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Important Dates

24 Aug	Book Character Dress Up Day
27 Aug	Year 5 Combined Band Rehearsal
28 Aug	Belconnen Track and Field
29 Aug	Tidbinbilla Excursion—Year 3
31 Aug	National Zoo Excursion—Year 1
2 Sep	Father's Day
3 Sep	Satisfaction Survey Closes
3-7 Sep	National Literacy and Numeracy Week
4-5 Sep	Author Visit—Susan Berran
5 Sep	Indigenous Literacy Foundation—Great Book Swap
11 Sep	Year 4 Lift-Off 4-7 pm

Notes Home

Year 1 Excursion Note
Year 5/6 Dance PE@K Program
Year 3 Excursion Note
Year 2 Incursion Note
Year 6 Mobile Phones

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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,

It has been a very busy and exciting couple of weeks. On Friday of Week 3, we held our Hay Day celebration to raise money to support our Aussie farmers battling drought conditions across the country. I was blown away by the generosity of our school community who raised over \$1800 to support this cause. Last Thursday, we held our school STEM night and it was fabulous to see so many members of the school community turn up to support this initiative. All feedback from families has been extremely positive and students had a fabulous time participating in activities and sharing their STEM learning with their parents. Thank you to Caren Lowther and the STEM & Sustainability team for putting this event together. Below are some key events happening in and around the school.

RoboCup

On the weekend, Caren Lowther and Bec Hadfield took several teams of students to the RoboCup challenge at Saint Francis Xavier College in Florey. The students were amazing as they problem-solved their way through a number of challenging obstacles and tasks. I am very proud of all our teams for their effort and determination which resulted in one team achieving a second place ranking. Thank you to Caren and Bec for working with the teams and accompanying our students on the day.

Touch Football

Last week, Nikki Van Huizen and Kate Doak took our two Years 3/4 touch football teams to a Gala day at Deakin Playing Fields. Both teams had an amazing time, and all players thoroughly enjoyed the experience. From all reports, our players displayed excellent team spirit, sportsmanship and were an absolute credit to our school. Thank you to Nikki and Kate for providing our students with this wonderful opportunity.

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**

Communication Plan

One of our key initiatives outlined in our new strategic plan is to develop a school communication strategy to better connect with all stakeholders. We have been speaking with families and gaining feedback to determine the most effective and efficient ways to connect with the community.

This year, the Directorate have introduced the School Administration System (SAS). The new system has the capabilities to help the school send out messages to parents and support the school to manage student absences (which are very similar to Skoolbag app's functions). In the next few weeks I will be working with the Directorate and school ICT team to transition to a new SAS SMS system. The new system will allow parents to text in when their child is sick, this could be on the morning of or prior to their absence. This will replace the need for a paper note, email or phone call. The school will also notify parents through SMS if a child is absent (unexplained) and parents can text back (or call) to explain the reason. This new method of managing absences should increase our efficiency as a school and additional information will be sent to families shortly to support this transition.

Many of the capabilities of SAS make the Skoolbag app somewhat redundant and the Directorate has suggested (to schools across the ACT) that we should no longer spend funds on an annual Skoolbag app subscription. At the end of the term, we will be retiring our Skoolbag app and instead, utilising Seesaw to share student learning, event dates, reminders, successes and general information. We will continue to use our Facebook page to celebrate our school achievements and tomorrow we will be launching our school Twitter account. A lot of the information on Facebook and Twitter will be duplicated and it is not necessary for parents to follow us on both platforms. Directorate staff and other school leaders are connected on Twitter and it's a great way to showcase all our wonderful initiatives with other schools.

The newsletter will continue to offer families the chance to read more detailed information about school initiatives. We have had some feedback that the current pdf format is not phone and tablet friendly and actually deters some parents from reading it altogether. Congratulations to those of you who have made it this far! Now that we are no longer printing newsletters to A4 paper, it makes sense that we update the format to be more web friendly and this is something we will explore in the near future.

The school website will continue to offer the community access to our school calendar, notes, information related to school programs and the P&C and School Board. Our School Community Liaison Officer Krissy McCombe, School Board, P&C committee and cohort reps are also an important part of our communication strategy.

Partnership with UC – Pedagogical Content Knowledge (PCK)

We are very excited about a wonderful new partnership opportunity with UC. They have selected us as a host school for their Pedagogical Content Knowledge (PCK) Arts unit. Last week we welcomed the 30 Preservice teachers from the University of Canberra into our school and they had a great time meeting the Year 2 teachers and students they will be working with this term. They will be here for the next 8 weeks and we are looking forward to hosting more PCK units at our school in the future.

Book Week

Congratulations to Krissy McCombe and the entire school community for their part in what has been an amazing Book Week. Classes have celebrated by engaging in reading activities across the school and staff and students have definitely ignited their passion for reading. We have had junior school 'Book and Craft' sessions as well as senior school 'Book Scavenger Hunts'. On Friday, all community members are invited to dress up as a book character and participate in our 'Book Character Parade' commencing on the school basketball courts at 11:10am. I look forward to seeing many of you at the parade.

Bye for now,
Chris Shaddock
Principal

School Satisfaction Survey

Wow! What a fabulous school community! We have already received 280 completed surveys and are on our way to achieving our whole school incentive for a 'Wheels Day'. The surveys are open until **September 3 2018** and we are aspiring for 85% (but would of course love 100%) completion rate. Each day, we are updating the display in the foyer and some classes are well on their way to getting onto the big wheel.

We know that some parents/carers are experiencing difficulties accessing the survey while manually typing in the URL provided. The URL is correct, but it has come to our attention that when you are typing it in, the letter after the uppercase 'W' is in fact an uppercase 'i' not a lowercase L.

To assist you, we have attached the URL below or you are able to access it through the Skoolbag app. This will take you straight to the survey site. You will then need to enter your unique student code, which is located on the original note sent home.

https://acteducation.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8dF10yWleTRjYTr

Please remember to return the slip at the bottom of your individualised letter so we can keep track of each class for our whole school incentive. Please see the front office if you need another note. We thank you for your continued support.



Friendly Parenting Tips

Tip #7

Teach skills of reflection

Why is this good for your child?

It helps them to learn to think for themselves and make wise decisions.

Try this...

Use the themes, topics or situations in movies, books or the news to ask age appropriate reflective questions.

OR...



Lift off! Year 4 'Steady' Program- Save the Date

Our next Lift Off evening is for our Year 4 families. It will be on **Tuesday September 11** between 4-7pm. A detailed invitation and more information about the program will be sent home early next week.

Michelle Northey

Deputy Principal

Parents & Citizens (P&C) Corner

Kaleen P&C works with the ACT P&C to promote best practice and innovation. The ACT P&C has a wealth of information available to parents and carers and we encourage you to visit its website <https://www.actparents.org.au>.

ACT P&C has recently merged with the Canberra Preschool Council, which is a good reminder for us to better engage with Kaleen Preschool parents and carers. Please contact us if you have suggestions for how we can become more inclusive in this early learning space.

The next Kaleen P&C meeting is on at 7pm on Tuesday 28 August in the School Library. Everyone is welcome.

If you are unable to attend P&C meetings, we invite feedback from the Kaleen community about issues and ideas. You can speak to anyone on the P&C or with your local year cohort representatives, or you can email kaleenpandc@gmail.com.

Sustainability News

Thank you to Greening Australia for a grant of 30 native edible plants. Year 4 will be planting these in our Indigenous Garden next week to rejuvenate this special place in our school grounds.



Do you have small greenhouse for our seed nursery that you could donate to our Kitchen Garden? Please contact Kelly.Reeves@ed.act.edu.au.



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3/4 Touch Football Gala Day

On Tuesday 14 August, 16 students represented Kaleen Primary School at the Year 3/4 ACT Touch Football Gala Day. Kaleen entered two teams that were proudly coached by Miss Van Huizen, Mrs Doak and Mr Stewart. Both teams played seven games throughout the day with mixed results. We had some wins, close losses and drawn games. The Kaleen students are to be commended on their great sportsmanship and determination. Thanks to the family members who supported the teams on the day. Well done.

Nikki Van Huizen



Robocup

As a part of National Science Week, eleven of our students attended the ACT Region Robocup Junior competition on Friday 17 and Saturday 18 August. Robocup is a robotics competition requiring students to build and program a robot to complete a set of challenges. As part of our partnership with the CSIRO, we had the opportunity to have a coding specialist come to some of our lunchtime workshops in preparation for the competition.

All of our teams did well, demonstrating a strong understanding of the coding, and one team was fortunate to have won second place in the competition.

A fantastic effort from all of our students!

Mrs Lowther
and
Mrs Hadfield



Heroes' Corner

2018 School Sport Australia National Swimming Championships

Congratulations to Kaleen Primary School students AJ (4NV) and Anna (5RL) who represented Kaleen Primary and School Sport ACT. The 2018 School Sport Australia National Championships was held in Hobart, Tasmania from 25-31 July.

Competing in his first School Sport National Swimming Championships, AJ participated in five individual events and two relays. He achieved new personal best times in a number of his events and is looking forward to trialling for the team again next year.

Also competing at her first National swimming championships, Anna competed in nine individual events and two relays, qualifying for the final of the 11yrs girls 50m backstroke and placing 7th overall. Not only did Anna make finals, she came home with a handful of personal best times across a range of events.

Congratulations to both AJ and Anna for their outstanding achievements in swimming.



Cyclocross

Aiden has been competing in Canberra Cyclocross kids races during the winter. He has been placed 1st and 2nd in recent races.

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.



Qcity Transit News

The following schedule of changes to school bus service route numbers is for services which operate to and from Kaleen Primary School. These changes will come into effect from Monday 3 September 2018. During a transition period of one month all school bus services will display the current/old bus number and the new bus number to ensure students and teachers can clearly identify them.

These changes are being implemented to improve the provision of consistent, accurate and easily identifiable bus services.

Should you have any further queries, you can check the Qcity Transit website www.qcitytransit.com.au or call Qcity Transit on (02) 6299 3722.

Current Bus No.	New Bus No.	AM/PM	Coming From (AM)/Going To (PM):
32	S271	AM	Wamboin via Antill St Interchange
82 (Echidna)	S104	AM	Hall Interchange
32	S271	PM	Wamboin via Antill St Interchange
82 (Echidna)	S123	PM	Hall Interchange

Walk to School

To help celebrate Winter Walk to School Week, Kaleen Primary School families and teachers braved the cold weather and met up at the corner of Maribyrnong and Onkaparinga Crescent to walk to school together. This wonderful initiative was a positive and healthy start to a Tuesday morning of learning and fun. Thank you to the staff and families that participated.

Nikki Van Huizen, Fiona Chapman and Lexie O’Gorman



Parentline ACT is a confidential and free, telephone and face-to-face, counselling and information service.

Phone Parentline if you would you like

- To talk with someone about those parenting issues.
- Help with some ideas on raising children.
- Support in the important job you are doing.
- To know what is available for parents, teenagers and children.
- To build better relationships in your family.
- Help to understand your child or teenager's behaviour.
- Make an appointment for a counselling session.



6287 3833

Phone 6287 3833 - Monday to Friday (except on public holidays), 9am to 5pm.

Being a parent is the hardest job we'll ever have. All parents at some time experience difficulties and stress.

Athletics Carnival

It has been brought to our attention that the Athletics Carnival results were not published along with the photos in Issue 10. Wednesday 27 June saw students from Year 2-6 participate in our annual Kaleen Primary athletics carnival. Enjoying a mild sunny day and a reprieve from the sub-zero temperatures of previous days, students, teachers, interns and work experience students engaged with enthusiasm and for enjoyment in the 10 different rotation activities on offer. As can be expected, our students brought the best of sporting attitudes to their efforts on the day, encouraging and supporting each other, and working together to ensure a fun day for all. A feature of the day were the house chants, where house captains roused their teams to blast out their chants, each team doing their utmost to impress the judges. Congratulations to everyone for the high levels of participation, support, encouragement and fun experienced throughout the day.

2018 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL RESULTS - Girls

2010 - 8yrs				
EVENT	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
70m	Vanessa (3CA)	Kika (2SB)	Amelia (2SB)	Arrabella (2SC)
100m	Kika (2SB)	Vanessa (3CA)	Amelia (2SB)	Kiwi (3BH)
800m	Aarya (2SB)	Pinipa (2LO)	Jhanvi (2FC)	Isabelle (2FC)
2009 - 9yrs				
70m	Ellie (3CA)	Abbi (4NV)	Vivia (3CA) Isabel (3FS)	
100m	Ellie (3CA)	Mikayla (3CA)	Isabel (3FS)	Abbi (4NV)
800m	Ellie (3CA)	Emma (4NV)	Abbi (4NV)	Isabel (3FS)
2008 - 10yrs				
100m	Shanna (5TG)	Elli (4NV)	Paige (5RL)	Elfin (4RP)
200m	Elli (4NV)	Lola (4RP)	Cara (4NV)	Elfin (4RP) Paige (5RL)
800m	Elli (4NV)	Hannah (4DO)	Jasmine (4NV)	Elfin (4RP)
Shot put	Shanna (5TG)	Acacia (4RP)	Elli (4NV)	Elfin (4RP)
Discus	Shanna (5TG)	Acacia (4RP)	Elfin (4RP)	Sai (4DO)
2007 - 11yrs				
100m	Piper (5CW)	Pippa (5CW)	Lauren (6KT)	Lavinia (5TG)
200m	Piper (5CW)	Lauren (6KT)	Kannamma (6LL)	Juanita (6LL)
800m	Piper (5CW)	Lauren (6KT)	Anna (5RL)	Lavinia (5TG)
Shot put	Grace (5CW)	Piper (5CW)	Pippa (5CW)	Shravani (5CW)
Discus	Piper (5CW)	Grace (5CW)	Pippa (5CW)	Madeline (5CW)
2006 - 12yrs				
100m	Ava (6JS)	Alex (6JS)	Alyssa (6JS) Katrina (6KT)	
200m	Ava (6JS)	Alex (6JS)	Katrina (6KT)	Ellie (6KT)
800m	Jennifer (6KT)	Alex (6JS)	Angelina (6JS)	Hayley (6JS)
2005 - 13yrs				
100m	Wendy (6JS)			
200m	Wendy (6JS)			
800m	Wendy (6JS)			

2018 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL RESULTS - Boys

2010 - 8yrs				
EVENT	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
70m	Lachlan (3CA)	George (2SB)	Monty (3FS)	Eamon (2SB)
100m	Lachlan (3CA)	Raheel (3FS)	Gahan (3CA)	Monty (3FS)
800m	Lachlan (3CA)	Ethan (2SB)	Gahan (3CA)	George (2SB)
2009 - 9yrs				
70m	Connor (3CA)	Kai F (3BH)	Kai S (3BH)	Lachlan (3BH)
100m	Connor (3CA)	Kai F (3BH)	Cooper (3CA)	Lachlan (3BH) Kai S (3BH)
800m	Lachlan (3BH)	Spencer (4RP)	Mahsilan (3CA)	Jasper (3FS)
2008 - 10yrs				
100m	Joaz (5RL)	Angus (5CW)	Grady (5RL)	Ethan (4DO)
200m	Joaz (5RL)	Grady (5RL)	Angus (5CW)	Dylan (4NV)
800m	Joaz (5RL)	Ethan (4DO)	Angus (5CW)	Acey (3FS)
Shot put	Lautaimi (4NV)	Scott (4RP)	Nicholas (4RP)	Will (4NV)
Discus	Will (4NV)	Angus (4DO)	Rayan (4RP)	Xavier (4NV)
2007 - 11yrs				
100m	Ben (5TG)	Kelvin (5CW)	Kehan (6JS)	Dan (5RL)
200m	Kehan (6JS)	Ben (5TG)	Kelvin (5CW)	Dan (5RL)
800m	Kehan (6JS)	Sachin (5RL)	Michael (6KT)	Alexis (5CW)
Shot put	Netani (6LL)	Zach (6JS)	Fin (5RL)	Alexis (5CW)
Discus	Alexis (5CW)	Zach (6JS)	Ananth (5RL)	Fin (5RL)
2006 - 12yrs				
100m	Matt (6KT)	Callum (6KT)	Sam (6LL)	Sam (6KT)
200m	Matt (6KT)	Callum (6KT)	Bas (6JS)	Sam (6KT)
800m	Matt (6KT)	Callum (6KT)	Bas (6JS)	Sam (6KT)
Shot put	Will (6KT)	Sam (6KT)	Matt (6KT)	Sol (6JS)
Discus	Will (6KT)	Matt (6KT)	Sam (6KT)	Sol (6JS)

House Championship Results

COTTER	HAWKESBURY	MURRUMBIDGEE	SNOWY
627	648	742	690

Special thanks to our intern helpers, Caitlyn and Teanne, and high school work experience students, Isabelle and Ivan, for pitching in and helping out with time keeping and place judging. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.

Worm Farm

Worm Farm

Friday Week 2, a group of Year 2 students helped set up our first new worm farm at Kaleen. A big thanks to Bunings for donating this worming kit, worms and buckets to our school. Kaleen High School students will be assisting us to learn about worm farming. We will discover what worms eat, how we look after them and what we can do with our worms and worm juice to help our gardens grow. Each class will be given a green bucket for food scraps. These scraps will reduce our waste to landfill while keeping our worms healthy. The Garden Club will sort food waste for composting and for the worm farm.

Kelly Reeves

Sustainability Teacher



日本語ニュース (Japanese News!)

ACT Japanese Speech Contest

As reported in last edition of the newsletter, 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 junior representatives with their photos!

Junior Participants

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



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



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



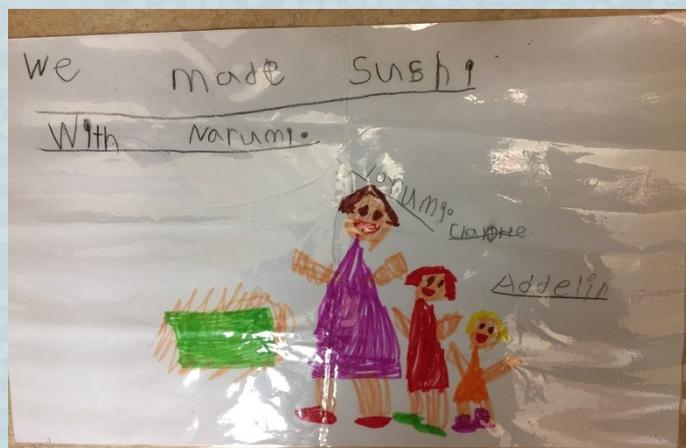
Narumi's second host family!

Thank you very much to the host family for looking after Narumi so well. Here are some drawings by Charlotte (3FS) and Addelin (KSP) that feature a fun time that they are having with Narumi.

"It is fun having Narumi over" by Charlotte (3FS)



"We made sushi with Narumi" by Addelin (KSP)



In Term 4 I will send a note out to all the families of KPS looking for three host families for a female student from Kagoshima University helping me in 2019. Having a teaching assistant at home will most definitely help your children's Japanese skills and make them more interested in Japanese culture. Your children will gain a lifelong friend whom they could perhaps visit when they grow older (maybe in their gap year?) If you have any questions regarding hosting a Japanese assistant, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Mari Kitasaka

Teacher of Japanese

Preschool News

This term, the Preschool children have been donning their new lab coats and safety goggles to delve into the world of science. Our little scientists have had a range of hands-on experiences with the addition of our Science Laboratory space in the Red Owls classroom. STEM night was an added bonus for these children who have had the chance to investigate chemical reactions, make volcanoes, slime, rockets, look at the effect of water on a range of different substances and many more explorations of the vast world of science.

