



NEWSLETTER

Date: Friday 24th March 2023

Principal's Address

Principal's Word of the Week: Traditional

Hello to our strong and supportive Kingsford Smith School community. It is great pleasure that I write to you again about the events and goings on at the school.

Today (Friday) is our House Day celebrating the school value of Harmony. We use this day to celebrate the difference that exists within the school and how it strengthens our community as a whole. There are lots of activities involving students from across the school including traditional Chinese lion dancing, music performances, cultural activities, a BBQ lunch run by our year 10 students and teachers, handball competition and scavenger hunt around the school. There was also our annual World's Greatest Shave (WGS) celebration with many students having their hair coloured and Cooper Millard in Year 9 shaving his head for this great cause. Thanks to Sharyn Davis for organising the WGS again and to Katie Langridge and the House Day Team for organising the day.



Our music program has come in leaps and bounds thanks to the effort of our music teachers Bob Crisp and Danny Bale. This Thursday the middle and high school students were treated to a performance by our senior music students during assembly. The band sounded great and even our own staff member, Tess Moala joined the group on vocals with Moses from Year 10. Thanks to the staff and students who produced such a professional sounding performance.

Our cross school Cultural Group started last week with primary students and senior students joining together to start a whole bunch of cultural activities mostly centered around the arts. I want to thank Cody from our Koori Preschool and Anne Esposito from High School for dedicating the time with these students. The next session will be held in the first week of next term.

Last night we held our series of school Discos starting with our P-2 from 2pm to 3pm. They were followed by the years 3-5 in the afternoon and then the Middle and High School students in the evening. The events were well attended and the money from food sales raised over \$600 for Year 10 formal. Well done to the organising committee and the students who worked the food stalls and music desk to make it such a successful event.

Till next time, stay safe.

Paul

PRIME drinks while not banned for sale to minors do contain 200mg of caffeine and are not recommended for persons under the age of 18 according to the PRIME website. Please have discussions with your child about the purchase, consumption and bringing these drinks to school to share and / or sell. As a health promoting school we do not condone these drinks being brought to school.

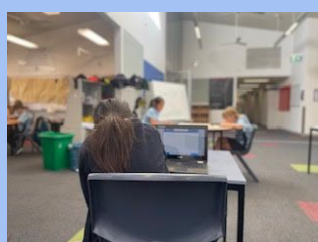


Deputy Principal

It has been great to see students engaged in their learning and exhibiting the school values (Harmony, Excellence, Respect, Optimism) across the school in what is a busy period of the term with assessment, NAPLAN, school sport and other activities.

Congratulations to the students who represented KSS at the recent Alan Tongue Rugby cup who performed well on the day. Our primary students, our Junior and senior Jets students are going to be visited by the Brumbies team on Friday 17th March who will share some experiences and answer some questions from the students.

Despite the dates for NAPLAN being moved forward this year, we would like to thank all of our year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students for their focus and commitment in this.



We would also like to acknowledge the team of teachers for their tireless work in organising/supporting and facilitating this event

Year 6-10 Teachers are currently completing the term one progress reports which will be distributed to parents and carers on Monday 27th March (week 9). We will be hosting a parent/teacher evening on Tuesday 4th April.

Information on how to make bookings will be sent with the progress reports.

A few reminders:

- Our school canteen menu is available on our website (<https://www.kss.act.edu.au/>) and can be ordered through the flexischools program (<https://flexischools.com.au/>). We ask that families limit the provision of food from local fast food outlets as this does not align with our Fresh taste/healthy schools food policy.

Calendar

Date

Event

Monday 27th March

Year 10 Information Night

Tuesday 4th April

KSS Cross Country Carnival

Years 6-10 Parent Teacher Evening

Thursday 6th April

Last Day of Term 1

Friday 7th April

Good Friday

Monday 24th April

First Day of Term 2

Tuesday 25th April

ANZAC Day



Year 1

Our Year 1 students have been exploring the concepts of belonging to various groups – family, school and community in their inquiry – ‘Our Country, My Place’. Students have used First Nations literature when reading to predict, question and make connections. We continue to investigate local spaces and recognise familiar places using maps and atlases. Students are mid-way through a LINK (Learning I Need to Know) cycle with spelling in targeted groups. We are noticing different ways words work, discussing their meaning and expanding our vocabulary. Students build number knowledge with daily games, place value and number lines. We have discussed, ordered, and made representations of different numbers using manipulatives in class. Students are investigating, grouping common objects together and demonstrating their knowledge of measurement in mathematics.

We have enjoyed keeping fit with a range of ball skills and improving in throwing and catching. Students are learning how to communicate positively with others and stay motivated when working as part of a team.

Reminders -

Name items especially jumpers and jackets.

We are very busy at school so please keep toys for home.

Lollies on a stick are a safety hazard for our children sitting in a lively group or running in the yard. Please don't include them in lunch boxes.

Lily Albiez, Kirstin Brown, Sarah Warren
Year 1 Teaching Team



Year 5

Year 5 has started an absolutely awesome year with many exciting experiences!

During the first assembly the year 5 cohort presented their personal Acknowledgement of Country to the whole primary school. They spent time reading a range of books by Indigenous authors such as 'Welcome to Country' by Auntie Joy Murphy and brainstormed words that reflected their favourite parts of living on Ngunnawal Country. The results blew Mr Branson away as he remarked that they were some of 'the best Acknowledgments' he had heard (and he mentioned it in his last newsletter article).

Our maths number lessons have looked at addition and subtraction of numbers involving carrying and borrowing. Some students have been solving number problems up to, and beyond 6 digits! Our week 5 lessons have been investigating word problems. Students will work towards identifying key language and how that key language can help us to solve problems.

We have been fortunate enough to be participating in Rugby sports clinics every Wednesday with the help of the Brumbies. During the clinics the students learn about throwing, catching and sportspersonship skills as they participate in a range of fun activities and games.

Our Inquiry lessons have sparked up great student investigations as they virtually travel around the globe learning about different countries, so far we have learned about Greece, Australia and Inuit Territories. Students looked at information such as; their populations, their climates, the native fauna, the environments and how people adapted to these environments. Earlier in the term the Year 5 cohort voted for their favourite shirt and back of shirt designs with a clear front runner. We are very excited to place the order and cannot wait to wear our great new shirts!

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

Homework Club

Did you know that Kingsford Smith School has a weekly homework club? With upcoming assessment dates and end of term work due, students may be wanting that extra little bit of support.

Each Wednesday afternoon from 3:15pm-4:30pm we run a homework club in the library where you can come and work on your assignments and schoolwork. It doesn't matter what subject you are studying; all are welcome.

The best part, each time you attend, you are eligible for one graduation point! (Come each week and that is 40 graduation points a year!) Check out the students from last weeks homework club all working hard to ensure they get their assignments in by the deadline.

Well done to all who have been working hard and diligently on their assignments this term and really pushing themselves to reach their academic goals.

If you are interested in coming to the homework club and want some more information, please reach out to your homeroom teacher.



KSS Sport Report

During week seven of this term, KSS entered a combined year 9 and 10 team into the Alan Tongue Rugby League Cup. The team did KSS proud throughout the day with Coach Mr Ebbott remarking that

"The boys played with plenty of heart and were not only great representatives of KSS but of our H.E.R.O values too."

Victor Peniongo received the Coaches Player Award with an excellent work rate and display of skills both offensively and defensively. The day finished up with a strong win over Trinity Goulburn, a gutsy draw with Caroline Chisholm School and gracious defeat against St Edmunds.



Health and Physical Education at KSS

KSS students have been hard at work over the last few weeks completing their health units for term 1. Students at KSS study a health unit each term to help them not only make positive health choices for themselves but to become active and healthy citizens in their community. Each year level has been investigating the following topics and some students have described what they have learnt below.

Year Level	Topic	Student Description
Year 6	We are all Unique	I learnt about diversity and valuing different cultures, and that is okay to be different because that makes us all unique and special. <i>Chase Lancaster - 6 Blue</i>
Year 7	Fitness Components	Fitness comes in many different forms and certain activities need specific types of fitness to excel. If you want to get stronger and fitter it is important to structure and plan your training. <i>Matilda Weston - 7 Green</i>
Year 8	Legal and Illegal Drugs	I learnt how illegal and legal drugs can harm the body, including how this can affect the body's organs. We also learnt about peer pressure and how it can influence people's decisions. <i>Muntasa Manzoor - 8 Red</i>
Year 9	Active for Life	We learnt about the importance of being active and how being active helps our bodies stay healthy in the future. We also learnt about measuring our heart rates when exercising. <i>Ashlyn Cooper - 9 Red</i>
Year 10	Community Health	This term Year 10 has been studying 'Community Health'. Students have researched different National Health Priority Areas, and looked further into the symptoms and side effects of many physical and mental health issues as well as how they impact individuals and the community as a whole. <i>Maggie Bristow - 10 Blue</i>

PBL High Flyers

Congratulations to our Bronze award winners so far this year! Bronze award winners are students who have received 50 High Flyers for demonstrating our PBL expectations of being Safe, Respectful, Learners.

Bronze level students:

Olivia B

Bindi B

Lachlan L

Paige L

Danielle Beau A

And a further congratulations to the two winners of this fortnights PBL prize. Each fortnight a student from the middle school and the high school will be randomly drawn from a wheel of names and win a Dymocks gift voucher. To get your name on the wheel you must have received at least one high flyer during the week by displaying one of the PBL expectations.

Winner from the middle school:

- Rachel N

Winner from the high school:

- Timothy S





HOMework CLUB



When: Every Wednesday Afternoon

Time: 3.15pm - 4.30pm

Where: In the Library



2023 Canteen Menu

Hot Food - Healthier Choices

Meatball Cheesy Sub.....	\$6.00
Chicken Schnitzel in Turkish Roll.....	\$8.00
with lettuce, tomato, cheese & Mayo)	
Nachos (Beef & Vegetarian).....	\$6.00
Various Nacho options available online	
Baked Potato (Beef & Vegetarian)....	\$6.00
Various Nacho options available online	
Spaghetti Bolognese - Homemade...	\$5.00
Napolitana Pasta -Vegetarian Home	\$5.00
Mac & Cheese - Homemade.....	\$5.00
Spaghetti & Meatballs - Homemade.	\$5.00

Burgers

Chicken Burger.....	\$6.50
Chicken & Cheese Burger.....	\$6.50
Fish Burger.....	\$6.50
Vegie Burger.....	\$6.50
Beef & Cheese Burger.....	\$6.50
Beef & Salad Burger.....	\$6.50

HOT FOOD - Occasional Food

Sausage Roll.....	\$4.50
Pizza Rounder.....	\$4.50
Chicken Nuggets.....	\$4.50
Meat Pie.....	\$4.50
Pepper St Pie.....	\$4.50
Potato Top Pie.....	\$5.00
Cheese & Spinach Roll.....	\$5.00
Beef Lasagne.....	\$5.00
Vegetarian Lasagne.....	\$5.00
Spring Rolls (5) Vegetarian.....	\$4.50

GLUTEN FREE

GF Nuggets.....	\$5.00
GF Pasta Bolognese.....	\$5.00
GF Napolitana Pasta - Vegetarian.....	\$5.00

TREATS

Muffins.....	\$1.50
Cookie.....	\$1.50
Popcorn - Homemade.....	\$1.00
Tomato or BBQ sauce portion.....	\$0.50

SALADS, WRAPS & SANDWICHES

Garden Salad - small.....	\$4.00
Garden Salad - large.....	\$6.00
Chicken Caesar Salad - small.....	\$4.50
Chicken Caesar Salad - large.....	\$6.00
Chicken Caesar wrap.....	\$6.00
Salad Wrap.....	\$5.00
Salad sandwich.....	\$4.00
Chicken, mayo & Lettuce Sandwich.	\$4.00
Egg, mayo & Lettuce Sandwich.....	\$4.00
Curried Egg & mayo sandwich.....	\$4.00
Vegemite & Cheese.....	\$3.50
Cheese & Tomato	\$4.00
Tuna, Cheese & Mayo.....	\$4.00

SNACKS

Garlic Bread.....	\$2.00
Cheesy Bread.....	\$2.00
Corn on the Cob.....	\$1.50
Cheese Stick.....	\$1.50
Fruit Salad - small.....	\$2.50
Fruit salad - large.....	\$4.50
Fresh Fruit.....	\$1.00
Apple, Orange, Banana, Pear	
3 mini pikelets.....	\$3.50
Carrot, Celery & Cucumber Sticks....	\$3.00
3C's (Carrots, Cucumber & Cheese)..	\$3.00

DRINKS

Water.....	\$2.50
Up & Go.....	\$3.50
Choc, Straw, Vanilla, Caramel, Banana	
Flavoured Milks 300mls.....	\$3.50
Choc, Straw, Vanilla	
Flavoured Milks 600mls.....	\$5.00
Choc, Straw, Vanilla, banana	
Fruit Box.....	\$2.00
Orange, Apple, Apple Blackcurrant	
Glees (Various Flavours)	\$4.00

Please refer to Flexischools online ordering for indication of meal items that are classified as Green or Amber

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Grants for women returning to work

Did you know there's a Women's Return to Work Program that supports Canberrans looking to get back to work or study?



The Office for Women provides grants of up to \$1,000 and can connect you with a mentor to support you on your pathway to employment.



Grants can be used for courses and training that increase work skills, study equipment such as textbooks or a laptop, clothing, transport and childcare costs to help you return to work.



Workshops are run regularly and cover resumes, applying for jobs and interview skills. You also get free individual sessions with a career mentor!



Who can apply? ACT women on low incomes who have been out of the workforce for more than 6 months.




Scan the QR code with your phone camera to get information about the Return to Work Program.

You can also email rtw@act.gov.au to ask questions and get advice.





Empire Catering is Hiring



If you are looking for part time or full-time work, in school hours, Monday to Friday 9am to 2pm in a Belconnen school canteen then this may be the job for you.

You must be able to work in a team environment, have basic cooking skills and knowledge of meal preparation.

You must also have a driver's license and a Working with Vulnerable People (WWVP) card, though once successful a WWVP card can be obtained later.



*Please contact
0408 200 481 for further information.*





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Belconnen

JOIN US FOR NEIGHBOUR DAY

Time: 09:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Monday, 27 March 2023

We welcome families with
children 0-5 to the Neighbour Day
event that will be held at

UnitingCare Kippax
Cnr. Hardwick Cres & Luke Street
Holt, ACT 2615

FUN ACTIVITY PROGRAMS

- ☑ Morning tea and refreshments
- ☑ Fun indoor and outdoor activities for healthy child development

Playground

Community Centre

Playing together is more fun!

NEIGHBOURS EVERY DAY: CREATE BELONGING



Help create belonging across Australia and
build the inclusive communities you want to
live in, one relationship at a time.



ABOUT US

A Village for Every Child believes that by improving collaboration and committing to community engagement, all children in Belconnen can be physically healthy, socially and emotionally strong, and ready to engage fully in learning and life.

BRINGING COMMUNITY TOGETHER

*Enjoy a morning of games, treats, and fun
with your Neighbours!*

JOIN US

- ☑ Please remember that your children must be under your supervision during the event.
- ☑ This space is a nut-free zone

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