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Important Dates

15 June	Junior Assembly
20 June	Year 4 Excursion
22 June	Senior Assembly
27 June	Athletics Carnival Years 2-6
29 June	Reports sent home
29 June	School Disco
2-6 July	Parent-Teacher Interviews
5 July	Wacky Hair Day
6 July	Last day Term 2
23 July	Term 3 commences

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Y4 Excursion Experience AIS Tour
Voluntary Contributions

Download the [Skoolbag app](#) on your smartphone to stay up to date with school events, notices, and important info. Search for 'Kaleen Primary' on the App Store or

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,

Congratulations to staff, students and families for their contributions to what has been a very successful term to date. Kaleen Primary is humming along beautifully and high quality teaching and learning is evident across the school. Earlier this week Sol M (6JS) represented our school at the Rostrum Quarter Finals at Giralang Primary School. Sol spoke confidently (without the use of palm cards) and captivated his audience with his engaging speech about Jet Packs. The judges commented on the high quality speeches delivered by all contestants and had a very difficult time deciding who would go through to the next round. Unfortunately on this occasion Sol didn't progress, but he can hold his head high for the way he represented Kaleen Primary School. Congratulations also to Mark B (3FS) who earlier this week represented Kaleen Primary School and Belconnen at the ACT Cross Country Carnival. Mark placed 36th overall, which was a huge effort considering he had been ill in the lead up to the event. We are very proud of Mark's effort, determination and achievement and thank him for representing our school.

Parliament of Youth

Congratulations to our junior and senior teams of students who participated in the Parliament of Youth forum last week. Both teams had opportunity to discuss initiatives related to sustainability and debate the best actions to take to ensure we have a sustainable future. Both teams performed exceptionally well with the junior team winning the event in their section. Please [click here](#) to watch the junior primary video submission and [click here](#) to view the senior video.

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PE@K Update

PE@K Clubs is an exciting new initiative offered this term. The PE@K clubs for Term 2 include Coding (Mondays), Engineering (Tuesdays), Writing (Wednesdays), Tinker (Thursdays), and Arts Club (Fridays). These are teacher led, structured activities that operate in the library during lunchtime. All clubs are proving to be highly popular with the Tinker Club reaching capacity last week with 62 student in attendance. Plans are underway to open up additional time slots so we can avoid sending students away in the future. Thank you again to the talented staff who go above and beyond to provide these enrichment activities for our students.

No Hats

Kaleen Primary is a Sunsmart school, and as such we follow the Cancer Council's recommendations for sun protection. Daily UV levels are already dropping and the Cancer Council ACT does not recommend sun protection behaviour when UV levels are under 3 due to the low risk of potential UV skin damage. In Canberra UV levels drop and remain under 3, all day during June and July. So no hats are required to be worn during June and July.

Morning Supervision

An important reminder for parents/care givers to please make sure that if your child is dropped off before school, that they must go to the basketball court at the back of our school. Students not with their parent or care giver, must report to the back of the school (basketball court area) for supervision. Parents are able to supervise their own children using the junior playground equipment (outside kindergarten), but we ask all students not to access other playgrounds at this time. A staff member is on duty from approximately 8:40am each morning. Please help us to keep our student safe.

Reporting

Your child/ren's reports will be distributed to families on Friday 29 June (Week 9) with the following week (Week 10) designated for parent –teacher interviews. Our reports consist of two parts. Every child receives an outcomes report, which details specific elements explored in key learning areas together with areas of strength and development. Accompanying the Kaleen Primary report will be an A-E report for students in Years 1 to 6 which contain the grades your child will receive for Semester 1 across relevant learning areas. These grades are an indication of how your child is progressing towards meeting the relevant Achievement Standard described in the Australian Curriculum.

Your child's report will list a grade for each subject studied. The number of A-E grades given to students in each year level will also be included as part of your child's report. It is not usual for a child's grades to vary across semester based on the content and concepts covered in the Australian Curriculum. In ACT public schools the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standard is aligned with a 'C' grade. The 'C' grade indicates that your child has demonstrated a satisfactory level of knowledge, understanding and skill in relation to the Achievement Standard. This means that students receiving a 'C' grade are demonstrating satisfactory achievement of what is expected.

If you have questions relating to the grades please remember to ask for clarification during your interview. The following A–E descriptors will appear on the report:

- A: demonstrating excellent achievement of what is expected
- B: demonstrating high achievement of what is expected
- C: demonstrating satisfactory achievement of what is expected
- D: demonstrating partial achievement of what is expected
- E: demonstrating limited achievement of what is expected.

Bye for now,
Chris Shaddock
Principal

日本語ニュース (Japanese News!)

Having Narumi Around!

Before Narumi arrived I thought that having a Japanese person in the house might be like two things. One, walking around chatting and knowing what we say, or, silently stalking us, not understanding any words or expressions that we use. Narumi, as it turns out, falls into a third category. She is nice, and fun, she knows mostly what we're talking about and if she doesn't then she's too polite to say so. She is very excited when it comes to seeing Australian animals!

The best things about having Narumi are that ever since she came mum and dad have a terrible case of 'show my family Australia-itis' and I am writing this from a weekend away in the Blue Mountains! (See the photos below.) Another really good thing about Narumi is that she knows how to cook okonomiyaki! I certainly like a good dose of that, and I got a splendid dose of it last weekend when she cooked it for us. The third reason that having Narumi is AWESOME is because if you do something naughty she does not care! She just thinks you're a bit funny.

I think everyone should have a turn at looking after the Japanese teaching assistant because it's lots of fun.

By Isaac (5CW)



Japanese Songs Taught At KPS

Zui Zui Zukkorobashi

This is a Japanese Eeny Meeny Miny Moe. The video below shows the Japanese children singing the song with action.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gGwPyREDkEo>

Zui Zui Zukkorobashi	ずいずいずっころぼし
Goma Miso Zui	ごまみそずい
Chatubo 二Owarete	ちゃつぽにおわれて
Toppinshan	とっぴんしゃん
Nuketara Dondokosho	ぬけたらどんどこしよ
Tawara no Nezumi ga	たわらのねずみが
Kome Kute Chu!	こめくてちゅ
Chu! Chu! Chu!	ちゅ!ちゅ!ちゅ!
Ottosan ga Yondemo	おっとさんがよんでも
Okkasan ga Yondemo	おっかさんがよんでも
Ikikko Nashi yo	いきっこなしよ
Ido no Mawari de	いどのまわりで
Ochawan Kaitano dare?	おちゃわんかいたのだから?

The Japanese Choir sang the Japanese Eeny Meeny Miny Moe as well as Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious in both the Junior and Senior assemblies in Week 5 and 6. It was yet again a stunning performance! Well done!

If you are interested in joining the Japanese Choir, it is never too late. Please come and see me for a short and friendly audition.

Mari Kitasaka

(The teacher of Japanese)

Year 5 Combined Band Rehearsal

On Thursday June 7, the Year 5 band went to Aranda Primary school for a combined band rehearsal. We went with Turner Primary School, Macquarie Primary School and Aranda Primary School. There were woodwind, brass and percussion instrument. There were more than ninety students!



"My favourite part was learning how to do the secret drumroll in percussion."

Annie 5RL

"It was amazing and my favourite thing about it was that the play area was huge and that we learned to play 'Rock You!'"

Aylin 5KG



Rostrum



Parliament of Youth on Sustainability



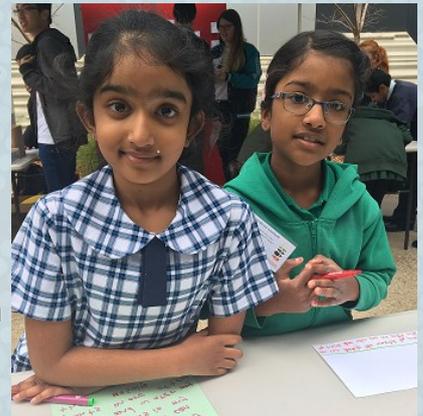
On Monday June 4, students from Kaleen Primary School travelled to the Australian National University to participate in the 2018 Parliament of Youth on Sustainability. The annual event sees hundreds of students from all over the ACT convene to suggest, debate and vote on a range of possible solutions to problems that involve providing a sustainable future.

This year KPS entered two teams- a junior and senior, consisting of year 2 and year 6 students. In the lead up to parliament, the teams met weekly with our STEM and Sustainability teachers to develop their proposals in readiness for the big day. The senior team proposed the idea that buildings in Canberra should install environmentally sustainable solar windows, that are cheaper and more energy efficient than standard solar panels, whilst also utilising already available real estate. The juniors suggested that all schools in the ACT provide recycling and compost bins on playgrounds, with worm farms that produce fertiliser, to resell back to the public. The profits from this fertiliser could then be reinvested in schools to pay for the recycling bins to be collected by local councils. Both teams created short videos in a mock news report style to be submitted as our entries.

Our senior team is to be congratulated on their hard work and for submitting a fantastic entry. However it was the junior team's proposal which was not only voted through by the parliament of students in their division, but went on to win the event in the K-2 section!

The junior team's representative MP, Ishi G, represented the school and presented our idea to members of the Standing Committee on Environment and Transport and City Services at ACT Legislative Assembly on Wednesday June 13. Who knows, maybe we'll see big changes to playgrounds all over Australia and the world?! A big thank you to all students and teachers involved.

James Shapowloff



All things Environmental at Kaleen Primary School....

Last Friday, Kaleen Primary celebrated *World Environment Day*. This year's theme was 'Beat Plastic Pollution' encouraging us to think and take action to reduce our reliance on plastic items.

At KPS, we marked the occasion with a dress up day and special environmental lunchtime reads, run by a number of our dedicated Student Parliamentarians. Students also spent time in class focusing on the environment through various class investigations and discussions.

This Friday sees the closure of the whole school T shirt poster competition. Great prizes will be awarded to the best presented posters in K-Year 2, Year 3-Year 4 and Year 5-Year 6. If the quality of the already completed posters is anything to go by, this year's entries will be particularly hard to judge.

A big thank you to students and staff alike for helping to make the day such a positive one!

Mrs Lowther, Mr Shapowloff and Mrs Chiles

**BEAT
PLASTIC
POLLUTION**



**WORLD
ENVIRONMENT
DAY**

Junior school vegetable garden

Last Friday, students from UCKHS and their amazing teacher, Janet Richardson worked with members of the Year 6 Greens Team, along with several other keen Year 6 students and a group of hard working Year 5 students, to create an amazing vegetable garden for the Junior School.

The older students moved 36 wheelbarrows of soil to fill three new garden beds. All Year 2 classes then spent the afternoon planting an assortment of winter herbs and vegetables.



The beautiful rain over the weekend helped the plants settle and we now eagerly await our first produce, which we will happily sell to our wonderful KPS community for a gold coin donation. All money raised will be used to purchase more seedlings and gardening materials to create an amazing sustainable gardening zone in the Junior School.

Fiona Chapman

Wacky Hair Day

Hi - we're Ky W and Sol M and we are doing the world's greatest shave with Zachary M-B on **July 5** to help raise money for people who are suffering from blood cancer. You can help donate to our cause online at the link below.

<https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registrator/TeamResults.aspx?eventId=14158®istrationId=718604>

We have currently raised \$293 and looking to raise \$2000.

Also, Amy J in year 3 is cutting off all her hair to raise money for brain cancer. Her hair will be made into a wig for a child suffering from cancer. You can donate to Amy's page at

<https://www.curebraincancer.org.au/my-fundraising/11190/cut-for-a-cure>

To contribute to our Shave for a Cure Fundraiser, on our shaving day (Thursday July 5, week 10) we will be having a *Wacky Hair Day* to celebrate and raise funds. For a gold coin donation, children are encouraged to "wackify" their hair- the wackier the better!

Thank you for supporting us in our fundraiser, please enjoy our before shots, and look forward to the after shots!



Heroes' Corner

Recently, we asked for some feedback on our newsletter. Thank you to all those who contributed. Heroes' Corner is a new regular addition as suggested by one of our community members. If you would like to have your child's achievements acknowledged here, please email a short blurb to kaleenpsadmin@ed.act.edu.au.

Hunter S 2LO

Well done to Hunter who recently participated at the Woden Saturday fun Chess Tournament. Hunter was the best performer in the under 8 group and received a medal.

Hunter also participated in the ACT chess tournament and placed 2nd in the under 8 section and received this trophy.



Friendly Parenting Tips

Tip #4

Encourage meaningful conversations.

Why is this good for your child?

It builds trust and encourages them to be open with us.

Try this...

Sit down and eat together as a family. Over dinner talk about what you have achieved in your day e.g. something you are proud of.