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NEWSLETTER

Date: Friday 19th May 2023

Principal's Address

Principal's Word of the Week: Reconciliation

Hello everyone. I hope you are enjoying our lovely sunny Autumn days, even if the nights are getting chillier!

Firstly a reminder that if your child has a positive COVID test, usually a RAT (which are still provided free upon request from the school if needed) you are still required to let the school know. It is also recommended that you fill out the online form to let ACT Health know.

We had a significant turn out to our Middle and High School Information Evening on Monday night this week. This was a chance for us to showcase to potential new students for 2024, and their families, the offerings that are available at Kingsford Smith School. I want to thank all the staff who set up the school and stayed back to supervise students who had helped out by demonstrating some of the areas, as well as explaining how our senior programs work. A big thank you to Lee Pietrukowski for supporting the planning of this process while I was away last week.

We have had our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) approved this week through Narragunnawali the Reconciliation Australia body that supports schools and other enterprises to plan for how they will demonstrate cultural integrity in all they do for Australian first nations people. The plan has elements for use in the classroom, the school and the wider community building on relationships through respect and opportunities. More information was provided to staff and families this week and our RAP can be found on the Reconciliation Australia site.

On Wednesday I had the pleasure of adjudicating the Kingsford Smith School Rostrum Finals. The Rostrum competition involves two to three minute speeches by upper primary aged students on a predetermined topic ranging from things such as “satellites” to “trying something new”. The presenters had been selected by their class as the best in their group and spoke to the primary school at an assembly for our finals. The quality of the speeches was very high and the adjudicators, including myself and both the deputies (Mr P and Karen Murray) found it hard to separate the winner given so many of the students had put significant effort into writing and practicing their speeches. In the end Year 6 student Huck will be representing our school at the regional finals and I wish him the best of luck to progress from this stage to the ACT finals.



Have a great week and stay safe.

Paul

Deputy Principal

What a busy couple of weeks it has been! You may have noticed we have some new trees that have been planted around the top carpark/preschool area. These plants were donated by Urban Treescapes as part of a collaboration between KSS and Transport ACT. Students from the garden clubs across the school run by Mrs Warren and Mrs Bray participated, planting approximately 30 different species in that area. Students learnt about how the root system uses water and how to build a water dam as part of the process. Students will continue to look after the plants as part of the clubs.



Last week our Year 6 students from the Quantum Mechanics ran some activities in the junior playground to celebrate National Dinosaur Day. Students had a fabulous time engaging in various science based activities and were entertained by the High School Events team with some awesome music. A shoutout to Mr Kirsopp for organising these for our students!



We have also had some excursions recently, which are a great way to celebrate and consolidate the learning that is occurring in classrooms. Our Koori preschool have been busy on their fortnightly excursions. Last week they went to the Gubar Dhaura Ochre site at Franklin and had a great time exploring this space. I look forward to hearing about their next adventure!



Today we took a selected group of year 1 students to the Link at Ginninderry to celebrate the opening of the BBQ area there. These students were part of the design process, creating tiles that will be used in this area. We had a great time catching the little blue bus to Ginninderry and we loved seeing our designed displayed inside the Link.



We also have a large number of our students attending the Regional Cross Country next week to represent KSS and we wish them all the best!

Our year 6 band will be representing KSS at the combined band concert with Latham next week, followed by their performance in the upcoming Eisteddord on Wednesday 31st May. Please keep an eye out for notes for the Year 5 National Zoo and Aquarium excursion, the Year 2 Hall Museum and Heritage Centre Excursion and the year 5 combined band excursion.

This week we held our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) launch, which was highly successful



This plan was created in collaboration with all of our school community, including parents and held in our newly created room in Building 1. Thank you to the families who came along to this event. If you would like a copy of the RAP please come and see me. Our aim for this year is to celebrate our successes so keep an eye out for regular updates.

We have had a few students in the junior school who have been sharing food and money from the canteen, which as you can imagine has been causing some issues. Can you please have a chat with your child about only spending money they have been given on themselves and only eating their own food. We have also had parents approaching other parents to discuss school related issues. If you have any concerns about your child please contact the relevant executive via the front office on 61423399 so we can contact you and have a chat.

Lastly, it has been great to see so many of our students wearing school uniforms and hats. A reminder that we wear hats until June, so a couple more months, Thank you to Mr Bayley and Ms Clewer for our regular UV updates each morning.,

Kind regards

Mrs Murray

Calendar

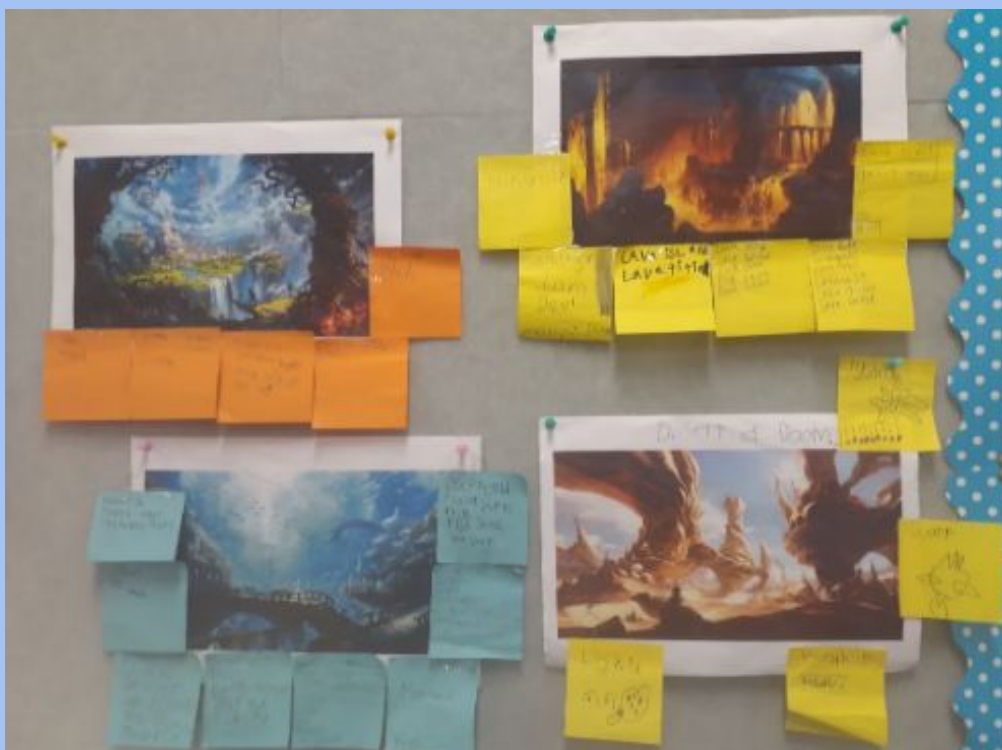
Date	Event
Tuesday 23rd May	Year 7 Kippax Excursion
	Year 7-10 ACT Basketball Excursion
Wednesday 24th May	Year 7 Kippax Excursion
	Jets AIS Excursion
	National Simultaneous Storytime
	Year 9/10 Boys Volleyball
Friday 26th May	National Sorry Day
Monday 29th May	Reconciliation Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 31st May	Year 7-10 Regional Cross Country
	Year 6 Band Eisteddfod (9am-11:30am)
Thursday 1st June	Jump Off
	Preschool Track for Reconciliation Excursion
	Sport and Rec Golf Excursion
Friday 2nd June	Year 5 Combined Band (Macgregor 9am-11:15am)
Tuesday 6th June	Whole School Athletics Carnival

Year 2

In our science unit "Watch It Grow", Year 2 students have been looking at how living things grow and change. We welcomed our mealworms into our classrooms last week and have been monitoring their development. Students have been excited to see the mealworms change appearance over the past week.

This term, the children are learning about narrative writing and the structure which a narrative follows. Students have brainstormed descriptive ideas around character traits and settings to start a story. Our L.I.N.K. (Learning I need to know) focus this cycle is counting to 1000 and noticing patterns in number sequences and skip counting.

In the Year 2 classes we are all enjoying reading for enjoyment and finding wonderful new stories to get into! Spending five to 10 minutes each day reading with your child is a wonderful way to spend some time together discussing aspects of the story or noticing new words. Our classroom libraries are filled with lots of quality literature and home readers. We also have library borrowing opportunities each week. The Year 2 teachers encourage all students to take home books from school to enjoy at home.



Year 8 Science

Year 8 Science have started their unit of Chemistry for Term 2. They have studied density and what the difference is between chemical and physical changes.

The students are now moving on to completing their assignment which is a scientific report on how different concentrations of hydrogen peroxide react differently.

This was demonstrated with Elephant's Toothpaste.



Science Week

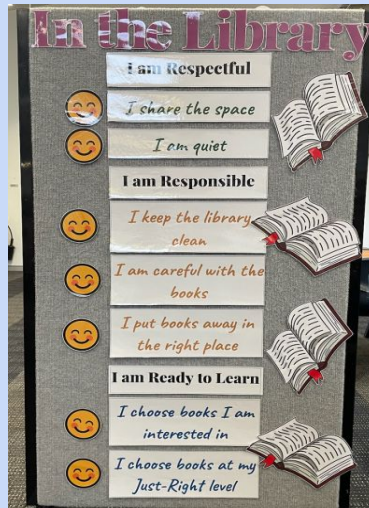
Every year Australia celebrates Science and Technology during our annual National Science Week. Many schools, universities, organisations etc participate, with over 1000 events around Australia.

This year's National Science Week theme is *Innovation: Powering Future Industries*. This year KSS will celebrate National Science Week by holding our very own science fair, just as we did last year. So start thinking about what sort of innovating investigations you might want to investigate!

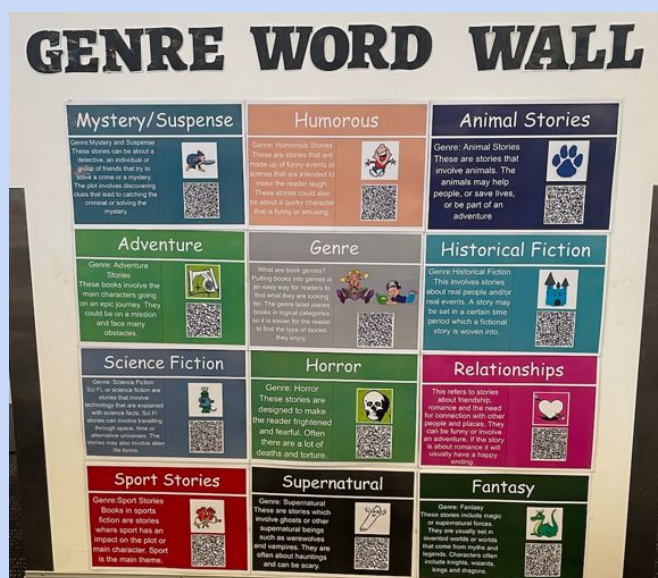


Library News

Kingsford Smith School's Information night was held this week. In the Library a lot of people visited and looked around, browsing the fabulous resources we have for the students and colourful displays.



This also included much needed bespoke book boxes for the junior library being painted by the library staff to make the space more welcoming and cheerful for students when they are using the space for their regular library classes.



Reading Tip from the Library

Encouraging reading helps to develop your child's well being, imagination and helps with their school work.



<http://bit.ly/40A2c50>

School Board Vacancies for 2023

These positions are an important facet of the school structure.

Being a part of the School Board is an exciting and formative role. Please take time and consider nominating.

We have two vacancies still available and nominations are open for the following vacant positions;

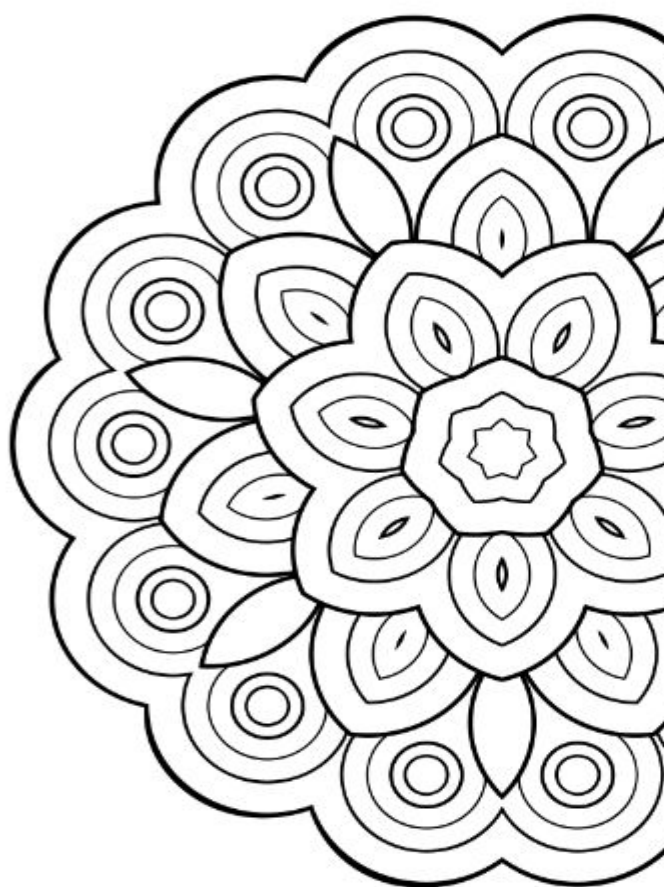
- 2 parent members

Nomination forms are available from the front office.

KSS P&C UPDATE

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Have an idea, suggestion or feedback?
Contact the KSS President any time!
Email president@ksspandc.org



*Look after yourself - five minutes of colouring,
and mindfulness, can do you the world of good.*

WANTED

30 minute VOLUNTEERS

Do you have 30 minutes you can
offer to support the KSS P&C
Pop-Up Uniform Op-Shop?

Email contact@ksspandc.org if
you could:

- Collect donations
- Sort donations
- Wash or iron donations
- Help sell at one of our pop
up shops

Only have 3 minutes? Click [here](#)
to complete our short survey!



Hospitality Dinner

When : Friday Week 7 Term 2 (9/6/2023)

Mains

Twice cooked pork belly with ham hock croquette and apple compote

Vegan option

Vegan Cabbage Stir Fry with House made Soba Noodles

Dessert

Yoghurt panna cotta with caramelised nectarine

Vegan option

Sous vide pineapple

\$30 per person

Please RSVP by 5th June

Monday week 7

Please book and pay at the front office



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Melba Copland Year 11 Information Night

Dear Year 10 Students, Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the Melba Copland Secondary School community, I wish to invite you and your current Year 10 student to the:

Year 11 2024

Senior Campus Information Night

Tuesday 23rd May 2023, 6.30pm-8.00pm

(6.30pm Principal's Address)

During the Information Night our staff will share information regarding the completion of the Senior Secondary Certificate and the transition to College for Year 11 in 2024. There will be presentations and curriculum display of Senior Secondary Certificate programs showcasing the learning opportunities offered by our school for the final 2 years of schooling.

Regards,

Jen Howard & Shannon Carnovale,

Principals