CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday 4 March  Swimmer Carnival
Monday 10 March  Canberra Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 18 March  P&C Meeting, 7pm
Wednesday 9 April  Cross Country
Friday 11 April  Last day of Term 1
Monday 28 April  First day of Term 2
Friday 2 May  School Photos (change of date)

2014 SCHOOL LEADERS

We would like to proudly announce the new School Captains for 2014, Chelsea and Callum and our new Vice Captains Jithmi and Ben. All four leaders completed their first ‘official’ duties at assembly last Friday. They were warmly welcomed by the Kaleen Primary community. Congratulations to all students who nominated for this leadership opportunity. There was an outstanding field of applicants! Well done.

A Random Pearl of Wisdom

A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.

John C Maxwell

REMINDER - BEFORE SCHOOL

As mentioned at assembly last week and at the “Meet the Teacher” evening, we would appreciate your assistance in reminding students that they are not allowed to play on the playground equipment before school.

Students may play handball or talk with friends but running and large ball games are discouraged. This is to ensure the safety of all our students, parents and carers as the morning drop off is a busy time.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Grace Dunlop - Principal

HAVE YOU MADE A TIME?

Thank you to the many parents who attended our “Meet the Teacher” information evening. It was a wonderful opportunity to hear first-hand what will be happening in your child’s classroom throughout the year. It was also the opportunity to sign up for an interview time to share information with your child’s teacher. If you haven’t had the opportunity to schedule an interview there is still time! Please call the Front Office or drop in to make a time with the class teacher.
YOUR P&C FOR 2014

Thanks to all who attended the P&C AGM last week. The tireless work of the P&C is invaluable in helping us to provide enriching learning experiences for all our students. Congratulations to the Office Bearers for 2014:

President – Sharon Pike
Vice President – Kate Rowntree
Secretary – Nicole Cortese
Treasurer – Helene Nash working with an outsourced bookkeeper
Public Officer – Rosalind Glew

AND THE AWARD GOES TO …….

At Kaleen Primary we recognise student achievement in a variety of ways. One of the most popular methods is through award presentations at our assemblies. These awards include:

**Merit Awards** are awarded at all assemblies. They are for a variety of positive reasons including work habits, improvement and demonstration of school values.

**Student of the Month** is awarded to one student from each class per month. Students who receive this award have shown consistent effort, social skills and values throughout the month.

**Golden Letter** is awarded to one student per class each term. This award is for academic excellence. Students who win this award must possess an enthusiasm for learning and engagement in the classroom as well as strive to achieve their best.

**L.J. Hooker Award** is awarded to three students a term a junior, middle and senior student. This award is for community involvement and is sponsored by L.J. Hooker. Recipients must demonstrate exceptional social skills and behaviour which reflects the school’s values.

**McDonald’s Fair Play Award** seeks out students who demonstrate excellent sportsmanship in all physical activities. Recipients must demonstrate this excellence in sportsmanship in class and during recess and lunch breaks.

PEDESTRIAN vs SCHOOL CROSSING

As school returns for another year it is always important to ensure there are timely reminders about student safety. We would like to clarify the purpose and requirements of our school crossing which is different to those stated for a normal pedestrian crossing.

Unlike normal pedestrian crossings, school crossings are operative only when a traffic sign or flag with the words ‘School Crossing’ or ‘Children Crossing’ is placed on or near the crossing. However vehicles **MUST** stop at the white hold lines and remain stationary until the crossing is **clear of all pedestrians** unlike a pedestrian crossing where motorists must give way to pedestrians.

Please slow down and keep our kids safe.

WHAT IS KIPS?

KIPS stands for Kaleen Inclusive Play Sessions. It is a supervised structured game run by the teacher at lunch time for students in Years 3-6. The teacher is active in the game, teaching social skills, sportsmanship, team work and resilience. KIPS is held on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday lunch times. Many of our other popular lunch time groups such as Chess and Choir are in the process of being organised. As other extracurricular activities become available we will inform you of the times and days of the week they are on.

Natalie Garrett – A/Deputy Principal

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.
Our 2014 sports house and vice captains

Congratulations to our 2014 sports house captains:

**Cotter:**
Captains: Kassidy and Sam  
Vice: Izabel and Arul

**Hawkesbury:**
Captains: Layla and Billy  
Vice: Jorja and Matt

**Murrumbidgee:**
Captains: Ella and Talan  
Vice: Kasey and Ivan

**Snowy:**
Captains: Steffi and Jordan  
Vice: Astha and Upkeerat

Katrina Ireland and Karen Stowell – A/Executive Teachers

INTRODUCING OUR SCHOOL CAPTAINS

**Callum** I am proud to be this year’s School Captain. To represent this school is a real privilege because of how great Kaleen Primary is. Particularly the extra programs we run here like the Kitchen Garden. I have an older brother and older sister, and live on a farm. I love animals but most of all I love sport! My favourite subject at school is maths and I am in 6T this year. I will try my hardest to be a great School Captain.

**Chelsea** I am School Captain for 2014. My favourite subject is English but I also enjoy Science and Maths. I do loads of sport and I LOVE to do it. I also love music and perform in the school band and also outside of school. I have a mum, dad and little brother in Year 3. This year I am in 6S. I am proud and super excited to be your captain this year.

**Ben** I’m a member of 6V. I really love playing soccer - it’s my favourite sport. I am the person who loves to see smiles on people’s faces and I am the one who wants to make people smile. My favourite subject is PE and I love it. I have been at Kaleen Primary for seven years- since I was a little Kinder! Since I was in Kindy I wanted to be a School Captain and now here I am- your Vice Captain for 2014!

**Jithmi** I am in 6T. I am proud and happy to be the Vice Captain for 2014. I like sport and music and I play flute in the Year 6 band. I have a sister in 1Q, a little brother and of course my mum and dad. My favourite subject at school is geography. I have represented this school in many different things such as the Japanese Speech Contest, Rostrum, Year 5 band and lots more. I hope I will be a great leader for Kaleen Primary.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

A note was sent home last Friday, 21 February regarding the election for one School Board Parent Representative. Voting opened at 11am Monday 24 February and will close at 11am Monday 3 March. Please take a moment to cast your vote. Envelopes and ballot papers are available from the Front Office.

Diana Wallace – Assistant Returning Officer
NUMERACY WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

As you may well have noticed the teaching of mathematics has greatly changed since many of us went through school. We would like to invite you to attend a workshop that will endeavour to help you understand the language and strategies our children are using when working mathematically. This term we will be offering a workshop for parents in the Library.

The workshop will be held:

- Wednesday 12 March between 2 – 2:50pm
- OR
- Wednesday 12 March from 3:10pm – 4pm

Please note these are repeat workshops so you do not need to attend both.

The workshop is predominantly aimed at students in the junior and middle primary years (K – 4) and will focus on the mental computation strategies for addition and subtraction used at Kaleen Primary. We will also give you ways that you can help your child at home.

Please register your interest by completing the box on the invitation sent home this week and return to the Front Office by Tuesday 11 March 2014. We look forward to seeing you there.

Joanne Keens, Maggie Quigley and Mark Bormann - Coordinators

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Welcome to another year at Kaleen Primary. As President of the Kaleen Primary P&C Association for 2104, and parent of 3 children at Kaleen Primary, I would like to invite you to be involved with the P&C. The P&C is open to everyone: parents, caregivers, grandparents, teachers, students and members of the whole community. Recent research has shown that the vital ingredient for students’ engagement and learning is parental participation. Not only does our P&C support the school as a whole, but it is a great support for the parents who get involved.

The P&C plays a vital role in:

- Providing facilities and equipment for the school through fundraising activities
- Facilitating cooperation between the students, teachers and community
- Encouraging parent participation in the operations of the school
- Sharing information to benefit the school community.

Attendance at the P&C meetings is an excellent way to find out first hand what is happening within our school community. The P&C meets once a month during term time. The next meeting is 7pm Tuesday 18th March in the staff room. Please come along. Everyone is welcome.

Sharon Pike – P&C President

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

Dance Northside ... for people who simply love to ... Dance! A community-focused, inclusive and recreational dance school based in Kaleen which provides quality, age-appropriate, educational, non-competitive and fun dance classes in a safe and nurturing environment, for students aged 18 months to adult. We are currently taking new enrolments for 2014! For more information or to enrol please contact Artistic Director Holly Diggle (BA Dance) on 0413 049 625 or email holly@dancenorthside.com.au or visit www.dancenorthside.com.au.

Do you have a child in Year 4, 5 or 6? Have you missed out on thousands of dollars? In 2001, the Government introduced the “First Child Tax Offset” and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits. If you have ANY child that was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to $12,500 of entitlements. The Government has a 30 June 2014 deadline on this entitlement, so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au today to receive more information. www.twelve.com.au.

Stepping Stones Social Skills Course for Gifted Children with Helen Dudeney Med (COGE) for 7-11 year olds is being held on 1 and 2 March 2014 at St Bede’s Primary School, Red Hill. The cost is $340 per student or the discounted rate of $300 for Australian Gifted Support Centre Clients. Please direct any enquiries via email to events@australiangiftedsupport.com. You can learn more about the Stepping Stones Social Skills Program at the AGSC’s website, www.australiangiftedsupport.com/what-s-new.

Natalie Garrett – A/Deputy Principal

 COURSES FOR GIFTED CHILDREN
IT’S A BOY!

As you all know we love our Kaleen babies and are very lucky to have a growing number born to staff members each year. We are proud to announce that Kellie Rogers and husband Jason added to their growing family over the holidays. Baby Angelo was born on January 19. He is gorgeous and big sister, Sophia, is very excited. Congratulations to the beautiful family.

Lynne Sheville – Executive Teacher

CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome back to 2014. The canteen will be open each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this term. Please note that Fruit Stack ice blocks were listed as 80c but are only 60c. It is a good idea to chat with younger children about a second option in case what they have ordered becomes unavailable on the day. This happens very occasionally but it is helpful if children have something else in mind that they know they like. We don’t want any children going hungry!

We currently have no volunteers helping in the canteen. Our canteen is P&C operated so all profits go back into the school. If you would like to help, please consider a shift from 9-10am or from 10.30am on Wednesdays or Thursdays as Felicity is there by herself. If you can make a sandwich then you have all the necessary experience. If you are able to give a day of your time (9am to 1:30pm) then you will receive a $5 voucher for your family to use at the canteen.

If you have any questions about the menu, ingredients or volunteering please pop in any Wednesday, Thursday or Friday and have a chat.

Felicity and Kate - Canteen

FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

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UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

It has been an extremely busy start to the year and even with extensive planning certain items unfortunately did sell out. Apologies if this has caused any inconvenience. We are now almost fully stocked again except for gaberdine shorts and dresses in sizes 6 and 10.

Just a reminder that online orders placed with Flexischools are emailed to me and filled on the next available Uniform Shop Wednesday. If you have a problem with the payment of your order, contact Flexischools. If you have a problem with the sizing or don’t receive your order within a week you should contact me. My phone number is on the front of every newsletter. Past newsletters can be accessed through the schools website. The Front Office staff are unable to help you find a lost order other than to direct you to me.

For any further information, please contact me on 0478 940 610.

Kate Rowntree - Uniform Shop Coordinator
We did first aid. We learned slings and wrapping, major wound and minor wounds. We learnt letters, Danger, Response, Airway, Breathing, CPR and Defibrillator. I had a great time. And I shocked my Mum.

Sarah

What we did was we learnt a position so you can clear the airways to see if they are breathing, but first what you had to do was see if they had anything in their mouth. Otherwise the thing in their mouth would have been stuck in their bodies.

Annaliese

We used triangular cloth to make slings and bandages to wrap our arms to help a sprained or broken arm.

Lance

We wrapped ourselves up in the bandages so we know what to do and how to help people if they are hurt.

Oscar