

# The Gang Gang Gazette

Week 4, Term 1 (24<sup>th</sup> February, 2017)

**Principal:** Tania Collis      **Deputy Principals:** Rikkie Klootwijk and Daniel Breen  
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## Upcoming Events

Year 1-Year 4 Magic Word Incursion	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
Assembly Hosted by 1/2KB & 3/4AC (Group 1)	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March @ 1:50pm
Kindergarten and Junior IEC Water Fun Day @ School	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March
Swimming Carnival (Year 1-Year 6) @ Dickson Pool	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March
Assembly hosted by 1/2KG & 3/4KM (Group 2)	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March @ 12 noon
Canberra Day Holiday	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March

### Notes Home

- Kindergarten Health Check email
- Allergy Awareness (3/4EC)
- 5/6 Australian War Memorial

### Board

Next Meeting:  
Tuesday 21 Mar, 6.00pm

### P & C

Next Meeting:  
Tuesday 21 Mar, 7.30pm

### Dear Families and Friends,

This week we had our assembly with our second group of students from across kindergarten to year 6. We have all enjoyed seeing students from all year levels join to share in their learning and entertain us with their talents. We started today by presenting our 2017 School Leaders with their badges at morning lines. Each year students in year 6 nominate for this role by presenting a speech to their peers. Finalists then give their speech to teachers and the combined votes are used to fill the six positions for the year. These school leaders work across the school to provide a voice to students to assist the school at various events. Congratulations to Evangeline M, Poppy C, Grace S, Tim T, Toby B and Geordie W who are this year's representatives for the student body.

### Teaching and Learning at NAPS

Best practice, and the philosophy of the IB, encourage teacher and student collaboration as the most optimal way of teaching and learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Our teachers collaborate each week on planning to share knowledge and ideas and to ensure consistency of practice and curriculum delivery across the year levels and the school. These planning meetings are an important part of our practice and allow teachers to work together in a meaningful way. Teachers take this planning into

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their classrooms and engage students in a variety of ways. This can involve whole class lessons, small group workshops and individual conferencing on a student goal. Within the school, we may also use rotations with various teachers to offer students different opportunities, such as cooking or an incursion as part of Unit of Inquiry, or targeted groups, for example when teachers run Maths groups across several classes. As an older school in the ACT, North Ainslie predominantly has individual classes but also has two Collaborative Teaching Spaces (CTS) one currently in kindergarten and one in year 1/2. We are sometimes asked how things work within these spaces. Open teaching spaces such as these are designed to be used in such a way that teachers work together, teaching the same curriculum at the same time. Research has shown that when working in this type of space, collaborative teaching is best practice. It allows for consistent expectations within the room about noise levels, movement around the room and working cooperatively. Additionally, it allows teachers with opportunities for targeted teaching to be done effectively with one teacher working with an identified small group and the other working with the other students on an independent task. Students also quickly learn to trust all teachers in the collaborative teaching space and will readily ask them for assistance if their own teacher is busy with another student. At times, all teachers will work independently with their own class in a more traditional manner. Other benefits of collaborative teaching in this way include:

- multiple brains, multiple perspectives and multiple personalities meaning there is a natural balance in the kind of thinking that goes on with students
- students get to see collaboration, compromise and communication being modeled every day
- things that may not be obvious to one person are obvious to the other
- students are able to seek different types of guidance as they get to know the strengths and personalities of the teachers
- there are multiple sets of eyes watching the students, noticing what they are doing and what they need
- there is a natural “bouncing off” each other that not only makes thinking deeper but also makes teaching more social.

If you have any questions about the Collaborative Teaching Spaces (CTS), please see one of the teachers, or a member of the Leadership Team.

### **Board**

Just a reminder that voting for the new parent reps for the Board closes next Monday, 27 February at 11.00am. Ballot papers are available from the Front Office. The Board also has a new email address for families to use to communicate with the parent representatives. You can find it in the banner at the top of the newsletter along with the names of the current parent representatives.

### **Lunchtime Clubs**

Each year we offer a variety of clubs for students to participate in during lunchtimes. We add and change them during the year and share these with students and the community in the newsletter. For term 1 the clubs are:

- Monday to Friday – Library for K-6, senior students assist the junior students to and from the junior playground
- Monday – 1/2 Dance Club (Kindergarten will be able to join from Term 2), Hall
- Tuesday – 3-6 Dance Club, Hall
- Thursday – Senior Singing Club, 5/6VV
- Thursday – K-6 Art Club, Art Room
- Friday – Senior Games Club, 3/4SE

**P & C**

Over the last few weeks the P&C have been organising Parent Class Representatives for all classes. A huge thank you to the parents and carers who have taken on this valuable role for the P & C and school community. Thank you also to those families who have returned the P & C a form to provide your email address to the P & C to pass on to those Parent Class Reps. For those of you who missed it, please see the slip at the end of the newsletter which can be returned to the P & C via the silver letterboxes used for all school notes. These email addresses are used to pass on information about your child's class and to organise events and communicate information from the P & C.

We currently have reps for nearly all classes and have included their names for your information. If your child's class does not have a representative, you can nominate using the NAPS P & C email address. You can also use this address [napscommunity@gmail.com](mailto:napscommunity@gmail.com) to send your information to the P & C to pass on to class reps if this is an easier alternative than filling out the slip in the newsletter

<i>Class</i>	<i>Parent/Carer Rep</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Parent/Carer Rep</i>
KDG – Danielle Godwin	Belinda Lawton	KSM – Shamus Morton	Julia Portus
KLF – Leah Frezza	Jo Power	KNN – Nada Ninchich	Oona Douglas
1/2TA – Tracey Amato	Louise Bassett	1/2KB – Kate Bush	Juanita Waters
1/2KG – Karen Green	Alison Patrick	1/2FH – Fiona Hemmings	Joanne Choe
1/2SH – Sharon Hickey	Natasha Brennan	1/2MR – Meredith Regan	Kate Gorman
1/2MM – Megan Mears	Christine Butzer	1/2KW – Kirsten Waldron	Katie Francis
3/4EC – Ellen Caulfield	Cath Zasiadczyk	3/4AC – Amanda Collins	Jo Lynch
3/4SE – Sarah Edwards	Penni Lewer	3/4AK – Rebekah King	Julia Portus
3/4EM – Emily Meagher	Tanja Warre	3/4KM – Kirsty Miller	Fleur Paech
5/6RA – Remana Ashton	William Martin	5/6GD – Gemma Duggan	Sally White
5/6DM – Daniel Madden	Marnie and Lyndall	5/6MW – Meg Whittenbury	Penni Lewer
5/6VV – Vanessa Valois	Jasmine Blachford	K-6KH – Karen Hadobas	<i>Looking for a rep</i>
KRM – Rashmi Paneswar	<i>Looking for a rep</i>	ZTT – Travis Thurston	<i>Looking for a rep</i>
ZNM – Nancy Mendos dos Santo	<i>Looking for a rep</i>		

Have a wonderful weekend.

*Tania Collis*

Principal

## P & C News



### NAPS P&C AGM - Save the Date Tuesday 21st March @7.30pm

The NAPS P&C will be holding its Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21st March. We are seeking to elect new committee members. So please join us and become involved in making NAPS such a fabulous community. A general P&C meeting will be held after the meeting. If you would like to join the P&C email list please email [napscommunity@gmail.com](mailto:napscommunity@gmail.com)

### BIG GREEN GARAGE SALE - Save the Date Saturday 6th May 9am-1pm

Just a reminder that the highly anticipated BGGs will be held on Saturday 6th May from 9am-1pm, We need donations of book, toys, used furniture, clothes and other treasure. So start decluttering and find those hidden treasures. More information to come. If you would like to be part of the organising team please email [napsvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:napsvolunteers@gmail.com)

### Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop currently has second-hand polar fleeces in a range of sizes, selling for \$5 each. Please visit the uniform shop on Thursday morning (8:45-9:15am) or Thursday afternoon (2:45-3:15pm) if you are interested.

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



### All week - Recess

A selection from the following:

Fruit and yogurt Cup	\$1.00	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

### All week - 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) or Chicken Sushi(GF)

Smoothies \$2.00

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**Upcoming Community Event**

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**Icon Water proudly presents 'A Day at the Lake'  
On the shores of Lake Burley Griffin at Black Mountain Peninsula  
Sunday March 5th, 2017  
10am to 2pm**

As part of the national Respect the River campaign, an initiative by Royal Life Saving Society –Australia and the Australian Government, 'A Day At The Lake' will reconnect Canberra families with our local Inland Waterways! The emphasis is on safe recreation in our local rivers, lakes, ponds and pools.

The 2016 National Drowning Report showed a devastating loss of 280 lives - a 5% increase from the previous year. Australians are grieving. We, as a nation, are stunned that so many of us within our sun-loving, water-soaked culture are still so obviously at risk every day.

'A Day At The Lake' is an opportunity for Canberra's families to learn about the little things we can all do to stay safe while we're recreating in and around the water.

**Royal Life Saving believes Everyone Can Be A Lifesaver**

**Belinda Fitzgerald**

Royal Life Saving ACT Events Coordinator

**Email address for P & C**

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**EMAIL ADDRESS FOR NAPS P & C**

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer's name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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