

The Gang Gang Gazette

Week 9, Term 4 (8th Dec, 2017)

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Upcoming Events

School Concert and Art Show	Tuesday 12 th December & Wednesday 13 th December
Year 6 Farewell	Friday 15 th December @ 2:45pm
Term 4 Ends	Friday 15 th December
Kindergarten & Preschool Group 1, First Day	Monday 5 th February
Years 1 to 6, First Day	Tuesday 6 th February
Preschool Group 2, First Day	Thursday 8 th February

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Dear Families and Friends,

We hope you have all had a great week 9 and are gearing up for our Concert and Art Show next week. Tickets are still available through Eventbrite and you are able to book as many tickets as you need via their website. Class groups have been practising during the week and I have been privileged to see and hear some of the items you will be able to enjoy. New display boards have also arrived for the front foyer and stairwells and we are already using them to display the fabulous artworks from students from across the school. We are looking forward to sharing our love of the Performing and Visual Arts with you over the two days.

New phones

Next Tuesday, our current school phones will be replaced with a new VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) telephone system. This means all phone numbers in the school will be changing. After installation we will share the new numbers with you and the school logos, and website etc will all be updated. In order to make the changeover as seamless as possible, the existing numbers will be re-directed to the new numbers until later in term 1 of 2018. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

IEC Graduations

Today we held our graduation ceremony for students who will be moving on from our Introductory English Classes. you for your amazing progress over your time at NAPS. Well

done to all of Thank you to your teachers who have guided you as you learn English and started at an Australian school. We wish you the very best in 2018.



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Year 6 Graduation Celebrations

Congratulations to our year 6 class of 2017. Your graduation assembly was a wonderful celebration of your time here at North Ainslie and we loved sharing the day with all of you and the special people in your lives. We also loved seeing your enjoyment at the dinner and dance on Tuesday night where you were joined by the year 5 students for the disco. Please accept everyone's thanks and congratulations on your exemplary behaviour at the dinner and disco which was commented on by the manager of the venue. We will miss all of you but have been very lucky to have you all as our school leaders this year. I would like to share just one small piece from my speech which exemplifies the way you have steered our student community this year.

We are always proud of our students, and especially so when we see our wonderful year 6 students ready to head off to high school, but you are also a very special group of young adults. This year, you have provided our school with the kind of role modelling that sets up a positive and caring school culture. Your ability to self-mange, cooperate and respect everyone demonstrate your commitment to the IB Attitudes, Attributes and Transdisciplinary skills and has been commented on by so many members of our community that I have lost count of those compliments. I would like to recognise each and every teacher from North Ainslie who has assisted you in your journey through our school as you have all played a part in their time here. I would also like to congratulate the families sitting in our audience today as you have played the most vital role in developing these fabulous young people who sit so proudly before us today.

Thank you to the 2017 6 teachers who have supported you in your last year of primary school. Together you have ensured your future success at the high schools that are lucky to be receiving you in 2018. We will say our final goodbye to year 6 next Friday at 2.45 when they will be farewelled with a guard of honour from the whole school.

Swimming Program

Over the last three weeks we have had our annual swimming program running at Dickson. Unfortunately the weather was not kind to us this week for the kindergarten program and we did make the difficult decision to cancel the last few days of lessons due to the ongoing prediction of rain and colder days. In order for the school to pay the refunded amount from the cancelled lessons, we require the following to be sent to our admin email address (admin@nthainslieps.act.edu.au)

- Your child's name
- Your name
- Your bank's BSB number
- Your account number

Please email by **close of business on Monday 11 December**, so that we can process the transactions by the end of term.

The students in years 1 and 3-6 were able to have their lessons and Mrs Mears was very excited to be able to catch up with some special people at the pool.

How lucky were Years 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 to have fine weather for the recent swimming program at Dickson Pool. The two week intensive provides a great opportunity to develop swimming skills and capacity as well as have a happy time with friends. It was also nice to see two of the swimming teachers, Oscar and Rebecca, who were former NAPS students.

Mrs Mears



School Board

The School Board plays a vital role in helping the school to set the strategic and financial vision for our school. I have really enjoyed working with the Board this year and value the input and insight they have provided me during 2017. I would like to thank all our School Board members for their hard work and support. I would especially like to thank Emma McMahon whose time on the Board will come to an end early next year. I would encourage new and existing parents to consider nominating for the School Board to fill this vacancy. There are enormous benefits for the children and yourselves, including making new social connections, building a strong school community and having a voice in the future direction of the school.

If you are keen to contribute to the governance of North Ainslie Primary school, please consider nominating for a position on our School Board. No prior experience is necessary. All parents and carers of NAPS students are eligible to nominate, including preschool parents. You can pick up a nomination form from the front office during normal business hours (9am to 3pm, Monday to Friday). Jo Munoz is the Assistant Returning Officer.

Nominations open 11:00 am Monday 5th February, 2018

Nominations close (14 days later) 11:00 am Monday 19th February 2018

Below is a wonderful example of our PYP in action with the 3/4 cohort Market Day. Have a wonderful weekend.

Tania Collis (Principal)

Year 1/2 News

During our *How We Express Ourselves* unit we read the book *Beatrice's Goat* by Paige McBrier. This book is set in western Uganda and is based on a true story. The main character, Beatrice desperately wants to go to school and the gift of a goat from an aid organisation made not only this possible but also provided nutrition and an income for her family.

After we read the story Hannah and Ada from *The Puggles* had a wonderful idea. They wanted to make balloon animals to sell in the playground so they could buy a goat and make the opportunity Beatrice had a reality for another child. It is wonderful seeing our children being such aware and active global citizens.

Such moments are heart-warming reminders that families, wherever they live, can change lives for the better by taking action. During the festive season there are many opportunities to encourage our children to give generously and in ways that make a difference to the lives of others.

If you have a child in year 1/2 you might like to discuss ways your family could take action. Organisations like Oxfam and Heifer International are good places to start.



Year 6 News

Our fundraiser for term 4 is on Thursday week 10. We are raising money for the Cystic Fibrosis clinic in Sydney. Cystic Fibrosis, or CF, is a condition that affects many Australians. It affects the lungs and digestive system of those who have it. People with CF have trouble digesting things and often get infections in their lungs. People with CF undergo constant medical treatments and physiotherapy. Unfortunately, there is currently no cure for CF.

The money that we raise will help to provide the best possible care to patients and families of those with cystic fibrosis. The money might be used to buy new medical equipment, or improve the experience for families when they go to hospital.

So on Thursday, please bring a gold coin donation. If you do this, you can come to school in your favourite casual clothes, or even a onesie. But whatever you wear, it still needs to be appropriate for school, as well as sun smart.

So we hope to see you all on Thursday, looking fabulous, and with your gold coin donations.

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Junior Fun Day

The Junior school (Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2 and IEC) will be participating in a Junior Fun Day next Friday 15th December as a part of our end of year celebrations. Students will be participating in a range of indoor and outdoor rotation activities on the junior playground and in the 1/2 classrooms.

Parents and carers are welcome to join in the fun with their child/children. It will begin at 9.20am and finish at 10.50am. Students are asked to wear appropriate footwear and to wear their hats.

PYP Taking Action

Students in grade 3/4 have been learning about exchange systems and trade during the unit of inquiry into *How We Organise Ourselves*. This morning they turned the senior courtyard into a bustling marketplace, full of games and activities and invited the 1/2 students to participate. Each child donated a gold coin to join in the festivities and received tokens to exchange for the games and services provided by the 3/4 students at various stalls. Many 5/6 students couldn't resist coming past for a peek too! All monies raised today will be donated to the RSPCA, the charity chosen by the 3/4 students.



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Year 3/4 News

3/4 EM and 3/4 AC have spent some time reflecting on the junior playground and created some descriptive writing. Check out the 'wow' words and 'super sentences'.

A patch of shade

Relax under the cool blanket of shade, gusts of wind ruffle my hair, birds twitter, they sing the loveliest songs. Branches twist and turn making a mesmerising sight before my eyes. The dazzling green leaves glisten. Golden sunlight seeps through the branches, making a magical land. The delicious, brown-like chocolate bark covers the extraordinary tree.

By Taali 3/4EM

Peaceful Playtime

The colourful shapes of the joyful playground sometimes sway in the cool wind. The children love the beautifully carved ground around them. They always listen for the bird song as they climb the shimmering rock that is always near. The trees spectacular green leaves brush against the smooth wall not knowing what's around them.

By Allison 3/4 EM

The Old Gum Tree

As I stared into my thoughts I saw a safe and special place to stay when I'm worried. I smell sweet, sugary tree sap dripping down the old ancient gum tree.

When I go to the gum tree I feel a sense of love, enthusiasm, safety and the past. When I go to this tree I feel a safe shiver go up my spine into my brain, giving me great vibes. My soul is giving me a sense of peace and safety.

By Ashley 3/4 AC

Free Shelving

We have two free shelves available at the school if anyone would like to collect them. Both would need to be collected by the end of week 10 as the new shelving has arrived.

The measurements for the larger shelf are as follows:

Height 1.4 metres

Width 3.4 metres

Depth 30 cm

The smaller shelf is a similar width but not as high. Please contact Nadia in the Front Office if you are interested in either shelf.





Attention Year 6 Parents


With everything on their mind, make sure this is on yours

Your child's vaccinations are due next year

The following vaccines are offered **FREE** as part of the ACT School Immunisation Program

 Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (whooping cough) dTpa

 Human Papillomavirus (HPV)

 Keep an eye out for consent cards which are sent home with students during the first couple of weeks in Term 1

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Where can I get more information?
<http://www.health.act.gov.au/our-services/immunisation/high-school-immunisation-program>



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Canteen News



We will be closed in week 10 for annual maintenance so you will need to provide children with their own recess and lunch.

Happy holidays!

Heather Sedgmen (Canteen Manager)

P & C NEWS

Congratulations, you've reached the end of week 9 and you are still reading the last page of the newsletter!

It's been another busy but successful year for the NAPS P&C. The P&C has two primary goals, firstly to support the creation of a strong school community and secondly to raise money for extra resources for the school.

This year, we have supported the school community in many different ways, including:

- welcoming students and carers to the school at the Community Information Night
- supporting the running of the canteen and uniform shop
- organising school banking and book club
- holding stalls so students can buy gifts for mothers/fathers and other important people in their lives
- helping you clean out your sheds through the Big Green Garage Sale
- testing your brains while having fun at the Trivia Night
- Hosting the fabulously fun Fiesta

We also ran some special fundraisers, such as our Community Lucky Draw, the mango drive and the art work project.

Thanks to your generous support of these events we have raised just over \$30 000. We have spent a similar amount on a range of things for the students. Including completing the second stage of the Adventure Track, equipment for the playgrounds, a portable PA system for use at outdoor events like the athletics carnival and buying bebots for the code club.

We're always trying to improve. So we are wrapping up the year with some strategic planning. We are looking at things like the type and number of events we have, better ways to support and communicate with parents and carers, students and staff and where the money we raise is best spent. We will be seeking input from the school community, but more on that next year.

Finally a very big thank you for supporting the P&C this year. I'd especially like to thank the members of the P&C Committee, you do an amazing job and make turning up to after hours meetings fun!

Hope you have a fun and relaxing summer break and we wish those leaving our school community all the best.

Trudy Green (P&C President)

Scholastic Bookclub

Catalogue 8 books went home this week. If your child has not received their item, please contact Gabi on 0408 911004 or gp@global.net.au as soon as possible so that any re-ordering or refunds can be arranged before the end of term. Occasionally orders get mixed up - if your child receives an item that you did not order, please return it to the front office as soon as possible.

My youngest child is graduating this year so it is time for me to say goodbye to NAPS and book-club and introduce Karen Power who will take over as Book-club Co-ordinator in 2018. Thank you to parents and teachers who have supported book-club and enabled us to earn approximately \$4000 worth of books and resources for the school in 2017.

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