

The Gang Gang Gazette

Week 8, Term 4 (7th December, 2018)

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Upcoming Events

3/4 Fundraising Stalls	Friday 7 th and Friday 14 th December (3.00-4.00pm)
Swimming Lessons (kindergarten)	Week 9
Year 1/2 Community Garden Excursion	Monday 10 th December
CEIS	Tuesday 11 th December
Year 1/2 Ainslie IGA Excursion (1/2TA, FH, MR, SH)	Wednesday 12 th December
Volunteer morning tea	Thursday 13 th December @ 11 am
Year 1/2 Ainslie IGA Excursion (1/KG, KB, KW, MM)	Friday 14 th December
Year 6 Graduation assembly and dinner	Friday 14 th December
IEC Graduation assembly	Friday 21 st December
End of Term 4	Friday 21 st December

Dear Families and Friends,

Notes Home

- Year 6 Graduation Dinner and Disco
- Graduation Disco (Year 5)
- Snapper on the Lake (Year 5/6)
- Year 6 Graduation Invite
- Kindergarten Swimming Reminder

As we continue to head towards the end of the year, there is still lots of learning happening across the school. This week I have had letters delivered to me from students in various year levels telling me about things that interest them or issues they would like me to think about. I am still having wonderful young authors share their writing with me and I love reading their 'WOW' words, interesting plot twists or factual texts. I also had an amazing time with two kindergarten students who brought me their question about our assemblies. They wanted to know, *why are Principal's Awards handed out at assemblies, and not in classes?* We had a fabulous discussion about how presenting the awards at an assembly means we are celebrating great learning together, and how it also gives everyone a chance to see the different reasons students receive the awards. I was especially impressed with the way they confidently brought me their question and had the discussion with me before heading back to their class to share the answer.

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Highly Accomplished Teaching Certification

Yesterday I had the pleasure of attending the Teacher Quality Institute Certification Awards for 2018. At these awards Sarah Davies was presented with her Highly Accomplished Teacher Certificate and acknowledged alongside other teachers from across Canberra who also received this honour. We are extremely proud of Sarah who is our first teacher to be certified.



3/4 Fundraising Stalls - Friday 7th and Friday 14th December

This term some students in 3/4 have been learning about volunteers, the work they do and the Christmas Appeal of World Vision. They have created fundraising stalls in order to raise some money to donate to this worthy cause. These stalls will run today and next Friday in the courtyard from 3.00-4.00pm. We have been advertising the stalls this week during morning lines and the students have been informed they can make their own jewellery or purchase hand crafted decorations and knick-knacks made by the 3/4 students. If you have some time on either of these dates, I am sure they would appreciate your support.

International Volunteer Day

On Wednesday 5 December it was International Volunteers Day and as part of the celebration a fabulous brochure was published about some of the volunteers who work in ACT Schools. Rhona Gillespie, who is one of our volunteers, was included in the publication and she talked about her belief that it takes a village to raise a child. "Helping beginner readers improve their skills will in the future improve their lives," she said. We have many volunteers in our school who assist with reading, Meccano, breakfast club and crafts amongst other things. Combined with our fantastic volunteers from our school community they make a huge difference to 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!



Active Streets expands to support more schools



We are excited to share that we were one of the 52 schools included in the expansion of The Active Streets for Schools program. Earlier this week, this expansion was announced by Suzanne Orr MLA, representing the Minister for Transport Meegan Fitzharris and Minister for Education and Early Childhood Development Yvette Berry. Active Streets is an infrastructure and education program for schools. The program improves infrastructure around schools to support walking or riding to school. Improvements include new or upgraded footpaths, better crossing facilities and traffic calming measures. To support the infrastructure, educational resources are provided to students, including a map highlighting safe routes to school.

Transport Canberra and City Services will work closely with the school community from the beginning of 2019 to deliver the program and identify potential infrastructure improvements you would like around the school.

More information is available on the Transport Canberra website.

Chief Minister's Canberra Gold Awards - Have you lived in Canberra for 50 years or more?

If you or someone you know has lived in Canberra for 50 years or more, then nominate now for a Chief Minister's Canberra Gold Award. The Awards recognise long-term residents, businesses and groups that have made an important contribution to shaping our city and community through their long-term commitment to the ACT. Nominations close in 8 February 2019 and can be made online at act.gov.au/cbrgold

Canberra Citizen of the Year Award

Do you know someone who acts for the good of our community? Someone doing great things in their field, who is making a difference to the lives of Canberrans? Then nominate them for the 2019 Canberra Citizen of the Year Award. The Canberra Citizen of the Year is someone who makes an outstanding contribution to our community without expectation of remuneration or reward. They could be a researcher, a business leader, a journalist, artist, educator, an advocate for others in our community, or a leader in their field.

Nominations close on Friday 11 January 2019 and can be made online at act.gov.au/cbrcitizen

On Tuesday we had our final board and P and C meetings for the year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the School Board and the P and C for their assistance and hard work over 2018. You have certainly made my job easier and your contributions to our school are invaluable. Next week, on Tuesday, the second semester reports for students will be coming home with your child. If you would like to discuss the report with your child's teacher, please make an appointment through the Front Office.

Friends of the Garden

Do you like gardening? Will you be spending some time in Canberra over the summer holidays? We would love your help to look after our HeHub garden! We are keen to have a handful of people who can take turns watering and tending to the garden throughout the break. Email amy.pepper@ed.act.edu.au to find out more information and to have your name added to the roster.

Have a great weekend.

Tania Collis

(Principal)

From the library

It's come to the stocktake end of year where I need to ask families to search all corners for library books that may be lingering. All books must be returned to the library by Monday 10th December.



It has been a fantastic year here in the library. This is thanks greatly to the huge group of student volunteers who come to help with shelving and other library organisation at both recess and lunch. I have attempted to name as many of the regulars as I can remember. In addition, many students just drop in to help from time to time. All of these students have helped me to create a happy and welcoming atmosphere in the library for everyone to enjoy. Student Librarians are those students who know the running of the library thoroughly and they help me to train the newcomer Library Monitors. I'd like to especially mention Tom Jones who has been in the library helping me every day.

Yr1/2

Library Monitors

Amelia S, Aida S, Maeve A, Kiera G, Isla M, Eve B, Mary T, Angeer A, Piper W, Alex P, Niko M, Oscar G, Eli C, Oliver H, Tamara K, Sam C, Jasmin F, Eloise K, Gabriel B, Nakita S, Georgia S, Evan K, Ava B, Teddie B

Yr3/4

Student Librarians

Lilla W, Grace N, Eva B, Abbey, Arlen W, Abbey H, Elsa L, Gisele S, Annabelle B, Nola H, Stella M, Sophia K, Sean G and Conner B

Library Monitors

Jayda K, Joseph F-B, Hannah S, Maya F and Charlie F,

Yr5/6

Student Librarians

Tom J and Amelia B,

Library Monitors

Abby M, Alex B, Evie S-C and Romella W-G

Tina Sorensen (Library Teacher)

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Swimming Lesson Times and Information Note (Program 2 – Kindy)

Kindergarten Children will attend swimming lessons from Monday 10th December to Friday 14th December (week 9) inclusive. Classes will walk with their teachers to and from Dickson pool.

Swimming session times are:

Session 1 – 10:00-10:40

KSM, KMH and IEC Rashmi

Session 2 – 10:45-11:20

KGM and KLF

The following information is to assist you and your child during the swimming program, and has been compiled following community consultation.

Non attendance

1. Children who have enrolled for swimming lessons but are prevented from attending a particular lesson because of illness e.g. a recent ear infection:

- Please notify the front office (phone/email) or the class teacher (verbal/note) if you wish your child to remain at school and include the timeframe for this.
- The swim school cannot refund missed lessons.

2. If the weather forecast for a particular day is extremely cold or wet, please make a decision at the beginning of the school day about whether you wish your child to attend the lesson. You know your child best. If you think he/she will be miserable in the pool please let us know in the morning so that we can make provision for your child to remain at school with adequate supervision. If we do not have written or direct communication from you we will assume that you wish your child to attend the lesson. (Please note that if a severe storm with lightning takes place, the lessons will be halted.)

Safety

- 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.)
- Your child will only be permitted to use the toilet facilities during lessons with a buddy. Teachers will also supervise the toilet and changing areas.
- 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.

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P & C NEWS**Calendar Art update**

Kindy, Years 1/2 and IEC artwork products are ready and have been distributed this week to the teachers. Next week the Years 3/4 and 5/6 will get their artwork products.

We need a new calendar art coordinator in 2019. It is a great project for a group of friends, or a great way to make more friends in the school community plus doesn't take much time. It is great to see how creative all the children are, the kids are so proud of their effort and love seeing their work professionally presented. I'll still be around to answer questions and lend a hand. If you are interested please contact napscommunity@gmail.com
Cath Zasiadczyk, P&C Calendar Art Coordinator

BANKING NEWS

Last day of banking for 2018 is Friday 14th December.

Canberra Access**A message from Access Canberra: Is your teen seeking to get their L's or P's around Christmas/New Year?**

Access Canberra Service and Specialised Centres will be closed between Christmas and New Year, with most locations closed between 25 December 2018 and 1 January 2019 inclusive.

We apologise in advance if you have a teen with a birthday during that period and are eagerly awaiting their licence. We look forward to supporting them to get licenced in the New Year.

Also parents, if you need to pay a bill, renew your licence or rego over this time – don't wait until we re-open! Save time and go online at www.act.gov.au/accessCBR

Wishing you and your family a safe and enjoyable festive season from Access Canberra.

TERM 4 HEHUB CANTEEN MENU (Open Wednesday, Thursday Friday)

naps.canteen@gmail.com

Next week, week 9, is the last week for the canteen. To celebrate, we will be selling chocolate milk for \$1 a cup (made here in the canteen) on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Recess and lunch, also available to through a lunch order.

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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