

The Gang Gang Gazette

Week 5, Term 2 (1st June, 2018)

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Upcoming Events

Year 5 Combined Band @ Ainslie Primary	Monday 4 th June
Peer Support	Friday 8 th June, 15 th June & 22 nd June
SEL Summit	Friday 8 th June
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	Monday 11 th June
3/4 Geoscience Excursion	Tuesday 12 th June
ACT Cross Country	Wednesday 13 th June
ICAS Spelling Competition	Wednesday 13 th June
ICAS Writing Competition	Thursday 14 th June
Jnr Assembly Hosted by KSM & KMH @ 12 noon	Friday 15 th June

Notes Home

- Hurley Burley Fair email (P&C)
- P&C Survey email
- Year 5 Band note
- Email from Campbell High Principal (Year 6)

Board

Next Meeting:
Tuesday 19th June 2018,
6.00pm

P & C

Next Meeting:
Tuesday 19th June 2018,
7:30pm

Dear Families and Friends,

Yesterday we had our Information Session and Open Morning for new families. We were delighted to have so many families join us to discover more about our fabulous school. We were able to give them an overview of the IB and PYP and the way we use inquiry in our school as well as our approaches to Wellbeing and Restorative Practices. They were also able to learn about a typical day at school. The presentation was followed by the opportunity for families to visit classrooms and see our facilities, such as the library and HeHub. Thank you to our staff and students for welcoming us into your classrooms. This year, the Information Session was hosted by our wonderful School Leaders and they did an excellent job with many of the parents commenting on how mature they were and how they could clearly see the IB Attributes in action. If you know of anyone who missed the Information Session, please ask them to contact the school to find out more about NAPS.

Enrolling for 2019

Enrolments for 2019 are still open and will remain so all year. The first round of applications will be considered and processed after 9am on Monday 11 June and so we encourage families to enrol before then. Below my section in this week's newsletter, I also have a message from Kerrie Heath, Principal of Campbell High School for our families in year 6.

Rostrum

This term we have had many of our students from kindergarten to year 6 participate in the annual Rostrum Public Speaking Competition. Last week our years 3 to 6 students held their senior school final. Well done to Nicholas P, Giselle S, Isla F, Hugo T, Bella S, Grace B, Reuben V B and Cassidy S for being this year's finalists. The speeches were outstanding and it is easy to see we are a school of Communicators. Bella S was the overall winner and she will be heading off to represent North Ainslie in the quarter finals of the competition. Next week we will share the names of the finalists from years 1/2.

North Gungahlin Cross Country

Also this week was the North Gungahlin Cross Country with our students doing us proud at Mount Stromlo. We had 39 district representatives from 8 years to 12 years in both the girls' and the boys' events. Thank you to the teachers and parents who joined them to support the school as they showed the NAPS attitudes of Commitment, Confidence and Enthusiasm. Your enthusiasm and support was appreciated by our students. Thank you also to Jarrod and Tanya who helped us with official duties on the day. Well done to everyone who participated as everyone has commented on how well you supported and encouraged each other. We now have Matilda V B, Reuben V B, Cassidy S, Hannah Q, Gus W, Otis J R and Evie S C moving on to the ACT event on June 13.



Local Playgrounds

Although it is getting colder, the sunny days of Canberra's winter still provide wonderful opportunities for us to get outside and have some fun. I thought I would share some of Canberra's playgrounds which you might like to visit (thanks and credit to Her Canberra for ideas).

FADDEN PINES

Set on 41 hectares, there's an adventure playground, skateboard area and picnic areas in a gorgeous open green space. There is plenty of room for the kids to run around among the trees, and you can make use of the free barbeques and sheltered areas.



GLEBE PARK

Glebe Park is a little oasis very close to us with some great play equipment, plenty of room to run around, beautiful English Elms and English Oaks to shelter under, playgrounds, a picnic area and more.

THE POD PLAYGROUND

Head to the Pod Playground at the National Arboretum for a play experience that's close to nature. A beautifully crafted space that reflects the surrounding forests, its giant wooden acorn cubby houses can be reached by clambering breathlessly up through exciting rope tunnels and challenging ladders, only to whizz down again on the slides. There are also several ground-level banksia pods, some with musical instruments, and four swings. Good luck extricating your kids from this playground!

YERRABI POND DISTRICT PARK

If you're exploring northside, this is a wonderful adventure playground which includes an all-abilities swing, multiple flying foxes, and a slide/climbing structure with cubby spaces underneath. Other features include a skateboard/scooter area, BBQs and shaded picnic areas under the trees. Like John Knight Park, Yerrabi Pond also features a plethora of watery wildlife.

BOUNDLESS CANBERRA



This incredible all-abilities playground was devised by a group of community-minded public servants as a gift to Canberra on its centenary in 2013. Boundless showcases the benefits of inclusion and diversity, enabling children with disability to explore, play and swing to their hearts' content alongside their able-bodied peers. There are ramps and cubbies, swings and slides and a sandpit with diggers!

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KAMBAH ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

This is a playground for all ages and abilities, with a tree house, junior and senior flying foxes, giant swings, space net and wheelchair accessible liberty swing guaranteed to keep the children engaged for hours. Take along a picnic hamper, fire up the BBQ and settle in!

**JOHN KNIGHT MEMORIAL PARK**

An idyllic spot on the shores of Lake Ginninderra. The playground includes a tree house, flying fox and play sculpture; and reptile-lovers are in for a treat with the Snake house's large timber climbing unit featuring a wave board and nest spinner, a climbing net, shop counter with a snake theme and voice tubes for children to speak to each other across the play area. There are also plenty of water birds to watch.

COTTER AVENUE

About 20 minutes from the city centre is Cotter Avenue, an absolute cracker of a playground and park area. There are grassed areas for running around or tossing a ball, BBQs for sausage sizzles and picnics, and a great modern adventure playground – all on the banks of the historic Cotter River. It gets busy on warm weekends, and for good reasons – it's totally idyllic!

TIDBINBILLA NATURE RESERVE

Just out of Canberra (about 40 minutes' drive) is the amazing Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve. Its Nature Discovery Playground takes inspiration from the natural beauty, form and diversity of the Tidbinbilla Valley and will keep kids busy for hours. When they've had enough play, they can see an array of animals (koalas, emus, kangaroos, platypuses, reptiles, possums, echidnas, and more), take a guided walk, or enjoy hands-on educational displays.

Tania Collis (Principal)

Message from Campbell High School

Dear Families of Current Year 6 Students

It was wonderful to meet many of you at our recent Open Night and to see your excited children eager to start their high school journey! I wish to just remind you to please ensure you have completed the online enrolment process as soon as possible and by 9am on 11 June at latest. We appreciate those who have already completed their online enrolment – it definitely makes it easier for us to start to plan for next year.

If you have a child who is gifted and talented and planning to attend our school in 2019, you may be interested in attending a brief information session at the school in August. Our librarian, teacher and leader of our approach to gifted and talented education, Nick Carey-Ide is offering an information session at 6.30 on the 13th of August (before P&C) in the library for parents who wish to know more about our Enlighten Program. If are interested in knowing about what we do and why we do it then please come along and feel free to stay afterwards for our P&C meeting.

Kind regards
Kerrie Heath
Principal
Campbell High School

PYP**The Learner Profile, Knowledgeable**

The attributes and descriptors of the learner profile define the type of learner the IB hopes to develop through its programmes. Following are some activities that you can do at home to inspire and motivate students to model the IB Learner Profile.

Students who are KNOWLEDGEABLE have explored relevant and significant concepts and can remember what they have learned. They can draw on this knowledge and apply it in new situations. *How can parents help to develop students who are Knowledgeable at home?*

- Encourage your child to read books at home that correspond with the topics being covered in school. In particular, books in their mother tongue will help your child make more meaningful, lasting connections to what is being taught in their classroom in English.
- Ask your child about what they are learning in school and engage them in conversations about it:

“Why do you think that is an important thing to know about?”

“Can you think of anything happening in the world today that might be similar to that aspect of History?”

“You’re learning about pulleys and gears at school? This reminds me of your simple machines unit in grade 2... have you noticed any similarities? How is what you’re learning different?”

- Foster any area that your child expresses an interest in with books and activities, but also be sure to encourage them to explore other areas.
- Encourage your child to become familiar with current events and to read the newspaper and watch the news when appropriate.

We would love to hear about times when your child or your family have been knowledgeable!

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 at rikkie.klootwijk@ed.act.edu.au or calling me on 6142 0760.

Design Competition

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 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 junior oval playpod. 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.

Marni Payne

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North Ainslie Primary School Sustainability Fair

Sunday 17 June 10am-2pm

Celebrate sustainability this winter!

- Second hand: bikes, games & toys, books, school uniform
- Sustainable stalls including electric bikes & plastic free products
- Talks on energy, waste and bees
- Activities for the kids
- Delicious food, sausage sizzle, vegan crepes, cakes and coffee
- Do you have a bike or clothing that needs fixing? Bring it along to our repair cafes (small jobs only!)

Volunteers needed....

We need parents/carers to help out with setting up/packing up and on a few of the stalls (like the BBQ, curry/soup stalls and our second hand book/toy/uniform stall). We also need a few more 'skilled' helpers for our bikes and clothes repair café, so if you can change a bike tube, grease a chain, sew a patch or fix a hem, please get in touch.

Sign up online at www.volunteersignup.org/WXFQT. The site keeps your information confidential, but if you would prefer email is at napscommunity@gmail.com.

Spread the word

The more the merrier, email the attached poster to your friends or pick up some flyers from the front office and pop in your neighbors letterbox. OK, so maybe not the most sustainable approach but sometimes the old fashioned way works best!

Car Boot Sale

If you are interested in participating in our inaugural Car Boot Sale, we welcome your participation. There is a general entry fee of \$15. Please contact napscommunity@gmail.com to register your interest and for more details.

Want to donate some items...

We are asking for donations of good quality books, toys/games, bikes and second hand school uniforms. So it's time to clean out the cupboards. Drop off between 8.30-9am on Friday 1st, 8th and 15th June at the Senior Hall. Alternatively drop your pre-loved goods to the Front office.

And remember, we want the event to be as sustainable as possible, so don't forget to your bring your cup and ride or walk!



Upcoming Events

Interschools Snowsports Championship

Entries are now open for the ACT Interschools Snowsports Championships at Perisher 25-27 July. There are races for Alpine, Skiercross, Freestyle Moguls, Snowboard Giant Slalom, Snowboard Cross and Cross Country. If anyone would like to participate and form a NAPS team please contact Alina McMaster (Archie Landon-Smith's mum) - alina@arocsport.com.au

Alina McMaster
AROC Sport

Homemade Lemonade Stall

Jay and Nicholas from 3/4KM are running a homemade lemonade stall at the Sly Fox Community Market on Saturday June 2 from 10am to 4pm.



TERM 2 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



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ets(VG) \$0.50

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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