

The Gang Gang Gazette

Week 7, Term 1 (23rd March, 2018)

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Upcoming Events

Good Friday	Friday 30 th March
Easter Monday	Monday 2 nd April
CEIS	Tuesday 3 rd April
Senior School Assembly hosted by 5/6VV, 5/6DM & 5/6RM	Friday 6 th April @ 12 Noon
North Gungahlin Swimming Carnival	Monday 9 th April
Year 6 Peer Support Training	Wednesday 11 th and Friday 13 th April
IEC Graduation Assembly	Friday 13 th April @ 12 Noon
Last day of term 1	Friday 13 th April

Notes Home

- Holiday Happenings
- Safe Cycle and ABC Tight Bike Safety Checklist notes
- Final call for recipes from our P and C for the 60th Anniversary Cookbook

Board

Next Meeting:
Tuesday 27th March 2018,
6.00pm

P & C

Next Meeting:
Tuesday 27th March 2018,
7:30pm

Dear Families and Friends,

We have had another busy but exciting week here at North Ainslie. On Wednesday we celebrated Harmony Day by wearing orange, clothing representing our culture or clothes representing the flag from our heritage. The morning lines were led by our wonderful Student Leaders. Here is some of what they shared on Wednesday.

What is Harmony Day?

Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. Multicultural Australia is an integral part of our national identity. All people who migrate to Australia bring with them some of their own cultural and religious traditions, as well as taking on many new traditions. Collectively, these traditions have enriched our nation. Harmony Day fits perfectly with our Attitudes of Tolerance, Respect, Curiosity and Empathy. It is celebrated on March 21 to coincide with the [United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#).

What is the Message of Harmony Day and why do we wear orange?

The message of Harmony Day is **'everyone belongs'**. Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day because traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

Facts and Figures

- Around 45 per cent of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was born overseas.
- We identify with about 300 ancestries.
- Since 1945, more than 7.5 million people have migrated to Australia.
- Apart from English, the most common languages spoken in Australia are Mandarin, Italian, Arabic, Cantonese, Greek, Vietnamese, Filipino, Spanish and Hindi
- More than 60 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.

Ride2School Day

Today we held our Ride2School Day as part of being a Ride and Walk to School member. How fabulous was it to see so many bikes here at school this morning and everyone following the rules of our Adventure Track. Thank you to Rachel Levinson who organised the event and worked with our Sports Leaders and volunteers to put together such a fabulous start to the day.

Christian Education

I have had some enquiries about the Christian Education Program conducted in the school each term. The classes have been taking place at North Ainslie for several years and are offered under the provision of the Religious Education in ACT Public Schools Policy. I have included the link here for you to review the policy if you would like to do so. https://www.education.act.gov.au/publications_and_policies/School-and-Corporate-Policies/curriculum/religion/religious-education-in-act-public-school-policy

The Christian Ed classes take place only with students whose parents have opted for them to attend the program and run for approximately 45 minutes. All other students remain in class, continuing with regular learning as per the policy and procedures. Christian Education in Schools (CEIS) teach the classes and provide an overview of the teaching each term. For example this upcoming session is about Easter and the meaning behind this time of year for Christians. Other religious perspectives are talked about at school and are taught as part of our Units of Inquiry and when we look at different celebrations during the year. If you would like any more information, please don't hesitate to contact me again.

Assembly change

Please note that due to Peer Support training for year 6 students in week 10, the Senior School Assembly hosted by 5/6VV, 5/6DM & 5/6RM will now be in week 9 on Friday 6th April. The IEC Graduation scheduled for 6th April will now be on the last day of term, Friday 13th April.

Students taking action

Earlier this year some wonderful year 3/4 students came to me to propose raising money for the school at the Information Night and Disco. They organised everything themselves and came to the night prepared, working at their stall to assist others. At the last senior assembly they were given principal's awards for their efforts. We have now had the chance to get them all together to take a photo so we can share with you this amazing self-driven action taken by our students. Congratulations to Hannah, Grace, Maya, Ada, Elsa, Eva, Arlen and Katriona for your initiative, commitment and cooperation. Your outstanding role modelling and leadership skills have helped our school and inspired us all. Thank you.



Student writing

Every week I am sent wonderful authors from across the school who continue to share their outstanding writing with me. This week I have some writing to share from a 5/6 student, Amelie B, who used onomatopoeia and rhyming to create a fabulous poem.

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*Crash, went the boxes of the clear lacquered shelves
 Frightening a pair of pointy eared elves
 Running around in a frenzy of fear
 What made that crash? It was all so unclear
 Slamming the door so terribly scared
 Yelling for help now, angry teeth bared
 They slammed into the kitchen, grabbing bowls, pans and knives
 Yielding them fiercely to save their dear lives
 They jumped through the door and up the tall stairs
 Back to the door where the crash kept his lair*

Your reminder to park and drive safely and legally around our school

I continue to have families come to me concerned with the safety of our students in the carpark and surrounding areas. The ACT Government has developed a short video to help communicate with parents about the need to ensure they park correctly around schools. I shared this via the School Dojo, but am also sharing it here through the newsletter to remind all of us to follow the road rules and think about the safety of our students.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H6B6PPgOC8I>

Have a wonderful weekend.

Tania Collis

(Principal)

PYP Explained!

Throughout the Primary Years Program, students acquire and apply a set of transdisciplinary skills: thinking skills social skills, communication skills, self-management skills, and research skills. These skills are valuable, not only in the units of inquiry, but also for any teaching and learning that goes on within the classroom and in life outside the school.

Social Skills

- Accepting responsibility
- Respecting others
- Cooperating
- Resolving conflict
- Group decision making
- Adopting a variety of roles

Research skills

- Formulating questions
- Observing
- Planning
- Collecting data
- Recording data
- Organising data
- Interpreting data
- Presenting research findings

Self management skills

- Gross motor skills
- Fine motor skills
- Spatial awareness
- Organisation

- Time management
- Safety
- Healthy lifestyle
- Codes of behaviour
- Informed Choices

Thinking skills

- Acquisition of knowledge
- Comprehension
- Application
- Analysis
- Synthesis
- Evaluation
- Dialectical thought
- Metacognition

Communication Skills

- Listening
- Speaking
- Reading
- Writing
- Presenting
- Viewing
- Non verbal communication

The following link is a wonderful illustration of an inquirer. A great activity to do with your children is to ask them which characteristics of an inquirer this little fairy scientist exemplifies.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=akk5EvTMGKo>

Have a great weekend, **(Rikkie Klootwijk)**

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P & C NEWS



- A reminder that the second P&C meeting for 2018 will be held next Tuesday 27th March in the Kookaburra Room at the Old Canberra Inn (Mouat St, Lyneham) at 7:30pm. All are welcome.
- Please save the date for the first planning meeting for our new Sustainability Festival will be held on Monday 9th April. Please mark this in your diaries – more information to follow.
- Do your children enjoy their lunch orders? The canteen is seeking some volunteers to help continue the amazing healthy lunches and recesses that continue to roll out! We are especially looking for help each Thursday, and to a lesser extent each Friday. You can help every week or just the weeks that you can. There are many jobs to do – cooking, cleaning, taking lunch orders and counting money, serving at the window and making smoothies, to name just a few. You can come for an hour or two, or stay for as long as you wish. Please get in touch with Heather in the canteen if you can help!

Thanks

Karen

TERM 1 HEHUB CANTEEN MENU (Open Wednesday, Thursday Friday)

Recess

A selection from the following:



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Frozen Peas 'n' corn cup	\$1.00	Fruit of the day / Apple slinky	\$0.50 / \$1.00
Pikelets(VG)	\$0.50	Toasties	\$1.00
Frozen fruit cup	\$1.00		

Banana muffin (v, DF) \$1.00

Lunch

Vegie sticks	Free	Fruit of the day	\$0.50
Vegemite sandwich (VG)	\$2.00	Corn on the Cob 1/2	\$2.00
Tex Mex toasted wrap (V)	\$2.50	Milk bottle (150ml)	\$1.50
Soy milk (VG)	\$2.50	Tuna & cheese toasted sandwich	\$3.50

Daily Lunch Special- \$3.50

Wednesday:

Pizza (V)

Smoothies \$2.00

Thursday:

Italian chicken toasted sandwich (DF)

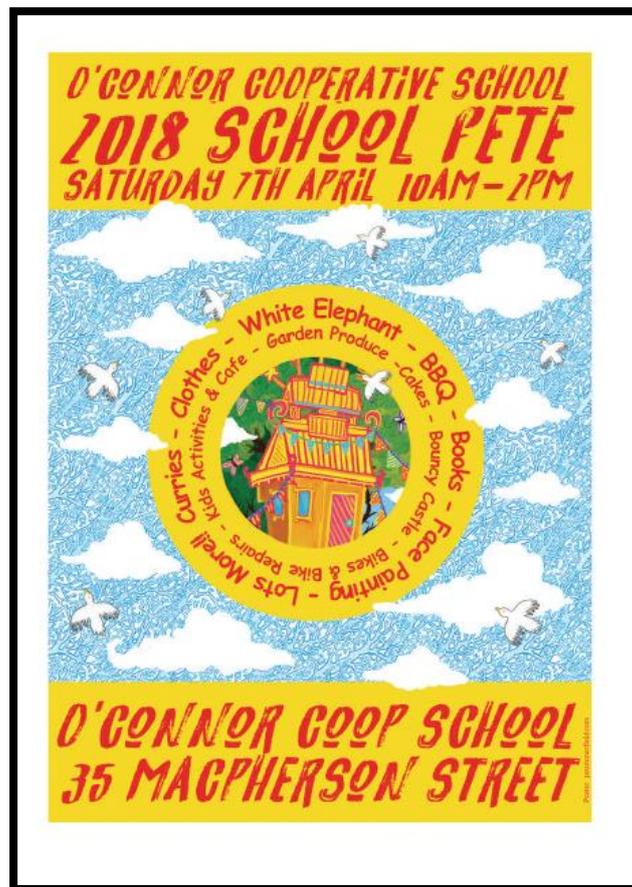
Smoothies \$2.00

Friday:

Veg Sushi (VG),
Chicken Sushi (GF)
Tuna Sushi (GF)
Smoothies \$2.00

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After school Activities



Larissa Dann



PARENT EFFECTIVENESS TRAINING (P.E.T)

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*The 24 hour course consists of three-hour sessions, once per week, for eight weeks. Booking is essential.
\$390 pp for the course (investment includes a workbook and textbook).*

Course begins: Tuesday, 8th May 2018 (minimum number of participants required); Time: 6.30 pm to 9.45 pm; Place: Weston, ACT.

Enjoy P.E.T. with **Larissa Dann**, accredited P.E.T. instructor.

Resource blogs: www.parentskills.com.au/blogs/larissa; **Contact:** info@parentskills.com.au

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