



# Kakehashi

*“building a bicultural bridge”*



Term 4 Week 5

Friday 6th November, 2015.

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## Calendar of Events

Thu 5 Nov	School Captains' Morning Tea Parliament House (Rob Stokes)
Thu 5th Nov	School Concert (Day)
<b>Fri 6th Nov</b>	<b>School Concert (Night)</b>
Sat 7 Nov	Soccer Tournament German School
Mon 9 Nov	Inter Vision Screening/Eye Check (Y2-Y6)
Mon 9 Nov	Swimming Lesson 1
Tue 10 Nov	Inter PTA Meeting 1pm
Thu 12 Nov	Primary Clubs
Mon 16 Nov	Swimming Lesson 2
Wed 18 Nov	YK Orientation
Mon 23 Nov	Swimming Lesson 3
Tue 24 Nov	Open Day 9:50am, 6pm
Mon 30 Nov	Swimming Lesson 4
Fri 4 Dec	PTA Disco
Mon 7 Dec	Swimming Lesson 5 (final)
Fri 11 Dec	High School Drama Peta Pan
<b>Tue 15 Dec</b>	<b>Awards Ceremony 9am</b>
<b>Wed 16 Dec</b>	<b>Inter 6-3 Graduation</b>
<b>Fri 18 Dec</b>	<b>Closing Ceremony/End of Term 4</b>

## Weekly School News

### **School Concert— stunning performances!**

Congratulations to students, staff and parents on a successful concert on Friday evening. The atmosphere was vibrant and the students were so excited about presenting their items to you.

We are so grateful to the music teachers, Ms Hanaoka and Ms Baba, for their dedicated effort in preparing the students and selecting such a great variety of musical pieces for the program. Congratulations to all the students who put in a lot of time and effort to master their musical items, and for the impressive way the two divisions worked so well together to achieve their goals.

### **2015 Fete—a great success!**

Congratulations to the PTA for putting on a successful 41st school fete last Saturday. The fete was enjoyed by a large crowd from the school and community. Thanks especially to the PTA steering committee and also the class reps and parent volunteers from all classes. It was a tremendous display of co-operation between the two divisions of the school. The funds raised are much appreciated by the school and are used for important resources which benefit the students. The students all enjoyed the day very much!



### **Eye Checks/ Vision Screening**

Eye Checks continue for International classes on Monday 9th November with Optometrist, Mr Chris Chung.

**Soccer** The students in years 3, 4 5 and 6 have been training hard with Kubo Sensei and Ms Deadman in preparation for the tournament at The German School tomorrow. Best of luck to the participating students.



## Terrey Hills Swim School

Our 5 week swimming Program starts on Monday.

Don't forget your **SWIMMING COSTUME**

on Mondays for the next 5 weeks.



## International Division

Sydney Japanese International School

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This week started with our literature study of the book "Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy". We drew who our favourite dog was. We talked about the different breeds of dogs and the possible likes and dislikes of each dog. Our big book of the week was Alligator Alley and the word family for the week was -op making words like stop, lop, hop, shop and top. The sound for the week was /sh/ and the kids were introduced to many words with the sound like shine, short, sharp and shark. For literacy groups, we cut out /-op/ word pictures, pasted them in our exercise books and wrote the words for the pictures. For Math, we compared the volumes of different containers and the use of direction in finding our way on a map. Again the children visited Google maps and saw how it uses phrases like "turn right, turn left, walk straight" to help us to get to where we want to go. For Creative Arts, the children tried to put finishing touches on their costumes for the school concert next week. We are looking forward to seeing you at the school's fete. Thank you very much and have a good weekend. Sandra Oyeku.

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The students have been very excited to be up on stage during rehearsals for the concert this week. Thank you for helping us with the costumes for this event. We are sure the children will look and sound amazing on the night! KP started a new Literacy unit based on the book, 'Hairy Maclary from Donaldson Dairy'. We read the text and made predictions about what the story would be about. A session followed highlighting the different dog types and the students went on to write a sentence about their favourite dog and why they liked this type of dog. We focused on the blend /sh/, read an information book on spiders, made spider webs, role played vets, brainstormed /op/ words and continued to be involved in guided reading. In Maths this week, we had lots of fun learning about 3D shapes (with more emphasis on cubes and spheres) and enjoyed tracing around these shapes to make pictures. Kindergarten made equal rows of counters, continued to learn numbers to 30 and tested objects that were heavy and light. In Personal Development, KP were enthusiastic about discussing how they keep fit and were involved in a yoga session. In Science, the students reviewed the weather reports that were explored last week and continued to talk about weather symbols. In pairs, the children then recorded the weather using symbols. They will continue to do this each day for a week. Friday afternoon consisted of Christmas craft and painting a present for the family. We are all looking forward to the fete on Saturday and hope to see you all there! Mrs Rebecca Lisle

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This week we have been busy singing and preparing our costumes for the School Concert next week. We are very excited to be performing for you. Our literature unit focused on the book "Hairy Maclary" by Lynley Dodd. The children wrote about why they liked their favourite dog from the story. Our big book this week was "Elephant Is Stuck". The children wrote about how they would get the elephant out of the hole. Our phonics sound was sh as in sheep and shut and the children created their own sharks. We wrote about why it is important to care for all animals. The children have been practicing their sh sound by rounding their lips. Our word family this week was op words and we were able to brainstorm many words such as shop and stop. In Personal Development we discussed physical activity and how we move. We used our bodies and did a wonderful yoga session. In our PE lesson we continued our skills of throwing, jumping and running in rotational groups. Our science unit continued with focusing on weather symbols. We will be recording the weather for the next week. In maths we learnt about spheres and cubes. We made these out of play dough and learnt about what shapes make up these objects. Finally in art we completed our costumes. Hoping the weather is fine for the fete tomorrow. See you then. Mrs Lisa Ess

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In shared reading this week we reread the book by Janell Cannon, **Stellaluna**, and the children were asked to design and decorate a cover page for the book. To help them we looked at pictures of baby bats and discussed what they looked like. In Maths we have been working on our multiplication and division skills. The children were given many opportunities to complete word problems where they had to draw the picture to show the number sentence. They then had to give an explanation to say how they worked it out. All are gaining confidence when working with word problems, and their understanding of the concepts is developing. We also looked at number lines and discussed how these might help us to work out 'groups of'. We then completed some number sentences using the number lines. In HSIE we took a closer look at the deserts in Australia and the children brainstormed the kind of animals we would find there. Children labelled the animals in the picture and drew two other animals that can be found there. In PE we played baseball and in Music we have been practising very hard to play our piece for the music concert. I have to say that we are improving daily and are sounding good. Keep up the good work Y1's. This week we celebrated Walter's birthday, and we hope he had a wonderful day. We certainly enjoyed the cupcakes that we had in celebration of his birthday. See you all at the fete tomorrow. M Dimakopoulos



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Hello everyone. Thank you for attending the Music Concert. It was nice to see the children sing beautiful songs and melodies. The children put in so much effort into preparing their costumes and remembering the lyrics to their songs. Their earnest efforts are very much commendable. This week we wrote about the fete and what each child enjoyed about it. We also read the big book titled "Elephant is stuck". The children brainstormed and wrote about ways they could help the elephant out of the hole. The word family of the week was /-ob/ and we made several words like job, sob, mob and knob. For the sound of the week, we brainstormed words like, thank, thumb, this, these. For Math, the children learned about surveying and collected data from members of the class about their preference between oranges and apples. We also used the computer to review some concepts that we had learned previously. For Science, the children were introduced to the use of the thermometer in measuring hot and cold temperatures. The also consolidated this with a temperature tool activity that they completed. Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend. Ms. Oyeku

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What a big week Kindergarten has had with many practices for the Concert! The Day Concert was held yesterday for the other students to watch and all of Kindergarten should be congratulated for their fine effort. The children sang their best and also remembered the actions to the songs. We look forward to seeing everyone tonight and hope you enjoy the concert. Thank you to all the parents for helping with the costumes. The children certainly were sparkling on stage! We managed to fit most lessons in during the week. Literacy focused on the Big Book, 'Alligator Alley'. We read it as a class and highlighted describing words, capital letters, words that were not familiar, full stops, exclamation marks and unusual spelling. The children also brainstormed many /ob/ and /th/ words and also wrote a recount of the fun they all had at the school fete. In Mathematics, we played games that involved counting to 30, made numbers using groups of ten and also completed some simple subtraction sums. The children were all very excited to have their eyes tested, which went nicely with our PD lesson on people that help us in our community. Kindergarten finished the weather unit in Science, by looking at a thermometer and discussing its uses. We then made our own one using different colours to represent the different weather temperatures. Words such as hot, cold, cool, warm and cold were used as we moved a peg up and down the thermometer to show recording. We look forward to starting swimming lessons next week. Have a relaxing weekend! Mrs Lisle

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This week we have been busy singing in preparation for the concert tonight. Their costumes look stunning and a big thank you to the parents for all the assistance with these. The children performed yesterday for the dress rehearsal and are ready for their sterling performance tonight. Looking forward to seeing you then! Our big book activity was 'Spider' and we made spiders on sparkly webs. Our sound this week was "th" and the children have been practicing biting their tongue with their front teeth saying "There, there it's only thunder". We continued to concentrate writing sentences about 'ob' words that make sense. We focused in reading groups on contractions such as couldn't. We finished our weather unit by focusing on words that describe the temperature. We also made a thermometer and learnt how to record the weather. In Personal development we looked at keeping safe. In maths we concentrated on heavy/light and numbers to 30. We were enchanted by John Heffernan's interesting stories about the farm, the author of many Australian books. See you tonight and have a lovely weekend. Mrs Lisa Ess

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What a great success the Fete was last Saturday! Everyone had fun and enjoyed the day. Thank you to the PTA, and all the mums and dads for their tireless efforts to set up and pack away. Your hard work is very much appreciated. This week we have been practicing and perfecting our performance for the music concert. Such excitement! The children are looking forward to performing in front of their parents tonight. In English this week we started reading another of Roald Dahl's books, James and the Giant Peach. The children are enjoying the story and listen very carefully. In Maths we continue to develop and work on our understanding of multiplication and division. We looked at arrays and discussed how many rows, how many objects in each row and how many altogether. Children used two dice to make up number sentences of their own and recorded the array and answers in their workbooks. Today we were lucky to have Elle, a Y2-3 mum, help us plant some seeds. We are looking forward to corn, tomatoes and basil growing. Our Science involved looking at earthworms. We searched for them in the Y5/6-3 gardens and found many. They are very shy and would burrow away as soon as we got near, but in spite of that, we managed to find enough for us to observe. We watched the way they moved, discussed how they felt and moved. On Tuesday we attended an author talk. It was interesting and informative. John Heffernan is a great story teller. We have had a busy week and all are looking forward to a BIG rest this weekend. Enjoy the night concert! M Dimakopoulos



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This week has been very exciting for Class 2-3. We have had: the excursion to Narrabeen Environmental Centre today; our researching and preparation lessons for writing our Information Reports; our whole school singing practice; and making of our special head pieces for our Music Concert. We are also SO excited about the Fete tomorrow!! Today the excursion was a great success. Thank you to the parents who came to help and to all of the teachers who planned the day. The experiences linked very well to our unit of work for Wet and Dry Environments. It also lent itself well to our Science unit of work 'Water Works'. For Science this week we completed our 'Go with the flow' lesson. This involved us conducting an experiment to consider the movement of water. We used a model to represent the movement of water across a landscape. This then lead us to think about how water can be contained in a dam. For Mixed lesson PE this week we practised throwing skills and played a fun team game. Swimming lessons will commence from Week 6, so the children are really looking forward to this. For Mixed lesson music we practiced our pieces for the Music Concert. This week we made the headbands for our Music Concert costumes. They link well to our theme for this year....but we are going to keep them a surprise! Our PD/health lesson this week helped us to learn more about nutrition. We have enjoyed talking about the term 'balanced diet' and what this means. Using our Healthy Harold book we tracked what we had eaten in one day, and then thought about whether we had eaten a balance of foods from the different food groups. Next week is our author visit from John Heffernan. This should be very interesting as it is always great to have writers visit our school and answer questions from the students. Enjoy the 2015 Fete everyone and have a happy and safe weekend. Ms Dalziell

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The students completed their dress rehearsal for the concert this week and are all looking forward to performing next week. They looked great in their costumes. Thank you very much to all the parents, for making their outfits. This week we have undergone many tests in Maths, English and Spelling. The students are performing very well. In maths we have studied 3D shapes and revised area. In HSIE we read about the changes that have taken place in technology and also about the changing face of Sydney. We finished our book study of Bungawitta and discussed a real life scenario about a town that saved itself by re-opening its café. We started our chalk pastel drawings of a dancer in art and finished our sketches and ink paintings of old fashioned houses. Our excursion today was fantastic. The walk was very peaceful and we saw lots of water dragons. The weather was perfect for the bushwalk and paddle. I look forward to seeing you all at the fete. Ms Deadman.

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I hope as you read this you have all had a wonderful day at the fete. The children did a great job helping the PTA to prepare. A big thank you to all the parents who worked tirelessly over the last days and months to put together such a fabulous event. The children were so excited, and enjoyed preparing their budgets and itineraries as part of our unit of work on Financial Responsibility. In Science we looked at the processes of melting, boiling, evaporation, condensation and sublimation. Students used our Personal Development time to think about their interests and the things they like to talk about. Their task is to start to engage people they usually wouldn't speak to in short conversations. In English we have been continuing to draft and edit our narratives based on Harris Burdick. Next week is another busy one and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the students will be doing their standardised assessments. Their will also be the final push to make sure we are ready for the Music Concert. Please ensure that the full costume is sent in to school for Monday. Regards, Mrs Simpson.

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YK students talked about "Lunch Boxes" and learned the Japanese custom of saying "いただきます" before eating. They are also practising the Hiragana characters ゆ and す. Students enjoyed making their own Lunch box out of cardboard. Y1 N3 interviewed SJIS children using the sentence pattern "What is the best amongst ~" and wrote down the results. Y2 N3 students have started to read the text "ニャーゴ" and created a sequel. They also studied and checked how conjunctions were used in the story. Y1/2N2 class learned new sentence pattern "~で~が いちばん~です". Y1/2 N1 has learned more describing words (い adjectives) concerning "Character/Personalities" and learned sentence patterns such as "~はやさしいです". Y3/4 N3 had reading and listening assessment. Y3/4 N2 learned い adjectives, ~くなります sentence pattern, な adjectives & the sentence pattern ~になります. Y3/4 N1 worked on comparisons. Students learnt the sentence patterns "~と~と どちらのほう が やさしいですか". Y5/6 N3 has continued with reading comprehension activities using the text "ウミガメのはまを守る". Y5/6 N2 & N1 has started to learn "New Year in Japan" such as decorations, cooking and customs.

Next week is our author visit from John Heffernan. John has written many novels for upper primary students and several picture books. He is also the author of the Battle Boy series using the alias of Charlie Carter. Signed copies of some of his books will be available for sale. Students are welcome to bring in money to purchase a book. Students with overdue books brought home a notice this week. Please check carefully at home for these books. If the books are not recovered by the end of the year a replacement fee will apply. Borrowing will continue until week 8 of term. Students should bring their bags each week up until this time. Debbie Barton Teacher Librarian





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What a fun-packed week it has been! A big congratulations goes to all of the Class 2-3 students for doing such a great job performing at the Day Concert yesterday. We have practiced very hard to learn all three of the songs, and the costumes also looked great on the stage. We hope that all of the parents and guests enjoy the show tonight! This week we have continued writing our information reports about our animals from wet and dry environments. We are typing these up using a specific format on the computer and then when we print them out we will add our sketches and labelled diagrams. This week we also started writing our excursion recounts. We really enjoyed this excursion so it has been fun to talk and write about all of the things that we did. For Maths we had three lessons this week. We learnt about how to sketch 3D objects, as well as how to balance collections of objects using balancing scales, and we also practiced strategies for ordering numbers using to 3 digits. For Science we had a fun lesson called 'My Water Story'. This involved us role-playing the journey of water from a source to its point of use. We created a storyboard that represented the journey that the water took. For Mixed lessons this week we practiced, practiced and practiced our performances for both the Day and Night concerts. The author visit for John Heffernan took place this Tuesday and it was very interesting for the children to listen to him talk about both his career as a writer, and the ideas and inspirations behind the books that he writes. Next week we will start our mixed lesson art lessons once again with class 2-1. This term is quickly flying by and soon it will be the end of year 2 for this year's Class 2-3. There is a lot to look forward to over the coming weeks including: our final ceramics workshop, practicing our song for the graduation ceremony, and of course the swimming lessons commencing from next week! I hope that you have a happy and safe weekend. Ms Dalziell

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We started the week by continuing our Maths unit on measuring. The year four students were astounded to see how much they had grown over the year. The year three students tested the theory that students are as tall as their arm span and found that indeed, some children in our class were square people. On Tuesday we studied chance and data in relationship to the Melbourne Cup. We all enjoyed the author visit on Tuesday afternoon and learnt a lot. We had our final dress rehearsal on Wednesday and then performed for the rest of the school on Thursday. The students have all worked very hard and did very well. On Friday we had a Maths assessment and then a last soccer practice before some of the students compete at The German school tomorrow. I wish all the students playing the best of luck. A reminder that swimming lessons begin on Monday and everyone will need their bathers, swimming cap, goggles and a towel. Ms Deadman

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Wow, what a week! It's been wet and wild and wonderful! The day concert went well, and students are hyped up for the Night Concert. I am very proud of how much effort they put into their instrumental practices during recess and class time. On Monday and Tuesday students completed a number of standardised tests under exam conditions. The results are really pleasing, and reflect the hard work the students have put in over the school year. We caught up with current affairs this week by watching some episodes of Behind the News. It is a great way for the children to connect the content they are learning in Maths, English HSIE and Scitech with real world events. Good luck to our soccer players at the GIS tournament this weekend..... GO SJIS!

Monday is our first week of swimming at Terrey Hills, so please remind the students to pack their swimming gear. Regards, Mrs Simpson.

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This week Kindergarten creatively coloured in pictures similar to those in the book "The Very Hungry Caterpillar". Hiragana あ、む was introduced. Y1 N3 students wrote newspapers about the result of the interviews "What is the best amongst ~". Y2 N3 started planning to write a creative story for next week. Y1/2 N2 had kanji character revision and learned 'words related to time such as hour, day, week, month and year. Y1/2 N1 learned many kinds of adjectives to express feelings such as うれしい、かなしい. Y3/4 N3 has started the new unit "すがたをかえるだいでず". Students read texts and discussed products made from soy beans. Y3/4 N2 interviewed Y3-1 students on how conscious they are about the environment. Students used words concerned with frequency such as always, sometimes and never when they conducted the interviews. Y3/4 N1 learned the sentence pattern "What is the most; least; -est~" (どれが一番~). Y5/6 started the mini-project "Animal Protection Activities". Y5/6 N1 & N2 learned about the special dishes for the Japanese New Year.

This week we enjoyed a wonderful visit from John Heffernan. John shared with the students many interesting and funny stories that have inspired ideas for his books as well as details about his writing career. We are still waiting for the orders from the Carnival Book Club that is being trialed. The delivery of these orders is out of my control, however I am hoping that they will arrive by next week. Thank you to all who trialed the new book club. At this stage I feel the school will continue with the current Scholastic Book Club arrangements. Many students forgot to bring in their library books this week. I encourage all to continue borrowing up until week 8 of term. There will be some great new Christmas books available for borrowing from next week.

Debbie Barton Teacher Librarian

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# School fete 2015







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school concert





colour and movement



wonderful items





entertainment

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stunning performances



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## MISSION STATEMENT

SJIS achieves academic excellence in all key learning areas with an emphasis on second language learning.

SJIS respects the culture and traditions of the Japanese and Australian societies developing awareness of cultural differences through cross-cultural learning.

The SJIS students, parents and teachers alike, become global citizens, able to interact with others in our world community with purpose and integrity.

