



## NEWSLETTER

Date: Friday 28th July 2023

## Principal's Address

Principal's Word of the Week: Rambunctious

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

We hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits. We welcome you back to Kingsford Smith School as we enter the new term. A warm welcome also goes out to our new students and families who have joined our school community this term. We are thrilled to have you with us and look forward to embarking on an exciting learning journey together.

At Kingsford Smith School, education should be an engaging and enriching journey. Term 3 promises enriching experiences with exciting learning opportunities that inspire curiosity and foster creativity. Our dedicated team of educators has carefully crafted a diverse and engaging curriculum that strives to cater to every student's unique needs and interests. We are excited to welcome the community into the school for special events throughout the term so that you can share in your child's learning. We have a couple of upcoming highlights, including:

**School Musical:** Get ready to be mesmerised by our talented students as they take the stage for our eagerly anticipated school musical! It's a time for creativity and teamwork; we can't wait to witness the magic they bring to life. Stay tuned for more details on the show, including performance dates and ticket information.

**Reading in Pyjamas:** We know how magical the world of books can be, and this term, we're celebrating the joy of reading with our special "Reading in Pyjamas" event. Students and families are invited to come dressed in their comfiest pyjamas as we indulge in reading together. More information about this cosy and fun-filled gathering will be provided soon.

## West Belconnen Child and Family Centre partnership

The early years of a child's life set the foundation for their future health, development, and learning. These years are characterised by rapid brain development and sensory, motor, learning and social skills acquisition. This term, West Belconnen Child and Family Centre will partner with our school to offer parenting support to families with children aged pre-birth to 8. Rebeca Hanson from the Centre will be available at the school on Mondays from 9:30am to 3:00pm to chat with families. Rebeca is a Social Worker who has worked in the Centre for 12 years supporting children and their families. To make an appointment with Rebeca please get in touch with reception on 61423399.

More information about the Child and Family Centres can be found through this link

[https://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/children-and-families/support-for-parents-and-families/childandfamilycentres/service\\_delivery](https://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/children-and-families/support-for-parents-and-families/childandfamilycentres/service_delivery)

## 2024 Planning

As we look forward to the upcoming year, 2024, we are already planning the various aspects that will contribute to a successful academic journey. This includes carefully arranging timetables, configuring classes to meet the needs of our students best, and ensuring we have the right staffing in place to provide exceptional education and support.

To help us with this planning process, we request your cooperation. If your family has decided not to return to Kingsford Smith School in 2024, we urge you to notify the front office immediately. Your advance communication is vital as it allows us to consider this information in our decision-making process and allocate resources accordingly. By knowing in advance, we can better accommodate any potential changes and make the transition smoother for departing and remaining students.

Our commitment to providing the best possible learning environment remains steadfast, and we truly appreciate your understanding and timely response. Should you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our front office staff. We are here to support you during this process.

We're looking forward to a term filled with growth, laughter, and memorable moments.

Warm regards,  
Paula Kinsman

# Deputy Principal

It has been a fabulous start to the term! We have had some new staff join us, with Jordan Stewart now teaching the year 1 Ladybugs and is very excited. Hamid Bin Saad has also joined us this week as our new Indigenous Education Officer. Hamid will work with Leah Brideson, our Cultural Integrity Co-ordinator to support staff to increase their knowledge of Cultural Integrity across the school.

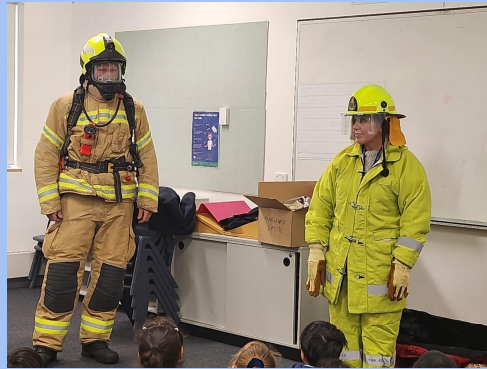
Students arrived back last week to new softball under all of our playgrounds, including the preschool. The colour is lovely and it has really made our playground safer, as well as looking great!

Excursions have also kicked off this term, which is very exciting! There is a year 5/6 Futsal team off to Lyneham Netball centre on Tuesday to compete against a variety of other schools. Year 5 camp is occurring in week 4 which is very exciting. Students will travel down to Borambola near Wagga Wagga for the three days, participating in a variety of activities. The packing list and extra details will be sent home today.

We have had Constable Kenny also visit with all primary classes, which is always enjoyed by students and staff.



Our Kindergarten students had a Fire Brigade incursion today, looking at fire safety including learning how to drop, crawl, cover and roll if there is a fire in their room. They all need to learn our addresses to tell the fire service where to come if they have dialled 000 for a fire emergency. Kingsford Smith School is the first school to be presented with the new Sparky Fire Safety schools' program. Our kindy students will have the opportunity for a little model of Sparky visit homes to talk about fire safety. It was so much fun and we learned so much too.



During week 1 we held our NAIDOC week activities, kicking off with Reading and Yarns, which occurred each morning for the week. Students participated in a range of activities, many of which continue to be experienced, such as embedding rich literature through learning and utilising First Nations literature. Students attended an informative session with Aaron Chatfield on native plants, followed by a performance by Dion Drummond. Students across all years have investigated and Elder, producing posters or other items to display their information, keep an eye out for information on an gallery style display of these. Students have also been working weekly with Aaron to upgrade the garden at the end of building 2. A note detailing information about the opening of this space will be out soon. Staff have also been improving their learning, attending PL provided by Leah Brideson on Yarning Circles, with staff utilising this knowledge within their teaching. A new display will soon be up and ready in our front office, displaying our achievements with our Reconciliation Action Plan.



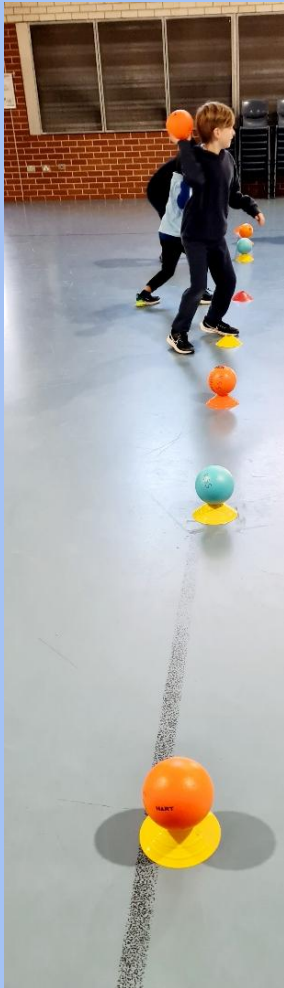




Over the past two weeks we have had several staff learn to drive the KSS Bus. They had to complete a written test and a driving test. We would like to say a big thank you to Dean from Capital Heavy Vehicle Driver Training to assist the teachers with their bus driving skills. They have all passed and now look forward to taking the students in excursions. Thank you to Mr Tim Freeman for organising the staff!



Sports at break times is very popular, with the sports trolley emptying out, which is fantastic! Tennis is definitely one of the more popular games and we are seeing some great skills developing. Gym at break times for our upper primary students is also well attended..



A reminder that dogs are not allowed on site, as per Directorate policy. If you have your dogs with you (regardless of how cute they are), please wait outside school grounds with them.

Kind regards

Mrs Murray

# Calendar

Date	Event
Monday 31st July	White Card and Asbestos Training Year 9/10
Tuesday 1st August	Year 5&6 Futsal
Monday 7th August	Reading in Pjs @ 5pm
Wednesday 9th August	Year 5 Camp Day 1  Year 10 Careers Expo  White Card and Asbestos Training Year 9/10  Learning Walks - Primary School
Thursday 10th August	Year 5 Camp Day 2  Garden Opening  Year 9 WHS  Year 7/8 Gala Day
Friday 11th August	Year 5 Camp Day 3  Ski Trip  Tucker and Yarn - Koori Preschool

# Calendar

## Date

## Event

Wednesday 16th - Friday 18th  
August

KSS Science Fair



# Kindergarten

We've had an amazing start to term 3 with Constable Kenny Koala visiting us at school and teaching us how to be safe when out and about.



In kindergarten, we have been learning about facts and opinions in literacy. We've also been practising our handwriting. Our students are also learning to write a simple sentence using one idea.

In maths, we are learning addition using the counting on strategy. We have been practising addition using manipulatives and number lines.

Please remember to send in hats for the return to hats on in August. Mark all items which come to school to enable us to return any lost items.

If you need to speak to your child's teacher please contact them to arrange a suitable time.

Yasmin Cusack, Julia McKay and Anne Patterson, Tajpreet Gill



# Year 3

What a terrific start to term 3! We are halfway through the year and have had a fantastic semester of learning. We started the term by learning how to use persuasive language effectively. We looked at property listings for houses in the local area and noticed all of the words they used to sell houses and we have decided to make our own house listing. Soon we will be able to sell you anything in a very persuasive manner, but before we get there we might need to have lots of practice reading some extra house listings at home.

We have started doing multiplication and it has been really fun to learn lots of strategies to help us with that process. We have been searching the classrooms and school grounds looking for angles, it turns out angles are everywhere, which is a fun time to see.

We had a lovely visit from Kenny Koala, and he taught us a lot of ways to stay safe online.

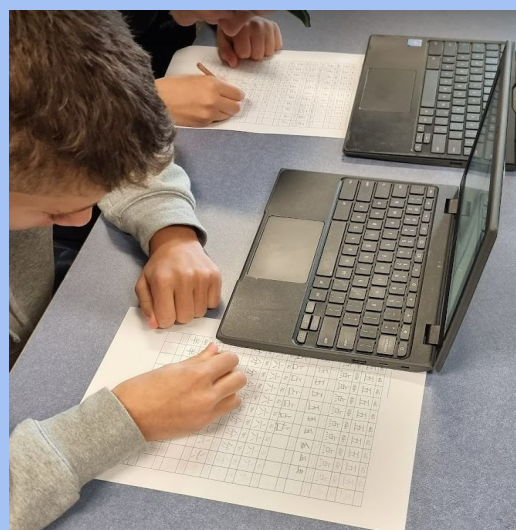
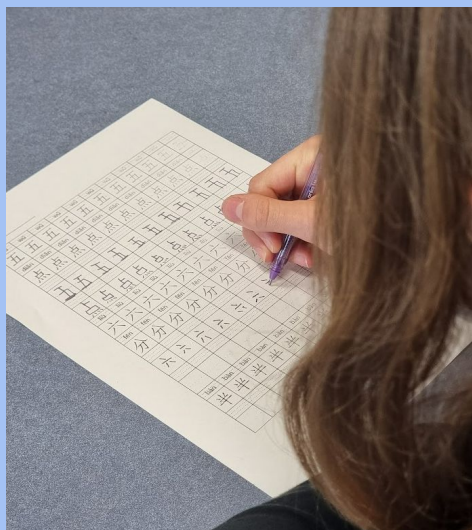


Hats are back on in August, so make sure you all start bringing your hats back to school, because it will be a bit too chilly to hang out in the shade all day.

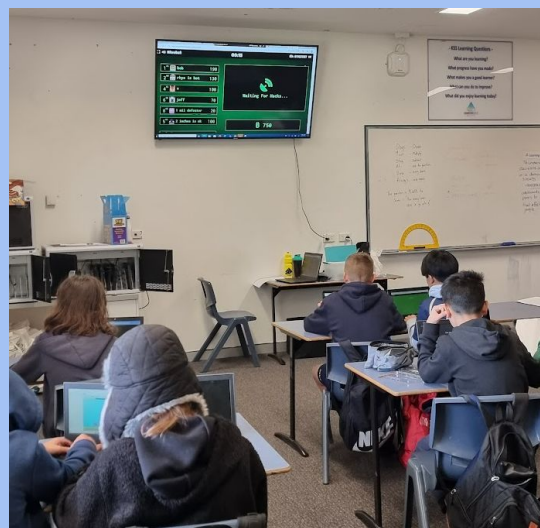
Science week is coming up in week 5, so keep an eye on that so we can make the most of this time. It looks like this term will be full of fun and we are excited to see where it goes.

# Year 6 Mandarin

Year 6 students in Mandarin classes have been learning Mandarin language in reading, writing, speaking, and listening on the topic of Daily Routine which includes time, date and activities. Students will be able to express themselves in Mandarin to talk about their daily routine. Students learned the language through many ways including singing Mandarin songs, playing Blooket games, and Kahoot. They also learned about Chinese culture and writing Chinese characters. Students will participate in the Panda Competition in term 3. The Panda Competition is conducted every year by the Australia China Friendship Society. Students can create drawings, paintings or works related to Dragon Festival for the competition as well as part of their assessment.



Students writing Chinese characters during Mandarin class.



Students learning Mandarin through Blooket game



# Library News

It has been a busy start to Term 3 in the Library. Students have resumed their normal program of borrowing books to read. Thank you to all those students who are bringing their library bags so the books they borrow are kept safe from damage and for also regularly returning their books so our library resources can be shared amongst all students.



NAIDOC week has also been celebrated in the Library this week. Activities have included free bookmarks to colour in. There is also a display called the Ngunnawal Trail. Students can use the library iPad to scan QR codes that are on the trail to listen to and watch short videos about the Ngunnawal people.



## Reading Tip from the Library

We often find ourselves 'time poor' juggling work and family, but if you can make the time to read to your child every day, children love stories and love the pictures, providing you opportunities to support their learning.

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





# KSS Science Fair

The KSS Science Fair is happening from Wednesday August 16th - Friday August 18th. Students are encouraged to conduct an investigation and enter it into the Science Fair. The links below take you to further information and registration.

Junior (P-5) Website:

<https://sites.google.com/ed.act.edu.au/kss-science-fair-p-5/home>

Senior (6-10) Website:

<https://sites.google.com/ed.act.edu.au/kss-science-fair-for-6-10/home>



# THROUGH THE DECADES *musical*

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# Formal Op-Shop - Donations Wanted

We are planning a “KSS Op Shop” to run at the end of this term, targeted towards our year 10 students for their formal. We’re keen to promote sustainability and slow fashion among our students and encourage ethical shopping.

KSS is putting a call out for any pre-loved formal suits, dresses, outfits, shoes, bags, accessories etc. We will be collecting donations via the front office.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Miss Leko & Bec



**Bec & Ms  
Leko's**

# **Formal Op Shop**

Buy second hand formal clothes

**GOLD COIN  
DONATION**



**MONDAY WEEK 10**  
Library Community Room

**SUPPORT ETHICAL & SUSTAINABLE SHOPPING  
BE COOL & SHOP SECOND HAND**



# 2023 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey

Each year, the Directorate surveys all parents and carers, school staff and students in Years 4 to 12 about their experience of public education. The 2023 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey will be available online from 18 August to 8 September. The survey results will help us to continue to make quality informed decisions about how to improve our school. No personal identifying information will be provided to any school or college.

For each child in their family who attends an ACT public school, parents and carers will receive:

- A letter about the student survey outlining the reasons for collection and privacy provision for the data; and
- An email about the parent survey, including a unique link to access the survey. Genuine survey invitation emails will have the title "The 2023 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey is now open!" and will be sent from EDU Surveys & Evaluation with 'from' address EDU@qualtrics-survey.com.

If you do not receive the survey invitation, please check your Junk email folder; if it is not there, please contact your school. If you do not have an email listed with the school, please contact the school on 61423399 to arrange a time to complete the survey on school site during the survey window (dates).

The Parents and Carers Survey will be available online in other languages: Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Urdu, Vietnamese, Punjabi, Bengali, Spanish, Telugu, French and Italian. Respondents can select their preferred language when they start the survey. A shortened paper-version of the Parents and Carers Survey is also available in the following 5 languages: Dari, Dinka, Farsi, Karen and Mon. These surveys are available at the Front Office.

For the results to reflect the opinions of our whole school community, we need as many parents and carers, staff and students as possible to complete the survey. Your feedback is important, and we hope you will take part.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/school-satisfaction-and-climate-survey>

# Celebrate

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STEP INTO THE

limelight 2023

## Step into the Limelight Gala Showcase Ticket Information

Tickets for to the Gala Showcase can be purchased from **Ticketek** and are on sale from **1 August from 9am**.

<https://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=STEPLIME23>

### DETAILS

Venue	<b>LLEWELLYN HALL CANBERRA</b>
	<b>ANU School of Music</b>
Date	<b>Wednesday September 6 and Thursday September 7</b>
Time	<b>7.00pm</b>

The showcase features different acts on each night so please ensure you purchase a ticket for the night in which your chosen school is performing. Details in the table below:

<b>Wednesday September 6</b>	<b>Thursday September 7</b>
Melrose HS	Caroline Chisholm School – High School Dance
Namadgi School -High School Dance and Primary Dance	Amaroo School – High School Dance
Harrison – Primary Dance	Namadgi School – High School Drama
Combined Primary Choir Monash PS, Red Hill PS, Duffy PS, Telopea Park School, Charles Weston School, Chapman PS, Yarralumla PS, Caroline Chisholm School - Junior, Theodore PS, Taylor PS	Combined Primary Choir Macgregor PS, Amaroo School, Macquarie PS, Campbell PS, Latham PS, Ainslie School, Maribyrnong PS
Erindale College Solo - Ashleigh	Dickson College Jazz Band
Combined Primary Dance – Red Hill PS & Chapman PS	Combined Primary Dance – Campbell PS, Ainslie School, Maribyrnong PS
Kingsford Smith School – Lion Dancers	Kingsford Smith School – Lion Dancers
Red Hill PS- Wassa Wassa	Red Hill PS- Wassa Wassa
IMP – PCC, SCC & SCB	IMP – PCC, SCC & SCB
UCHS Kaleen – Circus Performance & Roving	UCHS Kaleen – Circus Performance & Roving
Canberra High – Roving Performers	Canberra High – Roving Performers
	Ainslie School Solo - James

### PRICING

Adult	\$30.00	
Concession	\$20.00	Pensioners, Seniors and Tertiary students
Junior	\$20.00	2-18 – School age students    Free under age 2
Family	\$88.00	4 people – 2 adults and 2 juniors or 1 adult and 3 juniors
Group	\$25.00	10+ more tickets

Performers are not required to purchase a ticket.



# Helping Your Teenager with Career Planning

**PARENTS AND CARERS CAN HAVE AN ENORMOUS INFLUENCE ON THEIR CHILD'S CAREER DECISIONS AND PATHWAY PLANNING, BUT IT'S NOT ALWAYS EASY TO KNOW WHERE TO START.**

The ACT Education Directorate will present workshops for parents and carers to support National Skills Weeks in August, as part of the Canberra CareersXpo. During this workshop, experienced career practitioners will present useful career information, resources and strategies to start career conversations with your young person including:

**UP-TO-DATE  
INFORMATION ON  
DIFFERENT PATHWAYS**

**COMMUNICATION  
STRATEGIES**

**LEADING BY  
EXAMPLE**

**SEEKING  
SUPPORT**

**Choose one of these sessions.**

**CANBERRA CAREERSXPO  
WEDNESDAY 9 AUGUST 2023  
BUDAWANG AND COORONG  
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5:30-7PM**

To register go to our [Eventbrite page](#).

**WEBINAR  
TUESDAY 23 AUGUST  
5:30-6:30PM**

To register go to our [Eventbrite page](#).

For more information please contact [careers@act.gov.au](mailto:careers@act.gov.au)

**Covid-19 Smart Behaviours while attending the Canberra Careers Expo workshop**

- Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations
- Stay home if you're unwell and get tested
- Wear a mask
- Practise good hygiene
- Physically distance

Visit the ACT Government COVID website for the latest information. [COVID Smart behaviours - COVID-19 \(act.gov.au\)](#)



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children under 12

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# NATIONAL SCIENCE

# QUIZ



**27th AUGUST, 2023 - 3:30pm**



**The Capitol, Melbourne + Live Streamed**

Join host Charlie Pickering as two teams of Australia's leading scientists battle it out to be National Science Quiz champions!

Test yourself by playing along with the quiz online or book tickets to be at the live show.

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