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NEWSLETTER

Date: Friday 16th June 2023

Principal's Address

Principal's Word of the Week: Gratitude

It has been another busy two weeks! Teachers have been busy finalising assessments and preparing semester 1 reports. These reports will be emailed home early week 10.

We have had many excursions occurring recently and it is lovely to see so many of our students consolidating their learning through these extra activities. Our Kindy classes had a fabulous time this week visiting the CSIRO and participating in a variety of hands on experiences before walking down to the Botanic Gardens for lunch. The following day, our year 5 students visited the Zoo as part of their Inquiry learning. They fed alpaca's and deer's, learnt about different animal adaptations, and saw a variety of animals. Students demonstrated excellent PBL values on the excursion and represented KSS wonderfully.



It was a bit cold, but the rain held off and students and teachers had a great time, including having apples eaten off their heads.



Last week Year 2 visited the Hall Heritage Museum and School and enjoyed experiencing what a day in school was like in the olden days. Our year 9 classes attended Hoyts this week for a viewing of the new movie, The Little Mermaid, as part of their studies.

I would like to send a huge congratulations and thank you to Damien King and his Hospitality classes for their wonderful Hospitality dinner last Friday. The food was amazing and the students professionalism was outstanding! It was also fantastic to see many of our parents attending to celebrate their child's success. I am already looking forward to next year's dinner!



I would also like to inform you of staffing updates for term 3. We welcome Paula Kinsman as our principal whilst Paul is at Belconnen, an email regarding this was sent home Friday. Olivia Wells will be leaving us for the rest of the year to work at Galilee and we wish her all the best in her new adventure. Julie Butler will be returning from LSL in week 10 and I thank Aniya Sluzalek for her work in the Kindergarten – year 2 space this term. Greg Leech will be taking term 3 off on LSL and we have welcomed back Lyndsee Mahl in our front office.

Lastly an update on our primary playgrounds. As you would have seen, there is work currently being undertaken in the preschool and around the blue playground. We are replacing the softfall in all our playground spaces and this work is expected to take a few weeks. Once they have completed the preschool and blue playground, they will move onto the red and white playgrounds. Beside building 2 is open each break to provide students with space to play whilst this work is being completed.

Kind regards

Mrs Murray

Calendar

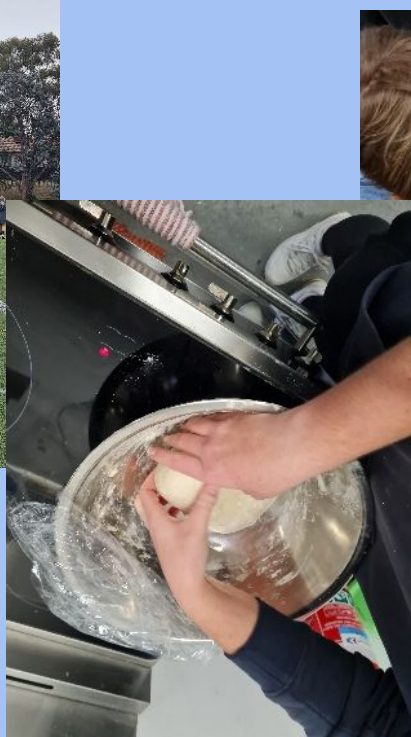
Date	Event
Monday 19th June	Rostrum Quarter Finals
Tuesday 20th June	Jump Off Jets Excursion
Wednesday 21st June	Year 3 - Author Incursion 9/10 SALT Incursion
Friday 23rd June	House Day CIT Bridge Challenge
Monday 26th June	Year 3 School House Incursion
Tuesday 27th June	Athletics Carnival
Thursday 29th June	Years 6-8 LINK Projects Exhibition Year 10 Try College Day @ Hawker College 9/10 Chinese Restaurant Excursion
Friday 30th June	Last Day of School for Term 2

Year 1

Our Year 1 students have been noticing changes in the weather, environment and different places with science and HASS inquiry work. They have shared knowledge about First Nations seasonal patterns, discussed different literature, maps and information connected to significant places in the community. During mathematics and technology design, students have incorporated three dimensional shapes to create various solutions to assist with waste management at KSS.

Students have discussed ideas about caring for different places in the school, home, and the community. We have continued building our writing knowledge by using interesting seeds and writing on location. Students have connected with their high school buddies and worked collaboratively with many exciting experiences in the Food Technology faculty.

We are using our place value knowledge to demonstrate patterns, numbers and increase strategies for problem solving in mathematics. Students have been training with running, sprinting and stretching techniques in preparation for the school athletics carnivals. We have also been focusing on individual and group skipping skills with and without equipment to design new moves for the upcoming Jump Off Day challenge.



Transition Information

Students with disability, developmental delay and diverse learning needs – transition information Session

The ACT Education Directorate is holding an online information session for families of children and young people with developmental delay, diverse learning needs and disability transitioning to a new school in 2024. The session focuses on how parents and carers can plan for and support their child's transition. It will cover transitions through preschool, primary school, high school and college.

This session will be held online on Thursday 27 July 2023 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

For more information including registration, families can email EDUCommunityPartner@act.gov.au with the school year their child will be entering in 2024.

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Healthy Habits is a small group for parents/carers of children aged 0-2 years of age, and expecting parents. Over eight sessions, we will be exploring a variety of topics relevant to enhancing family connection and child development, which include:

- Early Literacy
- Physical Development
- Speech and Language Development
- Circle of Security introduction – attachment and connection
- Emotional Health

Dates: Each Friday from 28 July to 15 September 2023

Time: 9:30am - 11:30am

Venue: Kingsford Smith School, Holt

Cost: Free!

Morning tea for adults and children will be provided.
For more information and to register, call us on **02 6264 0200** or email
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JULY PROGRAM:

2-day workshop: Thurs, July 13+ Fri, July 14 @ Canberra University, Faculty of Arts and Design, Bruce. 9.30am - 4pm (both days).

Market Day: Old Bus Depot Markets, Kingston on Sunday, July 23 from 9.00am - 2.30pm.

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ART COMPETITION

Calling all budding artists!



Strathnairn Arts 17th annual
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SQUARES is calling for entries!

Register online and collect your 30 x 30 cm canvas from the Homestead Shop at Strathnairn Arts, then use any media to create a work which will be included in the Squares exhibition at our Woolshed Gallery, 5 August to 27 August (all entries will be exhibited and will be for sale). Entry fee is \$25.

Prize money

\$250

Under 12's

\$500

13-18 years

Key dates

Works delivered

July 19 - July 30

Voting opens

August 5

Winner announced

2 pm, August 27

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