

# The Gang Gang Gazette

Week 2, Term 1 (15<sup>th</sup> February, 2019)

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## Upcoming Events

### 2019

Getting to know you Interviews	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February
Kindergarten PIPS	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February to 1 <sup>st</sup> March
Hackett Preschool P & C Meeting	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> @ 7pm
Assembly Hosted by Student Leaders	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February
NAPS Preschool P & C Meeting	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February @ 6:30 pm
Billy Tea Bush Band Dance, Community Welcome and P & C Barbecue	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February (Time TBA)
Junior Assembly Hosted by 1/2CTS (MR, SH & NS)	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March

### Notes Home

- Kindergarten PIPS
- Kindergarten Health Check
- Student Information Checklist
- Medical Information and Consent Form
- Year 6 Shirt Note
- Scholastic Catalogue (due Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February)

### Board

Next Meeting:  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019, 6.00pm

### P & C

Next Meeting:  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019, 7:30pm

### Dear Families and Friends,

This week we had our Information Nights and it was wonderful to see familiar faces and meet new ones who joined us to find out more about programs and practices for 2019. If you were unable to make the session, please ensure you get a copy of the term overviews which were handed out. Please also contact your child's class teacher to organise a *Getting to know you* Interview. These interviews are an important part of our school processes and are a chance for you to talk to your child's teacher about your child and share in setting the scene for their learning for 2019. We really value your input and working together for the best outcomes for your child.

### Billy Tea Bush Band Dance, Community Welcome and P & C Barbecue

Just a reminder to save the date for this year's exciting new way to welcome in the school year and come together as a community. We are all looking forward to our Bush Dance on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 6:30 pm to 8 pm which will be hosted by the Billy Tea Bush Band. Students will have the opportunity to spend the day with the band learning bush dances which they can then share with you at the bush dance with the whole family.



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The Billy Tea Bush Band is one of Australia's most experienced bush dance bands. Based in Melbourne, Victoria, they entertain audiences at corporate, private and school events **Australia-wide** with an infectious brand of classic Australian bush music. They do more than just perform. The Billy Tea Bush Band aim is to engage and captivate their audience, giving them an experience that will not only entertain, but make them smile like they haven't smiled in ages!

We are extremely lucky to also have our P and C working with us to host their first fundraising event for the year by providing a BBQ at the bush dance. Join us for dinner and a dance in week 4 and put your dancing shoes on. We can't wait!

### United Nations International Year of Indigenous Languages

2019 is the International Year of Indigenous Languages recognising their importance in development, peace building and reconciliation. *Languages play a crucial role in the daily lives of people, not only as a tool for communication, education, social integration and development, but also as a repository for each person's unique identity, cultural history, traditions and memory. But despite their immense value, languages around the world continue to disappear at an alarming rate. With this in mind, the United Nations declared 2019 The Year of Indigenous Languages in order to raise awareness of them, not only to benefit the people who speak these languages, but also for others to appreciate the important contribution they make to our world's cultural diversity.*



In honour of the year, we have named our classes using the Ngunnawal language and have enjoyed learning lots of new words. If you would like to learn some new words, or share some more learning with your child, you might like to visit this website. <https://www.forkword.com/plog/?p=694>

### Class Dojo

We are once again using Class Dojo and this year all classes will have their own page. If you have joined Dojo in previous years, you do not need a new code as teachers are able to transfer your child across to their new class. They have been sharing codes for any student who needs to be added to Class Dojo. If you have not yet received a code for your child, or you have misplaced it, please let your child's teacher know and they can provide another one.

### Safety in our carparks

This week we are once again sharing some information from the Directorate with regard to keeping our children safe when arriving and being picked up from school as well as some important information on parking operations and schools. Teachers from NAPS will be doing duties in carparks to assist anyone who does not know where the set down and drop off areas are in our carparks and where they can park for longer periods of time. If you need assistance in the carpark, please look for a teacher or let the Front Office know.



### Safe parking behaviours



Unsafe driving and parking behaviours increase the potential road safety risk for children around schools. Road safety is a shared responsibility, it is important the road rules are followed near schools to ensure the entire school community feels safe. Please remember children are more at risk than adults around schools because they are smaller and less visible to drivers. They are also less predictable and less experienced, which makes them more likely to make errors of judgement. Failing to follow simple road rules like parking on the verge, in no stopping zones, in bus stops, near children's crossings, on footpaths or across driveways increases the risk to children around schools. Please do the right thing to create a safe environment around our school.

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*Enforcement around schools*

Parking Operations use a [Licence Plate Recognition vehicle](#) (or electronic chalking), which regularly patrols school environments to increase safety for children. Motorists that commit an offence will receive their infringement notice in the mail (rather than on their windscreen) 5-7 days after the offence. While the school can become congested during the peak times, illegal parking should be avoided at all times as it creates an unsafe environment for children and local residents. Parents are welcome to park on side streets around the school, but please remember to park legally. Infringements for parking on nature strips, footpaths, verges, street corners and near children’s crossings start from \$114. More information is available on the [Transport Canberra](#) website to promote safe behaviours around schools. Please help to make our school community safe.



**Reading workshop for parents and carers**

Sue Chalmers, who is an experienced early childhood educator and currently runs our small group interventions in the junior school, will be holding an information session for parents and carers where she will share strategies for reading with your child. Further information is later on in the newsletter, but I encourage you to join her if you are able to. It is a great opportunity to ask any questions you may have with regard to our school and home reading programs.

Our local ALEA (Australian Literacy Educators Association) shared a great image about reading and how important it is for a child to read each day. At North Ainslie, home learning is up to each family but I do encourage you that whatever your choice you try to make reading a part of each day.

Have a great weekend.

*Tania Collis*

Principal

**Read With a Child**  
It's the Most Important  
20 Minutes of Your Day

<p>Child "A" reads <b>20 minutes</b> each day 3,600 minutes in a school year.</p>	<p>Child "B" reads <b>5 minutes</b> each day 900 minutes in a school year.</p>	<p>Child "C" reads <b>1 minute</b> each day 180 minutes in a school year.</p>
<p>1,800,000 words</p> <p>90th percentile</p>	<p>282,000 words</p> <p>50th percentile</p>	<p>8,000 words</p> <p>10th percentile</p>

By the end of 6th grade, Child "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Child "B" will have read only 12 school days.  
Which child would you expect to have a better vocabulary?  
Which child would you expect to be a proficient reader?  
Make the commitment today to read with a child; it makes a difference.

The Children's Reading Foundation

Source: Nagy & Herman, 1987

# Supporting your child with reading

You are invited to a parents and carers reading workshop



Date: Wednesday 20th February



Time: 9:10 am

Place: KSM classroom

Come along and learn strategies to support your child to become a confident and happy reader.

## P & C NEWS

### 'North Ainslie Primary School Parents' and Carers' Group' on Facebook

All parents and carers are welcome to join the Facebook group 'North Ainslie Primary School Parents' and Carers' Group'. The group is administered by parents and is a good place to trade second hand uniform items and talk with other parents about NAPS events. It is a closed group, which means people cannot see the group's posts until they have been approved by an admin.



### Scholastic Book Club

The first catalogue for 2019 has already been distributed and orders are due by Friday the 22nd of November. Scholastic puts out two catalogues a term. There is an online ordering system called LOOP. Orders can also be filled out on the paper order form in the catalogues and returned to the school silver mail boxes. Please include the correct amount of money as change can't be given. Once the online system has been closed for the school order you can still order from the current catalogue but you will be required to pay postage to your home address. Orders are only taken for the current catalogue.

Books are sometimes unavailable so Scholastic will either give a similar book, a voucher or they will do a back order. The school earns reward points for every dollar spent and these rewards are used to purchase books for our school library.

Happy Reading **Karen**

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**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, Popcorn (VG)	\$0.50	Toasties	\$1.00
Frozen fruit cup	\$1.00	Vanilla Yogurt (V,GF)	\$2.00
Banana muffin (v, DF)	\$1.00	Cheesy Corn Fritters	\$0.50

**Lunch**

Vegie sticks	Free	Fruit of the day	\$0.50
Vegemite sandwich(VG)	\$2.00	Vanilla Yogurt (V,GF)	\$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
Smoothies \$2.00 (collect from canteen)			

**Daily Lunch Special- \$3.50****Wednesday:***Pizza(V)***Thursday:**

Italian chicken toasted sandwich (DF)

**Friday:***Veg Sushi (VG),  
Tuna Sushi (GF)***After School activities****Learn music at Music For Canberra**

Music For Canberra offers group and individual music lessons, ensembles and orchestras in a wide range of instruments to all abilities and ages from 18 months old to seniors.

Enrolments are now open for all lessons starting this term - a free trial is available for choirs, ensembles and group lessons. Below are some of the beginner lessons we offer, for our entire program please visit

[www.musicforcanberra.org.au](http://www.musicforcanberra.org.au).

**Beginner group lessons****Choirs**

Training Choir	5 -
8yrs	Thursdays at 3.45 - 4.30pm
Canberra Children's Choir	8+
yrs	Thursdays at 4.45 - 6.00pm

**Ukulele | 5+ yrs**

Wednesdays	4.00 - 4.45pm
Thursdays	5.15 - 6.00pm

**Guitar | 7+ yrs**

Wednesdays	4.00 - 4.45pm
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**Recorder | 5+ yrs**

Mondays	3.45 - 4.30pm
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**Hand Drumming**

Wednesdays	5 - 7 yrs	4.15 - 5.00pm
Wednesdays	8+ yrs	5.45 - 6.30pm

**Drum-kit | 10+ yrs**

Mondays	6.30 - 7.15pm
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**String Stream Ensembles | open strings to AMEB 4+**

Our four youth string ensembles are designed for all ages and levels, from young beginners to more advanced players. String Stream players participate in concerts at the end of each term. Students can come along for a trial at any time and will sit an audition to be placed appropriately.

**For more information**

Please contact the office at MFC if you would like to sign up for one of our fantastic beginners programs, individual tuition or one of our other groups. If any of our beginner groups are full, we will endeavour to set up another group lesson if we get enough interest, we need a minimum of three in a group. **Music for Canberra**

02 6182 0030 [info@musicforcanberra.org.au](mailto:info@musicforcanberra.org.au)

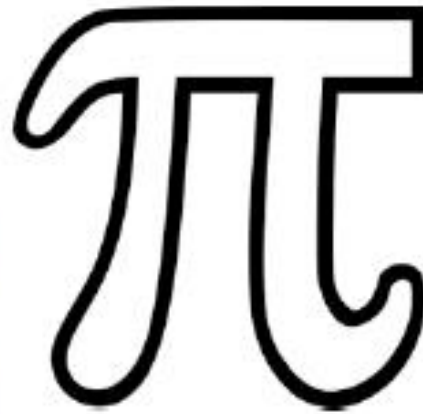
After School Activities 2019			
Day	Activity	Provider	Time
Tuesdays	Mandarin Club	LCF Languages- Eloisa Curtotti- 0448481480 eloisa.curtotti@lcclubs.com.au	3:00-4:15
	Drama Lessons	Canberra Youth Theatre Workshops@cytc.net 6248 5057	3:15-4:30
Wednesdays	French Club	LCF Languages- Eloisa Curtotti- 0448481480 eloisa.curtotti@lcclubs.com.au	8:00 am-9:00am 3:00pm - 4:15pm
	Art Lessons	Art Kids Robyn Thurecht 0405 014 180	3:00-5:00
Thursday	Martial Arts	Rodney Walsh 0402 381 909 rodneyleewalsh@gmail.com	3:15-4:30
	Art Lessons	Art Kids Robyn Thurecht 0405 014 180	3:00-5:00
	Chess Club	Rainer Reuss (Parent Volunteer) 0405 313 864 majurarainer@gmail.com	3:15-4:15
Fridays	Dance Lessons	Elite Dance Studio Amy Peacock 0422 985 438 elitedancestudiocanberra@hotmail.com	3:15-4:15

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<b>Private Music Lessons</b>				
<b>Day</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Provider</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
Monday	Music Instruments	Jordan London u4840563@gmail.com 0415 373 371	Piano Room	9:00-1:00
Tuesdays	Guitar Lessons	Mojo Guitars Teacher Cameron 0431 550 005 lessons@mojoguitarteachers.com Earl (Ken) Pattugalan	Piano Room	3:00-5:00
	Music Instrument	Canberra Music School Diane London Canberramusiceducationschool@gmail.com 0414 788 380	Piano Room	11:00-3:00
Wednesday	Guitar Lessons	Mojo Guitars Teacher Cameron 0431 550 005 lessons@mojoguitarteachers.com Earl (Ken) Pattugalan	Piano Room	3:00-5:00
	Piano Lessons	Nancy under Ambers Amber Robertson amberspianostudio@gmail.com	Piano Room	8:00-2:30
Thursday	Guitar Lessons	Mojo Guitars Teacher Cameron 0431 550 005 lessons@mojoguitarteachers.com Earl (Ken) Pattugalan	Piano Room	3:30-5:00
	Piano Lessons	Nancy under Ambers Amber Robertson amberspianostudio@gmail.com	Piano Room	8:00-2:30
Friday	Piano Lessons	Amber Robertson amberspianostudio@gmail.com	Piano Room	7:30-3:00
	Guitar Lessons	Mojo Guitars Teacher Cameron 0431 550 005 lessons@mojoguitarteachers.com Earl (Ken) Pattugalan	Piano Room	3:00-5:00

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# Dickson Pi Memorising Competition



When? Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> of March starting at 3:09pm.

(3<sup>rd</sup> month, 14<sup>th</sup> day, 15<sup>th</sup> hour, 9<sup>th</sup> minute, 26<sup>th</sup> second)

Students from other schools can keep rolling in until 4:15.

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

Entry Cost? Free

Prizes? Yes – A novelty die for 10 digits. Pi bookmarks for 30 digits. Various prizes for 50 digits. Scarves and more



for winners in each category who are above 100 digits.

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

Questions? E-mail [caroline.evers@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:caroline.evers@ed.act.edu.au)



## Permission Note for non-Dickson Students: Pi Memorising Competition

Dickson College is holding a Pi memorizing competition on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2019, from 3:09-4:15. (3<sup>rd</sup> month, 14<sup>th</sup> day, 15<sup>th</sup> hour, 9<sup>th</sup> minute, 26<sup>th</sup> second start time ☺). Please bring your afternoon tea if you will be hungry. Parents are welcome to attend. Participants do not have to be in attendance for the whole competition. They may arrive late, for example if they finish school at 3:00 and take 20 minutes to walk here. They may leave early, if collected by parents or guardians. If your child will be attending the competition, without their parent or guardian, please fill in the form below, and have them bring it on the day.

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ (Please print) to attend the Dickson College from 3:09 (or when they arrive) to 4:15 on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 for a Pi memorising competition. I authorise the college to make arrangements for the welfare of the student (including medical or surgical treatment) in an emergency

- I agree to meet the costs associated with any emergency arrangement made by the college.
- I agree that students are expected to behave in a mature and responsible manner. They are to follow all directions from the supervising teachers.
- I agree that I am responsible for arranging transportation to and from the college.
- I understand that my child may not leave before 4:15, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- I understand that there will not be supervision after 4:15pm.

Contact number of Parent/Guardian during excursion: (Wk)..... (Hm).....

(Mb)..... Medicare No. ".....

Medical condition/medication details teachers need to be aware of for this excursion:

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School Student Attends ..... Year of School .....

Parent e-mail contact .....

I give permission for Dickson College to use photographic, video, or digital images of my child/me in publications (including but not limited to brochures, booklets, videotapes, reports, press releases, websites, and exhibits). This material may or may not identify my child/me and/or the school. (e.g. the name of the winner may appear in our newsletter along with their school name and photo.)

Full name of Parent/Guardian (please print)

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Signature of Parent/Guardian: ..... Date: .....

This form requests information about students which will be held by the school. This information may be disclosed to government or private medical or para-medical staff and other relevant officers in the event of an accident or emergency. The information is collected as a lawful administrative function of the ACT Department of Education and Training.