

# The Gang Gang Gazette

Week 3, Term 1 (17<sup>th</sup> February, 2017)

**Principal:** Tania Collis      **Deputy Principals:** Rikkie Klootwijk and Daniel Breen  
**Executive Teachers:** Deborah Lowrey and Kate Stear  
**P & C President:** Nicola Gibson  
**Board Parent Representatives:** Emma McMahon, Allison Foster and Naomi Lee

## Upcoming Events

Kindergarten PIPS	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February
Assembly Hosted by 1/2R & 3/4EC (Group 2)	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> @ 12 noon
Year 1-Year 4 Magic Word Incursion	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
Assembly Hosted by 1/2B & 3/4AC (Group 1)	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March @ TBA
Kindergarten and Junior IEC Water Fun Day	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March
Swimming Carnival (Year 1- Year 6)	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March

### Notes Home

- Swimming Carnival
- Year 1-4 The Magic Word note.
- Kindergarten and Junior IEC Water Fun Day note.
- Kindergarten Fine motor note
- 3/4 UOI note.
- Term Calendar

### Board

Next Meeting:  
Tuesday 21 Feb, 6.00pm

### P & C

Next Meeting:  
Tuesday 21 Feb, 7.30pm

### Dear Families and Friends,

This week teachers have been holding ‘Getting to know you’ interviews with families. This is an important way for us to start the year with open communication and the joint setting of goals. We hope you will continue to talk with your child about their goals and celebrate with them when they are achieved. You might like to ask them about ‘Wow Words’ or ‘Super Sentences’ which are a part of our writing focus and goals across the school. Last year the teachers spent several weeks developing a vision for teaching writing, based upon our collective beliefs and understandings. As we build upon our professional learning on writing at the beginning of the year, this vision will continue to inform our practice. Our vision states: *At North Ainslie Primary School, we teach writing because it is an essential life skill which enables us to communicate effectively, express ourselves and successfully contribute to society in a meaningful way.*

On Wednesday, Sue Chalmers presented a workshop on reading for any interested parents and carers. Thank you to all of you who joined us to take advantage of Sue’s considerable knowledge in this area. She talked about all the strategies children use as they learn to read and the ways in which we can scaffold and help them to progress. One of her main tips is to model enjoyment of reading and to make this a special time in your home whether you are listening to them or reading together.

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This year we are also very pleased to be building upon our release programs for kindergarten to year 6. Students in all year levels will have the opportunity to participate in our gardening program in the HeHub, develop their library and research skills, and participate in the visual and performing arts and music. Students in years 3 to 6 will also have weekly French classes.

### **Board and P & C**

Next week marks our first Board and P & C meetings for 2017. These two parent bodies are significant ways in which you can ensure your voice is heard in our school community. The Board meets at 6.00pm in weeks 4 and 8 of each term and is always happy for parent feedback. The P & C meet afterwards, at 7.30pm, in the same weeks and would love to see lots of you joining us to make connections and see how you can assist throughout the year. I know the P & C have another great calendar of events planned for 2017.

The Board is looking for a new parent representative and we have five nominations for the position. Please read the additional information emailed to you, where you will be introduced to all of the nominees, and play your role by casting your vote. Ballot papers will be available from the Front Office from 11.00am on Monday, 20 February and voting closes on 11.00am on Monday 27 February. There is no electronic voting; it must be done on paper with a signed declaration. This year's nominees are:

- Amanda Buykx Galbraith
- Kate R Callaghan
- Greg Terrill
- Caroline Walsh
- Sue Webeck

### **Adventure Track**

The second stage of the Adventure Track will be available for use from next week. Please remember that it is not to be used before school. After school, students may ride on it if they are supervised. Riders should also be wearing a helmet and be on an appropriate type of bike for the track. We always ride in the same direction. New maps will be provided showing both stages of the track. Thank you again to the P & C for their generous contributions to the building of the track. Later in the term, the P & C will be organising a working bee to re-mulch stage 1 and plant stage 2. I know they will appreciate anyone who can provide assistance on the day so look out for more information in upcoming Gang Gang Gazettes.

### **Assemblies**

To further build connections across the school we are holding a range of assemblies over the year. We are starting by having two groups across kinder to year 6. Classes are joined, based on buddy classes, and will still attend an assembly each fortnight. This will allow our students to share in the learning from across the school and celebrate a range of achievements and programs. Later in term 2 there will be the more traditional junior and senior assemblies and next semester we will hold assemblies in mixed year groups. Last week we sent the timetable home so you can see which group your child/rens classes are in and when they will be presenting. I look forward to seeing you at an assembly in the coming weeks.

Have a wonderful weekend.

*Tania Collis*

Principal

## Board Nominees

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### Nomination – Amanda Buykx Galbraith



2017 is my 6th year as a parent at North Ainslie - Amelia is in year 4, and Jakob is in kindy, and in that time I've enjoyed the social and fundraising events we've been a part of as a family. Most recently, my involvement at the school has been as a member of the North Ainslie Preschool Parents Association (NAPPA) committee last year, and as the NAPPA's representative at the School Board, allowing me an opportunity to observe and contribute to the existing Board processes.

If I am elected, I intend to address the issue of student numbers at the school and how we ensure the ACT Education Department provides sufficient resources, including funding for teachers and classrooms whilst retaining art, library and ancillary spaces for their intended purpose.

In my role as a community pharmacist and business owner, I have been elected as the ACT Branch Pharmacy Guild President, and National Councillor of the Pharmacy Guild. I have also completed the Australian Institute of Company Directors course, and gained extensive experience in Board Governance, specifically on the Risk, Finance and Audit Committee. I will utilize these transferable skills on the School Board to assist with establishing and monitoring the school's strategic direction and policies.

I look forward to representing your views on the North Ainslie School Board, and thank you for your consideration.

**Amanda**

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### Nomination- Kate Callaghan



#### Hello Parents & Carers,

My name is Kate Callaghan, and I have two sons Edward (8) and Hugh (3). We are new to the North Ainslie school and community, as we have just moved house and area. Edward has started in year 3 and Hugh will be in preschool next year, so we are looking forward to a long association with the school. I work as a program manager in the public service.

For the last 2 years I was a parent elected representative at Lyneham Primary School. I enjoyed representing the interests and concerns of parents, carers and kids as well as contributing to school policy and financial decisions.

I have also served on other not for profits. In Sydney I was a co-chair on the Board of Twenty10, a not-for profit providing a broad range of services for LGBTI young people 12-25 including housing, mental health, counselling and social support. I served as the member elected representative on the Optus Superannuation Plan, which had around 9,000 members at the time.

It would be great to represent you, and the community on NAPS Board.

**Kate**

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### Nomination – Greg Terrill



We have one child at NAPS in year 5, and a second child who has now graduated from NAPS to high school. One of the qualities I most enjoy about NAPS is the strong community involvement. The Board can support this through its role in setting policies in place (eg in relation to restorative justice). The Board can also support the school in continuing to offer a balanced curriculum, suited to each individual student's needs, and to work with NAPS' very diverse community. While the Board's role is overall relatively modest, it is an important part of governance (together with the ACT Education Directorate, the school leadership, and the P&C). I am keen to help NAPS build on its success across these and other fronts.

I was chair of the NAPS Board in 2013, and chair of the Board of

Woodford International School, Solomon Islands, 2014-16.

**Greg**

### Nomination – Caroline Walsh



**Hi!**

I'm Caroline, mum to Zahra (year 5), Angus (year 3) and Hugo (year 1). I am also mum to Emmeline who graduated from North Ainslie last year. I have a long connection with the school and with other schools in our community. I have been on the parent committee for North Ainslie Preschool, Hackett Preschool, Watson Preschool and sat on the Canberra Preschool Association. I have also been the preschool parent representative on our School Board.

I am committed to helping to nurture our positive, inclusive school community. I love the diversity of our school and the way the IB program helps to bring out the best in all our students. I am passionate about the value of education and public education. I believe the power of education is absolutely transformative for individuals and their community. I would love to bring my professional expertise in management, governance and fostering inclusive cultures to our School Board.

**Caroline**

### Nomination - Sue Webeck



We have been a part of the North Ainslie School community for a couple of years now with our twins in year 1 this year. I have worked in the community sector for the last 14 years and through that work delivered programs and provided policy support to schools focusing on bullying and harassment, inclusive communities and disability supports. Through my work I have also held a number of governance positions on Boards within the community sector. As a family we believe in contributing and being actively engaged in the communities we belong to. We see North Ainslie as a welcoming, vibrant and diverse community and I hope to bring my skills, knowledge and enthusiasm to the community through serving on the Board. You will see me most days at drop off or pick up and I am always happy to have a chat. **Sue**

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### 5/6 AFL Community Camp

Two players from the Greater Western Sydney Giants and the ACT AFL Development Officer visited the Year 5/6 students this week. They answered questions about what it takes to be an elite athlete and gave the students tips on working together as a team as well as some prizes for listening well. The 5/6 students will be participating in AFL clinics later this term.



### TERM 1 HEHUB CANTEEN MENU (Open Wednesday, Thursday Friday)



#### All week - Recess

A selection from the following:

Fruit and yogurt Cup	\$1.00	Peas "n" corn cup	\$1.00
Fruit of the day / Apple slinky	\$0.50 / \$1.00	Pikelets	\$0.50
Toasties	\$1.00	Apple & cinnamon muffin	\$0.50

#### All week - Lunch

Vegie sticks	Free	Fruit of the day	\$0.50
Vegemite sandwich(VG)	\$2.00	Rainbow wrap(with egg free mayo)	\$3.00
Tex Mex toasted wrap(V)	\$2.00	Milk bottle (150ml)	\$1.50
Soy milk (VG)	\$2.50	Tuna & cheese toasted sandwich	\$3:00

#### Daily lunch Special- \$3.00

##### Wednesday:

Pizza(V)  
Smoothies \$2.00

##### Thursday:

Italian Chicken toasted sandwich(DF,GF)  
Smoothies \$2.00

##### Friday:

Veg Sushi(VG) or Chicken Sushi(GF)  
Smoothies \$2.00

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## P & C News



### P&C Meeting - 7:30pm, Tuesday 21 February 2017 – ALL WELCOME

Come and see what a P&C meeting is like, and consider joining the fun team in 2017 as an Office Bearer, or come along to listen and share your view. Each Term meetings are held on Tuesday of week 4 and week 8 @ 7:30pm.

NAPS P&C Office Bearer positions change at the Term 1 Week 8 meeting and run for one to two years. This year some members are required to stand down as they have served for two years in the position. If you have never been part of a P&C before and are interested there is plenty of assistance and help. Fundraising for the school is a team effort. Come along to the Week 4 meeting and see how you can help create a lovely healthy learning environment at NAPS.

Alternatively, consider being part of the 2017 Green Team to run the BGGs (Big Green Garage Sale) or join the Fiesta Team. If you would like to know more either email [napscommunity@gmail.com](mailto:napscommunity@gmail.com) or turn up to our Term 1 meetings:

- Week 4 - Tuesday 21 February and
- Week 8 - Tuesday 21 March – Office Bearer positions decided.

2016 was a fantastic year, thank you to all the NAPS staff and volunteers. *We look forward to meeting you in 2017. The more the merrier, give it a go!*

**Cath Zasiadczyk (P&C Secretary)**

### Uniform Shop

If you find our uniform shop closed on Thursday, it's because we need more volunteers. If you can spare half an hour, once a fortnight on Thursday morning (8:45 – 9:15am) or Thursday afternoon (2:45 – 3:15), please call or text Frances on 0418 328 674 or email: [francesverrier@gmail.com](mailto:francesverrier@gmail.com)

### SC-ORE School Orienteering

SC-ORE (School Orienteering) is a 4 week interschool orienteering challenge for years 3-6. It is conducted as a 4 person relay with teams made up of 2 girls and 2 boys. It is held before school on the final four Thursdays in Term 1 2017. The upcoming SC-ORE Autumn 2017 series starts on March 16. The locations are Hawker Primary (16 March), Fraser Primary (23 March), Kaleen Primary (30 March) and Aranda Primary (6 April). Children are required to be taken to the 4 separate venues by their parents or responsible guardians. The events start at 8am and conclude in time for children to get to school at 9:00am. Cost is \$20 per child.

Registration can be made directly on the Orienteering ACT website. However, if you'd like to send me an email I'd be happy to coordinate putting together some North Ainslie teams and potentially car pooling for the events. Stephanie (Xavier, Hannah and Caleb's mum) [stephaniequispes@yahoo.com.au](mailto:stephaniequispes@yahoo.com.au)

### Upcoming Community Event

#### Dickson Pi Memorising Competition



**When?** Tuesday 14th of March at 4:05pm  
(American date 3.14)

**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, scarves, pillows, Lego, T-shirts and more for winners in each category.

**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)