! Our Japanese Day (Preschool – Year 6) will take place on Thursday 23 October – as usual, *aka* (red) and *shiro* (white) will be the order of the day as all classes enjoy a full day of Japanese activities and entertainment. Year 6 students will help run many of the activities across the school and Nexus Arts from Melbourne will bring us 'Showko: Japanese Sit-Down comedy', their brand new, highly acclaimed school incursion performance. Red notes about the Kaleen Primary Japanese Day program, the optional sushi lunch order form and the permission note for the \$6 Nexus Arts in-school performance will all be sent out next term.

Term 4 is also 'Japanese Speech Contest' term. We will hold our Kaleen Primary Japanese Speech Contest on Friday 31 October in order to select our representatives for the ACT Primary Schools Japanese Speech Contest. The date and school venue for this event are still to be decided although it is tentatively booked in for Saturday 15 November. These events are optional enrichment Japanese activities for students who want more opportunities to embed and showcase their Japanese speaking skills beyond their weekly Japanese lesson. I will be sending out a note about this event early in Term 4 too.

Ros Brydie - Teacher of Japanese

PRIMARY CONCERT CHOIR



IMP's ACT Primary Concert Choir with conductor Katharine Finlayson

On 15 August, the Instrumental Music Program's (IMP) Primary Concert Choir performed a set piece in Llewellyn Hall on one of the days of the Eisteddfod. The set piece was called 'The Rescue'. There was a time limit of ten minutes. The Primary Concert Choir competed in the 12 and under age group. There were about 7 choirs on the day and The Primary Concert Choir won a gold award. The Primary Concert Choir has 53 students from 22 different schools including 11 students from Kaleen Primary. The Choir also sang Waltzing Matilda on the day. It was on a Friday.

The next day (Saturday) we sang 3 more songs, 'Wai Bamba', 'Wind on the Hill' and 'Southern Sky'. On the day there were only 2 choirs in the 12 and under section (one of them was The Primary Concert Choir). The staff were very happy that both choirs tied in 1st place! There was \$1,000 prize money to share. Each choir won \$500 each!

Jarell (4W)

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Thanks to all those families who have returned their tickets and money for the Father's Day raffle. Please remember to return all sold and unsold raffle tickets to the Front Office by next Thursday 4 September. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 5 September. Thanks for your support and good luck.

Kate Rowntree – P&C Vice President

BELCONNEN ZONE TRACK AND FIELD CARNIVAL



Kaleen Primary's Track and Field representatives for the Belconnen Zone Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all of the students that represented Kaleen Primary at the recent Belconnen Zone Track & Field carnival held at the Australian Institute of Sport. Our team's attitude and conduct throughout the day towards team mates was fantastic and our sporting efforts on the track and in the field were highly commendable. All team members worked cooperatively with team managers and officials, giving their best efforts when competing and enjoying the opportunity to participate at a world class athletics venue. Thanks to the parents and supporters that came along to offer their encouragement and support. Special thanks to intern Mr Jack Lewis for assisting as a Shot Put official during the day. Official results are yet to be received but keep your eye on the Sports Noticeboard and the school newsletter where they'll be posted once we receive them, along with a list of placegetters and those selected to proceed to the ACT carnival. Congratulations once again to all of our Track and Field representatives.

Karen Stowell and Craig White - Team Managers



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

AUGUST STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



August Students of the Month with Mr Campbell

Congratulations to:

KD Mekhi	KCK Samira
KW Rayan	1Q Lydia
1L Eva	1W Paige
2T Catherine	2S Sam
2KS Will	
3LP Tegan	
3G Eric	3O Neive
4W Shoorjo	4MB Sam
4H Alyssa	
5W Keishan	5B Trivesh
6S Hamish	6T Emily
6V Sam	

NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME (NDIS) EARLY INTERVENTION & THERAPY EXPO

The ACT Government announced in early April its plans to transition early intervention services from the government to the community sector by the end of December this year. Therapy ACT services will continue until the end of 2016.

An expo showcasing the range of early intervention and therapy services that will be available to people – particularly children with a disability or developmental delay – will be held on Saturday 13 September at EPIC. The expo will give families an opportunity to see the range of services that will be available in the ACT now that the NDIS is up and running.

What: Early Intervention and Therapy Expo
When: 10am – 4pm Saturday 13 September
Where: Fitzroy Pavilion, EPIC, Flemington Road, Mitchell

For more information, email ndis@act.gov.au.

ICAS COMPUTER SKILLS RESULTS



Students who received High Distinction and Distinction certificates

Congratulations to the following students on their outstanding results in the recent University of NSW International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Computer Skills tests:

High Distinction (top 1%)

Year 6	Robert	Liam
Year 5	Ananya	Sriya
Year 4	Sophie	
Year 3	Hamish	

Distinction (top 10%)

Year 6	Spencer Stanley	Ashley
Year 5	Emily Cayden	Asher
Year 4	Ryan Athena James	Danh Ruofan
Year 3	Viraan Thomas	Yasidu

Allan Wylie – ICAS Coordinator

NAPLAN 2014

In early September, the Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN results will be sent home with your child. The envelope will contain their Student Report 2014 and a letter to parents from the ACT Minister for Education and Training. To assist parents in interpreting the student reports, ACARA has published the Student Reports brochure www.nap.edu.au/verve/resources/Student_report_s_brochure_2014-web.pdf and a video which can be downloaded from the ACARA Student Reports webpage www.nap.edu.au/results-and-reports/student-reports.html.

Poem in Your Pocket

This week the students at Kaleen Primary have been exploring the joy of poetry by taking part in "Poem in Your Pocket" activities. Each day, different teachers have shared their favourite poem. In class, students have been writing poems. Below is a small selection of poems from 3G. We've enjoyed the opportunity to have some fun with words and connect through poetry. We encourage you to celebrate, explore and discover poetry together with your family.

"Painting is silent poetry, and poetry is painting that speaks." (Plutarch)

Lynne Sheville – A/Deputy Principal

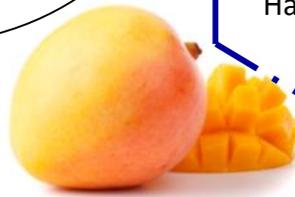
February by Louisa

Fabulous.
Extraordinary.
Brilliant.
Racing for the first piece of
cake.
Unpredictable.
Awesome birthday yet.
Really excited! It's my
birthday.
Yummy cake in my tummy.



Liprodon by William

**Liprodon
Strong, powerful
Hunting, attacking,
eating
Millions of years ago
Shark**



Happiness by Matty

Happiness is orange.
It tastes like juicy mangos
and smells
like melted chocolate.
Happiness looks like the
sun shining down.
The sound of people
laughing.
Happiness excites me!

September by Finella

Spring
Extraordinary colours on
flowers
Powerful winds
The plants blowing around
Excellent spring
My birthday
Blooming flowers
Everyone catching colds
Remarkable



THE SEEWANTIGONGALING by Abigail

The seewantigongaling a high mountain dweller
But if he sees you peeping he'll lock you in his cellar

The seewantigongaling a high mountain dweller
If you see him if you're very fast
It won't just be your first time it will be your very last

The seewantigongaling a high mountain dweller
He makes a sound a bit like ping
But okay now I'll tell you there's really no such thing



POEM IN YOUR POCKET