

The Gang Gang Gazette

Week 4, Term 2 (25th May, 2018)

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Upcoming Events

Reconciliation Day Holiday	Monday 28 th May
Australian Girls' Choir Workshop	Tuesday 29 th May
ICAS Science Competition	Tuesday 29 th May
North Gungahlin Cross Country	Wednesday 30 th May
1/2 Rostrum Final	Thursday 31 st May
Early Childhood Open Session	Thursday 31 st May (9:15 am – 10:30)
Senior Assembly Hosted by 5/6 JH & 5/6GD	Friday 1 st June
Peer Support	Friday 1 st June

Notes Home

- Early childhood information session (prospective families)
- Head lice notification (Kindergarten)
- Year 5 Band dates
- Kindergarten Baby photo note

Board

Next Meeting:
Tuesday 19th June 2018,
6.00pm

P & C

Next Meeting:
Tuesday 19th June 2018,
7:30pm

Dear Families and Friends,

Reconciliation Day

This year, Reconciliation Day marks a long weekend for the ACT, the first jurisdiction in the country to do so. It is the beginning of National Reconciliation Week which is a 7 day nationwide observance which began in 1996. In the words of *Reconciliation Australia*, it "aims to give people across Australia the opportunity to focus on reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians." The dates of Reconciliation Week have historical significance for our nation by commemorating two milestones in the reconciliation journey— the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision respectively. The outcome of the 1967 referendum constituted a resounding victory for civil rights in Australia

Today we celebrated Reconciliation Day at morning lines and enjoyed hearing from our students about the importance of the day and ways in which they will be working towards reconciliation in the future. We were also lucky to have some of our Indigenous students share information about their backgrounds, languages and ways in which they will be sharing Reconciliation Day with their families and friends.

At North Ainslie we strive to be

KidsMatter – Belonging

Having a sense of belonging and feeling included contributes significantly to a child's overall wellbeing and positive mental health. What do we mean by a sense of belonging and inclusion? This is when children feel their world is a safe place where people will care about them and where their needs for support, respect and friendship will be met and where they'll be able to get help for their problems. When these needs are met, children develop a sense of belonging. Inclusion promotes understanding and respect. Inclusion is about creating opportunities for everyone to participate. This can include diverse cultures, family structures, abilities, playing and learning styles.

When young people feel like they belong, they are happier, more relaxed and have fewer behavioural problems. Students who feel they are supported by classmates and teachers are also more likely to be engaged in classroom activities and be more successful learners. Research shows that children start to notice differences among people, and form opinions about which differences are viewed positively and negatively, from approximately three years of age. In these formative years, the behaviour of parents and other key adults in a child's life can play a huge part in influencing the child's perception of others. Children who experience inclusion are more likely to be accepting of others, be sensitive to others' needs and have a strong sense of identity.

One of the ways in which families can demonstrate and model inclusiveness is to have rituals that show each person they are valued, supported and their uniqueness is important. Some fun ways to do this are:

- make time for an activity that each child enjoys
- allow all members of the family to take turns offering ideas for family activities each month
- during mealtime, ask the children to think of something they would like to know about you or your family
- look through old family photos and talk about your family history.

How can parents and school work together to foster a sense of belonging in their child at school?

Some strategies parents might like to try to help their child feel like they belong at school include:

- taking an interest in what your child is learning, and participate in information sessions at school
- asking your child about what they've been learning at school
- contacting your child's key staff members and keeping in touch with them
- getting to know other families at your child's school
- letting school staff know if your child is having difficulties and discussing what can be done to assist.

At school we use strategies such as:

- treating every student as an equal and unique individual and valuing diversity as a strength
- role-modelling positive attitudes towards diversity
- discussing with children how to learn from mistakes and criticism
- getting to know the students and their families.

P and C Working Bee

Thank you to our wonderful P and C for all their hard work on the weekend to revitalise the Adventure Track and some of our handball courts. They have also planted some mature trees around the track and have asked that we all help by keeping an eye on the trees over the weekends and holiday periods. Their next big event is the upcoming Sustainability Fair in June and I know they are all working hard to provide a fabulous event for our community. Any support you could provide to them would be appreciated.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Tania Collis (Principal)

Design Competition

2nd call out for our design competition

Our junior oval playpod needs a makeover. NAPS is celebrating its 60th year this year, so as part of these celebrations we are announcing a design competition!

TASK:

Design a mural depicting significant things that have occurred during the second decade of the school – 1968-1978. (on a piece of paper no bigger than A3 – colours preferred).

Some examples are:

- The lake was completed.
- Telstra tower was constructed.
- The Aboriginal Tent Embassy was established on the front lawns of Old Parliament House.
- The National Athletics Stadium was completed in time for the Pan Pacific Conference Games. It is now known as Canberra Stadium.

The winning artworks will be transferred as a mural on the playpod in the junior oval. So get your pencils and paper and start designing!

The closing date for this competition is Friday 22nd June – week 8.

As mural designs are completed please hand them in to the front office with the child's full name and class.

Marni Payne

P & C NEWS



North Ainslie Primary School Sustainability Fair

Sunday 17 June 10am-2pm

Celebrate sustainability this winter!

- Second hand: bikes, games & toys, books, school uniform
- An inaugural car boot sale
- Sustainable stalls including electric bikes & plastic free products
- Talks on energy, waste and bees
- Delicious food, sausage sizzle, vegan crepes, cakes and coffee
- Do you have a bike or clothing that needs fixing? Bring it along to our repair cafe's
- Don't forget to bring your own cup, we want the event to be as Waste Free as possible!

Volunteers needed....

To make the Fair a success, we need some helping hands. We need parent/carers to help out with setting up/packing up and on a few of the stalls (e.g BBQ, curry/soup stalls and our second hand book/toy/uniform stall). We're also after people who can help fix bikes and mend clothes (machine and with a needle) at our repair cafes.

To lend a hand, sign up online at

www.volunteersignup.org/WXFQT Make it even more fun by getting a group of friends together and take a whole shift!

We could really do with some help now promoting the event (e.g promote on Facebook, organise some flyers and signs). If you can spare a few hours to help us please get in touch via napscommunity@gmail.com



Car Boot Sale

If you are interested in participating in our inaugural Car Boot Sale, we welcome your participation. There is a general entry fee of \$15. Please contact napscommunity@gmail.com to register your interest and for more details.

Want to donate some Items...

We are asking for donations of good quality books, toys/games, bikes and second hand uniforms. So it's time to clean out the cupboards. We will have designated drop off times from 8.30-9am on Fridays 1st, 8th and 15th June at the Senior Hall. Alternatively drop your pre-loved goods to the Front office.

P&C Survey

In our busy lives it can be pretty easy to keep on doing things, even if they aren't quite working. So, the P&C is taking stock of what we do with a short survey seeking feedback on our key activities and spending priorities.

The survey takes about 10 minutes, please click [here](#) to take it. P.S: We're also keen to here from students.

Prize Collection

Each year the P&C contacts local businesses to donate prizes for the Fiesta raffle and the Trivia Night. Over the years, we've developed good networks and have been able to get some fantastic support. Sadly our key organisers don't have many years left at the school. So, we're after a few new volunteers to learn the ropes and take over in future years.

The time commitment can be varied to suit you. While some time is needed to visit businesses much of the work is done via email/phone. It's a perfect job for a group of friends! To find out more, contact us via napscommunity@gmail.com

Save the Date - 2018 Trivia Night

Lock in Friday 10 August for this year's trivia night. To celebrate the school's 60th anniversary the theme will be Diamonds - come and get your sparkle on!

TERM 2 HEHUB CANTEEN MENU (Open Wednesday, Thursday Friday)

Recess

A selection from the following:

Frozen Peas 'n' corn cup	\$1.00	Fruit of the day / Apple slinky	naps.canteen@gmail.com	ets(VG) \$0.50
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Lunch

Vegie sticks	Free	Fruit of the day	\$0.50
Vegemite sandwich (VG)	\$2.00	Baked Potato with Salsa and Cheese (GF, V)	
	\$3.50		
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:

Pasta Beef Bolognese (DF)

Smoothies \$2.00

Friday:

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

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