

The Gang Gang Gazette

Week 2, Term 2 (11th May, 2018)

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Upcoming Events

NAPS Cross Country	Monday 14 th May
NAPLAN	Tuesday 15 th May – Friday 25 th May
NAPS Athletics Carnival and Junior Sports Day	Friday 18 th May
Kindergarten Health Checks	Monday 21 st May – Friday 25 th May
Musica Viva	Tuesday 22 nd May
National Simultaneous Storytime	Wednesday 23 rd May
Senior Rostrum	Thursday 24 th May
Writer's Workshop	Friday 25 th May
Junior Assembly Hosted by KLF & KGM	Friday 25 th May

Notes Home

- Musica Viva
- Year 6 Combined Band
- Term Calendar
- ICAS Spelling and Writing Competition (Years 3-6)
- Years 3/4 Geoscience Excursion

Board

Next Meeting:
Tuesday 22nd May 2018,
6.00pm

P & C

Next Meeting:
Tuesday 22nd May 2018,
7:30pm

Dear Families and Friends,

As you may know, this year our school turns 60! We started our celebrations with a nod to the first decade the school was open, 1958-1968, with clothes from that era being worn to our Welcome Disco last term. This time we are celebrating decade number 2 with a design competition for our junior playpod which needs a makeover. How can you enter? More information is included later in the newsletter and we look forward to seeing all your entries as we know how creative and artistic our community is here at NAPS.

I hope you have been enjoying the PYP Explained from Rikkie Klootwijk which she has been including regularly in our newsletters. As the PYP guides everything we do here at North Ainslie, we want to ensure we work with families to engage our entire community in our development of the whole child. The Attitudes are the ways in which we grow the Attributes of the Learner Profile, so important as we develop caring and creative students who are active participants in their lifelong journey of learning. I know that Rikkie has invited feedback from families as part of our IB Evaluation later this term, and we look forward to hearing from you.

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NAPLAN

Next week NAPLAN starts for students in years 3 and 5. We ask that you remind them that all anyone can ask is for them to do their best and the tests are a single snapshot in time. You can also assist them by ensuring they get a good night's sleep and arrive at school well rested with a healthy breakfast behind them. As many of the tests are online the timetable is for a 2 week period with students having access to our Chrome Books to complete the assessments. Any queries can be directed to Dan Breen, who is the school's NAPLAN Coordinator.

NAPS P&C Working Bee

The P & C will be running a working bee on Sunday 20th May from 10am – 12pm. Their main goal is to beautify the adventure track, so they will require some enthusiastic people to help with planting and spreading mulch. The P and C also plan to re-paint the handball courts in the senior quad and if time permits maybe touch up some of the painting in the junior playground. All help is appreciated and if you're able to bring some gardening tools such as wheelbarrows, shovels and rakes that would be fantastic. We hope to see you on the Sunday the 20th.

Author Visit - Cameron Stelzer

On Friday 25 May, we have a special visit from Author and Illustrator Dr Cameron Stelzer. Cameron is visiting North Ainslie Primary School to run workshops with some of our Year 3-6 students. Cameron will be engaging the Year 3-4 group in a workshop exploring both writing and illustration skills to create sensational stories. The Year 5-6 group will participate in a writing workshop exploring exciting and descriptive language, with time for guided and independent writing. The workshops will extend students with their own writing. Students and teachers are looking forward to a fantastic day!

In conjunction with the Author Visit, North Ainslie PS families have a special opportunity to purchase signed and personalised copies of Cameron's books at special prices. Individual books are \$15 each and there are also exclusive book sets available. Students will receive an order form on the day of the workshops. Forms and payment can be returned the following Tuesday, 29 May, to the Library. Cameron will personally sign books, and students will receive their orders within a fortnight.

End of May is Hats Off

Just a reminder that as a SunSmart School we keep our hats on until the end of May based on the recommendations of the ACT Cancer Council. They recommend Canberra primary schools and early childhood services adopt a combination of sensible sun protection behaviours when spending time outdoors when UV levels are 3 and above. For this reason, sun protection behaviour like wearing a hat and applying sunscreen is not generally required around the June and July winter period in Canberra because daily UV levels drop and stay low (under 3) during this period. However, sun protection may still be required if spending time in Alpine regions or extended time outdoors during this period, ie all day outdoor excursions and sport carnivals etc. This "Hats Off" period may assist Canberra children with their winter vitamin D requirements.

Automatic Doors

Last year we had an automatic door installed near the entrance to the hall as part of our upgrades and to assist with heating and cooling. Next week installation of automatic doors at either end of the Admin Corridor will commence. They will complete the majority of the work, leaving the existing wooden doors intact until the new doors are totally operational.

Grin and Bear It Photos

Last week we had Grin and Bear It Photographers in to take our school photographs. They have recently written to school to advise us they will be closing their business after almost 10 years of enjoying photographing the students from Canberra. They intend to close as of June 30 which means they will not be able to process any orders placed after 15 June. Further information will come to you from Grin and Bear It including information that photos are ready and an invite to purchase any photos you may have missed ordering.

Enrolling for school in 2019

Enrolment applications for 2019 are now open and can be found on the ACT Education Directorate's website. Students wishing to attend preschool next year, our year 6 students and new students for kindergarten to year 6 should all finish the application as soon as possible. Students who already attend preschool at the NAPS or Hackett site who will continue to kindergarten in 2019 do not need to complete an application.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Tania Collis

(Principal)

PYP Explained**The Learner Profile, Communicator**

Last week's newsletter focused on the learner profile attribute of caring. This week I have included some fun activities you can do with your child (ren) around being good communicators. If you have any stories to share about your child being a good communicator please come and let me know!

Students who are COMMUNICATORS are able to think and communicate in more than one language. They can express their ideas by speaking, drawing and writing. They can also communicate using mathematical language and symbols. *How can parents help to develop students who are Communicators at home?*

- Encourage your child to stay in touch with relatives and friends who live in other countries by writing letters, using the phone or sending emails.
- When working on mathematics homework, encourage your child to explain his/her answer to you orally or by drawing a picture.
- Ask your child thought provoking questions and encourage them to discuss them with you. For example:
 - Is there anything you cannot buy with money?
 - Should you get an allowance? Why or why not?
- Work with your child to improve his/her listening skills. Being a good listener is an important part of communicating with others.

As you are aware we will be undergoing IB Evaluation at the end of term 2. If you would like to be a part of this process at the end of this term and speak with the evaluators about your thoughts of the school please let me know atrikkie.klootwijk@ed.act.edu.au or calling me on 61420760.

Australian Girl's Choir

The Australian Girls' choir is setting up a branch in the ACT. They are visiting North Ainslie on Tuesday 29th May from 9.00 am – 10.00 am to run an assessment workshop for any girl from K-6 who may be interested in joining this group. If you are interested in participating in this workshop please complete the form below and return it to the front office by Friday 25th May. The AGC will then send families personalised feedback and further information about participating in this choir later in the year. Hard copies of the form are available at the front office.



 AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR

A very good place to start

We provide an experience that goes far beyond the stage; your daughter will develop confidence, public speaking and presentation skills, resilience and friendships that will last a lifetime.

The AGC will be visiting your school this term to hold an assessment workshop for interested girls in Kindergarten and above. Tuesday 29th May 9.00-10.00am

The group assessment workshop includes singing and movement activities and is designed to be a fun and positive experience. Following our visit, we'll post a personalised report and further information about Semester 2 classes to you.

Contact us for more information | [1800 338 142](tel:1800338142) | aspagroup.com.au

Australian Girls Choir assessment (Please return to the front office by Friday) *May 25th*

Girl's Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade _____

Address _____ Suburb _____ Postcode _____

Email _____ School _____

Home Phone _____ Mobile _____

I give permission for my daughter to attend the group assessment for the Australian Girls Choir

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Design Competition

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our junior oval playpod needs a makeover. NAPS is celebrating its 60th year this year, so as part of these celebrations we are announcing a design competition!

TASK:

Design a mural depicting significant things that may have occurred during the second decade of the school – 1968-1978. (on a piece of paper no bigger than A3 – colours preferred).

Some examples are:

- The lake was completed.
- Telstra tower was constructed.
- The Aboriginal Tent Embassy was established on the front lawns of Old Parliament House.
- The National Athletics Stadium was completed in time for the Pan Pacific Conference Games. It is now known as Canberra Stadium.

The winning artworks will be transferred as a mural on the playpod in the junior oval. So get your pencils and paper and start designing!

The closing date for this competition is Friday 22nd June – week 8.

As mural designs are completed please hand them in to the front office with the child's full name and class.

PaCH Resources Request

Our Personal and Community Health (PaCH) teachers, Rachel and Amy, are seeking spare resources for the PaCH program and garden. If you have any of the following items please drop them off to the PaCH area in the library.

- small glass jars with lids
- succulent cuttings
- seeds
- seedlings
- insect attracting plants
- strawberry plants
- cane baskets to use when harvesting produce
- 100% cotton fabric to make wax wraps - this can be as small as 30cm x 30cm
- small outdoor furniture cushions

If you have any other items that you would like to donate, please contact Amy or Rachel on amy.pepper@ed.act.edu.au or rachel.levinson@ed.act.edu.au or come and have a chat to us!

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P & C NEWS



NAPS Athletics Carnival

The North Ainslie Primary School Athletics Carnival is on next Friday May 18th and we need **you** to volunteer to help set up the course and help manage runners/be time keepers. We're using SignUp.com to organize our upcoming activity.

Please sign up for NAPS Athletics Carnival! Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on SignUp.com:

<http://signup.com/login/entry/287025797464090073>

2. **Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp.com)

3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots - SignUp.com will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Rachel @ napscommunity@gmail.com and I can sign you up manually.

TERM 2 HEHUB CANTEEN MENU (Open Wednesday, Thursday Friday)



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	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:

Pasta Beef Bolognese (DF)

Smoothies \$2.00

Friday:

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

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