



NEWSLETTER

Date: Friday 2nd June 2023

Principal's Address

Principal's Word of the Week: Luminous

It has been another busy few weeks! On Friday last week we celebrated National Sorry Day, with a variety of activities happening in classroom. We continued this week with our Reconciliation Day events, commencing Tuesday morning with our 'Read and yarn' sessions, held in our new room in building 1. These sessions continued throughout the week, with many of our families coming in to read and have a cuppa. We also celebrated 'Wear it Yellow' for Children's Ground today, along with our bake sale. It was lovely to see so many of our students supporting this by either wearing yellow or donating to the bake sale. All monies raised today will go to the Children's Ground organisation, a non for profit charity that supports First Nations communities in the Northern Territory and Central Australia. We are still counting funds and will get back to you with how much was raised. Thank you to the Cultural integrity team for their organisation of these events, with special mentions to Ellie Brotchie and Sarah Warren for planning classroom activities, Bec Ridd and Charlotte Stevens for preparing the 'Read and Yarn' sessions and Marcelle De-Almeida and Felicity Marshall for the organisation of the wonderful bake stall



A big week for both year 5 and year 6 brass bands. On Wednesday Year 6 Band combined with Latham Primary School Year 6 woodwind band to perform at the National Eisteddfod at Lyneham High School. They performed beautifully and attained a well-earned silver trophy



This morning Year 5 band travelled to Macgregor PS for their first combined band session with Macgregor's Year 5 band. This was their first experience playing in a big band setting and they conducted themselves in an exemplary fashion



Both bands are looking forward to future performance opportunities. Year 5 band will be playing at the Primary assembly next Wednesday which will be highly beneficial to their playing experience



We had our Sport and Recreation class visit the Canberra National Golf Centre, where they put into practice the skills they have been learning in class.



Our Preschool classes travelled to the Children's Centre at Kippax yesterday for the Tracks to Reconciliation activities, participating in a shared story at the library, followed by a dreamtime story at the Uniting Care and a sausage sizzle



Our Athletics Carnival is being held on Tuesday 6 June, weather permitting. All students will be at the AIS on this day, with no school at school. Please return your notes Monday if you have not done so. I am looking forward to a great carnival!

Kind regards

Mrs Murray

Calendar

Date

Event

Tuesday 6th June

Whole School Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 7th June

Sport and Rec Golf excursion

Friday 9th June

Hospitality Dinner

Monday 12th June

Sovereign's Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 13th June

Christian Education

Wednesday 14th June

Year 9 English Excursion

Thursday 15th June

Christian Education

Monday 19th June

Rostrum Quarter Finals

Year 5

Year 5 have had a wonderful start to term 2! We have been extremely busy, kicking off the term with Rostrum speeches. All students worked hard to write and present their speeches on many different topics. During maths lessons, we have learned a variety of strategies to help us solve complex multiplication problems. The cohort favourite is the lattice method!

Year 5 students have also continued to demonstrate their leadership skills by hosting morning gatherings and buddying up with the Kindergarten students. Our first Kindy Buddy session took place on Friday 26 May, where together, we learned about Sorry Day and the Stolen Generations. Year 5 students are very excited to continue supporting the Kindergarten students with reading and fine motor activities!

In Inquiry lessons, we have been learning about natural disasters. Students are currently working on drafting an information report on a natural disaster of their choice. The information reports will be published using Google Docs or Google Slides, for others to read. Our Science lessons have involved discovering more about animals and their adaptations. It has been fascinating! Excitingly, Year 5 students will be attending an excursion to the National Zoo and Aquarium in Week 8 to learn even more about animal adaptations! Be sure to get the permission notes in soon!

We are looking forward to continued learning throughout the remainder of the term.

Year 5 Teachers,
Nicola Buckler-Jones
Liana Valandro
Ellie Brotchie



9/10 Dance Excursion to Canberra Theatre

The year 9/10 dance class had the opportunity to attend a dance performance at the Canberra Theatre. This production was titled 'Communicate' presented by QL2 dance. The production was created by people all around Australia and from Thailand. The choreographers were Alice Lee Holland (Townsville), Kyall Shanks (Melbourne) and Lordfai Navinda Pachimsawat (Bangkok) who worked closely with Artistic Director Ruth Osborne, Assistant to the Artistic Director Stephen Gow and the Quantum Leap ensemble. QL2 explored through contemporary dance all the ways we as humans communicate. The students enjoyed the experience at the Canberra Theatre. They had the opportunity to learn about contemporary dance and reflect on the amazing show.



Belconnen Regional Cross-Country Carnival

Last Thursday 25th May, we had our Regional Cross-Country carnival competing with students from across some Belconnen and Inner North schools.

Through the beautiful (but very windy) day, Kingsford Smith School had representation across all events from 8 years olds to 12 years olds.

Students walked the course first to get their bearings and then ran to represent Kingsford Smith School! Throughout the entire day, all Kingsford Smith School students demonstrated our HERO and PBL values.

They ran fast, paced themselves and did their best! All students should be so proud of their accomplishments!



Hospitality Dinner

Hospitality Dinner 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

Reporting student achievement in the ACT 2023

ACT public schools are expected to provide a formal written report to parents and carers of students from Preschool to Year 12, twice a year. These formal reports form part of the suite of relevant and purposeful opportunities schools use to communicate student learning to families throughout the year.

In addition, our school shares student learning and progress throughout the year through informal processes including, three-way interviews and parent teacher interviews.

Upcoming written reports for the end of Semester 1 and Semester 2 will revert to business as usual for 2023.

The inclusion of written comments in semester reports remains a school-based decision and is not compulsory. Kingsford Smith School will include a written component in Semester 1 reports.

COVID Smart Reminder

As you may be aware, there has been an increase in COVID-19 cases across ACT public schools in recent weeks.

To help stop the further spread of COVID-19 in our school, we are encouraging and implementing the following measures:

- Students who are COVID-19 positive or displaying symptoms (including a runny nose, sore throat, cough, fever) should test and must not attend school while unwell.
- If you test positive on a RAT, please register your result using the [online form](#).
- Parents and carers must inform schools if their child is COVID-positive.
- Keep up to date with vaccinations.
- Families can access a free rapid antigen test (RAT) from the front office of their school. Nasal and saliva tests are available. Test when symptomatic or as a precaution.
- Practise good hand and respiratory hygiene.
- Distance where possible.

For the latest COVID-19 advice please visit the [ACT's COVID-19 website](#).





CANBERRA WINTER CRICKET CAMPS

Times: 9am - 3pm each day
(8:30am drop off, pick no later
than 3:15pm)

CAMP 1

26TH - 30TH JUNE

DEAKIN MINT OVAL

CAMP 2

3RD - 7TH JULY

DEAKIN MINT OVAL

CAMP 3

10TH - 14TH JULY

DEAKIN MINT OVAL

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