

The Gang Gang Gazette

Week 9, Term 2 (29th June, 2018)

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Upcoming Events

Parent Teacher Interviews	Week 10
Kindergarten Grand Friends Morning	Wednesday 4 th July (9-10:30am)
Senior Assembly hosted by 3/4NN & 3/4AC	Thursday 5 th July @ 12 noon
Term 2 Ends	Friday 6 th July
Term 3 Starts	Monday 23 rd July
IEC Excursion To National Zoo and Aquarium	Wednesday 1 st August
P & C Trivia Night	Friday 10 th August

Notes Home

- School reports
- Kindergarten Grandparent Morning Tea and Kindy Interview note
- Library Contribution
- Australian Early Development Census (Kindy)

Board

Next Meeting:
Tuesday 14th Aug 2018,
6.00pm

P & C

Next Meeting:
Tuesday 14th Aug 2018,
7:30pm

Dear Families and Friends,

It has been another busy and rewarding week at school. This week we have been undergoing IB Evaluation and I would like to thank the staff, students and community for the wonderful welcome and open conversations they have had with the evaluators, Carolyn and Annette. A very big thank you to Rikkie Klootwijk our PYP Coordinator who led the school with her expertise and knowledge of the PYP and enabled us to reflect and plan for the evaluation process. We have had some initial feedback which is highly positive and includes ideas for building upon the learning already taking place. We will receive more feedback in the final report early next term.

Today we had a celebration for the opening of our amazing IEC in 1992, which was in the fourth decade of the school's history. We had lots of our students dressing up in the clothes and colours of their cultures or sharing something personal about themselves through their choice of dress. This was then combined with a very special IEC Graduation Assembly attended by past teachers and students who shared their memories of working and learning in our IEC. Our current students shared their learning of coding and dance and we also celebrated those students graduating and moving to mainstream classes both here at NAPS and other local schools. It was a fabulous celebration of our school and diversity and welcoming culture.

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We are also very proud of the achievements of some of our students. Well done to Nafanua L from 3/4 who won the 8 year old girls' championship at the recent ACT Swimming Carnival. We were lucky to have Jarryd Heywood, our sports co-ordinator present her with the trophy at morning lines this week.



Last night was the quarter final of the Rostrum Public Speaking Competition where we were represented by Bella S from 5/6. Bella presented her speech, 'It was worth it' to a packed crowd at Turner School last night and wowed the judges with her personal story. They also commented on how well she used her voice to engage the audience and to emphasise the most important parts of her speech. Well done Bella.

Also on last night our Robotics team, Zachary O, Amelia B, Otis J-R, Evie S-C, Bruno D, Alice M and Noah D entered their first competition, against a range of primary schools across Canberra. They were required to create a robot that could navigate the surface of Mars through a project based learning program where students researched, designed and built their project components (robot body, obstacle course, research display and video) based on their discoveries and imagination. We are going to have them share their presentation with us at school early next term. For a quick preview you can visit School Dojo to see some of what they were up to. Great work team.



Our Student Leaders have also been busy representing us over the last few weeks. Firstly Cassidy S and Dawa W attended the National Missing Persons Coordination Centres (NMPCC) Forum for International Missing Children's Day (IMCD) run by the AFP with primary schools, high schools and colleges at the AIS. The forum is for students in years 6 and above and is designed to facilitate police and support services to help educate children on the issue of 'missingness' and implement key prevention techniques. Yesterday, Ada P and Josie H joined hundreds of students at the Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning at the Minister for Education's Student Congress where the focus was on Student Voice and Agency. Once again all levels of schooling were represented from schools all across Canberra. We look forward to receiving feedback from them on what they learnt.

Have a great weekend.

Tania Collis

(Principal)

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PYP Explained

Thank you to all the parents who came and spoke with the evaluation team on Wednesday afternoon. Also a special thank you to the board members who also shared their thoughts on the IB PYP at North Ainslie.

Today we farewell the evaluation team and thank them for making this experience so worthwhile for us as a school. As soon as the report comes through we will share it with our school community.

Rikkie Klootwijk

P & C NEWS



Uniform shop

Did you know that our school uniform store is run by volunteers who are members of our school community? This means we have quality clothing available at a reasonable price. 100% of the narrow profit margin on our clothing goes directly back to our children through the P&C. So when you buy uniforms from us, you are supporting your children and our school community.

Remember: the Uniform Store is open from 8:45-9:15am Tuesday and Thursday mornings, and 2:45-3:15pm on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. If you can't make these times, you can get an order form off the school website or a paper copy from the front office. Please note payment must accompany an order before it can be given to your child through their class teacher.

We also always welcome donations of quality 2nd hand items in very good condition. We re-sell these for between \$2 and \$5, with all money going back to the children through the P&C.

If you would like to volunteer at the uniform store, please contact Frances Verrier (Stella and Reuben's Mum) on 0418 328 674.

Final chance to have your say

Thanks to all those that have completed the P&C's survey. If it fell of your to do list, never fear it is open until the end of term! The survey covers a range of things, including if our events are working or not, your thoughts on volunteering, how our fundraising dollars should be spent and interest in establishing a special major project fund that families could donate money to. The survey will take about 10 minutes, it can be access [here](#).

Trivia Night

The Trivia Night is locked in for Friday 10 August, with a theme of 'diamonds'.

We need a few more helpers to organise the night. If you can spare a few hours to help please get in touch via napscommunity@gmail.com. We'd also love to hear from you if you are able to donate a prize.

ACT Council of Parents & Citizens Associations Vacant Position

I regret to advise that the Finance Officer/Executive Assistant in our office, Rachel McGrath, has resigned to take up a position in the ACT public service. We will greatly miss Rachel's excellent work and dedication and wish her all the best for the future.

This means we will now have a vacancy for a new Finance Officer/Executive Assistant.

[Click the link to see the position description, duty statement and selection criteria.](#)

We welcome applications from interested P&C members/parents who may be interested in the 15 hours per week position. Applications should include a work history, educational qualifications and statements addressing the selection criteria.

They should be emailed by 6 July to the **Executive Officer**, ACT Council of P&C Associations at:

contact@actparents.org.au

Mr Terry L Sanders Executive Officer (**ACT Council of Parents & Citizens Associations**)

Urgent – School Banking Volunteers – needed.

Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and we need at least two new helpers to process deposits at the School each week or on an alternating roster.

Banking day is currently Monday, but can be changed to suit.

This can be a Mum, Dad, Community member or Grandparent that would like help out at school but not sure where.



Full training in how to run the program is provided by our Commonwealth Bank School Banking Specialist. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jo on 0475821274.

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



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	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

After School Activities



LEARNING PROGRAMS

Systemic Innovations are an official provider of LEGO® Education Learning Programs in the ACT and Southern NSW.

We are running the following workshops in the upcoming school holidays.

Program	Age	Date	Time	Location
Cool Control - \$45 (early robotics) In this program, students will construct computer programs to control LEGO® models with motors and sensors. The program will allow the children the opportunity to create systems that can control the behavior of the robots.	7-11 years (please no younger children)	Friday 13 th July	9-12 (drop off from 8:45) come to 1 or both sessions	Gungahlin College
To book: https://www.trybooking.com/WPUF				
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EV3 Mindstorms (advanced robotics) Students build more complex designs and then use their programming knowledge to write their own program to operate their build. Children must have attended a previous Cool Control program.	11+ years	Friday 13 th July	9-12 (drop off from 8:45) choose morning or both sessions	Gungahlin College
To book: https://www.trybooking.com/WPUJ				
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PARENT EFFECTIVENESS TRAINING (P.E.T)

Supported by Parentline ACT

Learn respectful communication skills for a peaceful, gentle approach to parenting, without the use of punishment or reward. P.E.T helps children and parents develop resilience, emotional intelligence, confidence and consideration. The course is powerful, proven and practical. Yell less, enjoy your children more, and build relationships that last a lifetime.

For more information: visit www.parentskills.com.au; join the [Parent Skills Facebook](#) community; and read [P.E.T. on a Page](#). *The 24 hour course consists of three-hour sessions, once per week, for eight weeks. Booking is essential. Investment includes a workbook and textbook.*

Course begins: Wednesday, 1st August 2018 (minimum number of participants required); **Time:** 6.30 pm to 9.45 pm; **Place:** Weston, ACT.

Enjoy P.E.T. with **Larissa**, accredited P.E.T. instructor.

Resource blogs: www.parentskills.com.au/blogs/larissa; **Contact:** info@parentskills.com.au

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Our Primary School Workshop Program provides inspiring workshops for 7 – 12 year olds to learn the fundamentals of performance in a safe, creative and welcoming environment.

Through drama games and exercises we explore creativity, build confidence and develop core skills in voice, movement, improvisation, character and story.

Each semester a unique program is determined for the workshop based on the skills and interests of the group. Core skills will be developed, strengthened and extended. Then at the end of the semester the group will implement all they have learnt in a short theatre piece for family and friends

Dates: 31 July – 11 December 2018 (*excludes school and public holidays*)

Where: North Ainslie Primary School

Who: Grades 2 – 6 (must be 7 years old to enrol)

Day and Time: Tuesdays from 3:05 - 4:05p

Enrolments are now open! For more information and to enrol visit www.cytc.net/workshops



HOLIDAY STITCHING CLASSES - July School Holidays

Run by The Embroiderers' Guild ACT Inc

For students 7 years and up will be held on: THURSDAY 19th and FRIDAY 20th July
Morning 9-12.30 and/or Afternoon 1.30-5pm

If attending for a full day please BYO lunch
Cost: \$30 per half day (includes all materials)

Where: In the Guild Rooms at Maitland House, 100 Maitland St Hackett

Enquiries to Lel Whitbread: email lxwhitbread@gmail.com or embroideryact@gmail.com

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