

The Gang Gang Gazette

Week 6, Term 4 (23rd November, 2018)

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Upcoming Events

Swimming Lessons (yr3 – yr6)	Week 7 & Week 8
Preschool Zoo Excursion	Tuesday 27 th November & Thursday 29 th November
Junior assembly hosted by 1/2	Friday 30 th November
Swimming Lessons (kindergarten)	Week 9
Year 1/2 Outdoor Ed	Wednesday 5 th December
CEIS	Tuesday 11 th December
Volunteer Morning Tea	Thursday 13 th December @ 11 am
Year 6 Graduation assembly and Dinner	Friday 14 th December
IEC Graduation assembly	Friday 14 th December
End Of Term 4	Friday 21 st December

Notes Home

- Year 6 Band
- Swimming Lessons Times
- Flix the Grass (email)
- Scholastic Orders (due Fri 30th Nov)

Board

Next Meeting:
Tuesday 4th Dec 2018, 6.00pm

P & C

Next Meeting:
Tuesday 4th Dec 2018, 7:30pm

Dear Families and Friends,

This week we had our 60th Birthday Assembly which was a chance to show off our renovated hall to a range of special guests from our community. These guests included our Director, Judy Hamilton, principals from other local schools and family and friends of our current students. Some extra special guests were past teachers and students from as far back as 1958, the year the school opened. A highlight of the assembly was the speech by Dave Rugendyke, who was in the very first kindergarten, as he reminisced about the school and local area. We learnt that a house on Sherbrooke St had their front lawn ploughed by horses and the excitement felt by everyone when the first family got their very own black and white TV. He reminded many of us of our trip to the school dentist and shared some of the things they had all loved to do as children, which included the old cracker night and bonfires each June. We enjoyed performances from the year 6 band (in their final performance for North Ainslie)



and our singers from years 1-4. Our guests all commented on how much fun the

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students had during their performances and how that enjoyment could be felt by everyone in the hall. Our Student Leaders, Ada, Cassidy, Dawa, Josie, Reuben and Solomon also did us proud as the hosts of the assembly.

After the assembly, our guests had the chance to tour the school guided by our Student and Sports Leaders before joining us for a morning tea. There we shared in more stories, laughed over old photos and took new photos of people brought together again because of our school's birthday. The morning also saw our students receive a milk in the first session to remind us of the days when milk at recess was an everyday occurrence. They also received a handband and tattoo celebrating our 60th year. Another highlight was the unveiling of our new blinds on the hall which showcase the attributes of the Learner Profile. One of the best moments of the morning was a former student coming to thank me for the invitation to the event and commenting on how he could see and feel the attitudes and attributes in our students and school. The whole morning embodied the spirit and sense of community which is the hallmark of North Ainslie and it was a proud morning for all of us and one I will always remember. A huge thank you to the teachers involved in the performances, all the staff for helping to prepare the assembly, open morning and morning tea and to Marni Payne who spearheaded the planning for the entire event.



Transitions

This week we also had our transition visits which help to prepare all of us for 2019. Students went to a class group they will be in the next year, or welcomed the year below to their classroom. It was wonderful to see all of our students being risk-takers and caring for each other. I had the privilege of taking some of our year 6 students as they trialed a mini high school program and had a great time teaching them some hip hop. We also welcomed some students who will be joining our school next year and they had a chance to meet our teachers and students in preparation for 2019.

North Ainslie Orienteering Team



Congratulations to North Ainslie orienteering teams that competed in the schools SC-ORE event which was held over that past 4 weeks. Congratulations to Bodie T who tied in 1st place with another student from Majura. He will be trialling for the ACT team soon. We wish him all the very best.

I would also like to congratulate the P and C on their Flix in the Grass last Friday. It was a fantastic way to spend a Friday night in Spring and we all enjoyed North Ainslie's Got Talent, the Sideshow Alley, tasty food and the wonderful movie. Thanks to everyone who came along to support our P and C.



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Volunteer Morning Tea

Below is an invitation to our morning tea to thank our volunteers for 2018. Please join us so we can acknowledge and celebrate the amazing contribution our volunteers make to our school.

Thank you for volunteering at our school!



To say thank you to all the volunteers who have helped us in 2018, we would like to invite you to a special morning tea on **Thursday 13 December at 11am** in the staffroom. We would love to see you there!

Have a great weekend.

Tania Collis (Principal)

Blast from the past

Dave Rugendyke was part of the first intake of student from 1958. Below is his speech from the 60th celebration assembly:

Good morning boys and girls, mums and Dads and teachers of 2018. Welcome also to the first intake of students from Kindergarten to sixth class of 1958. Many of whom are here today. We were the first kiddies to come to this beautiful brand-new school. It was very exciting as we found out all about our new school. We have made lifelong friends. As the first students of 1958 we never thought that the friendships that we made 60 years ago would remain as strong in 2018. We keep in touch through facebook and by email. I would suggest that the class of 2018 do the same thing and keep in touch the way we do. Although it's hard to imagine what methods of staying in contact will be in 60 years' time.

The first Principal was a lovely man named Mr Terry O'Connell. He and his staff guided us through our first year of big school. His PA was Miss Harris who frightened most of us.

We have fond memories of our time at North Ainslie Primary. Some of our kids lived in established streets but some moved into brand new Government houses. I seem to remember that there were no houses the other side of Majura Avenue.

We remember that Maryanne's Dad ploughed the front lawn of their house just across the road with a horse and plough. Wayne's family who lived in Davenport Street had the first TV and we all raced across the road after school to watch the lovely black and white TV shows.

We often rode our pushbikes around the front of the bus depot which I think used to be on Stephen Street. We enjoyed cracker nights with crackers that went off more like bombs. Threepenny Bungers could hurl garbage bins high into the sky and demolish letterboxes Penny Sky rockets fired out of bicycle handlebars could have taken out an eye and we had large bon fires that could have set fire to the whole suburb. That was where the Tall Trees motel now stands. We had Push bike races down Tyson Street from top to bottom without worrying about crashing into cars. We also remember the School Dental Surgery which I think was near the Principal's Office. It was a dreadful machine with an old electric motor that drove strings around various pulleys. It often jammed and got bogged in cavities and it gave us a healthy fear of Dentists.

*In conclusion I would like to thank the staff for inviting the kiddies of 1958 to this very important 60th anniversary of North Ainslie Primary School. **Dave Rugendyke (1958 Kindergarten)***

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Swimming Lesson Times and Information Note (Program 1 – Yrs 3-6)

Children will attend swimming lessons from Monday 26th November to Friday 7th December (weeks 7-8) inclusive. Classes will walk with their teachers to and from Dickson pool.

Swimming session times are:
Session 1 – 10:45-11:25 <i>5/6JH and 3/4NN</i>
Session 2 – 11:30-12:10 <i>5/6DM and 5/6VV</i>
Session 3 – 12:15 – 12:55 <i>5/6RM and 5/6GD</i>
Session 4 – 1:00 – 1:40 <i>3/4SD, 3/4TW, 3/4LR and LSU</i>
Session 5 – 1:45 – 2:25 <i>3/4KM, 3/4AC and Mr Thurston's IEC class</i>

- Your child will need to bring these labelled items: **a swimming rash vest or tee shirt, sunscreen, a Sun Smart hat, towel and swimmers**. If your child decides to wear his/her swimmers to school please ensure that he/she has dry clothes to wear after the lesson. A strong plastic bag is needed to carry home wet clothes.
- It is also recommended that your child bring a jacket or sweater to wear after the lesson.
- Please ensure your child wears safe, **enclosed footwear** for the walk to and from school.
- Children who behave unsafely or refuse to follow instructions from adults will be removed from the program on the relevant day and their parents will be contacted. If this behaviour is repeated the child may be exited from the program. (Repeated unsafe behaviour or non-compliance prior to the program's commencement is also of great concern to us and may prevent a child being allowed to participate in the program.)
- If you wish to watch your child's lesson please check in with the teacher on duty at the pool. Please do not take your child from the aquatic centre without notifying the duty teacher and signing your child out. Teachers will have class lists for this.
- If your child is attending the last swimming session, you are welcome to pick him/her up from the Dickson Pool at 2.35pm. Your child will only be permitted to remain at the pool after the lesson if s/he is in your care. Otherwise s/he is expected to walk back to school with the teacher.
- Children who ride their bikes to school are expected to return to school with their class and then ride home.
- The pool canteen will not be available to students because of our healthy eating approach, and the limited timeframe for lessons and return to school.

P & C NEWS



Flix 'n the Grass

We had a lovely night last Friday watching My Neighbour Totoro on the senior oval. It was great to see so many relaxed and smiling faces.

A big thanks to Brett Ford, Jhay Mann, Eli Archer and Kez Siggers for organising the event (especially to Jhay for coming up with the idea and lending his equipment). Thanks to all those that helped on the night, with a special mention to Tania Collis and Marni Payne, who stayed up very late to help us pack-up.

We'd appreciate your constructive feedback on the night. If you've got some ideas please drop us a line at napscommunity@gmail.com

Mangoes

It's an early mango season this year. We're expecting our delivery of mangoes in the week starting 3 December.

P&C Meeting

All are invited to our last P&C meeting of the year, Tuesday 4 December, from 7:30pm in the staff room.

The focus of the meeting will be school banking and if we continue with our current arrangement with the Commonwealth Bank. This comes out of concerns raised in the school community survey we did earlier this year. If you cannot come along but have a view, please get in touch via napscommunity@gmail.com

Regards
Trudy Green
(P&C President)

TERM 4 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	\$0.50 / \$1.00
Pikelets(VG)	\$0.50	Toasties	\$1.00
Fruit Yogurt	\$2.00	Banana muffin (v, DF)	\$1.00

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:

Potato wedges (GF, VG)

Smoothies \$2.00

Friday:

Chicken burger (DF)

Smoothies \$2

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After School Program

Code Club

Some people may be unaware that NAPS has an after school activity called Code Club on Monday afternoons 3:30 to 4:30. Kids from year 2 to 6 have been learning the basics, and indeed some advanced elements, of coding computers. By this I mean the development of the instructions inside computer programs that make the computer do things that the programmer wants them to do. The tools they have been using have included 'block based' computer languages like Scratch as well as more advanced, real world languages like Python. Along the way their volunteer helpers have revised their own skills or developed them from nothing alongside the kids. It has been a rewarding experience both for the kids as well as the volunteers.

We are coming towards the end of the year and a number of the kids are moving up to high school or leaving the club for other endeavours. In addition a number of the volunteers are also moving out from the club. There are some kids on the wait list but we won't be looking to bring them in till next year. We need a volunteer for each 2 to 3 kids.

If the Code Club is to run effectively in 2019, we are looking to parents, grandparents or other relatives or friends to come forward and advise they can help next year. We need to identify what volunteer resource we can foresee before we can judge how many kids can be accommodated or indeed if the club can be run. Of course kids of volunteers would get immediate inclusion.

Can people please think about whether they can contribute to the development of these youngsters by volunteering for code club? Email your contact details to northainsliecodeclub@gmail.com. We'd seek advice on previous coding experience, age and year group of any children (along with their coding background).

Bill Blair
NAPS Grandparent