

# The Gang Gang Gazette

Week 5, Term 1 (9<sup>th</sup> March, 2018)

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## Upcoming Events

Canberra Day	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 5/6 NEEC Excursion	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March & Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March
Junior Assembly hosted by 1/2FH, 1/2KB & 1/2KW	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March @ 12 noon
National Day of Action Against Bullying	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March
Harmony Day	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
National Ride2School Day	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March @ 8.30am

### Notes Home

- 3/4 Home Learning Information
- University of NSW competitions (Year 3- Year 6)

### Board

Next Meeting:  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
2018, 6.00pm

### P & C

Next Meeting:  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
2018, 7:30pm

### Dear Families and Friends,

It has been a very busy week here at North Ainslie with lots of learning as well as some very exciting co-curricular activities. Yesterday we had our Kinder and Junior IEC Water Fun Day and our Junior and Senior Swimming Carnivals. Thank you to our staff for your efforts in making these days possible and to our parent volunteers. Without our joint efforts they would not run so successfully. It was lovely to have positive feedback about our school from the pool and members of the public. Our students demonstrated Enthusiasm, Respect, Cooperation and Independence. One member of the public commented on what a lovely school we have and how this was shown by the way in which she could hear our teachers speaking to our students. Well done everyone!

### Wheels Day

Today our 3/4 students had their Wheels Day as part of their inquiry around staying safe in many different situations. They have looked at Cyber Safety and are now looking at staying safe on bikes and scooters and in the playground. As part of their learning, they helped to write a Risk Assessment for their Wheels Day, identifying things that might happen and how they could prevent or respond to them. Such real world learning is important for all our students and links beautifully to our mission as an IB School.



### Talking to your child about strangers

You may be aware of recent incidents occurring in the Belconnen region where an unknown person approached school students before and after school. The man's vehicle has been described as a small white four door sedan that possibly has black louvres on the rear window. ACT Policing will continue to work with the information provided to them and we will update you if we hear anything further from ACT Police on this matter. Any suspicious activity or approaches to children should be reported to ACT Police on 131444. This will automatically occur if the incident occurs on school grounds.

These incidents serve as a good reminder to us all to help our children understand the importance of stranger safety and the need to report any unusual incidents or approaches to staff immediately. This is also a good time to take the opportunity to talk to your children about what to do if they ever feel unsafe. When doing so, it is important to keep a balance between making them aware of stranger safety and not overly worrying them or making them frightened. If they have started riding or walking to school on their own, help them to identify who they might be able to go to for help. Perhaps there is a trusted friend who lives along the route, or you know other families also walking or riding to and from school. Tell them to look for other students they know who are heading to or from their school and get them to join in with them and become part of a larger group. Police advice also includes telling a stranger, "No, I don't know you," and quickly walking or riding away and finding some help.

One strategy that is helpful for all children is to ask them to draw around their hand and to then get them to identify people they know that could help them if they ever felt unsafe and to write their names in the fingers. Giving them the names of teachers and family friends beforehand, is an effective way of giving them ideas of trusted adults so they have people in mind if ever needed. If you have any questions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

### Communicating with your child's teacher

I know that most of our families have connected up with the school through our Info Night and the 'Getting to Know You' interviews. We value our partnership with you in learning for your children and look forward to our continuing work together. If you need to see your child's teacher, it may be possible with a very quick catch up at morning lines or at pick up time. *However, if it requires more than a minute or two, please make an appointment with your child's teacher as time before school is spent in vital preparation for the day and after school they often have meetings.* By making an appointment, you are sure to have the time to discuss your child in appropriate detail.

### National Day of Action against Bullying

We have registered North Ainslie as a school who will be participating in next week's *National Day of Action against Bullying*. Many schools across Australia have made the commitment to be a part of the day and our Minister for Education, Yvette Berry has invited all ACT schools to register with the organisation. We will be taking the opportunity to participate in discussions and activities as part of our school's Social and Emotional Learning (SEL). Further information can be found at <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/>

Today I was lucky to attend a wonderful assembly run by 3/4KM and 3/4RA and hear all about their learning and I learnt a new song about telling the time. Over the last two assemblies I have also had the privilege of presenting out lots of Principal's Awards from kindergarten to year 6 and I am always rewarded when I see the huge range of Attributes demonstrated in so many ways by all of our students.

I hope you all enjoy our Canberra Day long weekend.

*Tania Collis*

Principal

### Sporting Forum

The office of Andrew Leigh, Federal Member for Fenner, will be hosting a community event called *Training Hard and Living Well*, a panel forum for budding elite athletes and their families to connect them with sporting and coaching veterans. Andrew's hope is that by asking questions to the panel, they will gain some inspiration on how to navigate the difficult task of balancing their sporting aspirations with their life needs and goals.

## Training Hard and Living Well

Sporting experts share their secrets on peak performance & mental strength



**Rob de Castella**  
Marathon legend & Director of  
Indigenous Marathon Foundation



**Heather Garriock**  
Matilda & Coach of Canberra  
United



**Sue Read**  
Elite athlete & Psychologist

Join Andrew Leigh MP at  
a panel forum with top  
sporting experts to discuss  
the process, tips and tricks  
for reaching your athletic  
aspirations while maintaining  
your life balance.

Where:  
Ann Harding Centre,  
24 University Drive S,  
University of Canberra

When:  
4pm to 5pm  
Friday 23 March

Contact [eleanor.robson@aph.gov.au](mailto:eleanor.robson@aph.gov.au)  
or call 02 6247 4396 to secure your  
seat!

Andrew Leigh MP



Federal Member  
for Fenner

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**YOUR REMINDER TO PARK SAFELY AND LEGALLY AROUND SCHOOLS**

Every day across Canberra, parents are parking illegally in school zones and putting all kids in the area at risk. With school parking patrols increasing in 2018, if you keep doing it, you will get caught and you will be fined.

Video – [Parking safely around schools](#)

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

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## **National Ride2School Day Friday 23 March**

### **Arrive at school at 8:30 am**

It's National Ride to School Day. Walk or ride to school on bikes, scooters, skateboards, rollerblades, roller shoes, anything with wheels that gets you moving. We are holding this national event to encourage students to become more active as part of a healthy lifestyle.

Upon arrival to school, students can pick up a piece of fruit and check in at the safety station where volunteers from the school and community will be checking gear. Students will receive stickers, and a chance to enter a draw for some great prizes donated by local bike shops. Walkers included. Please remember you must wear your helmet, obey road rules and ride safe.

***As it is National Ride to School Day, the Adventure Track will be open in the morning from 8.30am during which time a teacher will be on duty! Take a spin around the track before heading into the safety station on the oval.***

**Parent volunteers are needed to help with cutting fruit and the safety check of bikes on the day – Please see the front office or Rachel Levinson**



## P & C NEWS

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### P&C Committee members for 2018

Welcome and thank you to the NAPS P&C Association members who have joined our P&C for 2018 at our annual AGM on Tuesday 27 February. 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: Brett Ford

Secretary: Rachael Harris

Assistant Secretary: Karen Cameron

Treasurer: David Bonchard

Assistant Treasurer: Liza Tidwell

Public Officer: Jo Lynch

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



[naps.canteen@gmail.com](mailto:naps.canteen@gmail.com)

#### Recess

A selection from the following:

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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