

# The Gang Gang Gazette

Week 2, Term 3 (3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2018)

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## Upcoming Events

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|---|---|
| ACT Primary Oz Tag School Gala Day North Canberra Competition | Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> August (8.45am-2.45pm) |
| P & C Trivia Night  | Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> August                  |
| Aladin et la Lampe Magique Incursion                          | Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> August                  |
| Winter Walk   | Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August @ 8.15am      |
| Jnr Assembly Hosted by 1/2FH, 1/2KB & 1/2KW                   | Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> August                  |
| Year 5 Combined Band  | Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> August                  |
| Year 5 National Museum Excursion                              | Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August               |
| Book Week Parade  | Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> August                  |
| Snr Assembly Hosted by 3/4TW & 3/4SD                          | Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> August @12pm            |

### Notes Home

- Term Calendar
- Winter Walk Note & RSVP
- Reminder re finalising 2019 preschool enrolment (email)
- Head lice (kindergarten)
- Year 3/4overview

### Board

Next Meeting:  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Aug 2018,  
6.00pm

### P & C

Next Meeting:  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Aug 2018,  
7:30pm

### Dear Families and Friends,

This week has been another busy week for our staff and students as the term continues to get underway. Our three IEC classes and the 1/2 classes all visited the National Zoo and Aquarium as part of their units of inquiry. It was lovely to see the excited faces when they returned and to hear about their learning when they were discussing the animals they had seen. On Wednesday, our kindergarten classes participated in a Jobs Expo with parents from across a range of careers sharing information about their jobs with students. We learnt about different jobs in medicine, science, human services and personal development. All the students were engaged and were asking fabulous questions of the parents who manned tables in Adrian's Garden for the afternoon. It was the perfect example of learning directly from a primary source and I am positive that many of the children were inspired by the different careers presented to them. Today we had our first assembly for the term, hosted by the 1/2CTS (Combined Teaching Space). We learnt lots about their latest UOI with the year 1 students sharing lots of facts with us about oceans and the creatures that live in there.

### 2018 School Satisfaction Surveys

Parents and carers, school staff and students (in years 5 to 12) will soon be asked to participate in these important surveys. The survey results will contribute to school research and improvement processes. Although the survey is voluntary, we hope

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you will want to participate. It won't take much of your time and will help us improve our school for your child and future students. A letter or email about the parent and carer survey will be sent to you soon. The key ACT results from the 2017 School Satisfaction Surveys have been published on the Education Directorate website ([www.education.act.gov.au](http://www.education.act.gov.au)) and a summary of our school results is provided in our 2017 School Board Report.

### Limelight Art Exhibition

The Limelight Art Exhibition is on until tomorrow at 5.00pm. Please enjoy some more of the wonderful art from our students.



Thinker-Georgia W



The Visitors-Riley C



Leap of Faith- Maeve S



Thrill Seekers- Fin S

### School Review

Last term we had our five-year evaluation from the International Baccalaureate. This term we will have another assessment, School Review, which also occurs every five years and is part of the School Improvement Process for all public schools in the ACT Directorate. In week 9, a reviewer from ACER and two principals from other ACT schools will spend three days with us, evaluating the school against the National School Improvement Tool. The tool consists of nine interrelated domains, which combine and overlap to provide a comprehensive framework for school improvement:

1. An explicit improvement agenda
2. Analysis and discussion of data
3. A culture that promotes learning
4. Targeted use of school resources
5. An expert teaching team
6. Systematic curriculum delivery
7. Differentiated teaching and learning
8. Effective pedagogical practices
9. School–community partnerships

This week our teachers completed a self-assessment against each of those domains. Other staff members will also complete the assessment and it will all feed into the report we provide to the reviewers before they come to the school. Once again, we will be looking for members of our community to speak with the reviewers to share your views on what the school is doing well and the areas for improvement. More information about dates and times will come out later in the term.

Each year, as part of this school improvement process we write our Annual Action Plan (AAP) where we set the priorities for the school for the year. This year we once again had four key priorities.

1. Embed an explicit school agenda driven by data analysis to improve student outcomes in literacy, numeracy and science.
2. Develop an expert teaching team
3. Promote a safe, inclusive and respectful learning environment and embed a whole school approach to student engagement and voice
4. Embed targeted use of school resources to support all students

Sitting under these key priorities are the initiatives you will see happening in the school. This year these include the continuation of the Writing Project and building upon this with an emphasis on providing rich opportunities for students to develop their oral language skills. Our teachers have also been reviewing the Achievement Standards from the Australian Curriculum to ensure our planning, teaching and reporting all reflect these standards. We

continue to improve our knowledge of the data we collect to help us to plan for each student at their point of need and to monitor growth across the year. Our KidsMatter team is continuing to build upon our processes for wellbeing with professional learning for staff to help us to maintain a positive school culture with our use of restorative practices, circle time and the attitudes and attributes from the IB. Last year we introduced Peer Support as part of our priority to promote a safe, inclusive and respectful learning environment. We are also working hard to improve the spaces around the school with more classes using flexible layouts and furniture, the creation of our Sensory Studio, additional access to IT across the school and improving the building and facilities. As we did last term with IB Evaluation, we will continue to share our School Review journey across the term.

### Hats on, it's August!

As a SunSmart School we work with the ACT Cancer Council to inform our practices around sun protection. One of those practices is to wear hats when we are outside when the UV levels reach **3 and above**. In the ACT, that time is between August and May so the beginning of August signals the start of sun protection for students at NAPS. This means as of August 1<sup>st</sup>, it is hats on for PE and playtimes for all students.

Enjoy your weekend.

*Tania Collis*

(Principal)

### PYP Explained!

This week you should have received a term 3 overview for your child. The term overview outlines the literacy, numeracy and unit of inquiry learning for the term and also has tips on how parents can support their children's learning at home. What is a unit of inquiry?

A unit of inquiry is based on one of the six transdisciplinary themes which are outlined in the school's Programme of Inquiry. Basically, a unit of inquiry should:

- be a significant, relevant & challenging learning experience
- build on the prior knowledge of the students
- involve students in a range of learning activities
- require students to engage in positive action
- integrate diverse subject areas whenever meaningful and appropriate
- incorporate different assessment tools for the learning activities, and
- stimulate further inquiry

Through the units of inquiry, the classroom will become a centre of structured inquiry through which students acquire and practise skills and build new knowledge. The units of inquiry are designed to build from one year to the next, as a student progresses through the school.

Over the next two terms, each team will contribute work from their units of inquiry in this section of the Gang Gang Gazette. We hope you enjoy reading about your children's learning in their classes.

**Rikkie Klootwijk**

### ACT Snowsports Interschools Competition

Congratulations to Amelie B, Archie LS, Ciaran B, Jackson LS and Kobe V who competed in the ACT Snowsports Interschools last week. Everyone had fun and Archie has qualified to represent NAPS at the Australian Interschools later this month.



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## P &amp; C NEWS



## Trivia Night

In honour of NAPS' 60<sup>th</sup> birthday,  
the P&C is proud to present the 2018 NAPS Trivia Night

## Diamonds: sparkle and shine

Friday 10 August, 6:30 for a 7pm start

So get your sparkle on,  
gather up some shiny friends  
and book your table now!

Please email  
[napsfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:napsfundraising@gmail.com)  
to book your table.

Entry is \$20 per person,  
payable at the door.

BYO drinks and snacks.  
Pizzas will be available for  
\$15.

Please note, this is an adults  
event.

There  
will be great  
prizes from...




THE OLD  
CANBERRA INN ...and more!

Although we recommend tables of 10 for the Trivia night, if you're flying solo or can only scratch up one or two extra people, let us know and we will try to make up a larger table for you, or fit you onto another smaller table.

### Can you donate a prize for trivia night/ Fiesta raffle?

We are busy collecting prizes for the trivia night and Fiesta raffle. In the past our school community had been very generous. If you have connections with a local business and can help organise a prize, please contact [napsfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:napsfundraising@gmail.com). Much appreciated!

### P&C meeting

The P&C Committee warmly invites the school community to our next meeting, Tuesday 14 August, from 7:30 in the staffroom. We will be discussing :

- results from the community survey
- spending priorities
- Fiesta planning
- Parking issues

Please email [napscommunity@gmail.com](mailto:napscommunity@gmail.com) if you have anything to discuss.

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### TERM 3 HEHUB CANTEEN MENU (Open Wednesday, Thursday Friday)

#### Recess

A selection from the following:

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|--------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| 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          |

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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:

Potato wedges (GF, VG)

Smoothies \$2.00

#### Friday:

Chicken burger (DF)

Smoothies \$2.00

## North Ainslie Winter Walk

Winter Walk to School Week (13-17 August) is an ACT-based initiative to encourage students to enjoy walking and riding to school through the colder months in Canberra. This year we are celebrating it with a morning walk. Everyone welcome!

**When:** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August

**Time:** 8:15 am

**Where:** Courtyard at North Ainslie Primary School

**What:** Walk to the wetlands and back to school

**Who:** Tania Collis, Rachel Levinson and other North Ainslie Primary school staff

**Why:** To encourage physical activity during the colder months in Canberra

**RSVP:** To assist with catering for the hot chocolates, please RSVP to the Front Office through the silver mailboxes by morning of Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August

Bring the whole family for this fun community event. We will finish our walk with hot chocolate from the canteen.



## North Ainslie Winter Walk

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

No of adult attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

No of child attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

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