

**20/14 11 December 2014**

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thurs 11 December	Year 6 Graduation Evening
Friday 12 December	Assembly – Citizenship and Fair Play
Mon 15 December	Assembly – Year 6 Farewell Assembly
	Final Community Yoga 2014, 1:45pm
	KPS Community Concert, 5-6:45pm
Tues 16 December	Year 6 Fun Day
Wed 17 December	Last day of school for 2014
Monday 2 February	First day of school for Kindy students
	First day of school for Red and Purple Group Preschool students
Tuesday 3 February	First day of school for Year 1-6 students
Thursday 5 February	First day of school for Blue and Green Group Preschool students

#### THANK YOU

#### PARENTS AND CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE

I would like to acknowledge the fantastic work and support of our Parents and Citizen's Committee led by Sharon Pike and her executive team. Planning is well underway for activities that will continue to expand learning opportunities at our school throughout 2015. I would also like to acknowledge and thank those of you who volunteer your time freely across our school in support of students' learning - well done. I hope to see you back next year.

#### SCHOOL BOARD

In our last newsletter, I outlined upcoming vacant positions (2 positions) on the Kaleen Primary School Board. Elections will be conducted in early 2015. The Board has a very important role in assisting the executive team with decision making to ensure Kaleen Primary continues to build on its strong foundations and delivers excellent education services to our community. I would like to thank our outgoing Board Chair, Kate Rowntree for her unwavering support of Kaleen Primary School over an extended period. My thanks also to Board members Anne-Maree Wigney, Elissa Steel, Aimee Griggs and Allison Wardle for their continuing support. Elissa, Aimee and Allison will be continuing as Board members in 2015.

On behalf of all staff at Kaleen Primary School, I would like to wish all families a happy, relaxing and fun school holiday break. For those travelling, we wish you a safe and enjoyable time with family and friends. The staff and I look forward to seeing you all in 2015 for another fantastic year of learning at Kaleen Primary.

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Over the last six months I have learnt many things about Kaleen Primary School. We are fortunate to have an amazing group of dedicated educators and staff at Kaleen Primary who continue to strive to create opportunities for students to learn and excel. To you, the parents and carers, I have been privileged to meet many of you and learn more about your children. Thank you for sharing your ideas for improving our school. I must admit I still have work to do to remember names! During the last two terms, I have also enjoyed getting to know the students. We have a wonderfully diverse student body who are enthusiastic, considerate, shining examples of the Kaleen Primary values.

To the class of 2014 - on behalf of all staff at Kaleen Primary we wish you the best of success in the future. You have been great role models and ambassadors for our school. Take pride in all that you have learnt and achieved. Good luck with the next part of your education as you transition to High School.

## STAFFING NEWS

I would like to acknowledge the great work of our outgoing executive Alan Wylie, Kelly Turner and Mark Bormann in 2014. I thank them and the current executive for their significant contribution to Kaleen Primary School. I wish to acknowledge the excellent work of Lynne Sheville as acting Deputy Principal for the last 6 months. I am pleased to announce our Executive team for 2015 will include:

Robert Maccioni - Deputy Principal  
Lynne Sheville - Executive: Engaging Schools and Community  
Michelle Northey - Executive: Junior School  
Jo Keens - Executive: Senior School  
Jacob BurrIDGE - Acting Executive: ICT

In bittersweet news, four of Kaleen Primary's much loved staff are leaving at the end of 2014. Carly Duncanson, Skye Knight and Mark Bormann have been successful in their transfers to Giralang Primary. Evelyn Prior is leaving Kaleen Primary to pursue a lifelong passion in supporting young people to overcome life challenges. They have each made significant contributions to Kaleen Primary and will be missed in many ways. We wish them the best of success in their chosen endeavours. We would also like to farewell Gemma McDowell who has worked as both our Student Welfare Officer and an LSA over recent years. Her family has been posted to Townsville.

I am pleased to announce that a new staff member Kate Wylie will be joining our Preschool team in 2015. We have recently welcomed back Jo Keens and Ellen Caulfield from leave. I anticipate Ryan Lindsay and Matt Stretton will also be returning next year.

Kaleen Primary has been fortunate to have three excellent contract staff during 2014. I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of Kelly Reeves, Holly Trindall and Gina Harrop who will finish their contracts at the end of this year. A special thank you also to Amanda Downing for providing wonderful support in our Preschool for most of Term 4. At this stage our staffing roster is full and these staff will be seeking other positions. We wish them the best for 2015 and hope to see them back at our school in the near future.

## STUDENT REPORTS

As outlined in our last Newsletter all student reports will be sent home Friday 12 December. Students in Years 1 to 6 will receive an A-E report, however, Preschool and Kindergarten student reports do not use an A-E grade scale.

Preschool students will receive a school based report that outlines their progress in line with the Early Years Learning Framework.

For Kindergarten students, parents will receive information about the Kindergarten Achievement Standard attached to their school-based report. Additionally, students in Years 1 to 6 will receive a detailed report that gives further information on the progress of their child. This will include student strengths, areas for further development, strategies to support and/or extend their learning, social development and student involvement in school programs and activities. Information about the student's attitude and commitment to learning is also included.

### The A – E Report Format

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. The following A–E descriptors will appear on the report:

- A** demonstrating excellent achievement of what is expected
- B** demonstrating a 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

### Grade Descriptors and the “C” grade

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.

## PREPARING FOR 2015

Planning for 2015 is well underway with staff allocating students to classes. Applications for student inclusion into the Accelerated Learning Program have been assessed and groupings finalised for 2015. This is a rigorous process involving all staff across the school. Teachers consider each student's academic ability and talents, social needs, their personalities, friendship groupings, gender balance of classes, past history and learning styles of individuals. Decisions about class groupings will be made in the best interests of students and take into account your child's social, emotional and intellectual needs. We strive to find the right balance for and on behalf of all students.

Parents who have nominated their child for an accelerated learning class will be notified on the outcomes of this process shortly.

It is intended to release class groupings on Tuesday afternoon (16 December) to support transitions for students. These lists will be posted around the school (outside classrooms) to ensure access. I will remind parents that these class lists will remain temporary as student enrolment at the commencement of the 2015 may necessitate class grouping changes early in 2015. Public Schools are required to accept all in area enrolments. Enrolments at the beginning of the 2015 school year may result in class and teacher changes.

As we look to the future, Kaleen Primary School will strive to ensure all students are provided opportunities for enrichment and extension. In 2015 there will be greater integration of students across classes and we will be strengthening our approaches to Literacy, Numeracy and Science.

## BOOKPACKS 2015

Just a reminder to ensure you have your child's bookpacks organised for 2015. For information please contact our friendly Front Office staff.

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## STUDENTS NOT RETURNING IN 2015

Would you please notify the Front Office if your child/ren will not be returning to Kaleen Primary in 2015. This information is vital to our planning and assists us with the formation of class groups.

## KALEEN COMMUNITY CONCERT

A final reminder that the Kaleen Community Concert will be held at school on 15 December from 5-6:45pm approximately. Please bring your own picnic or buy a sausage and drink and enjoy a series of short songs from our amazing students. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there to celebrate a great year.

Laurie Campbell – Principal

## PIPS

Earlier this term, Kindergarten students completed the *Performance Indicators in Primary Schools* (PIPS) final assessment. Individual student reports will be sent home on Friday 12 December with the school based report. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions about your child's PIPS report.

Michelle Northey – Executive Teacher

## ACQUITTALS 2014

The following table shows the financial acquittals for 2014 for all excursions or activities that cost more than \$10 per student.

	Funds In	Funds Out	Balance
Swimming Carnival	\$4042	\$3946.55	\$95.45
Preschool - Dinosaur Museum	\$1328.00	\$1277.55	\$50.45
Chess Coaching	\$390	\$455	-\$65.00
Bandstravaganza	\$507	\$507	Nil
Year 5 Camp	\$9706.00	\$9724.55	-\$18.55
Basketball	\$340	\$363.64	-\$23.36
Year 6 War Memorial Excursion	\$640.00	\$536.87	\$103.13
Swimming Lessons	\$17600.00	\$17531.40	\$68.80
Leadership Conference	\$315	286.36	\$28.64
Activated Gymnastics Program	\$3646.25	\$3389.55	\$256.70
Limelight	\$655	\$1620.16	-\$955.16
Blundells Cottage	\$255	\$236.36	\$18.64
Year 3 National Zoo and Aquarium	\$1146.50	\$1143.19	\$3.31
ICAS Science	\$744	\$824	-\$80
ICAS Computer	\$560	\$576	-\$16.00
ICAS Maths	\$1008	\$1008	Nil
ICAS English	\$840	\$840	Nil
Australian Maths Competition	\$456	\$436.36	\$19.64
ICAS Writing	\$986	\$986	Nil

Di Wallace – Business Manager



## VISITING THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL



Some Year 4 students in the grounds of Government House



Mrs Sheville, Sam and Roman with the Governor-General, Sir Peter Cosgrove and Lady Lynne Cosgrove

*On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December, some of year four went to the Governor General's sports fun day. While we were there we did loads of energising and fun activities. That helped me with my sporting skills.*

Roman

*We had lots of fun playing different activities and sports. The one thing that stood out the most was the effort into making it a fun day.*

Chanel

*We played all the sports in the world and Santa came in a helicopter. They gave us posters and balls and sausages.*

Katie

*I loved the inflated obstacle course, soccer field, netball court, tennis speed serve and so much more.*

Hugh

*We represented Kaleen Primary School. The best bit was the helicopter with Santa inside.*

Jakub

*I thank the Governor General and the staff for planning this wonderful day.*

Amy

## CHESS COMPETITION



Chess champions

Our team consisting of Ricky (1<sup>st</sup> age division), Athena (5<sup>th</sup> age division), Ruofan and Ramon helped Kaleen Primary to third place in the recent School Chess Challenge held at Westfield Belconnen. Great work and congratulations to our awesome Chess team.

## GOLDEN LETTER



Term 4 Golden Letter recipients

Congratulations to:

KD	Alice Cobbin	KW	Hannah Pettett
KCK	Spencer James		
1Q	Sachin Weerasinghe		
1L	Arya Gopalakrishnan		
1W	Emilia Pitt	2T	Callum Lowther
2S	Ava Rooney	2KS	Charli Lalor
3LP	Oskar Spate	3G	Victor Au
3O	Caitlin McRae	4W	Ryan Foote
4H	Tom Nash	4MB	Danh Nguyen
5B	Aimee Barker	5W	Eli Wigney
6S	Angus Wen	6T	Kevin Wei
6V	Emma McKinnon		

And congratulations to November Student of the Month, Kasey Nash (6V) who was absent when the awards were presented last assembly.



## NIHONGO NYUUSU (JAPANESE NEWS)

Sadly, we will thank and farewell our wonderful 2014 Japanese Teaching Assistant (JTA) Sayaka-sensei on the last day of school in the hall at 9:10am. We have lots of lovely things planned for her assembly and we will present her with her gift from the Kaleen Primary community. We will continue to collect gold coin donations for her gift until week 10. Thank you in anticipation.

We are also sorry to be saying *sayoonara* to Bormann-sensei at the end of this year as he moves to Giralang Primary where he will also be able to put his Japanese skills to good use. Mark has been an integral part of the Japanese team at Kaleen Primary for the last 4 years. He has brought a very fresh approach to the delivery of Japanese in the junior school and we will all miss Bormann-sensei and his very cool Japanese T-shirts very much! We wish him well at his new school.



Year 6 students mastering the art of *shodoo* (calligraphy)



Toshiro, JTA from Dickson College, and Sayaka

With assessment finally over, we now have time for some rich Japanese cultural activities. Thanks to Sayaka-sensei, senior students will have the opportunity to do a *shodoo* (calligraphy) workshop and participate in *sado* (a Japanese tea ceremony). Junior and middle school students will

learn about going to primary school in Japan and/or learn about and do activities associated with *Oshoogatsu* (Japanese New Year), Japan's most important New Year festival.



Tea anyone?



Year 6 students participating in *sado* (Japanese tea ceremony)

As we prepare for 2015, we are indebted to 4 new kind Kaleen host families who have offered to look after Mako-sensei, our new Kagoshima JTA who will arrive in late April. More news on this next year but without the kindness, generosity and goodwill of hosting families this wonderful exchange would not be possible. Sincere thanks to the Steels, Olives and Ongs for hosting in 2014!

As we farewell *Uma-doshi* (the Year of the Horse) we look forward to *Hitsuji-doshi* (the Year of the Sheep/Ram). *Akemashite omedetoo mina-san!* (Happy New Year everyone!)

Ros Brydie – Teacher of Japanese

## SENIOR CHOIR SINGALONG

*On Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of December the senior choir went to Kangara Waters Retirement Community to share some Christmas spirit with the people at the retirement home. It was a lot of fun singing for them and it was exciting because it was our biggest public performance this year. We also met a retired professional opera singer, who sang with Dame Joan Sutherland, and she sang a few carols with us! It was a great opportunity to celebrate and share the spirit of one of the best events of the year; Christmas! We had a great time, and we would love to perform there again.*

Jayne Purnell and Alyssa MacPhee (6T)



Senior Choir students giving one of the most precious gifts – time – to the folks at Kangara Waters.



Senior Choir with Mrs Turner as conductor.

## MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who were our Merit Award recipients from last week's assembly. Keep up the great work.

### Kindergarten

Mehar Jhaggi	Zaric Zhang
Laya Allalasomayajula	Angus Wilson
Ankith Atluri	Ani Karadi

### Year 1

Angus Whitby	Grady Lim
Aaryan Pandey	Lavinia Music
Madeline Fagataele	Eva Sun

### Year 2

Anushey Ajaz	Angelina Chantrutipphan
Charli Lalor	Melissa Reid
Tessa Kashkarov	Zoe Loke
Madison Nash	

### Year 3

Jasmine Bird	Jordan Pike
Uzay Yeniceri	Abi Walker-James
Finella Wigney	Jonathan French

### Year 4

Jacinta Tattersall	Latoya Wong
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### Year 5

Ashlea Nissen	Declan Walker James
Roriki Siueva	Sara Thomson

### Year 6

Talon Sar	Thirandi Ganewatta
Michael Liszczyński	Sitara Weerasinghe
Jorja Williams	Kassidy Fox
Robert French	

And congratulations to these students who earned Merit Awards last week which will be presented at our next assembly on Friday 12 December:

### Year 2

Terrance Mazonov	Hannah Rowland
William Freebody	Elise French

### Year 5

Eli Wigney	Ananya Ravi
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Michelle Northey – Executive Teacher

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**RED AND ORANGE DAY**



Ava and some of the hundreds of red and orange cupcakes donated by our generous Year 1 families.



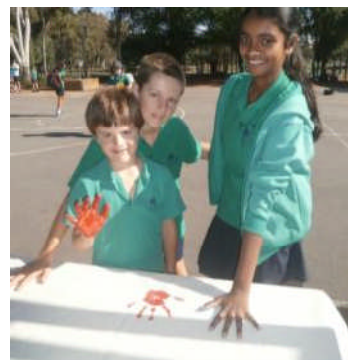
Fabulous fundraising efforts towards a very worthy cause.

On Tuesday 2 December, Kaleen Primary was a rainbow of red and orange thanks to the Student Representative Council's red and orange fundraiser to support Ronald McDonald House Charity. This charity is very close to the hearts of Ava (1Q) and her family and was supportive when Ava had her kidney transplant earlier this year.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the Year 1 families who donated cupcakes for us to sell. They were amazing! We would also like to express a heartfelt thanks to 'Team Ava' the special helpers who helped in the canteen on the day. We couldn't have done it without you!

The SRC are excited to announce that they raised an incredible \$885.50 from the gold coin donations and sale of cupcakes. This money will help many sick children and their families.

**Convoy for Cancer Families**



Thank you to all community members who have donated a gold coin and painted their hand on our Kaleen Primary Convoy for Cancer banner throughout this week. We will be out again tomorrow in the morning and afternoon (Friday) for anyone else wanting to contribute. All donations will be forwarded to the Cancer Support Group.

Thank you very much for supporting the SRC this year.

**Term 4 SRC Class Representatives**

Congratulations to our Term 4 SRC representatives on an outstanding job:

KCK	Eva Lalor	Spencer James
KD	Emma Henry	Jayson Pham
KW	Andrew Wong	Analiese Sorrenti
1L	Aso Malae	Sarah Watson
1Q	Shriya Karthik	Kelvin Guo
1W	Emilia Pitt	Ella Edmonds
2KS	Bonnie Swain	Thomas Brown
2S	Jennifer Parker	Lola Arranz
2T	Adam Khan	Kannamma Shantharajah
3LC	Isla Marker	Lachlan Odewah
3G	Chelsea O'Brien	Taylor Wong
3O	Ramon Luo	Rayan Saghur
4H	Brandon Richards	Jhett Porter
4MB	Katarina Trajkovic	Evija Colton
4W	Paige Deeves	Alexander Rowland
5B	Vaun Kingston	Satvik Sharma
5W	Lucy Teng	Cayden Wellsmore
6S	Michael Liszczyński	Tenielle Corbin
6T	Liam Tattersall	Helen Teng
6V	Thirandi Ganewatta	Lyndal Collins

Aimee Griggs and Jen Swift – SRC Coordinators

## BOARD REPORT

The Board heard that Robert Maccioni will be seen around the school a couple of days a week until the end of the year, before he formally takes up his new role as our Deputy Principal for 2015. We also look forward to seeing Roch Leonard as he gradually returns to work.

At each meeting the Board looks at financial reports and approves budgets and some expenses. We are fortunate that the school finances are well managed.

We noted that voluntary contributions were significantly lower this year, perhaps because parents would have found it helpful to have more reminders to pay and that payment by credit card or the web payment service is available. The school is aware of costs to parents with expenses such as backpacks and excursions, and there is a lot of thought into reviewing these expenses at the moment, to consider what the students really need, and working out the best options for keeping costs down.

Because the school has so many students, the issue of enrolments is often on the agenda as we try to manage the challenges of a full school. Parents and others in the school community who know their students won't be at Kaleen Primary in 2015 are asked to let the staff know. The capacity of the school is affected by the numbers in Preschool classes which is set by the Education Directorate. Kaleen Primary's Preschool is full for next year with 100 confirmed enrolments.

An architect has been looking at the Kindergarten area and plans are underway to improve that part of the school particularly by making the shared play area between Kindy and Year 2 a more useable space in all seasons. Ongoing maintenance continues with storm water drainage issues and tree roots interfering with some pipes.

The Board was encouraged to hear about the great work going on in the Student Representative Council and how much the kids have embraced this role. We were excited to hear about the events organised by the students including the Red and Orange Day and the hand printed banner to be used in the Convoy for Cancer Families.

Elissa Steel – Board Parent Representative

## P&C NEWS

### CANTEEN

The last trading day for the canteen will be tomorrow, Friday 12 December. There will be no canteen next week. As the year draws to a close we have been running down stock in the canteen. Please make your children aware that although we will try our best to provide what they have ordered we may need to substitute some items. As we sell out of things we will update the FlexiSchools menu but if you are sending in a bag order you may find certain items have sold out.

### UNIFORM SHOP

The last day for trading in the Uniform Shop this year is Wednesday 17 December. Extended opening hours for 2015 are as follows:

Friday 30 January	8:30-10:30am
Monday 2 February	8:30-10:30am
Wednesday 4 February	8:30-10:30am

Online orders through FlexiSchools ([www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)) can be placed any time over the holidays ready for collection on Friday 30 January either from the Uniform Shop until 10:30am or the Front Office between 10:30am and 3pm.

If you have an opportunity to clean out uniforms before the break next year's Kindergarten parents would appreciate second hand small sizes. Donations can be brought to the Uniform Shop or left at the Front Office for collection.

### Attention Year 5 Parents

2015 Year 6 students will be offered the opportunity to purchase commemorative uniform items. We offer short and long sleeve polo shirts, zip jackets and rugby jumpers. Order forms for commemorative items will be sent home in the first week of school next year. You may want to keep this in mind before purchasing any other uniform items.

Kate Rowntree – Uniform Shop Coordinator



# Parent Talk 1

## Facilities

Thank you for your fantastic response to the first Parent Talk on Facilities.

Q1: Feedback regarding the proposal to fence the school was balanced both for and against. Some parents believed it would negatively impact on access and the feeling of the school. Equally other parents believed it would be a positive step and enable the development of facilities around the school. I intend to continue consultation and develop options in 2015 to inform our longer term strategic plan.

Q2: There was strong support for the development of the kindergarten learning spaces. We are proceeding with work to improve the use of learning spaces and are hoping this will be in place for the commencement of 2015.

Q3: The development of the preschool space with platforms and artificial grass gained unanimous support. However, there was caution expressed about the use of artificial grass. We appreciate your thoughtful feedback.

## Parent Talk 2

### Information and Communication Technology (ICT)

The concept for discussion this week is should Kaleen Primary School explore the introduction of a one to one device program for Year 5 and 6 in 2016?

The draft proposal would involve reducing the current book pack levy and redirecting funding into a take home ICT device owned by parents. This would involve investment over two years. At the end of that time the device would remain owned by the student and could continue to be used to support learning. It is hard to put an exact price or type of device at this stage and I appreciate that may influence the outcomes of the consultation process. Kaleen Primary School believes that learning should drive the use of ICT. If used well, it is a powerful enabler and tool for learning. If used poorly, it may inhibit the creative and innovative thinking and learning we want to encourage. I would value your perspectives on this matter and ask that you respond below:

Q1: Would you support the concept of trialing a one to one device program at Kaleen Primary in 2016? (Any proposal would be conditional on the type of device and total cost to families)

Yes or No (Please circle)

Comment:

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Q2: At Kaleen Primary we are continually reviewing our programs and practices. Are there programs or ideas you have that would strengthen the use of learning technologies at Kaleen Primary?

Comment:

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Please return to the Front Office as practical. Thank you for your feedback.

Season's Greetings from the Staff at

Kaleen Primary School

December 2014

Ven Swift

Rachelanne Shibs

Danielle O'Connor

Molly Trindall

Sharae Harild

Brendon Wright

Rachel Baker

F. Luta

Karin Haines

Carly Duncanson

Sayaka Oivaki

Allison Wardle

Julia Chadburn

Maggie

Mark Bormann

Michelle Northey

K. Turner

Quigley

Harrop

Lynn Leon

Shayla

P. Mancini

Robb

Kelly Reeves

April Jukes

Alison Marks

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Caren Luther

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Janne Keers

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