

# The Gang Gang Gazette

Week 9, Term 1 (6<sup>th</sup> April, 2018) Upcoming Events

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North Gungahlin Swimming Carnival	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 6 Peer Support Training	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> April
IEC Graduation Assembly	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> April @ 12 Noon
Last day of term 1	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> April
Term 2 Start Term	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> April
Preschool School Photos	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May & Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> May
Kindergarten to Year 6 School Photos	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May & Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May

## Notes Home

- Authority to Release Personal Information – *Grin and Bear It School Photos* (New Students)
- Peer Support
- SHFPACT (Years 5/6)
- PIPS (Kindergarten)

## Board

Next Meeting:  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018,  
6.00pm

## P & C

Next Meeting:  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018,  
7:30pm

## Dear Families and Friends,

We are nearly at the end of our first term and have been very busy learning both in the classroom and outside. As you know our Personal and Community Health (PACH) program was started last year with Rachel and Amy taking the lead in teaching from our HeHub. The gardens look wonderful and if you have the chance you should take a look to see how much work has gone into planting, harvesting and cooking with the produce. Students enjoy picking the vegetables and then turning them into tasty food. Some of the recipes have made it home to be prepared for families and will be included in the P and C's upcoming recipe book. Earlier this week, I was treated to a wonderful dish of penne with a sugo al pomodoro made with tomatoes from our gardens. It was my tastiest lunch of the week.

Yesterday, four of our 5/6 girls attended the zone competition for the ACT Junior Chess League Interschool Competition at Mother Teresa School in Harrison. Here they competed against other teams from across North Canberra, Gungahlin and Belconnen. Congratulations to Matilda M, Minh-Thu K-H, Ingrid S A and Bridie W who formed our first competitive girls' chess team in a number of years. They were placed equal 3<sup>rd</sup> and will head to the finals later in the year. Thank you to Rainer Reuss for his coaching of the girls and Michael Milton who attended the comp with them. We are looking forward to hearing about their future competitions.



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Today we had a fantastic assembly presented by our 5/6 students and it showcased the many talents and opportunities our students have here at North Ainslie Primary School. We were encouraged to think and take action in the way we vote for our Student Leaders and inspired to vote through a catchy rap! We also had a fabulous song from the Senior Singing Club, which is one of the many clubs available to students at lunchtimes. Below is a list of the clubs operating at the moment and we are looking to add to these next term.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Library/Computer Lab Senior Dance	Library/Computer Lab Skipping	Library/Computer Lab Junior Dance Art Club Senior Singing	Library/Computer Lab Junior Lego Drumming (3-6)	Library/Computer Lab Drumming (5/6 performance group) Lego Junior Singing

**Safe Cycles Lessons**

Our students in years 3/4 have been participating in the Safe Cycle Lessons with their teachers. Many students have been bringing their own bikes to school, but we have also been lucky enough to borrow some bikes from the program developers. The program has nine lessons which begin with Preparing to Ride Safely and move on to Bike Control including the “Power Pedal” and correct use of Signalling and Head Check. Students will also participate in Group Riding Sessions and learn how to identify hazards and plan routes. There is also a lesson on bike games and they finish up with a Community Ride. This week they were learning about signalling and safely using a head check. Thank you to Rachel for her leadership of the Ride and Walk to School Program and our 3/4 teachers for so enthusiastically taking on these lessons. Thanks also to our students and families for your active participation.



**Student safety before school**

To ensure student safety before school, we have teachers on duty in the courtyard from **8.40am**. Before this time, teachers are in classrooms preparing for the day. Please do not drop children to school before this time as there is no supervision. Before and After School Care are available if you require care for your child before 8.40am.

We have also had reports of students arriving at school and then leaving school grounds to meet friends. Could you please speak with your child about not leaving once they have been dropped off/arrived at school.

**P and C - Sports Committee**

At the last P&C meeting we discussed the formation of a parent committee to work with teachers to jointly organise school sports events. It is proposed the purpose of the committee will be to support the school with the running of sporting events, share knowledge and source volunteers. If you are interested in joining this committee or finding out more about what they will be doing, please join us for the first meeting on Thursday 12th April, 7.30pm at Edgars in Ainslie.

**ACT Childhood Influenza Vaccination Program**

Earlier this week I sent home information about the ACT Childhood Influenza Vaccination Program announced by the ACT Government last month. If you need more information about this program, please visit [health.act.gov.au](http://health.act.gov.au)

Have a wonderful weekend.

*Tania Collis*

**(Principal)**

### New phone numbers

Just a reminder the new phone number for the front office is **6142 0760**. Existing numbers will be re-directed to the new numbers until the end of this term. After that, they will no longer work. Please change the numbers in your phone, contacts etc. Thank you.

### Survey: School travel and safety



Transport Canberra and City Services has engaged First Person Consulting to conduct research into parent's attitudes to their children's active travel to and from schools. Part of this process will investigate the role that School Crossing Supervisors have in improving safety around schools, and the extent to which parent attitudes to children travelling actively change as a result.

To complete the survey please click [here](#), or copy and paste the following link into your browser: <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4172965/School-Crossing-Supervisor-Survey-Control>.

**The survey should take about five minutes. The survey will not collect any identifiable information, and all responses will be kept confidential.** Thank you in advance for your time in completing this survey. If you have any questions please contact the [TCCS Schools Program](#).

### After school Activities

# BRICKS

## @ The Woden School

Brick Expo supporting students with special needs.

SAT 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018 9am – 4pm &  
SUN 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018 9am – 2pm

127 Denison St Deakin


Entry: \$3.00/child, \$5.00/adult or \$15.00/family

For details go to <http://www.thewodens.act.edu.au>


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## P & C NEWS



The P&C met for the second time for 2018 last Tuesday and have the following updates for parents and carers:

- Our new sustainability festival will start it's planning. Would you like to be involved? The first meeting will be held to brainstorm ideas so if you have anything to contribute, please attend all are welcome. Please join us at Nicola Gibson's house on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm. Please email us at [napscommunity@gmail.com](mailto:napscommunity@gmail.com) if you need the address.
- We have agreed to purchase some sandstone block seating for the Senior Playground. We are really excited about the character they will add to our grounds so keep an eye out for these being installed soon.
- Save the Date! On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May we will hold a working bee on the school grounds. No contribution too small, please come and lend a hand. In particular if you are a **woodworker or handy with a hammer and nails**, then a small stage on the junior playground is on the schools wish list and will bring lots of fun and creativity to recess and lunchtimes. If we have enough hands to help, this will be part of the working bee this year. If you are able to contribute in this way then please contact us at [napscommunity@gmail.com](mailto:napscommunity@gmail.com) – we will meet with all volunteers for this job in particular in advance to plan.
- We will be forming a Sports Sub-Committee to help the school arrange sports days, swimming carnivals and other sporting events. This will be a joint effort between parents and teachers. Interested parents and teachers are invited to attend the first meeting on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April at Edgars Inn (Ainslie Shops) at 7.30pm.
- NAPS P&C have just purchased a marquee and teardrop banners for each of our four school houses. These will be used at school carnivals and sports events, so please keep an eye out!

Do you have any suggestions for the P&C, how we communicate with you, want to get involved but don't know how or want more information about something? Please contact us [napscommunity@gmail.com](mailto:napscommunity@gmail.com). We'd love to hear from you.

**Karen**(Assistant Secretary) on behalf of the P&C)

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



[naps.canteen@gmail.com](mailto:naps.canteen@gmail.com)

#### 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
Frozen fruit cup	\$1.00	Banana muffin (v, DF)	\$1.00

#### Lunch

Vegie sticks	Free	Fruit of the day	\$0.50
Vegemite sandwich (VG)	\$2.00	Corn on the Cob 1/2	\$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

#### Daily Lunch Special- \$3.50

##### **Wednesday:**

Pizza (V)

Smoothies \$2.00

##### **Thursday:**

Italian chicken toasted sandwich (DF)

Smoothies \$2.00

##### **Friday:**

Veg Sushi (VG),  
Chicken Sushi (GF)  
Tuna Sushi (GF)  
Smoothies \$2.00

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