

The Gang Gang Gazette

Week 2, Term 1 (16th February, 2018)

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Upcoming Events

Kinder to Year 6 Information Evening, Welcome and Disco Monday 19th February

'Getting to Know You' Interviews (K-6) Tuesday 20th February – Friday 23rd February

Kindergarten Home Reading Workshop Wednesday 21st February

Notes Home

- Kindergarten Health Checks
- Kindergarten PIPS
- Student Information Check Sheet
- Term Calendar
- School Board Nomination (email)
- Kindergarten Overview

Board

Next Meeting:
Tuesday 27th Feb 2018,
6.00pm (Library)

P & C

Next Meeting:
Tuesday 27th Feb 2018,
7:30pm (Staff room)

Dear Families and Friends,

We had a busy week with our 5/6 students heading off to Camp Cooba (just past Berridale) early on Monday morning. They spent a wonderful three days participating in Team Manoeuvres, Assault Courses, Survivor Tracks and flying on the Flying Fox and Big Swing. We saw so many of the Attributes and Attitudes demonstrated by our students, including, Confidence, Commitment, Caring, Open Mindedness, Enthusiasm, Cooperation and Courage/Risk-Taking. As I look at the Attributes and Attitudes displayed in my office, I can see that all 22 were definitely on display over their time at camp. Thank you to all 5/6 teachers and assistants for your organisation, commitment and time at camp, and to Sarah Davies (Edwards) who went with them to assist the team. We also very much appreciate the parents who joined the camp, your help is also invaluable. A very big thank you to Rikkie Klootwijk, Gemma Duggan and our Front Office staff for your organisation and liaison as without you there would not have been a camp to provide this valuable experience to our students.



Information Evenings and Community Welcome

A reminder that Information Sessions for kindergarten to year 6 are on next Monday, 19th February in the Patricia Cooper Library. A note with times was sent home last week. We then have our Community Welcome, annual picnic/barbecue, and disco with a 1950s and 1960s dress up theme to celebrate our first decade as a school.

If you have not already done so, you can also book a time for a 'Getting to know you' interview with your child's teacher. The P and C will also be at the evening and would love you to fill out a slip with your contact details to share with Parent Class Carers if you did not fill out one from the note sent home last week.

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Student Information

This week we sent home the Student Information Check Sheet and Medical and Consent Forms. Please send these back as soon as possible, ensuring we have all details correct, so we can update our records and have all the contact information as up to date as we can.

Assemblies

Below is the assembly timetable for the first semester. You will notice we have a new assembly, the SEL Summit. The SEL Summit is part of our wellbeing programs here at North Ainslie and will teach some of our Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) for the year. These assemblies are for our students and teachers only and will enable us to also have an assembly with the whole school. No Principal's Awards will be given out at the SEL Summits. We will use them to role play and teach about the IB Attributes and Attitudes and how we learn together and encourage you to ask your child about the summit and what they have learned.

TERM 1		
Wk	Audience	Hosts
3	SEL Summit	Leadership Team
4	Junior	1/2 CTS (TA, MR, SH)
5	Senior	3/4KM and 3/4RA
6	Junior	1/2FH, 1/2KB and 1/2KW
7	No Assembly – Harmony Day on Wednesday	
8	No Assembly – Good Friday	
9	Classes receiving IEC students, T2	IEC Classes Graduation
10	Senior	5/6VV, 5/6DM and 5/6RM

TERM 2		
Wk	Audience	Hosts
1	SEL Summit	School Leaders
2	Junior	1/2MM and 1/2KG
3	Senior	3/4NN and 3/4AC
4	Junior	KLF and KGM
5	Senior	5/6JH and 5/6GD
6	SEL Summit	School Leaders
7	Junior	KSM and KMH
8	Senior	3/4TW and 3/4SD
9	Classes receiving IEC students, T2	IEC Classes Graduation
10	SEL Summit	School Leaders

Dickson Pi Memorising Competition

Last year we had some students enter this fabulous competition run at Dickson College, and they achieved great results. Below is all the information about the competition and an email address for obtaining further information. We have copies of the entry and permission form if you would like to enter.



When - Thursday 15th of March starting at 2:25pm. Students from other schools can keep rolling in until 4:15pm.

Who - Categories are Primary, High School, College and Open (so your Mum can enter).

Entry Cost- Free

Prizes - A novelty die for 10 digits, Pi bookmarks for 30 digits, various prizes for 50 digits. Scarves, Lego, T-shirts and more for winners in each category who are above 100 digits. This year only, a knitted Pi jacket for 2018 or maybe 2207 digits.

Food- Feel free to bring a plate of circular food to share for afternoon tea (optional).

Questions - caroline.evers@ed.act.edu.au

Book Launch

A local author, Leonie Pye, is launching her book *The Broken Shell* on Wednesday, 28th February at Rocksalt at the Hawker Shops at 3.15pm. The book is a sequel to her first book *The Little Shell*. Leonie is legally blind and often visits schools with her guide dog named Franklin. The launch will include a reading by Leonie and the chance to meet Franklin. Below is some more information about Leonie, the launch and the book.

Sighted people take seeing for granted. We don't usually think of the consequences of not being able to see. There are obstacles and hazards everywhere. Everything is more difficult and tasks take more time to do. Imagine writing a book when you cannot see the words on the computer screen! Although touch typing is easy and can be converted to audio, editing by listening is much more difficult because the author cannot see the work as a whole. In *The Broken Shell*, a cheeky seagull causes an accident that shatters the shell. The events that follow provide an opportunity to show that tears help our hearts heal so memories can live for ever. Sadness and forgiveness can be difficult emotions, especially for children, especially when things are broken. Children learn that emotions are important and that we can fix things when they break. Parents and teachers can elaborate on the story, as the child's understanding develops, teaching about emotions, responsibility and acceptance. The underlying message in both of Leonie's books is that we are all unique, precious and beautiful and worthy of love and respect.

The Broken Shell is a heart-warming story that is enhanced by delightful watercolour illustrations from local artist Susan Hey. Leonie is donating 20% of book sales to Guide Dogs NSW/ACT. She has already donated over \$2,000 to Guide Dogs from sales of her first book, *The Little Shell*. Susan is donating proceeds from the sale of her paintings to Guide Dogs NSW/ACT. Original watercolour artworks from the *The Broken Shell* are for sale and on display at Rocksalt Restaurant, Hawker.

New phone numbers

Just a reminder the new number for the front office is **6142 0760**. Existing numbers will be re-directed to the new numbers until later in term 1 of 2018.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday for our Info Night and Community Welcome. Have a wonderful weekend.

Tania Collis (Principal)

STAYING SAFE AT SCHOOL

Think before you park...and keep our kids safe!

With school now back for the year we are encouraging all parents to make parking safety a priority!

This means:

- keep clear of 'no stopping' and 'no parking' zones
- don't park in bus zones on school crossings, across footpaths or driveways; and
- don't double (or triple) park!

Remember - it's okay to park a little further away from the school and walk the rest of the way!

Consider - having a pre-determined meeting spot agreed with your kids. That way if you are a little late, they know where to wait.

Think – visibility around schools and if your car may be blocking the view of crossings for other motorists. Also be mindful when entering or leaving parking spots – look twice!

Be kind – to other road users and pedestrians and also if you see any parking officers in the area – they are doing their job and working to keep our kids safe!

Note - licence Plate Recognition (or electronic chalking) vans are now actively monitoring schools. Penalties range from \$114 upwards to \$600. Details at www.act.gov.au/accessCBR

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Kindergarten Health Checks are happening this year!

All kindergarten students in the ACT are eligible to receive a FREE health check



VISION CHECK



HEARING CHECK



HEIGHT, WEIGHT AND
BODY MASS INDEX (BMI)



If you have not returned your child's Kindergarten Health Check Consent and Questionnaire



FIND — Information packs will be sent home early in Term 1



SIGN — Complete The Kindergarten Health Check Consent And Questionnaire



RETURN — To your school by 7th March 2018

Your school can provide you with the date of the health check.



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P & C NEWS



Welcome to 2018!

The P&C have a lots of great things planned for 2018. We'll be bringing you the usual fun events like Fiesta and Trivia Night and are hoping to give the Big Green Garage Sale a make over, becoming the NAPS Sustainability Festival (an event focusing on the things we can all do to reduce our environmental impact). We're also looking to improve the way we do some things, including how we communicate with the school community and making it easier for people to get involved.

To make this all happen we need a P&C Committee. Our Annual General Meeting is **Tuesday 27 February, 7:30pm in the staff room**, we'd love to you to join us. There is no need to fear turning up and becoming President, as I can do another term and am happy to continue. However we do need a new Treasurer and Secretary. We're in the fortunate position that the current ones will continue to be involved and can provide a smooth handover. Both positions are supported by an assistant and there are lots of ways to share the work, including coming to meetings. If you have questions, please email us at napscommunity@gmail.com or chat to a committee member at the information night.

The AGM will be followed by a normal meeting. We'll be discussing our new Strategic Plan, as well as our focus for 2018. We're really interested to see what the broader school community thinks, so if you've got some ideas here is your chance to have a say. We'll also be running a survey, so watch out for that in the coming weeks. Please get in touch if you have something particular you'd like to discuss at the meeting.

The P&C will be at the Information Night helping feed the hungry dancers and keeping them cool with drinks and icy poles. We need a few more helpers, if you can spare some time, please sign-up at www.volunteersignup.org/77WBX (you will probably need to copy and paste this into your browser). The uniform stall will also be open at the Info Night (5-6pm).

Finally, to go ahead with the Sustainability Festival we need to have the organising team in place soon. We've ideas and contacts but need help to make it a reality. The Festival is planned for late term 2. There will be lots of different ways to be involved and all can be done whenever suits you best. To find out email us at napscommunity@gmail.com or talk to us at the school information night.

Looking forward to a fun 2018 with you all.

Trudy Green
P&C President

Scholastic Book Club

The first catalogue for 2018 will be coming home next week.

Orders are due by Friday the 23rd of February .We encourage parents to use the on line LOOP ordering system , Please remember to select your child's new 2018 class and click on the North Ainslie School tab NOT Preschool. It is still possible to use the paper order form, please ensure your child's name and class is written clearly and the correct cash amount is included as no change can be given.

Any queries can be directed to Karen on peekay.power@bigpond.com

TERM 1 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
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

Parent Line

Being a parent is the hardest job we'll ever have. All parents at some time experience difficulties and stress.

Parentline ACT

is a confidential and free telephone and face-to-face counselling and information service.

- Phone Parentline if you would you like:
- To talk with someone about those parenting issues.
- Help with some ideas on raising children.
- Support in the important job you are doing.
- To know what is available for parents, teenagers and children.
- To build better relationships in your family.
- Help to understand your child or teenager's behaviour.
- Make an appointment for a counselling session.

Parentline ACT.

Monday to Friday (except on public holidays), 9am to 5pm.

Phone: 6287 3833

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