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WEEK 9	MON 24 JUNE - FRI 28 JUNE
WED	YR 4 ZOO EXCURSION
WED	3-5 ASSEMBLY 2PM
WED	WINTERFEST 6PM JUNIOR GYM
FRI	HOUSE DAY - EXCELLENCE
WEEK 10	MON 1 JULY - FRI 5 JULY
WED	P-5 ASSEMBLY
WED	REPORTS SENT HOME
THURS	6-10 ASSEMBLY
FRI	END OF TERM 2

Principal's Word of the Week:
PERSPECTIVE

PRINCIPAL

Hello again. We have had an exciting fortnight of learning at Kingsford Smith School. I have a number of celebrations and acknowledgements to share.

Our Year 9 Construction and Engineering team of Riley, Kayan, Wyatt, Kai and Jordan have won the north side schools **Bridge Challenge Award** for Strength and also for Efficiency in design for their constructed bridge. I thank Mr Britton for working with these students to create such a successful piece in this competition.

It was great to see the staff and students enjoy the **school discos** this Thursday. The three events were well attended and I thank the staff who gave up their time in the evening to support the event as well as the organising teachers and supporting students.

We have our Winter Concert on Wednesday Night next week which is a showcase of our students in performing arts. I encourage you to attend in our Gym to support the students performing.

I want to remind our community again that we have our **school review** next week. I am still able to accept offers from any parents who can give half an hour of their time at 3pm on Tuesday 25 June to talk with the Review team about their perspective on the school to contact me as soon as possible. This is a good opportunity for the school to receive feedback through the review process about how the community sees the school progressing.

I look forward to sharing more news with you next time.

Paul

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Term Two has a focus on the 'E' of our HERO values and that is for 'Excellence'. There are many opportunities for students to display their best work every day and in every class, enabling staff to see what students know and adjust their teaching accordingly. This is especially pertinent due to the large amount of assessment that students are currently undertaking. Whilst teachers do their best to spread assessment out across the semester there will still be times of greater assessment, and this is one of those times. If students are feeling overwhelmed, I urge them to communicate with their teachers and get help at break times and at Wednesday afternoon Homework Club.

With the onset of the cold weather I would like to remind students that they need to wear school jumpers. Most students are excellent at wearing uniform, it shows a connection to the school and a readiness to learn. Staff will be focusing on uniform to make sure that all students feel they are a part of the school and so that it is very easy to see if there are any unwanted visitors.

I would also like to discuss the appropriate use of mobile phones. Whilst mobile phones can do amazing things they can also be very harmful if used inappropriately. I urge parents to keep a close eye on their children's mobile phone use and to restrict their use where possible, especially at night time. Kingsford Smith School teaches students about respectful relationships and communication with electronic devices; with our mobile phone procedure, formal lessons, guest speakers and one on one conversations where necessary. It is vital that this is reiterated at home with family conversations about appropriate use and boundaries for when mobile phones can be used. If parents would like more information about how best to approach this subject please don't hesitate to contact me.

Peter Radford

KSS NEED TO KNOW

SCHOOL NEWS

CHINA TRIP

Kingsford Smith School is going to China. The trip will take place from 19 September - 3 October next year, and all students who will be in Years 6-10 in the 2020 school year are invited to participate. This unique experience will provide opportunities for you to immerse yourself in the Chinese culture and put your Mandarin language skills to the test. While we are away we will visit our sister school, take some cooking lessons and visit a Giant Panda sanctuary!

If you are interested in finding out more about the trip please collect a note from your Mandarin teacher or the HUB/Front Office. We will be holding an Information evening for interested students and their families on 22 July at 5:00pm in the main staffroom. See you there!

Ms Greeney/Mr Branson

WINTERFEST

The annual Winterfest is just around the corner. This is an opportunity for all students involved in music, dance and band classes to showcase their talents and repertoire learnt throughout semester 1. The concert will begin with all of our band students from years 6-10 performing some of their eisteddfod pieces, and combining for some whole school band pieces. Students will be also showcasing solo and duet performances from the music electives classes. Dance soloists and the elective dance class will be highlighted as well as our school choir. The concert will start promptly at 6pm in the primary gym. Gold coin donation would be appreciated. We anticipate the concert to conclude prior to 7:30pm. We ask all students involved to be in the primary gym by 5:20pm on Wednesday 26 June; doors will open

5:45pm for audience members.

We hope to see you there.

CHOIR

The KSS *With One Voice Junior Choir* has started off on a great note...pardon the pun!

We have 23 singers, ranging between years 2 to 5 which is super exiting!!

They had their first performance on Saturday 18 May at the Families Week and World Bee Day celebrations which were held at the Strathnairn Arts Association Homestead.

The KSS *With One Voice Junior Choir* sang with the *With One Voice Ginninderry Choir* and they sounded fabulous.

14 students from the choir participated which was an amazing and unexpected effort considering the choir had only two rehearsals prior to this performance, with not much notice and being optional.

Well done to our little singers.

Big thanks to Sami Truscot (conductor) and Susan Davis (convenor and Community + Cultural Planning Manager Ginninderry) for making this happen.

Alison Bakos (Ali)

Youth Worker – Upper Primary/Middle School

MATHS COMPETITION

We are currently recruiting students for the Australian mathematics competition.

But who can be in the AMC, I hear you ask?

Anyone!

From maths wiz to maths ain't my biz.

The competition will be a great experience, and ranges from basic to advanced levels of maths.

For students who are keen, please see Mr Hansen in building 3 staffroom for a note.

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Students + maths comp = great.

Mr Hansen

SPORTS REPRESENTATION

As a school we would like to congratulate both Jack Leighton and Jet Millard for making the ACT U12's Schoolboy Rugby League Team. They will be traveling to Brisbane in August to compete in the State Championships. As a school we are so very proud of this amazing achievement by both of these students! Well done Jack and Jet and we wish you all the best in the up coming competition.

PRESCHOOL

Preschool children have been watching the trees outside closely and have made some very interesting observations. We have noticed the green trees changing colour to a beautiful bright red, then watched as the leaves have fallen off. The children described the changes and compared the trees using mathematical language, for example, half, some, most, none and biggest. We have started making our own autumn tree in blue room using some real leaves we collected and some leaves we have made.

Keep the earn and learn stickers coming in! We have been doing a lot of maths learning using the Earn and Learn stickers. Many pre-schoolers have improved their counting skills by counting the stickers as they put them on the sheet. There's only a week to go so please send in your stickers. The children are enjoying filling up the sheets with the stickers.

With the colder weather we have been having, please remember to send your child with a labelled jumper and jacket, as well as remembering to take it home at the end of the day.

KINDERGARTEN

During writing, kindergarten students have been working on their skills including spaces between words, sounding out words, using a capital letter at the start and a full stop at the end of a simple sentence. We have read a number of quality picture books including 'Grandpa and Thomas' by Pamela Allen and 'Dear Zoo' by Rod Campbell. Students have been using different strategies such as predicting and making connections to self during our read alouds.

In maths, we have been practising addition. We use some mental strategies such as counting on from the bigger number to add two numbers. Students have also been using different materials including counters and blocks to support their learning about numbers.

During inquiry lessons, students had a great time building a shelter for a living thing. They used recycled materials and different tools, including scissors, glue sticks and paint for building.

Kindergarten Zoo Excursion

Kindergarten students had an amazing time on this excursion. They looked at different animal habitats and animal food. Our children got a chance to feed some animals as well.

Kindergarten Teachers would also like to thank all the parent and carers who have helped us during our excursion, and for reading with our students.

Please consider reducing packaging when sending lunch and snacks to school. We would like to reduce waste. The children are encouraged to eat healthy items at school.

YEAR 1

Yes, we are in Week 8. How amazing is that? Year 1 have been continuing to work hard in all areas of their learning. In Literacy we have been working on writing a narrative, ensuring our stories are full of descriptive vocabulary. Our focus in LINK is reading, and we are working on retelling a narrative and recalling details from the text to support comprehension skills.

Mathematics has seen the students continue with addition and subtraction, as well as exploring the concepts of time and reading analogue and digital clocks. No excuse to be not getting to bed on time now!

Our Inquiry unit is focusing on different environments in our surroundings, and we are looking forward to our excursion on Friday of Week 9. Year 1 students will have the opportunity to explore various places of interest around Canberra and the different environments that these places are in. The excursion will provide rich learning experiences which the students can draw upon and apply to their learning in the classroom.

Students at Kingsford Smith School enjoyed Jump Rope For Heart last Thursday. As a school we raised over \$1000 for the Heart Foundation. Students participated in a variety of skipping rotations with the Year 10 Jets, and enhanced their skipping skills. We had such a great time. Even the teachers had a go.

We are all looking forward to the school discos this week, and to busting a move on the dancefloor. Students are reminded that positive behaviour is encouraged at these events to ensure that a good time is had by everyone.

Best Regards from the Year 1 Team, Brittany,
Taylor and Christine

YEAR 2

Welcome to week 8! Year 2 are well on their way to completing term 2, and half of the year. We have been busy these last few weeks, consolidating what we have been learning in maths, English, science, geography, art and physical education.

We had Jump Rope for Heart on Thursday and the students had a ball participating in four rotations run by the Jets in year 10. We raised over \$1000.

In English, students are still working on their writing goals, and now have reading goals.

We are continuing with our information reports and have written about a favourite animal. We are using the Chromebooks for this activity and we are developing our ability to insert pictures, change the font, the size and the colour of our written work.

In maths, we are learning about money as part of our number and length strands. The students are excited to learn about ordering coins and notes, how to purchase an item, calculating the change given. We are also learning how to measure different objects using formal and informal units.

In inquiry, we are still mixing it up and creating our own imaginative mixtures. Students are continuing to learn about the world around us, and how the earth was formed.

During PE, students have continued to keep warm by jumping, skipping, hopping, balancing and leaping. We completed our dance performances and there were some great routines.

The disco is on today and we hope all Year 2 have a smashing time whilst dancing up a storm!

Till next time - stay warm and dry.

Kind regards

Melanie, Caitlin, Nicole, Sharon and Kerri

YEAR 4

Year 4 have been delving deeper into information report writing. Students are selecting topics of interest, and some have been based on class questions. BTN, Behind the News, is an ABC program that delivers short videos in a way students can comprehend what is occurring in the News cycle. Episodes includes stories on Eddie Mabo, Native Title, and also about a 'Digital Footprint' and what this means for their future. Here is the link for more information about BTN

<https://www.abc.net.au/btn/>

Students are connecting the process of note taking while watching a presentation. This is an important life skill that all students will use when they start high school and beyond.

Within numeracy, students are working on fractions. A great way to talk about fractions at home is to use a strip of paper. Look at the strip of paper and talk about how this represents a whole. If you were to fold it, the strip of paper will be in two halves. If you were to fold it again, the strip of paper will now be in quarters.

Fractions are everywhere in the environment for example the moon phases, sections on a tennis court and when filling a cup of water - it can be half full or three quarters full. Learning opportunities can be found in many scenarios at home and is a powerful tool for students to consolidate their learning from school within a home context.

Within the primary school, students have been checking in with the teacher before they go out to break. Students make a plan of where they are going to play and with whom. Sometimes the option one does not go to plan, and an option two is needed. A 'safe spot' is also used for when students need some self-managed time out or need some help from a teacher. Visuals can be found around the school and in all classrooms. If you have any questions or would like some more information please email rebecca.ridd@ed.act.edu.au
Bec, Shannon and Felicity

YEAR 5

Year 5 have been having a very busy learning time over the past two weeks! In English we have been focussing on using persuasive language in our writing to convince someone of our point of view. We have been learning to use comprehension skills in our reading, such as inferring and asking questions when working in our reading groups. In Maths, we have been learning to calculate perimeter, area and length using the most suitable unit of measurement. We had a valuable learning experience visiting the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House where we visited the Old Parliament

House Senate and House of Representatives and role played being parliamentarians!

Thanks, Dean, Nicola, Rebecca, Ellie and Royce

PBL student acknowledgement flowchart

Students are recognised for showing the behaviour expectations of being Safe, Respectful, Learners in all settings across the school by being awarded free and frequents. Free and Frequents, or High Flyers, are tallied and counted, students are then recognised at assembly either through the barrel draw, or by being presented with one of these certificates. Keep an eye out for updates throughout the year of our student achievements!

Bronze Certificate

50 High Flyers

Silver Certificate

100 High Flyers

Gold Certificate + Gift

200 High Flyers

Platinum Certificate + Experience

400 High Flyers

SENIOR HUB NEWS

Did you know that 1 in 20 Aussie kids face a birth defect or genetic disease? Kids just want to be kids, but instead of playing sports with their friends or catching butterflies on a sunny day, these kids are getting liver transplants, taking dozens of medications, or getting their next dose of chemotherapy. It shouldn't be this way. The SRC and school captains at KSS want to help the scientists at Children's Medical

Research Institute find cures, so these kids can go back to being kids.

So what are we doing? On the 2 August all KSS students are encouraged:

- to wear blue jeans to school and bring a gold coin donation for collection.
- buy a blue cupcake from outside the canteen for \$1
- enter the primary school colouring competition.

Also, we have a fundraising page on the Jeans for Genes Day website where anyone from our community can donate and leave a message of support. Our goal is to raise \$500

<http://www.jeansforgenes.org.au/fundraiser/kingsfordsmithschool>



Belconnen Community Services

Youth Holiday Programs - Winter 2019

The Youth School Holiday Program is open to all young people aged 12—25 years who access the Belconnen area. This is a voluntary program that encourages social, emotional and skill development through youth participation and engagement. Our team of experienced youth workers will supervise young people who enter the space or participate in our activities; however, we are not a care service and take no responsibility for young people who choose to leave the youth centre or the company of our staff. BCS staff also reserves the right to ask participants who are not meeting behaviour expectations to leave the space. A parent or guardian will be contacted where possible. Examples of activities available these holidays are: iPlay, Corin Forest trip, Screen Printing, onesie movie day and pizza making.

If you would like to know more, come to the senior HUB and grab a pamphlet.

A MESSAGE FROM TIK

Yeddung oongooru (Good Day in Ngunnawal),

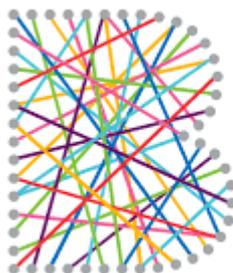
After a busy Reconciliation Week here we have been cooling down a bit before our big NAIDOC celebrations in Week 10.

We have been having our Nguru Program in the High School, and we will be attending an on-country excursion at Namadgi National Park to walk the Yankee Hat trail, and look at the only currently known Aboriginal rock art site in the ACT region, this **coming Friday (Week 8)**.

Our NAIDOC week is going to be jam packed! We will have our annual NAIDOC Assembly Thursday of Week 10. It will be based around this year's theme of '**Voice, Treaty and Truth**' with some performances by teachers, students and some very special guests including performers and guest speakers.

Keep an eye out for the ACT NAIDOC Calendar as it is jam packed with fun family things to do during the school holidays!

Dhjan Yimaba,
(*Thankyou in Ngunnawal*)



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