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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday 11 Sept	Astronomy Night
Wed-Fri 17-19 Sept	Year 5 Camp
Friday 19 September	Nude Food Day
Tues 23 September	Year 6 Band Performance, Floriade ACT Athletics Carnival
Wed 24 September	P&C Morning Tea for World Teacher's Day
Fri 26 September	Kaleen's Got Talent, Year 6 Fundraiser Last day of Term 3
Monday 13 October	First day of Term 4
Thursday 23 October	Parents "Round Table" Forum, 6-8pm
Thursday 6 November	Science Festival

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another busy fortnight for our amazing Kaleen School Community. As part of Kaleen Primary's commitment to continuous improvement, the executive team and staff have been reviewing curriculum and programs across our school. To this end, I will also be hosting a Kaleen Primary School Parents 'Round Table' forum on Thursday evening 6-8pm on 23 October (Week 2 in Term 4). I will forward nomination forms seeking parental involvement to provide perspectives across a range of areas and programs. The forum will workshop ideas relating to our facilities, information and communication technologies, curriculum programs and community events, etc. If you are not able to attend, you may like to submit ideas to one of our School Board members to present on the night. Watch future newsletters to see how you can be involved as we plan for the future of Kaleen Primary.

The Student Representative Council (SRC) and Green Team have been busy surveying students across Kaleen Primary about a range of topics and are currently preparing submissions for our staff and the Parents and Citizen's Association. The results of these processes will inform future directions for our school and I will discuss more in future newsletters.

STAFFING

Diana Wallace is taking some well-deserved leave for the next 4 weeks. We are joined on staff by Debbie Elfverson who is acting Business Manager for that period. We are very fortunate to have someone of Debbie's experience supporting our school. Unfortunately Roch Leonard is still recuperating and is unlikely to be returning until Term 4 2014. Glen Massey will continue in the BSO role until Roch's return. Good luck to Ms Leon and Ms Tapp when winners are announced on Thursday evening for the ACT Public Education Excellence Awards.

NAPLAN

Years 3 and 5 parents would have received their child's NAPLAN results last week. The National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy is run each year for students in Years 3 and 5 in primary schools, and in Years 7 and 9 in high schools. Each year over a million students sit reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy assessments. NAPLAN is a compliment to the other methods of assessment used at Kaleen Primary. Your child's classroom teacher uses these results as well as a range of other assessment approaches to evaluate student progress and inform our curriculum. NAPLAN shows the results for each area as measured at a single assessment, a snapshot. For all sorts of reasons, sometimes the result is better, sometimes worse than might have been expected. So if you find that the results are unexpected, make an opportunity to talk to your child's classroom teacher or a member of the Kaleen Primary Executive.

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SCHOOL SURVEYS

Over the last few weeks we have been collecting information from the school community about what we have been doing well and where we might make changes. It was pleasing to note that we doubled the number of parents responding to the survey. Thank you to all who took a few minutes to complete the survey. The information obtained is used to inform the Executive and the School Board, as well as the ACT Directorate and certain national authorities.

KIDSMATTER NEWS

Staff from Kaleen Primary attended a workshop this week to support our teachers in their ongoing implementation of the KidsMatter Program. KidsMatter Primary is a mental health and wellbeing framework for primary schools. KidsMatter Primary provides proven methods, tools and support to help schools work with parents and carers, health services and the wider community, to nurture happy, balanced kids. KidsMatter Primary is underpinned by decades of solid research about mental health and wellbeing and the benefits of social and emotional learning in schools. It is proven to make a positive difference to the lives of Australian children.

Research about KidsMatter shows its impact towards increasing students:

- capacity to engage at school;
- self-awareness;
- self-management;
- social awareness;
- relationship skills;
- responsible decision making

and parent and community involvement within the primary school setting.

The implementation of KidsMatter is driven by an 'Action Team'. The team is comprised of teachers, staff and parents, who actively engage in planning and coordinating the initiative. The Action Team is looking for more parents and carers to become part of the team. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Julia Tapp at Kaleen Primary or email julia.tapp@ed.act.edu.au.

Laurie Campbell – Principal

FATHER'S DAY BBQ



Fabulous helper and Dad - Dave and his daughters



Smiles all round



A great turnout for our Father's Day BBQ

Thank you to all fathers, families and friends who joined us for Father's Day celebrations last Friday. It was a great morning and a wonderful opportunity for families to visit and view the artwork and stories their children had prepared. I wish to acknowledge Cath Jetter and Jacob Burrige for their terrific organisation of the Father's Day BBQ. Thanks also to David Steel (parent) and our wonderful staff that assisted with setup, cooking and serving.

CHESS



Athena teaches Mr Campbell a lesson in chess.
“Checkmate!”

Chess is on in the library every Monday lunchtime. Come and play a game before heading out to enjoy the spring sunshine.

Allan Wylie – Chess Coordinator

TERM 3 GOLDEN LETTER



Golden Letter recipients for Term 3

Congratulations to:

KD Elfin	KCK Hannah
KW Andrew	1Q Abbey
1W Kaitlyn	1L Lila
2T Juanita	2S Jennifer
2KS Sohum	3LP Charlotte
3G Alicia	3O Lance
4W Paige	4H Hugh
4MB Alyssa	5W Cayden
5B Peter	6S Chelsea
6T Lochlan	6V Talan

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

Book Week and Book Fair are over for another year. I would like to thank all of the students (and their parents) for participating in all that Book Week had to offer. Our Book Character Parade was amazing. It was wonderful to see such imagination and innovation going into costumes. Our “Worlds Apart Performance” was a great way to further experience some of the short-listed books. The performers did a great job singing and dancing – the link through the treasure box was very clever! A huge thank you to everyone – grandfriends especially – for your support of the Book Fair. A healthy proportion of the sales from the Book Fair go back into purchasing new books, teacher’s resources and equipment that benefit every area of our school.

Please continue to return library books. We have a large number of overdue books at the moment. If library books are kept together in a library bag and hung somewhere, they tend to be easier to find come library day. That is how my family keeps track of them at our house. If you can’t find them, return the overdue note and \$5 (per book) to cover some of the cost of replacement. If you find the book before the end of this year, bring it in and we will refund your money.

Food for Thought

“Let us read, and let us dance; these two amusements will never do any harm to the world.”

Voltaire

Julia Chadburn – Your Friendly Librarian



Dianne Frame is the Community Representative on our School Board and is a Real Estate Agent with LJ Hooker, Manuka. Dianne is happy to donate \$500 to the school from every sale when she lists and sells any property introduced to her by school parents or staff.

Contact Dianne on 02 6239 5551 or 0411 092 990

NORTHSIDE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPS



Every Sunday morning between May and August my brother, sister and I have been running in the Northside Schools Cross Country Championships. Last weekend was the end of season championship race, Piper came 2nd in under 9 girls, Jamie came 3rd in under 11 boys and I won the under 13 girls. I also won the under 13 girls overall points score champion. For the point score you actually compete for your school so I won a perpetual trophy for Kaleen Primary. I will be presenting the trophy to Mr Campbell at assembly this week.

Layla (6T)



Ginninderra Tigers **Little Athletics**

Saturday Mornings starting October

Under 4 to Under 8s - 8:30am

Under 9 to Under 17s - 9:30am

Offering something for everybody, enjoy a one hour session of non stop family fun and fitness. Specially developed programs for Under 4 Tiny Tots, our Under 6 Tiger Cubs and our Under 7 to Under 8s. Dedicated Junior Coaches are assigned to each age group for the whole session to keep everyone motivated. Under 9s and up have the run of Charnwood from 9:30am with a busy 60 minute session comprising 5 events that keeps everyone active. There's plenty of opportunities to just have fun!

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YEAR 3/4 TOUCH GALA DAY

Congratulations to the Year 3 and 4 students that represented the school at the recent Northside Touch football gala day. The students in each of the three (3) Kaleen Primary teams were excellent ambassadors for the school. Whilst having heaps of fun our students put into a game situation the skills they began developing at our recent school based Touch development sessions. They also learned the importance of teamwork and cooperation in a fast paced team game.

Unfortunately the girl's competition was cancelled at short notice. However special congratulations to the three (3) Year 4 girls who joined the boys teams for the day. Well done girls!

Thanks to the parents and supporters who came along to encourage and support our teams. The players really appreciated your support.

Well done Year 3/4 Touch players!

YEAR 3/4 BASKETBALL - SUE GEH & JAMIE PEARLMAN CUPS

Congratulations to the Year 3 and 4 students who represented the school at the recent Sue Geh and Jamie Pearlman Northside basketball competitions. Both teams, girls and boys, were excellent ambassadors for the school. They displayed outstanding teamwork and cooperation during their games, playing hard and fair. Win or lose, they were pleased with their efforts and acknowledged the efforts of opposition teams and referees in positive ways.

Special congratulations to the girls who went through their competition undefeated, winning the grand final against Radford 36-14. Well done girls!

Thanks to the parents and supporters who came along to encourage and support our players, and the wonderful mums who helped out with scoring.

Another outstanding team effort by everyone involved!

Craig White – Representative Sporting Team Coordinator

STUDENT SAFETY

I write to you to ask for your support and cooperation regarding road safety around our school. Lately I have been made aware of the several issues involving the misuse of the bus zone and parking in the driveway that impedes other vehicles. These actions place our students and community at risk of injury. Student safety is a priority for us all and I appreciate your cooperation with keeping our students safe.

Laurie Campbell - Principal

NIHONGO NYUUSU (JAPANESE NEWS)



Mikayla and Keishan with the sushi reward scheme box and tickets

I want to announce a brand new Japanese initiative, the Kaleen Primary sushi reward scheme! From the beginning of this week until the end of Week 5 next term, all teachers of Japanese will be giving out sushi reward tickets to students who are fully engaged in their weekly Japanese lesson. Students will put their sushi reward tickets in the sushi reward box outside the Deputy Principal's office and on Thursday 14 November we will draw the names of 15 lucky, hard working students who will be invited to attend a free sushi making (and eating!) workshop. The workshop will be run by Belconnen's Sushi Bay restaurant in the Kaleen Primary kitchen on Monday 17 November. This wonderful scheme is the brainchild of Kaleen Primary mum, Leeanne (Mikayla 3G and Keishan 5W) – *arigatoo gozaimasu Leeanne-san* for organising this initiative for our students.

Ros Brydie - Teacher of Japanese

ICAS SCIENCE RESULTS



High distinction and distinction recipients in ICAS Science

Congratulations to the following students on their outstanding results in the recent University of NSW International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Science tests:

High Distinction (top 1%)

Year 6	Spencer	
Year 4	Michael	Ryan
Year 3	Aiden	Isaac
Year 2	Alexandra	

Distinction (top 10%)

Year 6	Robert	Stanley
	Delaney	Layla
Year 5	Emily	Sriya
	Cayden	
Year 4	Claire	Jinyi
	Edward	
Year 3	Hamish	Viraan
	Jaysaiadithya	
Year 2	Thomas	Sol
	Alfie	Nikky

Allan Wylie – ICAS Coordinator

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM - PCC

The policy of the Instrumental Music Program is for all ensembles (bands and choir) to be dissolved at the end of each year. New and current members of the Primary Concert Choir (PCC) in Years 4 and 5 will need to audition if they wish to be considered for a place in 2015. Auditions will be held in Term 4.

You can apply for an audition online at www.imp.act.edu.au/system_bands/auditions.

GREEN TEAM NEWS

FLORIADE GNOME PROJECT



Each Friday lunch time over the next few weeks the Green Team will be involved in decorating a Floriade gnome purchased through the Canberra East Rotary Club. The proceeds of selling these gnomes enable this Rotary club to carry out many of its important programs for the Canberra community including providing swags for the homeless and supporting the Pegasus Riding for the Disabled initiative. Students in the Green Team are working cooperatively on this project to both design and decorate a gnome with both our school and an environmental focus in mind. These gnomes once completed should play an important part of this year's Floriade Gnome Knoll meaning they will be on public display between Sunday 14 September and Sunday 12 October. Make sure you look out for them!

NUDE FOOD DAY

Please place Friday 19 September into your diary as Kaleen Primary will be celebrating National Nude Food Day. Our students will be joining other students across the country in bringing healthy wrapper free lunches to school. Here are some of the Year 6 Green Team representatives' suggestions for what students can bring into school on the day and why they feel the day is an important one for us to participate in:

An easy way to reduce using wrappers is using lunchboxes that have separate sections. You can put lots of healthy fruit and vegetables inside. Nude food day is important to our beautiful landmarks and this could potentially assist the Great Barrier Reef.

Emily H (6T)

You can use plastic or metal drink bottles and refill them with water. It is important not to use as much wrappings or people may litter and the world will be called rubbish land because of all the rubbish.

Anneka S (6S)

Avoid using any packages made of plastic, aluminium or foil. For example, for fruit break, have a banana within its skin instead of cut up oranges or apples. This day is important to me because I love the world and want it to live longer, and global warming really scares me.

Minh P (6S)

Using lunchboxes means that you are less likely to lose small containers and lids. I think 'Nude Food' days are important because it stops us from using rubbish that can affect the environment in a bad way. If we stop littering the trees and animals could be saved!

Imogen S (6V)

We hope your child will enjoy participating in this day while learning more about ways to assist our planet and personal health and wellbeing.

Melissa Chiles and Evelyn Prior – Green Team Coordinators

FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

MEDICATION

If medication is required during school hours, please complete an "Authority to Administer Medication" form signed by your doctor for the prescribed medicine. Due to requirements of the ACT Education and Training Directorate we cannot administer medication without this permission. Please label medication with the child's name, dosage and time of administration. Please ensure an additional note is sent with your child to the classroom teacher with the noted time for administering.

If your child has any of the following conditions, please complete an Emergency Treatment Plan

- Anaphylaxis
- Asthma
- Diabetes
- Epilepsy

Forms are available from the Front Office. If you have any further questions please contact our friendly Front Office staff for assistance.

Debbie Elfverson – A/Business Manager

CANTEEN NEWS

This term we are rolling into spring with a sausage roll special lunch on Tuesday September 16. For \$5 children will receive a sausage roll OR a spinach and ricotta roll, a packet of chips and a drink. Orders forms have been sent home and are due back on Monday 15 September. Please note that orders that come in on the day can not be guaranteed. Volunteers are always valued on special lunch days so if you can help please let the canteen know or just come in on the day. Thank you in advance.

Felicity - Canteen Manager

FOOD AND DRINK POLICY PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Opening Date: 9am, Monday 25 August 2014
Closing Date: 5pm, Friday 17 October 2014

The ACT Education and Training Directorate is seeking public comment on the new draft ACT Public School Food and Drink Policy. The new Policy has been designed to provide a framework for improved access to healthy food and drink choices in ACT public schools. Community members are able to provide feedback through the ACT Government's Community Engagement 'Time to Talk' website at <http://timetotalk.act.gov.au/>.

Lynne Sheville – A/Deputy Principal

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN - LET'S MAKE A ROCK SONG!



NewActon and the CSO present... the amazing Mr Tim. Mr Tim is back with his electric guitar. This time it's up to the real creative. Kids: it's your turn to make a song. With the hilarious help of Mr Tim and the Fuzzy Elbows, everyone will make a song of pure rock n' roll. Together, we will rock. This show is ideal for 5-12 year olds and oldies with a sense of humour.

When: Monday 29 September

Time: 11am or 1pm

Where: Nishi Gallery, New Acton

Cost: \$10 for children and \$15 for adults.

(Prices exclude booking fees.)

This is a BYO-C (cushion!) event, so please bring a cushion or rug for the kids. Chairs will be set for the adults. Further information and bookings at <http://newacton.com.au/kcc3>.

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DATE: 29TH SEPT – 3RD OCT
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Friday 19 September	9am - 6pm	
Saturday 20 September	9am - 5pm	
Sunday 21 September	10am - 4pm	

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P&C NEWS

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Thank you very much to everybody who bought and/or sold tickets in our Fathers Day Mini Raffle. This project raised nearly \$1000. The raffle was drawn at school on Friday 5 September and the winners are as follows:

Zhang Family Year 2
Lau Family Year 2
Petersen Family Year 5
Perrera Family Year 6
Robbins Family Year 6
Tang Family Preschool
Locus Family Year 1
Thompson Family Year 5
Weerasinghe Family Year 1
Herd Family Preschool
Arravelly Family Preschool
Malae Family Year 6
Scuderi Family Preschool
Bateson Family Year 3
Gianquitto Family Year 4
Hart Family Preschool
Shubra Roy Year 4
Lattimore Family Preschool

Congratulations to all our prize winners.

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.

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ART CALENDARS AND CARDS

This week notes went home for the Art Calendars and Cards P&C fundraisers. If you haven't received an order form yet, please check your child's bag. Spare forms are available from the Front Office. This year we are offering:

Calendars _____	\$13
Cards _____	\$13
2015 diary _____	\$15
Notebook _____	\$15
Iphone cover _____	\$13

Orders forms need to be returned to the Front Office or orders placed online at www.flexischools.com.au by Friday 19 September. For any enquiries please contact Kate on 0478 640 910.

ATHLETE'S FOOT FUNDRAISER

Did you know that you can earn money for Kaleen Primary every time you buy shoes? We have a fundraising arrangement with The Athletes Foot and if you link your purchase to Kaleen Primary we receive \$5 per pair of shoes. This arrangement is not limited to school shoes. It also applies to adult shoes, sports shoes and friends and family can link their purchase too! Recently I presented Mr Campbell with a cheque for \$810 which represented the shoes sold in the 2013-14 financial year. This was the largest amount raised by any Belconnen primary school. Well done Kaleen Primary!!

Kate Rowntree – P&C Vice President

SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

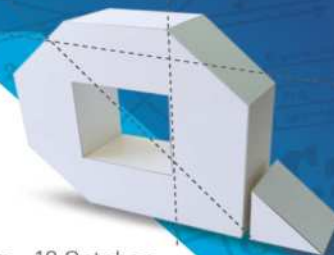
Is your child aged between 10 and 15 years old?

Sign the kids up to a workshop these school holidays at the Questacon Technology Learning Centre.

Choose from two different workshop formats where they can invent, design, create and have fun!

Half-day and full-day workshops run from 30 September – 10 October.

For more information visit our website or contact 1800 889 995



www.questacon.edu.au





NUDE FOOD DAY

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

What is Nude Food?

Nude Food is simply food that is not wrapped in foil, plastic or commercial packaging.

The best type of nude food consists mainly of fresh food, so that it is healthy and nutritious PLUS environmentally friendly.

Promoting Nude Food empowers students to make conscious choices about what they eat, and encourages them to think about their impact on the environment (and their health). You might be amazed with how enthused your child can become on this...

✓ **To pack a Nude Food Lunch or Snack, you will need:**

- Cutlery from home is better than throwaway plastic ones
- Plastic or metal drink bottles are recommended for refilling with water
- Reusable containers for putting all of your food, snacks and drinks into
- Lunch boxes that have lots of separate sections can be useful to avoid lost lids or containers

✗ **Try to avoid:**

- Zip lock or plastic bags, plastic wrap or aluminium foil
- Tetra packed drinks, single serve yoghurts and cheese
- Single use plastic forks and spoons
- Prepackaged food, i.e. biscuits, snack bars and chips

Tips for Packing Nude Food Lunches:

- Try to involve the kids in helping decide what to take. This will help to avoid uneaten foods being thrown out, plus will save your family money as well. Also, remember to praise your child if they do eat something healthy which is new for them.
- Try to pack the lunches the night before and store in the fridge overnight to avoid the mad rush in the morning.
- If your child normally enjoys chips, yoghurt or other prepackaged snacks, buy these in a larger format and you can decant these into smaller reusable containers or lunchbox.
- If your child does enjoy chips, why not try making your own veggie versions using sliced beetroot, parsnip or sweet potato and baking in the oven?
- Try to use fruit and vegetables that are in season. Seasonal produce is friendly to the environment as well as to your budget, as less fuels are used to transport it into your supermarket.
- Go to www.nudefoodday.com.au/resources for Nude Food recipe ideas.

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