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NEWSLETTER

Date: Friday 11th August 2023

Principal's Address

Principal's Word of the Week: Rejuvenate

Dear Families,

Last week, I had the pleasure of meeting with the dedicated members of our community during the School Board meeting and the Parents and Citizens (P&C) meeting. In both sessions, we had the opportunity to discuss and showcase our school improvement agenda and progress against our annual targets.

As we continue our improvement journey, we extend an enthusiastic invitation to every member of our community who is eager to contribute, connect, and stay informed. The P&C meeting is an excellent example of how you can be involved and contribute as a valued community member. The meetings are a fun way to engage in vibrant discussions, diverse perspectives, and shared commitment to our school's success. If you have yet to join the P&C, please consider this fantastic opportunity to make a positive impact.

ACT School Satisfaction Survey

Annually, all ACT schools engage in the School Satisfaction Survey, an essential process that gathers insights from students, parents, and teachers. This input is crucial in shaping our future strategic directions. It's not just an opportunity to share your thoughts but also to acknowledge our achievements.

We strongly encourage all families to participate in the survey, ensuring a well-rounded perspective for growth, improvement, and excellence. Your input is extremely valuable and key to our continued progress and success.

Shortly, you will receive a link to your survey; please take the time to have your say so that the school can continue to work in partnership with families, students, and staff.

Celebrating Kingsford Smith's Year 6 and 8 Students: Kids in Space Program

We congratulate the outstanding Kingsford Smith School students who participated in the Kids in Space program. This remarkable endeavour saw Year 6 and 8 students immerse themselves in a space-themed challenge that showcased their talents and dedication.

This opportunity was extended to Mr Kirsopp's 6 White class, Ms Mansfield's Year 8 science class, and Ms Sewak's Year 8 science class. The enthusiasm and participation were evident, with six students from 6 White and five students from each of the Year 8 classes volunteering to be part of this exciting showcase.

The competition was fierce as the judges evaluated the projects based on teamwork, industry communication, solution design, 3D design thinking, and the student's rationale behind their work. Taking on the responsibility, the students meticulously set up their displays and engaged with the judges, walking them through the intricate processes that led to their innovative solutions.

The event's culmination brought immense pride as the 6 White team emerged victorious, securing the prestigious main prize. As a result of their exceptional efforts, they've earned the extraordinary opportunity to travel to Adelaide in late October for the National Finals. This journey will see them competing against other state champions and visiting the Australian Space Agency Discovery Centre.

We commend all the students who participated for their hard work, dedication, and unwavering commitment to pushing their boundaries and exploring new horizons. This achievement is a testament to their capabilities and potential, and we're excited to witness their journey continue to unfold. Congratulations, and a heartfelt thank you to the classroom teachers who actively seek and prepare the students for such incredible opportunities.

Stay tuned for more updates as we follow our remarkable students' path to the National Finals.

Reminder:

West Belconnen Child and Family Centre (pre-birth -8 years old)

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 9:30 am to 3:00 pm 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 contact reception at 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

Finally, thank you to the families who have taken the time to email or pop in to positively acknowledge the efforts of the teachers and education support staff. It is lovely to have the hard-working efforts of a highly dedicated team recognised and acknowledged.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,
Paula Kinsman

Deputy Principal

Week 4 of term three already! We have witnessed a relatively calm start to this term and students settling into their classes and learning. You should have received a copy of the assessment schedule for your child/children (sent in week 3) outlining the assessment items due for this term.

Like most terms, we certainly have a lot on. This week we have year five camp, Northside soccer carnival days, year 10 careers day, Kindy Zoo excursion and the one-day ski trip on Friday, 11th August.

We will be celebrating science week next week, from Wednesday to Friday. A range of opportunities will be offered, with the main attraction being the viewing of science fair projects completed by our students - with the winning entries submitted to the ACT Science Fair.

Continuing a science theme, we would like to shout out a huge congratulations to teachers Tim Kirsopp, Caitlyn Mansfield and Ranjeeta Sewak and our 'Kids in Space Program' students for representing Kingsford Smith School at the recent Kids in Space program competition. Their hard work and dedication certainly paid off for our students winning the event!!! The students will now compete against other schools across Australia in Adelaide in October this year. A massive achievement, we certainly wish them all the best.

This year's school satisfaction survey will open from Friday, 11th August. Additional information can be found later in this newsletter. You should receive an email from the school on/after Friday, 18th August including information about the survey and instructions on how to access it.

We truly value your time, input, and feedback through surveys such as this one and look forward to reviewing this data to inform our future direction.

Just a gentle reminder that your child should be wearing school uniform items. Please contact your child's homeroom teacher if you require support in acquiring uniform items.

A gentle reminder that Parents/Carers are legally responsible to ensure their child attends school every day OR they must provide an explanation for their absences as close to the date as possible. This can be in the form of a written note (handwritten note to your child's homeroom teacher, school, or email – info@kss.act.edu.au), a verbal explanation (in person or over the phone) and/or a medical certificate.

It has been great to see so many students prepared for their learning mentally and physically. Being prepared with the appropriate equipment (pens, books, etc) and a charged Chromebook provide the foundation for your child to learn. Please have a discussion with your child/children to ensure they have all that they need for their classes. Additionally, if your child's Chromebook is damaged/in need of repair, please submit the Chromebook to our ITO (Jimmy Cook-Saad) in the library. As has been the case for the past couple of years, if your child is unwell and/or has COVID symptoms, they should remain at home until the symptoms pass. If your child exhibits these symptoms at school, we will make contact for them to be collected.

Have a great day
Lee

Calendar

Date

Event

Wednesday 16th August

Year 9/10 Soccer Gala Day

Wednesday 16th - Friday 18th
August

Science Fair + Science Week Events

Thursday 17th August
4pm-6pm

Science Fair open for community
viewing

Thursday 24th August

Year 6-8 Corin Forest Excursion
Reading in Pjs @ 5pm

Wednesday 30th - Thursday 31st
August

Musical

Year 2

Year 2 are investigating fantastic forces. Their science experiments have included observing what is happening with different objects which float and those which sink. The students have been engineering boats to observe how well they float. They enjoyed doing their ball drop experiment from the bridge to Building 3.

In English, students are reading different fables. They learn the structure of a fable and discuss the characters. Each fable has a moral which our students compare and discuss. Students are also basing some of their writing about the different fables they have been reading.

During maths students are learning to subtract accurately using a range of different strategies. They learn to subtract single-digit numbers from double-digit numbers, and double-digit numbers from three-digit numbers. Students learn to regroup numbers when required.

We have many students without a hat. The UV factor has already risen and for sun safety a hat with a brim is required for all PE and break times. When items are marked clearly with a students full name they are returned when misplaced.

If you need to speak with your child's teacher, please contact them to make a meeting time.

Phone contact is 6142 3399.

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Congratulations and Good Luck to Milly Crisp!

Milly Crisp from year 7 has been selected in the ACT Schools Touch Football team which will be playing at the National Schools Championships being held in Darwin this August.

Good luck Milly.



Congratulations and Good Luck to Huck Steele!

Huck Steele has successfully competed in the ROSTRUM competition for 2023 to represent Kingsford Smith School at the finals on August 26th.

We are all very proud of this fine achievement and wish him the very best of luck for the next step.



Kids in Space

What is kids in space?

Kids in Space is a program that is sponsored by The Andy Thomas Space Foundation, The Australian Space Agency and Makers Empire. It is a program where kids learn 3D design skills and identify a problem up in space. Using Makers Empire software and designing a 3D printed model we needed to attempt to solve the problem.

Kingsford Smith School decided to enter the competition at the end of 2022, with the competition starting in March this year. Mrs Sewak, Ms Mansfield, and Mr Kirsopp's class competed in the Kids in Space competition and competed against 8 other schools in the ACT (6 Public Schools and 2 Private Schools). The competition was held on Wednesday 18 of July at the Hedley Beare Centre in Stirling. Each school had different ideas on how to solve a space themed problem. Some schools had the same space themed problem but various ways to solve it. For example, space junk collectors.

WE WON!!!

Mr Kirsopp's year 6 class was victorious and won the ACT round of the Kids In Space competition for the first time. On October the 29th we will be travelling to Adelaide to compete against 8 other schools from across Australia hopefully winning The National Competition!

We were were so excited to go to Adelaide but it's not going to be easy. While it was amazing to receive \$4,600 from Makers Empire to go towards the trip, we estimate that it will cost a lot more. So we will be seeking donations and will be doing some fundraising between now and October.

"It feels AMAZING to win like it was unexpected when we were called that we actually had won, and I am even more excited to go to Adelaide and hopefully win nationally. Me and my Family are so proud that WE won"

-Hasnaa ALMOHAMAD ALJASEM

"I'm very excited to go to Adelaide and represent ACT"

-Isabel Weston

PBL News

At Kingsford Smith School teachers and non-teaching staff support our student wellbeing by acknowledging their positive behaviours in terms of safe, respectful, learner behaviours. We teach safe and respectful behaviours across the school. Our staff encourages students healthy habits of walking and riding to school. When entering the school grounds students walk their wheels through the school grounds from the gates to keep everyone safe. We have signage to remind them.



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>



Thursday 17th
August
4pm-6pm
KSS Community
Room

Family and
friends are
welcome to view
the Science Fair

THROUGH THE DECADES *musical*

2
SHOWS

30-31
AUG

06
PM

\$8 tickets

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SCAN TO PURCHASE TICKETS
[HTTPS://SHORTURL.AT/BGRXR](https://shorturl.at/BGRXR)



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**

Speech pathology drop-in clinic

A free service is available at West Belconnen Child and Family Centre (6 Luke Street, Holt).

The next drop-in clinic is Thursday 5 September 2023 between the hours 9am -12 and 2-3pm

A quick checklist for a 5-year-old child's speech and language development is –

- *Speech sounds, correct?* By the age of 4, speech should be understood about 90% of the time. A 5-year-old should be able to say most speech sounds correctly.
- *Phonological Processes?* A 5-year-old should no longer be using speech error patterns with only a few exceptions.
- *Sentence length?* A 4-year-old on average should speak in sentences of 4-5 words long.

Speak with your child's teacher if you would more information.

Speech Pathology at the Child Development Service

Speech pathologists are professionals who can assist in the assessment and treatment of communication and feeding. Within the Child Development Service Speech Pathologists offer a range of services including assessment and advice and strategies to assist parents support the development of their children **0 to -6 years**.



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>



ACT Instrumental Music Program

Secondary Extension Ensembles - 2024

The ACT Instrumental Music Program is seeking students who will be in Years 7-12 in ACT public schools in 2024 to audition for secondary extension ensembles.

- Junior Concert Band (Woodwind, Brass, Percussion): Years 7-8 students in ACT public schools in 2024
- Senior Concert Band (Woodwind, Brass, Percussion): Years 9-12 students in ACT public schools in 2024
- Percussion Ensemble (Percussionists Only): Years 7-12 students in ACT public schools in 2024
- Senior Concert Choir (Singers): Years 7-12 students in ACT public schools in 2024

Auditions will be held online in Term 4 (30 October – 10 November).

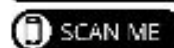
All audition requirements and pieces will be available on the IMP website by the end of Term 3.

The ensembles are an excellent opportunity for hard-working, skilled and committed young musicians to work together in an enriching environment. The groups are active performance ensembles and the families of students auditioning will need to be prepared to make a strong commitment to rehearsal and performance attendance for the year.

Further details and information about how to apply for an audition are available from the Instrumental Music Program website at http://www.imp.act.edu.au/our_ensembles/auditions

The form to register for an audition can be accessed in the following three ways:

- http://www.imp.act.edu.au/our_ensembles/auditions
- <https://forms.gle/ExeEwb8EwLJ9UP148>
- QR code



Information cards and posters will be available from the Music/Arts teacher at your child's school from Term 3 Week 5.

Applications close Monday 16 October.

Celebrate

50 years of the
ACT School System
1973-2023

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	LLEWELLYN HALL CANBERRA
	ANU School of Music
Date	Wednesday September 6 and Thursday September 7
Time	7.00pm

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:

Wednesday September 6	Thursday September 7
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.



ART GYM

Art Classes for Children in Years 6, 7 and 8



Tuesdays 4:00pm to 5:00pm

July 18, 25

September 5, 12, 19

November 7, 14, 21, 28

August 1, 8, 15, 22, 27

October 10, 17, 24, 31

December 5, 12



Queanbeyan Art Gallery

6 Trinculo Place Queanbeyan NSW 2620

Sign up by giving us a call or email:



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heatherlacton@gmail.com

Please contact Heather for enquiries, registration and payment details

\$25
Per Lesson

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