

# The Gang Gang Gazette

Week 8, Term 1 (24<sup>th</sup> March, 2017)

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## Upcoming Events

Year 5/6 Camp	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March
Assembly Hosted By 1/2FH & 3/4K	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March @ 12 noon
P and C, Adventure Track Working Bee	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April, 10.00am-12.00pm
ACT Swimming Carnival	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April
Assembly Hosted By 1/2SH & Junior IEC	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April @ 12 noon
Term 1 Ends	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April
Term 2 Starts	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April

### Notes Home

- NAPLAN Information
- Lockdown email
- Chicken Pox and Hand Foot and Mouth Disease email
- Kindy and Year1/2 Storytime visit

### Board

Next Meeting:  
Tuesday 21 March, 6.00pm

### P & C

Next Meeting:  
Tuesday 21 March, 7.30pm

### Dear Families and Friends,

Over the last week we have had two great celebrations, Ride and Walk to School and Harmony Day. It has been special to share both days with so many people from our community. There is additional information, and some great photos, later in the newsletter if you would like to read more about the events. Our prize winners from the Ride and Walk to School Day will be announced at morning lines on Monday.

### Enrolling for 2018 – Timeframe and information for Downer residents

I would like to remind you that applications for enrolments for the 2018 school year open up next term. You apply online via the Education Directorate's Website. We will share the timeline and procedures again in a newsletter as soon as they are finalised by the Directorate. Since last year, the Directorate's website has included a proposal for a change to our Priority Enrolment Area (PEA) whereby primary school aged residents of Downer will only have shared priority access to either Majura PS or Lyneham PS and not North Ainslie PS. ***This would only be for new enrolments. If you are a Downer resident and are already enrolled at NAPS it does not apply to you and any younger siblings, who are concurrently enrolled, are treated as being in our Priority Enrolment Area and can join us at North Ainslie.*** If you have any questions about this, please ask them to contact me through the school.

### Earth Hour

Today we contributed to Earth Hour by turning off our lights and electrical devices between 2.00-3.00pm across the school. If your whole family would like to play your part in Earth Hour, it is officially held at 8.30pm on Saturday night. For more information about climate change and Earth Hour, there are some website addresses below which have some great short clips you can watch together. There are also wonderful resources on the Earth Hour website <https://earthhour.org.au/kids/>

What is climate change? 2.35sec <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ko6GNA58YOA>  
10 years of impact: 2.44 sec <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oneTqbg5Ia0>

### School Leaders – Design Competition and Pyjama Day

Today our School Leaders announced a new competition as part of our plan to beautify the school and enhance our play spaces. The rock garden in the corner of the senior courtyard is going to be revamped and we want your input. Please see the document attached with the newsletter to find out more about this exciting competition and upcoming project. They also announced a Pyjama Day on the last day of term, Friday April 7<sup>th</sup>, where you can wear your comfy PJs to school, bring a gold coin donation and help raise money for the rock garden project. I hope to see lots of you all warm and toasty in comfortable pyjamas on the last day helping us to make a difference in our school.

### Teaching and Learning at NAPS

A key feature of North Ainslie Primary School sits under the KidsMatter and Wellbeing Frameworks which contribute to the culture of respect and friendliness in our community.

#### *IB – Primary Years Program*

The Primary Years Program includes the Attributes and Attitudes that are important to us as an IB School and our values as a community. These are explicitly taught throughout the year by teachers, acknowledged at assemblies, modelled by all and expressed in our Essential Agreements. These Essential Agreements are co-created and unpacked through discussions with students in the first weeks of school, used every day in the classroom and sent home at the beginning of Term 1 to all families. They are revisited by teachers as part of our classroom and school management. Ask your child/ren about their classes Essential Agreement and what it means for them.

#### *Bounce Back*

Bounce Back forms the core of our Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) and is an award-winning wellbeing and resilience program for children from Kindergarten to Year 6. NAPS chose to use Bounce Back as its SEL component of the KidsMatter Framework because it is evidence based and was evaluated as being effective by KidsMatter. It offers practical strategies to help children and young people function well at school, and in life, through promoting positive mental health, wellbeing and resilience in safe and supportive class and school learning environments. Our teachers love that much of it is based predominantly on children's literature. It can be used as a universal program for all students, however concepts and skills from the program can also be further consolidated in individual or small-group sessions. Within each class, there is a strong focus on Circle Time, cooperative learning approaches and educational games to build positive relationships, emotions and teach social-emotional skills.

#### *Circle Time and Restorative Justice*

We believe that Circle Time and the practices of Restorative Justice contribute to our positive school culture and enable students to solve problems and develop empathy and understanding whilst also being able to rebuild relationships. At North Ainslie, we operate with a "firm but fair" model using Circle Times to discuss issues that arise, teach important social skills and provide opportunities for students to discuss how they felt in certain situations. In Circle Time, the practices of 'one person speaks at a time', 'put-ups only' and having 'the right to pass' enable all students the opportunity to share and speak in a safe environment. The questions used in a Restorative Conference provide a framework for conflict resolution and a way for students to move forward that is respectful and allows them to feel their voice is heard.

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Examples of the Restorative Questions are shown here.

**Restorative Questions I**

When things go wrong.

- What happened?
- What were you thinking of at the time?
- What have you thought about since?
- Who has been affected by what you have done? In what way?
- What do you think you need to do to make things right?

*Safer, Smarter Schools, Real Justice, Sydney, March 2005*

**Restorative Questions II**

When someone has been hurt.

- What did you think when you realised what had happened?
- What impact has this incident had on you and others?
- What has been the hardest thing for you?
- What do you think needs to happen to make things right?

*Safer, Smarter Schools, Real Justice, Sydney, March 2005*

This year, we are also very happy to be adding the Peer Support Program to our school to further add to the wellbeing programs we offer.

Perhaps I will see some of you at the working bee for the Adventure Track coming up in April. More information on this is available from the P and C below. Have a great weekend.

*Tania Collis*  
(Principal)

**National Ride2School Day**



National Ride2School Day was a huge success. On Friday, 17 March, 329 students participated in our Ride2School Day event. We had students walking, riding bikes and scooters, and some students even came to school on their roller skates. Upon arriving at school, students visited one of the three check in stations staffed by our senior sports leaders and picked up a piece of fruit donated from the local IGA in Ainslie.

We were also fortunate to have fantastic parent and community volunteers to help our day run smoothly. They pumped up tyres, lubed chains and did general bike and helmet safety checks. We also had fabulous help in the canteen with staff and parents and carers cutting fruit and assisting with setting up/taking down tables.

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who helped on the morning of the event and to all those parents who supported this special day. We could not have done it without you.

A special thank you to several local businesses - Bike Culture, the Rideshop and Monkey Wrench Cycles who donated various items to help promote safe, active and healthy travel for our students.



Keep walking and riding. **Rachel Levinson and Amy Pepper**



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## Harmony Day Celebrations – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March

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Currently in Australia, over 200 different languages are spoken. Here at North Ainslie Primary we represent and value diversity with students in our school coming from over 35 different countries.

On Tuesday, the whole school celebrated Harmony Day with a special morning assembly in the courtyard. How amazing it was to see so many wonderful cultures represented through the clothes worn by our students and a sea of orange to show our support for the values of Harmony Day. In the morning, classes also had a chance to participate in activities and Circle Times focusing on harmony and diversity. Ms Collis particularly enjoyed seeing some of the Russian dancing from the year 6 boys!

Another fun event was the morning tea for our IEC families. They represent many of the cultures and traditions we have in our North Ainslie community, and we enjoyed being a part of this special day with them and the wonderful food they all brought to share.

Thank you to all of the families who stayed for the morning assembly and the IEC families for the food they brought along. Well done to all of the students who dressed up for the day to show your support for Harmony. A huge thank you to the School Leaders for hosting the special assembly, and to Vanessa Valois for coordinating it and the activities enjoyed across the school. We hope you all had a Happy Harmony Day!



## Pi Competition

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Jade in Kirsty Miller's 3/4 class showed an impressively, determined approach to learning this term by memorising Pi to 70 digits! Her amazing memory and hard work resulted in Jade coming third in the 2017 Dickson College Community Pi Competition. Her younger brother Zach, in Sharon Hickey's 1/2 class, also dazzled the audience by demonstrating his remarkable memory. Zach knows Pi to 20 places! Well done representing North Ainslie in this event Jade and Zach!

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## Cross Country Parent/Carer Volunteers Wanted

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The School Cross Country will be held in the first week back after the holidays on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of May from 9:30am – 11am. We are looking for some volunteers to help in a variety of roles. If you have even just half an hour spare, we would really appreciate your time. Please email me at [gemma.duggan@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:gemma.duggan@ed.act.edu.au) so I can allocate you a role.

Thank you for your support.

*Gemma Duggan*

Sports Coordinator

## Positive Partnerships

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A reminder of the chance for families to join Autism Spectrum Australia for a day of learning with other parents and carers of school aged children on the autism spectrum. The day is designed to help foster productive school, family and community relationships in order to provide the best kind of support for children on the spectrum. Workshops are for parents, carers and grandparents wanting to understand more about autism and learn practical strategies using evidence based resources to help maximise their young person's learning. Registrations open on Tuesday 7 March 2017 and close one business day prior to the workshop. Register early as places are limited!

**Date and venue:** 2 May 2017 at Manuka Oval, Manuka Circle, Griffith, ACT

**Register Online** - [www.positivepartnerships.com.au](http://www.positivepartnerships.com.au) .

## P & C News

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### P&C members for 2017

Welcome and thank you to the NAPS P&C members who have joined our P and C for 2017 at our annual AGM on Tuesday. On behalf of parents and students at the school we thank you for being part of the team responsible for fundraising, managing the finances of the Canteen and HeHUB, and facilitating parent, carer and student ideas which make NAPS a wonderful community space to be a part of. The P&C can be contacted at [napscommunity@gmail.com](mailto:napscommunity@gmail.com)

President: Trudy Green

Assistant President: Caroline Hughes

Secretary: Heather Sedgmen

Assistant Secretary: Frankie Lawe-Davies

Treasurer: Brett Ford

Public Officer: Rachel Harris



### Adventure Track Working Bee – 10.00am-12.00pm, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017

Please join us at a working bee for our Adventure Track now that Stage 2 has been completed. You are all welcome to join in the weed pulling and mulch moving as we clean up and re-mulch Stage 1 of the track. If you can, please bring gloves, shovels, pitch forks, **wheel barrows**, buckets, rakes, water bottle and a snack, plus a raincoat. Yes, it will be on even if it is raining!

*Many barrows make mulch moving merry!*

**COORDINATOR NEEDED FOR THE P&C BIG GREEN GARAGE SALE (BGGGS) – 6 MAY 9am-1pm**

Every year one of the P and C's main events is our fabulous Big Green Garage Sale. Our P and C require a coordinator to manage the volunteers who have offered to help at the upcoming BGGGS in May. This role does not require a great deal of attendance at school and could be filled by someone who can coordinate through email. The P and C has a 'How to run the BGGGS' guide which would be available to the coordinator along with expertise which would be shared by last year's volunteers.

The BGGGS is simple to organise and an easy fundraiser for NAPS. Key Responsibilities of the BGGGS Coordinator are:

- Coordinate a small group of volunteers to collect the donated items at the school, each Thursday and Friday morning for the three weeks prior to the BGGGS
- Arrange for volunteers to work at the school from 9pm-3pm on 5 May (Friday) to set up the stalls in the hall
- Consult with Stall Coordinators throughout the event on Saturday 6 May to ensure there are sufficient volunteers for all stalls
- Confirm there are Stall Coordinators who are able to manage each section (clothes, books etc)
- Determine if there are enough volunteers to run the Pizza oven, BBQ, plus a HEHUB stall.
- Work with the preschool if they would like to run stalls
- Market the event on Facebook and in the School Newsletter

If interested in any of the above role or in being a Stall coordinator please contact [napsvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:napsvolunteers@gmail.com) or [napscommunity@gmail.com](mailto:napscommunity@gmail.com)

**School Banking**

Our fantastic North Ainslie school bankers are doing such a good job of saving that our school banking program is getting very busy and Karen is looking for some help. Is anyone interested in helping out once a week or once a fortnight for 2 hours? School banking day is Monday so help is generally needed on a Monday afternoon or evening. Please contact Karen on [lkcam@tpg.com.au](mailto:lkcam@tpg.com.au) if you are able to assist.

**Upcoming Events**

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**Gallery of Gardens opens to the public, Sunday 2 April, 12noon-3pm**

You are invited to join the celebrations to open the Gallery of Gardens at the National Arboretum Canberra on **Sunday 2 April, 12 noon – 3pm**. Enjoy free live music, kite-flying, face-painting and guided walks on the recently opened Events Terrace.

You can pack a picnic, or buy delicious food from Sprout Cafe. Enjoy one of Canberra's best kite-flying spots and either BYO kite or purchase a kit and decorate one for just \$10/kit.

The first four gardens in the Gallery are **The Open Gardens Australia Celebration Garden, The Labyrinth Garden, The AIDS Garden of Reflection** and **Mununja the Butterfly Garden**.

For more information visit [www.nationalarboretum.act.gov.au](http://www.nationalarboretum.act.gov.au) or call 02 6207 8484. Please note in case of rain the event will be cancelled.

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

A selection from the following:

Peas 'n' corn cup	\$1.00	Fruit of the day / Apple slinky	\$0.50 / \$1.00
Pikelets	\$0.50	Toasties	
\$1.00			
Apple & cinnamon muffin	\$0.50		

**Lunch**

Vegie sticks	Free	Fruit of the day	\$0.50
Vegemite sandwich(VG)	\$2.00	Rainbow wrap(with egg free mayo)	\$3.00
Tex Mex toasted wrap(V)	\$2.00	Milk bottle (150ml)	\$1.50
Soy milk (VG)	\$2.50	Tuna & cheese toasted sandwich	\$3:00

**Daily Lunch Special- \$3.00****Wednesday:***Pizza(V)*

Smoothies \$2.00

**Thursday:***Italian Chicken toasted sandwich(DF,GF)*

Smoothies \$2.00

**Friday:**

*Veg Sushi(VG),  
Chicken Sushi(GF)  
Tuna Sushi (GF)*

Smoothies \$2.00