

The Gang Gang Gazette

Week 2, Term 2 (5th May, 2017)

Principal: Tania Collis **Deputy Principals: Rikkie Klootwijk and Daniel Breen**
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P & C President: Trudy Green
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Upcoming Events

Big Green Garage Sale (BGGs)	Saturday 6 th May (9.00am-1.00pm)
NAPLAN	Tuesday 9 th May – Thursday 11 th May
NAPS Athletics Carnival	Friday 12 th May
Assembly Hosted by 5/6DM & KLF (Group 2)	Thursday 11 th May @12 noon
Kindergarten Health Checks	Monday 15 th May – Wednesday 17 th May
Early Childhood Info Session/Open Morning	Wednesday 17 th May (9.15-10.30am)
Assembly Hosted by 5/6GD & KDG	Friday 19 th May @ 12 noon

Notes Home

- 1/2 Rostrum
- Parking at North Ainslie
- Michael Grose Flyer
- Cross Country note
- Kindergarten Intention

Dear Families and Friends,

We are now at the end of week 2 and it's been a very busy week, finishing with our Cross Country. Thank you to all the organising teachers, all the staff and the many parents who came together to make it such a successful event. A huge thank you to our P & C who donated a new sound system which we used for the first time today. If you are using Class and School Dojo, you may have seen the picture we shared. At the end of the newsletter is an allergy note for the Environmental Science Program. Please read it and send in any information we need to know about your child for their cooking program.

Board

Next Meeting:
Monday 15th May, 6.00pm

P & C

Next Meeting:
Tuesday 16th May, 7.30pm

Big Green Garage Sale

Tomorrow is the P & C's BGGs and we are looking forward to this fabulous event with great pre-loved items and wonderful food from our preschools and canteen. The School and Sports Leaders will be holding their own stall as part of their leadership for the year. They will be painting nails, spraying hair and they have some yummy treats to share so we hope you come by their stall and support them. One of the other stalls at the BGGs is Photography by Kobi-Lee. Kobi-Lee is one of our parents and is donating a \$500 Gift Voucher through a \$5.00 raffle. Your support of all the stalls at the BGGs provides valuable fundraising which is passed on to our students but, more importantly, contributes to our warm and welcoming community.

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School Improvement

Each year we write an Annual Action Plan to drive our school improvement agenda. I am sharing an overview of this year's plans with you in today's newsletter. There are four priorities for the year and underneath them I am including some of the strategies and specific actions we are taking.

Priority No 1: Embed an explicit school agenda driven by data analysis to improve student outcomes in literacy, numeracy and science.

- Establish teacher literacy and numeracy committees to further develop the school's vision and improvement processes
- Whole school participation in professional learning on writing to embed a consistent approach to the teaching of writing
- Embed an environmental science program with access to all students from kindergarten to year 6
- Design common formative assessment tasks for literacy, numeracy and units of inquiry
- Use of "I Can" statements and individual goals for writing and maths

Priority No 2: Develop an expert teaching team

- Develop a school specific coaching and mentoring framework
- Professional learning is focused on key priority areas
- Re-design the team leaders' role with a focus on developing future leaders

Priority No 3: Promote a safe, inclusive and respectful learning environment and embed a whole school approach to student engagement and voice

- Develop explicit high expectations of students in the learning environment
- Establish teacher Wellbeing and Community Committees to further develop the school's vision and improvement processes for wellbeing using KidsMatter
- Develop Essential Agreements for all classes, explicitly teach them and send home to parents
- Embed the consistent use of Restorative and Relational Practices using Circle Time and Restorative Conferences
- Implement the Peer Support Program

Priority No 4: Embed targeted use of school resources to support all students

- Referral processes are built upon and include the school psychologist, DECO, EALD staff, Learning Assistance Staff and Leadership Team
- Build upon the school's current Response to Intervention model with targeted, small groups for support and extension
- Continue use of PreLit, MiniLit and have staff trained in MaqLit for senior students
- Target the use of resources in areas of greater need, both the learning and environment of the school

If you have any further questions about our Annual Action Plan, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In last week's newsletter, we shared the enrolment procedures which are currently open for 2018. On Wednesday 17 May, we are holding an Information Session and open morning for prospective parents. An email went home earlier in the week. Please share this with anyone you know who might be interested.

We are still taking feedback on the Schoolbag App to help us decide whether to go ahead beyond the trial period. Please email it through to the Front Office. Final information from the Coding Club is below. Even if you have sent in an expression of interest, please fill out the consent form attached to the newsletter to apply for the club. Have a great weekend and I hope to see you tomorrow.

Tania Collis
(Principal)

Coding Club is starting at North Ainslie!

Last term we let you know that we were starting a Coding Club at North Ainslie. Lessons will be held on Monday after school, in the Library, starting Monday 15 May. All year levels are catered for, and we will be initially following the lesson plans on codeclubau.org. Are you interested in joining us? If so please fill in the Expression of Interest form that is attached to this newsletter and return it to the front office. Places are limited and there are only a few places left. Please do not insert these new Expressions of Interest into the silver boxes as we will be unable to assign an accurate time and date to them. We will confirm places and logistics via an email.

Those who have already emailed us an expression of interest will be receiving an email with the Consent form to fill out, as your place is now confirmed. If you no longer want this place, please email Karen as soon as possible so it can be offered to another student.

Remember:

- New Expressions of Interest should be returned straight to the Front Office
- Consent Forms, for those who have already sent in an Expression of Interest, should be emailed directly to Karen or brought to the Front Office

For other questions, please email Karen at lkcam@tpg.com.au

If anyone has coding knowledge or is interested in helping out as an instructor please also let us know!

School Banking

School Banking continues to contribute to our fundraising efforts at the school with North Ainslie earning a commission for every deposit made and every new account opened. The Commonwealth bank is launching a new app that students can use to track their savings and tokens earned. When using the app, students will select that they belong to North Ainslie. This means that North Ainslie Primary School will be listed as a participating school in this program. If anyone has any questions or concerns about this, please see **Tania Collis** (Principal)

NAPLAN 2017

Next week, students in years 3 and 5 will be sitting the annual National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests.

The tests will be conducted on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of week 3. On Tuesday morning students will be sitting the Language Conventions and Spelling test, followed by the Writing test after recess. On Wednesday morning, students will be sitting the reading test, and on Thursday morning, our students will participate in the Numeracy test. If you have any questions regarding the NAPLAN tests, please contact me here at school on 62056533.

Dan Breen (NAPLAN Coordinator)

Volunteers needed!


The Breakfast Club is looking to increase the number of days it operates at our school. Starting this term, breakfast will be available on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8.30 until the first bell at 8.55am. If you would like to help out on either morning, please get in touch with the organiser, David Sloper on [6161-9883](tel:6161-9883) or [\(0\)429-033-629](tel:0429-033-629). Thanks so much for your support, **Sue Chalmers**

Saver Plus

Saver Plus is a free financial education program delivered by The Smith Family that can help families on lower-incomes pay for school costs like books, uniforms, laptops, and excursions, by matching their savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500.

To find out more about Saver Plus visit <https://www.thesmithfamily.com.au/programs/financial/saver-plus> or contact myself, the ACT Saver Plus Coordinator, Kathleen Watson, on 0448 730 305 or kathleen.watson@thesmithfamily.com.au.

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Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for education costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work, and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Kathleen Watson, your local Saver Plus Coordinator
(02) 6283 7606 / 0448 730 305
kathleen.watson@thesmithfamily.com.au
or enquire online at www.saverplus.org.au

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Big Green Garage Sale (BGGs)

6 May 2017

Come and have a sausage, soup or coffee while browsing the books, find yourself some brand-new diving flippers, a towel rack or clothes for the kids.

If you would like to help it would be great if you could :

- bring cupcakes for the preschool stalls (list all ingredients)
- donate spare books or magazines accepted on the day, and
- bring your trailer down at 1pm to take any leftover items to the Green Shed.



(-: THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME :-)

Photography by Kobi-Lee will kindly be donating a \$500 Gift Voucher for the Big Green Garage Sale this Saturday.

Raffle tickets are only \$5.00 each for your chance to win. Please stop in and say hello to find out more information, and to receive other discounts! Kobi-Lee looks forward to meeting other NAPS parents on the day! Kobi-Lee Hiebl can be contacted on 0418 270 863 or kobi-lee@hieblphotography.com.au Or visit www.photographybykobi-lee.com.au or www.facebook.com/PhotographyByKobiLee "

School Banking

There are two new prizes now available in term 2 for bankers who have earned 10 tokens - a Tablet case and a 3D chalk set. Information on both are available online and leaflets to order prizes are available at the front office. The Commonwealth Bank is also launching a new app called the CommBank Youth app. This is available to download on the App Store. Students can track their bank balances, the number of tokens earned and set savings goals. It is not yet being used to make electronic transfers, so the banking process will not change for the time being.

Don't forget banking day is Monday. Drop your bank books at the front office any time during the day. Any questions about school banking please contact Karen lkcam@tpg.com.au.

Mother's Day Stall

The school Mother's Day Stall will be running the morning of Thursday 11th May. Items will be available for students to buy a gift. The prices will range from \$1, \$2, \$5, \$7 and \$10.

If you would like to donate any gifts for the stall please drop them to Meenakshi at the front office. Please consider volunteering to help me for a couple of hours on Thursday. You can contact me via napsvolunteers@gmail.com Thanks **Rachael Harris**

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

A selection from the following:

Peas 'n' corn cup	\$1.00	Fruit of the day / Apple slinky	\$0.50 / \$1.00
Pikelets(VG)	\$0.50	Toasties	\$1.00
Popcorn	\$0.50		
Apple & cinnamon muffin	\$0.50		

Lunch

Vegie sticks	Free	Fruit of the day	\$0.50
Vegemite sandwich(VG)	\$2.00	Baked potato, cheese(or not),salsa(V)	\$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:*Pasta beef bolognaise(DF)*

Smoothies \$2.00

Friday:

*Veg Sushi(VG),
Chicken Sushi(GF)
Tuna Sushi (GF)*

Smoothies \$2.00

Environmental Science – Allergy Note***Return to school ONLY if your child has a food allergy or intolerance.***

Student name: _____

Year Level: _____

Teacher: _____

Allergies/Intolerances: _____

Parent contact details: _____

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