

TERM 1, WEEK 8, THURSDAY 26 MARCH 2015

Dates to Remember - Please mark your Calendar

Fri 27 Mar	P&C meeting 9:15 in the cottage Belconnen PSSA Swimming carnival
Tues 31 Mar	Preschool blue group school photos
Thurs 2 Apr	Latham Cross Country 11:00am-1:00pm Canteen special lunch
Fri 3 Apr	Good Friday
Tues 6 Apr	Easter Monday
Tues 7 Apr	Years 5/6 Parliament House excursion
Fri 10 Apr	Last day of Term 1

IMPORTANT

Please be advised that due to ANZAC Day (25 April) falling on Saturday, Term 2 will commence for all ACT Public Schools on Tuesday 28 April.

Assembly dates for Term- 1:45pm

1 April 3/4BH & LH

Notes home

Years 5/6 Parliament
House excursion

Due back

1 April



We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people – traditional custodians of the land on which our school stands.

Dear parents and carers,
Easter is nearly upon us!

The original **preschool** building is now fully renovated and in use. The Blue Group preschoolers have been very busy investigating ways to use the inside environment by creating spaces that enhance their understandings and thinking. If you pop down for a visit you will still see a few bare walls as the space continues to be constructed with the students.

Our preschool had a visit from the Education and Training Minister, Joy Burch MLA, last Thursday. She was very impressed with both the new and renovated buildings. The links from preschool to the K-6 site were commented upon and the light and space inside the buildings commended. The preschoolers entertained Minister Burch with their stories of the day, and contents of their lunchboxes, as only preschoolers can. She was very interested in the learning about the digestive system that had been going on in the Yellow Group. Apparently she was a nurse in her former life.

Teachers have begun their **planning** days for term 2. These days are a time for teachers to make curriculum and assessment decisions collaboratively. They align their knowledge of; their students, the curriculum and best practice to design programs that are engaging and meet individual needs. This links with our Annual Operational Plan, priority 'Highly effective Teaching and Learning is evident throughout the school'.

The assembly hosted by 3/4RG highlighted the work going on within the community to embed our **school values**. This was a great example of how teachers are finding current resources to explore the Latham Values, Resilience, Motivation, Respect, Collaboration, and Positivity.

Have a safe and restful Easter break.

Regards,
Karen



MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students for receiving a Merit Award at the assembly on Wednesday 11 March.

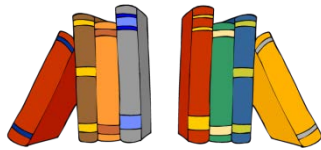
Tommy G, Sienna W, Roland C, Marley W, Lilly C, Vasu S, Davey N, Miles G, Kayli W, Owen F, Justin McN, Lily C, Rameen N, Griffin B, Abbey B, Eadie W, Saffron P, Eli G, Becky N, Brooke R, Angus T, Brae N, Emily M, Jack L Vuyo N, Benjamin D B & Bella R.

LIBRARY NEWS

Hi everyone!

OVERDUE BOOKS

Thank you for those who have returned their overdue books. We still have some outstanding, please keep returning.



INTERESTING!

Scholastic has recently released their 'Kids and Family Reading Report'. In this report children indicated that their favourite books are the ones that they have picked themselves and their favourite subject is books that make them laugh.

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"I really had a lot of dreams when I was a kid, and I think a great deal of that grew out of the fact that I had a chance to read a lot"

- Bill Gates

Have a great week
Heather Govender

Public Consultation - draft *Reporting Student Achievement (Preschool to Year 12) Policy* and draft common report templates

Opening Date: Monday 23 March 2015.

Closing Date: Friday 15 May 2015

The ACT Government is seeking public comment on the draft *Reporting Student Achievement (Preschool to Year 12) Policy* and draft common report templates for ACT public primary and high schools. The draft Policy and draft common templates are designed to ensure parents receive consistent information about their child's achievement regardless of which ACT public school their child attends.

Parents/carers can provide feedback through the ACT Education and Training Directorate website at www.det.act.gov.au and the ACT Government's Community Engagement 'Time to Talk' website at <http://timetotalk.act.gov.au/>

BAND 2015

This year we had 35 students from years 3 – 6 audition to be in the Latham Primary School Band. With 16 students continuing from 2014, this gave opportunity for 24 new students to become members of the band. To cater to the high level of interest as well as students intense development of skills in music we have created two school bands. The Fife Band (*Melodies and Mayhem*) has students in their first and second years of playing and the Fife and Flute Band (*Tunes and Trebles*) has students in their first, second and third years of playing.

A big congratulations to all the students listed below who are continuing with or who made it into band this year. With three practices at school each week, at home practice and combined rehearsals and performances, it's not going to be easy but we will have a great time together and learn so much along the way.

<i>Melodies & Mayhem</i>	
Olivia M	Heather S
Jordan F	Hayley C
Anisha J	Heidi N
Tarsha M	Brooke R
Reilly J	Riley B
Naomi J	Stuart L
Katie T	Abby F
Rochana Y	Emily M
Jarryn R	Cody C
Lauren M	Monica O
Mikaela S	Bryn C
Bella F	Miles D
Tommy S	
<i>Tunes & Trebles</i>	
Aliesha S	Chelsea E
Claudia W	Keira F
Lauren A	Isabella C
Bryna G	Jordyn M
Lily C	Hayley D
Lily S	Samantha L
Lana R	Cassidy Walsh
Chloe G	

Sladjana Jovanovic
Performing Arts Co-ordinator

Incoming message from the 3/4 Top Guns!

Our inquiry unit this term is 'What a Disaster!'. We have been investigating natural disasters that occur all over the world. We have explored bushfires, cyclones, droughts, earthquakes, floods, tsunamis, tidal waves, volcanoes and now..... pandemics!



Here is a snapshot of some of the things we have learnt in a classroom over the past few weeks.



SCHOOL BANKING REWARDS NOW AVAILABLE TERM 1

These new rewards have been released for Term 1, and are available while stocks last:

- ET DVD
- Planet Handball

boys and girls if you have not banked for a while and you have tokens to use, don't forget to either redeem your tokens or keep banking so you can earn a reward!



Disneyland competition- the Disneyland competition is running throughout the year, children must have banked 25 times throughout the year (at school) so now is the time to start banking to make sure you have entered the competition. the prize, a fantastic family holiday including airfares, 5 nights' accommodation, transfers and 3 days park entry for up to 2 adults and 2 children, plus \$2000.00 spending money!!



PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Reminder: Sleep workshop run by BCŞ for Preschool & Kindergarten families. Wednesday 8 April 5.30-6.30 in the library. RSVP to the front office or amanda.molloy@ed.act.edu.au



Volunteers needed to help set up the preschool raised vegetable garden beds. Blue group families on Tuesday 7 April and Yellow group

families on Wednesday 8 April. Please see Amanda or Evan for more details.

CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country is on next **Thursday 2 April 11am - 1pm**. Don't forget to wear your house colours:

Casuarina - Yellow

Brindabella - Blue

Umbagog - Green

Happy Banking!

Children's Learn To Skate Program



COME AND GIVE IT A TRY!

Rollerskating is great fun, it promotes fitness and strengthens gross motor, so come and give it a try.

When: Wednesday afternoon or Saturday morning during ACT school terms

Cost: \$150 first child and \$120 for a sibling plus \$3 skate hire if required



Contact: skateprogramsACT@gmail.com

2015 ACT Playgroups World's Biggest Playgroup

Wednesday 25 March
10am – 1pm
Cook Community Hub
41 Templeton Street,
COOK



Bring a picnic and
join the fun....



Bring your whole playgroup
for a playgroup excursion



For more information phone ACT Playgroups on
1800 171 882 or visit our website at
www.playgroupaustralia.com.au/act



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*APS employees only



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Rakugo in English! with Katsura Sunshine

"A raconteur
extraordinaire!
Sunshine is a star!"
-The Japan Times
"Fantastic!
A sight to behold!
Too much fun!"
-CBC Radio, Canada

"This 182-centimeter tall, blonde raconteur with the
mile-wide smile has been
wowing audiences worldwide with his
high-octane, one-of-a-kind performances!
He magically plucks laughter
with **rhythm** and **timing** fit for an athlete!"
-Nikkei Asian Review

"Tightly controlled physical theatre!
Delft choreography of
body language and intonation!
And it's also **drop-dead funny!**"
-Metropolis, Japan

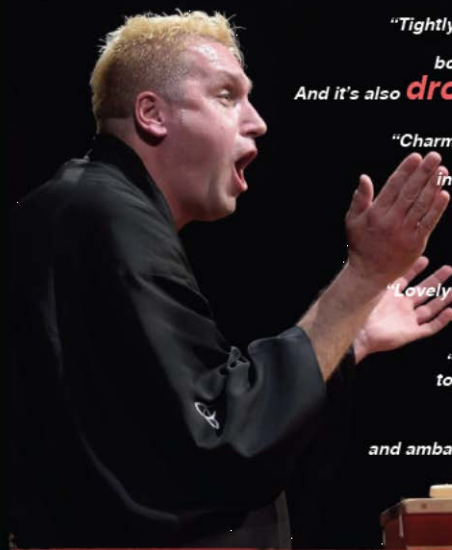
"Charming! Engaging! Charismatic!
There is a sense of joy
in everything Sunshine does!"
-Broadway Baby, United Kingdom

"Sunshine is a great hope!
I take my hat off to him!"
-NHK News, Japan

"Lovely! Intense! A one-man sitcom!
How can we resist?!"
-CTV TV Montreal, Canada

"Canadian adds hint of hooser
to ancient Japanese comedy!"
-Globe and Mail, Canada

"Sunshine is a pioneer
and ambassador! **A huge star!**"
-Vivascene, Canada



7pm Wednesday April 1st
Theatre 1, Manning Clark Centre, Building 26A Union Court, ANU
Charity Performance
Entry by donation - proceeds to AJS Tohoku Youth Program



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A show the whole family can enjoy
26th April 2015
Kaleen High School
104 Baldwin Drive, Kaleen
9am - 3pm



- Australiana
- Lego mini figures
- Die-Cast vehicles
- Plastic kits
- Model railways
- Pop culture items
- Model railways
- Coca Cola
- Magazines, Paper ephemera
- Trading cards + lots more

Admission:
Adults - \$4
Seniors - \$2
Accompanied children - FREE

Public transport:
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Plenty of FREE onsite parking

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