

### Important Dates

15-25 May	NAPLAN
18 May	Walk Safely to School Day
18 May	Junior Assembly
23 May	National Simultaneous Storytime
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28 May	Public Holiday— Reconciliation Day
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6 June	School Photo Day

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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,

We hope that all the fabulous mothers in our community got absolutely spoilt by their families on Mother's Day. We have had such a busy few weeks here at Kaleen with lots of changes and new initiatives to announce. Our new fence is well underway, and at this stage is on schedule. Please be mindful of this when entering and exiting school grounds. This week the Years 3 and 5 cohorts have been participating in NAPLAN Online. It was a very smooth transition to the online platform and this was only made possible by the amazing work of the teaching teams, and NAPLAN coordinators Bec Hadfield and Ryan Lindsay. Last week, the students reached our PBL target by earning 5000 W@K tokens across the school. The student PBL Team came up with the idea of holding a double recess (as the mystery prize) to celebrate this achievement. Last Tuesday, students had their regular recess, and then teachers across the school provided each cohort with 30 minutes of additional indoor and outdoor enrichment activities. Please read on to hear more about our current initiatives and recent updates.

### **Staffing Updates**

Our much loved Deputy Principal Robert Maccioni came into visit earlier this week. Robert is in good spirits, but unfortunately is still not well enough to return to work after his recent knee surgery. Robert is now scheduled to return to work at the beginning of Semester 2; however, this is dependent on his recovery and fitness for work. In the meantime, Michelle Northey will continue to act in the Deputy Principal position. At the end of Term 1, Kelly Turner (Year 6 Teacher) won an acting executive position leading the 5/6 Team. Kelly will remain teaching her Year 6 class four days a week, and have an additional day off class to complete administration duties. Emma Snowden will be joining the Year 6 team and back filling Kelly's class one day a week until the end of the year. Fiona Chapman (Year 2 Teacher) has also joined the executive team on a short term project leading the Sustainability Team for the rest of Semester 1. Fiona will remain on class four days a week (with one administration day) and Karin Hawker will be backfilling her class each Thursday until the end of the term.

During the school holidays, Allan Wylie (Year 6 teacher) was successful in winning a position at Giralang Primary School. After we held a recruitment process to replace Allan we decided there was not capacity within the pool of applicants to take on the role long-term. We made the difficult decision to fill the role internally, and James Shapowloff (Sustainability Teacher) agreed to move into the Year 6 role until the end of the year. Anita Carr is currently filling James' previous Sustainability role until Wednesday Week 5, where she will leave us to go on an overseas holiday. Kelly Reeves (an experienced teacher who has previously taught at Kaleen) will be returning from her holiday at the end of Week 7 and will begin fulltime in the Sustainability role at the beginning of Week 8. Kelly Reeves will work alongside Caren Lowther and Melissa Chiles in the STEM and Sustainability Team for the rest of the year.

Due to personal reasons, Holly Trindall will no longer be a classroom teacher on Year 5. Holly will remain at Kaleen Primary School in a teaching support role for the remainder of 2018. We have recruited Tom Camilleri as the permanent class teacher for the rest of the year, sharing the class with Aimee Griggs. Tom is also an experienced educator who is currently studying towards post graduate qualifications. Due to an overseas trip, Tom is also unable to begin on the class until Week 8. Fortunately, Jo Keens (Executive Teacher) has taken charge of the class until Tom is able to commence his contract.

Thank you to everyone for your flexibility and understanding.

### **PE@K (Passion and Enrichment at Kaleen) and WIN (What I Need) Initiatives**

One of our Key Improvement Strategies outlined in the strategic plan is to develop opportunities for enrichment, extension and promote student-centred learning. At Kaleen, we are committed to strengthening the way we cater for all students. This year, we have established a Response to Intervention (RTI) Team. This team is working closely with all staff to ensure we are providing targeted support and establishing a range of programs to enhance our current extension and enrichment practices.

We currently have three PE@K initiatives:

*PE@K Programs:* are opportunities for students to participate in a wide range of enrichment experiences. These programs are offered throughout the year and are an ongoing commitment where students attend the program each week. These programs are an extension to the teaching program and enhance the learning opportunities for students. These vary throughout the year and include programs such as Green Team, Junior and Senior Choir, Japanese Choir, Recorder (Years 3 and 4), Dance Nation, Rock band, IMP Band (Years 5 and 6), RoboCup and Parliament of Youth.

*PE@K Projects:* are conducted throughout the school for students to engage in a passion project. These are individualised projects and provide opportunities for students to work individually or collaboratively on a wide range of topics. The PE@K projects vary for each cohort based on student need.

*PE@K Clubs:* is an exciting new initiative that will start next week (Week 4). The PE@K clubs for Term 2 will include Coding (Mondays), Engineering (Tuesdays), Writing (Wednesdays), Tinker (Thursdays), and Arts Club (Fridays). These are teacher led, structured activities that will operate in the library during lunchtime. All students are welcome, and will meet in the hall after lunch eating time if they would like to attend. A timetable will be on display in the library to remind students about the PE@K clubs.



This year we have also introduced the 'WIN' (What I Need) program. This term we have *WIN* reading groups and *WIN* maths extension opportunities for students. The *WIN* groups are based on student need across the school and are regularly reviewed in consultation with the RTI and teaching teams.

Thank you to our highly skilled teachers who make these enrichment opportunities possible.

## Sustainability Partnership

Kaleen Primary School is excited to have partnered with UCKHS to establish a Multicultural Community Garden in the Kindergarten play area. The partnership consists of ten VET (Vocational Education Training) students from the high school, currently studying Agrifoods, and their teacher, Mrs Janet Richardson, our Mrs Fiona Chapman, the KPS Sustainability Team and the KPS Junior school. The garden will include compost bins, a water tank, and edible plants from various countries represented within our school community. The garden will encourage authentic learning experiences and will provide an opportunity for students, staff, parents, and community members to participate in a whole school project. The UCKHS students will be working at KPS every second Thursday (even weeks) to create this fabulous space. The team will provide updates throughout the term as progress is made. The team would welcome any assistance from parents or the wider community to create this space. It may involve the donation of seedlings, preloved garden pots, a bag of potting mix, mulch or some free time you may have. Please contact Fiona ([Fiona.chapman@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Fiona.chapman@ed.act.edu.au)) if you would like to be part of this project.

## P&C News

In the upcoming P&C Meeting, we will be presenting Kaleen Primary School's new Strategic Plan. This will be held on Wednesday 13 June, and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

The school is hoping to enlist the help of interested parents who would like to become P&C reps for their child's or children's cohort/s. The job requires the Cohort Rep to be a point of contact for all parents in that particular year level. This aims to give families another line of communication in which they can offer feedback to the school. Before each P&C meeting, Krissy McCombe, our school community liaison will email the Cohort Reps and she will report back at the next P&C meeting. We will publish the names (and email addresses) of the Cohort Reps in the newsletter, so community are aware of who to contact. We would love to have one or more Cohort Reps for each year level, so please email Krissy ([Christina.McCombe@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Christina.McCombe@ed.act.edu.au)) if you are interested in taking on one of these roles.

## Parents and Citizens (P&C) Corner

Hello Parents, Grandparents and Carers! This section updates you on activities undertaken by our school Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association. Parents, grandparents and carers are partners in the education process who have a right and a responsibility to play an active role in the education of our children.

The P&C can help you and your child by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff into closer co-operation. P&C meetings are a great forum to find out what is happening across the school and the implications for your child. Why not come along to our next meeting on Wednesday 13 June in the School Library?

The P&C at Kaleen also runs the canteen and the uniform shop, and co-ordinates fundraising activities such as the school fete and school discos. We would love your assistance with any of these activities!

The P&C Committee that governs the P&C Association is keen to expand its membership. We are currently looking for people who can assist with:

- volunteer positions on the P&C Executive, including as President and representation on various committees as general members;
- organisation of school events such as the upcoming disco on 29 June;
- assistance at the school canteen, particularly Friday lunchtimes; and
- assistance with the uniform shop.

There is no minimum time requirement and we welcome people from all backgrounds.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact [kaleenpandc@gmail.com](mailto:kaleenpandc@gmail.com).

Ben Peters Jones

2018 P&C Vice President

## Home/ School Communication

As outlined in our new strategic plan, we are looking to promote our school and increase communication with parents and the broader community through the use of digital technologies. We will continue to utilise our webpage and Skoolbag App to share event dates, reminders, successes, and general information. In the next couple of weeks we will launch our Facebook page and Twitter account to support our promotion and communication strategy. The plan is to use Facebook and Twitter as a vehicle to celebrate our school achievements. We have worked closely with the Directorate, Board and P&C to develop a set of social media guidelines to ensure it will be used appropriately. We consider online safety and privacy to be a priority and plan to only share information about students in an appropriate way (for example publishing first names only). Please [click here](#) to access our social media guidelines. A note will be sent home next week to seek permission for your child to be celebrated via these platforms.

This year, we have begun trialling the Seesaw app across the school to share each child's learning with their own family, and provide parents with a digital portfolio of work. This has been a learning experience for staff, parents, and students as we transition to using this new technology. The school has worked with the Board to create a brief implementation plan that outlines the reason for the change and our approach to implementation. We are interested in hearing your feedback on Seesaw and how we can further enhance our practice. Please [click here](#) to view the implementation plan and [click here](#) to fill out a short Seesaw survey.

## LIFT OFF – YEAR 2 ‘READY’ WORKSHOP

Last Tuesday evening, we hosted the Lift Off ‘READY’ workshop for our Year 2 families. What a way to celebrate 2018 International Day of Families! It was great to see so many parents and students at the workshop. A special thanks to Marlena Basser from Uplifting Australia, and the Year 2 teachers who facilitated the program and guided us through a variety of meaningful games, challenges and activities. There were plenty of smiles, laughs and positive connections being made...especially with the skipping rope challenge. Just for the record, the Year 2 families well and truly beat the teachers in this challenge!!! The focus for the workshop was on relationships and was a perfect opportunity for parents and children to spend some quality time together. There were lots of meaningful conversations and powerful sharing within a fun workshop. We look forward to hosting the Year 4 ‘STEADY’ workshop in Term 3 and the Year 6 ‘GO’ workshop in Term 4. Dates are still being finalised and will be announced once confirmed.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to Kate Rowntree. Kate has been a very active member in our school community. She has worked tirelessly for many years in our P&C Uniform Shop and taken on various roles across the school. Kate has recently resigned from her Kaleen position to take on the Canteen Manager role at Mount Rogers. Kate is still very much a part of our community and we appreciate her valuable contributions to the school.

Bye for now,

*Chris Shaddock*

Principal

*Michelle Northey*

&

Vice Principal



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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.*

# Lift Off!





# Friendly Parenting Tips

## Tip #2

**Manage your child's challenging behaviour by separating the person they are from their behaviour.**

### Why is this good for your child?

By dealing directly with the behaviour while staying gentle on your child, you keep their self-esteem intact while teaching them personal responsibility. They will know they are loved for who they are, despite what they do.

### Try this...

Start by acknowledging that they are a good person, then identify the behaviour that is not okay.

# 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 [mary-caitlin.cox@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:mary-caitlin.cox@ed.act.edu.au).



## GREGORY ACADEMY OF IRISH DANCE

CONGRATULATIONS!

YOU HAVE WON 2 FREE LESSONS !

TO REDEEM YOUR PRIZE PHONE OR EMAIL YOUR INTEREST BY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018!  
DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE IRISH DANCING A TRY! BRING A FRIEND AND HAVE SOME FUN WITH US!

*Gregory Academy welcomes everyone from the age of 3 years to Adults - we accommodate classes for ALL ages regardless of experience in any form of dance from our 3 qualified Teachers -*

*Liz, Jackie and Megan!*

*It's great fun, great for your fitness, and instills confidence to perform on stage or just for enjoyment!*

Contact: Liz 0419225195 email

[gregoryacademy@outlook.com](mailto:gregoryacademy@outlook.com)

## Canberra Japan Club Autumn Festival.

The Canberra Japan Club Autumn Festival is to be held on Sunday 20 May at Cook Community Hall. Please join us in celebrating. The KPS Japanese Choir will sing at 1:45 PM at the Festival!

**5/20(日)**  
**@ Cook Community Hall**  
41 Templeton St Cook  
**1:30 - 4:00pm**

**Canberra Japan Club Autumn Festival**  
**Sun 20 May**

AKIMATSURI

**秋祭**

CJC

可能な方は浴衣、着物でお越しください  
Come wearing your favourite kimono.

今年も盛りだくさんのプログラムを用意しています！  
Programme includes:

- \* キャンベラで日本語を学ぶ子供たちによる学芸会  
Performances by students learning Japanese at local schools
- \* 水風船、輪投げ、箸作り体験教室、折り紙、書道など  
Japanese children's games, chopstick making, Origami, Calligraphy etc.
- \* 軽食・飲み物など  
Food and Drinks

CJC、CJC幼稚園、CJC日本語学校が屋台を出店します。  
Food stalls from CJC, CJC Preschool and CJC Community Language School  
フジベーカリーとギョウザガイも出店予定  
Delicious Japanese foods are on sale from various stalls

キャンベラ日本クラブ  
Canberra Japan Club  
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**info@canberrajapanclub.org.au**

CJC

# Celebrating Parliament House's 30th Birthday

By Alice Rea

I am a Year 5 student at Kaleen Primary School and a member of the ACT Primary Concert Choir along with Alex J, Honkai C, Sampurna B, Nigama P, Annie J, Abbey B-H, Jerald C, Krishna S, Elfin M, Hannah A, Holly A and Rayan L. It is an extension activity for students from Years 4-6 from primary schools across the ACT and is run by the Instrumental Music Program.

On Wednesday 9 May, our choir had the great honour of performing at the 30th anniversary of the opening of Parliament House. We sang a number of songs at a ceremony held on the Parliament House forecourt including the National Anthem, Waltzing Matilda, I Still Call Australia Home, I am Australian, the Canberra Anthem and of course Happy Birthday! Some of the choir members also took part in an Aboriginal smoking ceremony before His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia. He addressed the crowd and explained that we were celebrating the building and the successful democracy it represents. I enjoyed seeing lots of politicians and also sampling the birthday cake. Our next performance will be at the "Winter Winds" Concert at Llewellyn Hall on 14 June.

