

# The Gang Gang Gazette

Week 7, Term 3 (1<sup>st</sup> Sep, 2017)

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## Upcoming Events

Year 2 Aqua Safe	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 5 & Year 6 Bandfest	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 1/2 Outdoor Classroom Day	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September
Junior assembly Hosted By KNN, KLF & Jnr IEC	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September
Preschool Excursion to the Farm	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September & Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September
NO Assembly due to Year 6 Exhibition	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September

### Notes Home

- Holiday Happening
- Year 5 & Year 6 Bandfest
- Year 3/4 Camp Reminder

### Board

Next Meeting:  
Tuesday 5 September,  
6:00 pm

### P & C

Next Meeting:  
Tuesday 5 September,  
7:30 pm

### Dear Families and Friends,

Last week we were celebrating sporting achievements and this week we are celebrating some of our fabulous artists who entered this year's *The Threatened Species Children's Art Competition*. We are also celebrating the k – 4 student led conferences where student showcased and presented their work to a special person.

### The Threatened Species Children's Art Competition

This Art competition helps children unleash their artistic creativity while learning about the extinction crisis facing our native plants and animals. It aims to encourage the next generation of environmental leaders. The fifty finalists' works will hang in a two-week exhibition in September. Part of the exhibition will be at the Surry Hills Community Centre, and part of it will be held in the open at the Botanic Gardens Sydney around the Children's Fig. The winners will be announced on September 7, Threatened Species Day.

This year they received over 1600 entries, many more than the organisers had expected with five of them coming from students at NAPS. Our entrants' beautiful work is shown below and we are very proud of each of them. It is also very exciting to have two our artists named finalists. Allison and Maeve will have their work hung in this special event. The judges would have found it very hard to choose which works would be hung when there were so many good artists entering! After the

competition is over we plan to display all the artworks here at NAPS so our community can learn from and enjoy them together at our school.

**Josie Holt - Year 5**

The squirrel glider is a small Australian animal that is currently vulnerable due to loss of habitat through deforestation and development. The squirrel glider is also vulnerable because of the lack of food due to the destruction of the understory plants where it forages. Other reasons for its vulnerability include drought, other animals taking over their hollows and predators such as foxes and cats. I chose to do my artwork on the squirrel glider because I didn't know much about it and I wanted to find out more. I also thought that it was a really beautiful animal which would be fun and challenging to draw.



**Milla N - Year 5**

The yellow footed rock wallaby is a threatened species because of habitat destruction. Deforestation and English settlement caused habitat destruction. Introduced species like goats and cats also destroy wallaby habitats and prey on the rock wallabies. The rock wallabies were hunted and shot for their fur. A good way to protect the rock wallabies is nature reserves, because pests like cats cannot get in. I chose the yellow footed rock wallaby to write and paint about because I love rock wallabies and I have seen them in real life. I like the unique patterns on their fur.

**Gus C – Year 4**

I chose this little lizard because I really like lizards and I thought it would be nice to draw, paint and show my love of lizards all in one. The vehicles in the background show the loss of land, which humans think is why it hasn't been seen for so long. I went to the mulligans flat grass lands which is where the earless dragons live but I did not see any earless dragons. After I made this picture I saw construction vehicles just outside the area where the grass lands were.



**Allison M - Year 3 (Competition Finalist)**

I chose the regent honeyeater because of the interesting triangles the feathers make on its belly and the bright colours on its wings and tail. The regent honeyeater eats nectar, fruits and insects. It lives in nests in old forests with big trees. It is endangered because of habitat destruction. There are only two breeding regions left in the world. I used oil pastels and textas for my picture. The regent honeyeater in my picture is sitting on a branch of a tree. The border shows the honeyeater's diet.

**Maeve S – Year 5 (Competition Finalist)**

I painted a hooded plover for the competition because they are endangered, I really like them and they are cute 😊! Once, when I was on a holiday in Thurra, I saw four birds running along the beach. I asked my mum what they were and she said they were hooded plovers and that they are endangered. Hooded plovers are endangered because they nest on the ground. This means predators like cats foxes and dogs can eat them and their eggs. It also means we (us humans) can disturb them more easily, and we probably will disturb them more if we don't look where we are going. This is why I painted a hooded plover



**Student Led Conferences**

This week also saw our Student Led Conferences for kindergarten to year 4. The school was buzzing with a celebration of learning in all areas of the curriculum. Here are some photos from this great event.



**Being a Risk Taker**

This term we have also been sharing the stories of our students who have been trying new things. Here are some photos from Alex P who went to a fun park in the school holidays with his older Cousins in Germany. Initially he was very scared to ride the roller coaster ride but then said to his daddy, "Let's do it." Alex had fun and his dad was a bit sick afterwards.



Have a wonderful weekend.

*Tania Collis (Principal)*

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## The Brave Program - Online Program for Students with Worries

Everyone experiences worry. Sometimes, worry can serve a functional purpose. At other times, it can stop us from doing things that we want or need to do. A large portion of the referrals we receive through the School Psychology service are related to worries and anxiety. The Brave program is one resource that may be helpful to you. Developed by the University of Queensland, Brave is an online self-help program that contains resources and information for children and their parents who are looking for strategies and support in managing worries and anxiety. Brave is based on the principals of Cognitive Behaviour Therapy, which is the primary evidence-based treatment for young people with anxiety. The program is designed for 8 – 12 year olds. Parents with younger children may wish to complete the child-parent program alone, and adapt the strategies so that they are age appropriate. Sessions run for 30-60 minutes each, and you can work through the program at your own pace. For more information, or to get started, visit <https://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au/child-program>.

## Personal and Community Health

This term *Environmental Science* has had a name change to *Personal and Community Health* to reflect the learning outcomes that students will be inquiring into. Students will learn about ways to keep themselves and their communities healthy by looking at nutrition, being active, growing their own food and looking after their environments.

Recently students have been inquiring into why it is important to eat a wide range of healthy foods.

We have learnt that healthy foods help us GO, GROW and GLOW.

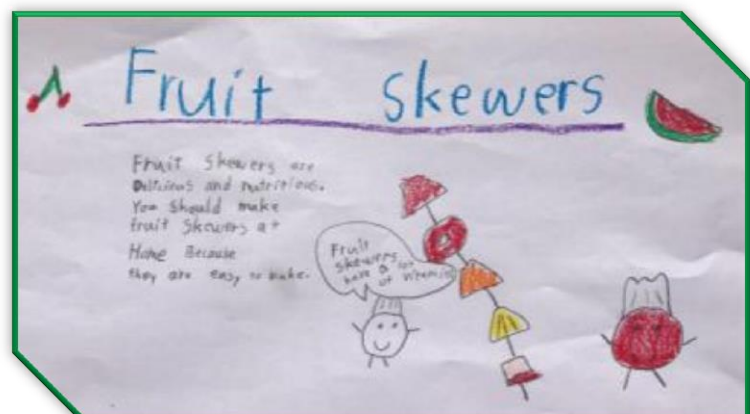
*GO foods give us energy. GO foods are grain foods such as rice and oats and foods made from grains such as pasta, bread and breakfast cereals.*

*GROW foods are needed to help us grow. GROW foods are foods from animals such as meat, eggs, milk, cheese and yogurt. They also include legumes, beans, nuts and tofu.*

*GLOW foods help stop us getting sick. GLOW foods are fruits and vegetables. They are our most colourful foods!*



The Kindergarten, year 1/2 and IEC students enjoyed making fruit skewers with yoghurt and honey over the last few weeks. Not only did students enjoy trying new foods but they were able to learn about kitchen hygiene practises and how to safely cut and peel their own food.



## P &amp; C News



## P&C 2017 Trivia night – a night at the museum to remember!



Many thanks to the fantastic volunteers and NAPS staff who made the Trivia night possible. Many thanks to the pizza team, Sarah our MC and the judges and prize collectors. Thanks to the well dressed and fun loving participants, who raised money to increase resources for our growing school community!

**The night would not be possible without our sponsors, who as a community we support, and we appreciate the support they give our school in return. Thank you.**

## Welcome to That's Mine Label Fundraising

### How to order:

North Ainslie Primary School has signed up and has received a unique school code of **2028**

Simply go to [www.thatsmine.com.au](http://www.thatsmine.com.au) and place your order as normal.

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**TERM 3 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:***Chicken noodle soup(DF)*

Smoothies \$2.00

**Friday:**

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

Smoothies \$2.00

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