

The Gang Gang Gazette

Week 5, Term 2 (31st May, 2019)

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Upcoming Events

Year 5 Combined Band	Monday 3 rd June
NAPS Athletics Carnival	Thursday 6 th June
Junior assembly hosted by KNB & KMH	Friday 7 th June
Peer Support	Friday 7 th June
Queen's Birthday Long Weekend	Monday 10 th June
ACT Cross Country	Wednesday 12 th June
Grandparents Morning Tea	Wednesday 12 th June
Peer support	Friday 14 th June
Senior assembly hosted by 3/4AC, 3/4JM & 3/4LF	Friday 14 th June

Notes Home

- Music Viva
- Head lice notification (Kindergarten)

Dear Families and Friends,

It has been a short but busy week with lots of learning and participation in some wonderful events. Our Reconciliation Week activities were a highlight for all of us. Well done to Hallie C who gave a wonderful reading of our shared story on Tuesday and to our amazing Reconciliation Choir who sang at Dickson College on Wednesday. Our Indigenous students also presented the college with a fantastic painting for the Yamalundi Room which was greatly appreciated by the college and will be framed and hung in the room.



Board

Next Meeting:
Tuesday 18th June 2019,
6.00pm

P & C

Next Meeting:
Wednesday 19th June,
6:00pm



Thank you to Meredith, Tim and Sarah for the hard work in preparing our choir and to the parents and carers who joined us on the day.

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Yesterday I was privileged to participate in a day's learning with other principals from public primary schools on Cultural Integrity as part of the Directorate's commitment on this issue. The sharing from our facilitators and amongst my colleagues was inspiring and I have many ideas to bring back to our community and Cultural Integrity Committee. This morning I was learning again, this time with other principals and school leaders in the area of Early Childhood Learning. Once again the session was highly informative and will enable me to work further with our preschool staff to enhance the learning experiences for our students.

Later this term, the Board and leadership team will be looking for input from you about our future strategic direction, vision, mission and values. Stay tuned for dates and times as we are very much looking forward to hearing from you.

Wednesday was busy for our representatives at the Zone Cross Country Carnival at Stromlo. Forty five students from year 2 to year 6 attended the carnival on what was a very cold day. All our students did their best with great finishes for everyone. They displayed the learner profiles and were a credit to the school. Nine students have made it through to the ACT Cross Country and we wish them the very best for the next part of their cross country journey for 2019.



End of May is Hats Off Day

This week marks the end of May, that time of the year when we start to witness local UV levels dropping off and staying low (under 3) all day in Canberra - low enough for us to relax our normal school sun protection behaviour, including hat wearing and sunscreen application. Many years ago Cancer Council ACT coined the phrase - **End Of May is Hats Off Day** to assist Canberra primary schools and early childhood services with their hats on (and off) policy and practice a balanced approach to UV protection. So, in keeping with the **End of May is Hats Off Day** jingle, all Canberra school students (and teachers) can leave their hats at home or replace it with a beanie as we enter in the low UV June and July winter months. We won't need to wear our hats again until August.

On Tuesday we said goodbye to Tina Sorensen who has returned to Denmark to live. I know she will be missed by her class, our staff and whole community. We wish her the very best of luck on her new adventure back home. We are very lucky to have Melissa Datson join us to replace Tina for the rest of the year. Melissa comes from Kingsford Smith School with lots of experience in the classroom and we look forward to working with her and introducing her to you and our community.

Book Fair 2019

Thank you to all those families who have visited the Book Fair over the past few days. It has been wonderful to see so many students excited about buying a book.

Due to the popularity of the Fair we have decided to extend our opening into next week. If you would still like to come and browse or purchase we will be open Monday 3 June and Tuesday 4 June from 8.30am-9am and 3pm-4pm. I look forward to seeing you then.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Tania Collis
(Principal)



Upcoming Ideas X Change on how we can all help reduce violence and bullying in schools

Building Strong and Safe Communities for Learning is a partnership project between the ACT Education Directorate and the ACT Council of Parents and Citizens Associations (P&C Council). Parents, students, principals and teachers are working together to reduce violence and bullying in schools. Initial workshops received amazing feedback, join us to have your say.

Details: www.education.act.gov.au/ideas-xchange



You are invited to the Ideas Xchange..A Different Conversation

We've heard your ideas about reducing violence and increasing safety in schools, help us make it happen, join us for an Ideas Xchange...

Purpose: Help us build strong and safe communities for learning.

We need your: experience and insights to test and provide feedback on the suggestions and ideas to reduce and better respond to violence in our schools.

Time	Date
6:45 - 8:30 pm	Wed 12 June
8:00 – 9:30 am	Thurs 13 June
3:45 – 5:30 pm	Thurs 13 June
9:45 – 11:30 am	Fri 14 June
6:45 – 8:30 pm	Mon 17 June

Location: Meeting room 11, Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning, Fremantle Drive Stirling, 2611

Hosts: P&C Council and Education Directorate

Catering: Light refreshments post event

Parking: Free Onsite

RSVP/Bookings: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/ideas-xchange>


If you require any further information relating to the Ideas XChange, please don't hesitate to contact Ms Leanne Ballard, Assistant Director Strategic Policy on Leanne.ballard@act.gov.au or 62052912.

We look forward to working with you to build strong and safe communities for learning.

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Public Transport

You may be aware that the month’s free travel period on public transport came to an end on Sunday 26 May 2019. Now that paid services have started again, students are being reminded to top up their MyWay cards or purchase tickets. During the month’s free travel period, whilst drivers have encouraged all students to tap on and off, it has been brought to their attention that there are some students who are not. Tapping on and off is required by all customers travelling on light rail and buses, and also provides Transport Canberra with accurate data to plan and review services in the future. They have also asked us to share the information below to assist families who use public transport to get to and from school.

 <p>Where can I get a MyWay card?</p>	<p>A select number of newsagencies, post offices, and Access Canberra outlets. For the full list visit: https://www.transport.act.gov.au/tickets-and-myway/get-myway/recharge-agents</p>
<p>I’m a student, how much does it cost?</p>	<p>A MyWay card is \$2.50, and then you’ll need to top it up for travel. Concession: Tertiary: \$1.61 School student – school day: \$1.22 School student – non-school day: \$1.61 Weekday cap: \$4.80 Weekend/public holiday cap: \$2.17</p>
<p>I want to catch a bus and light rail – will it cost me two tickets?</p>	<p>All MyWay fares include a free 90-minute transfer period so you can connect to a different bus or light rail service or commence your return journey using the same ticket within 90 minutes of purchase. Daily tickets are valid until midnight on the day of purchase.</p>
<p>What if I forget to tap on/off?</p>	<p>If you don’t tap on, you could be fined up to \$181. If you don’t tap off after a trip, you’ll be charged a <u>default fare</u>.</p>
<p>My balance is low, how do I recharge?</p>	<p>You can instantly top up your card at a recharge agent, set up an autoloan direct debit online, or top up at a ticket vending machine at all light rail platforms and major bus stations.</p>

P & C NEWS

The P&C are hosting a forum for parents to get involved and we want to see you there! Catering provided, and a movie for the kids will be screened in the other room.

P&C Parent Forum
6pm – 8.30pm Wednesday 19th June
Function Rooms, Quality Hotel, Dickson

Do you have ideas to share about how we can contribute to the school?
Want to have a say in P&C events and funding?
Got a fabulous idea for Fiesta?
Or just want your kids fed and entertained while you enjoy some adult conversation?
Program coming soon.

Please RSVP for catering by Monday 17th June to napscommunity@gmail.com



Canteen News



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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	\$0.50 / \$1.00
Pikelets, Popcorn (VG)	\$0.50	Toasties	\$1.00
Frozen fruit cup	\$1.00	Vanilla Yogurt (V, GF)	\$2.00
Banana muffin (v, DF)	\$1.00	Cheesy Corn Fritters	\$0.50

Lunch

Vegie sticks	Free	Fruit of the day	\$0.50
Vegemite sandwich (VG)	\$2.00	Vanilla Yogurt (V, GF)	\$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
Smoothies \$2.00 (collect from canteen)		Baked Potato with Salsa+/- cheese (GF)	\$ 3.50

Daily Lunch Special- \$3.50**Wednesday:**

Pizza(V)

Thursday:

Italian chicken toasted sandwich (DF)

Friday:

Pasta beef bolognaise (DF)

Community Notices


Being a parent is the hardest job we'll ever have. All parents at some time experience difficulties and stress.

Parentline ACT

is a confidential and free telephone and face-to-face counselling and information service.

Phone Parentline if you would you like:

- To talk with someone about those parenting issues.
- Help with some ideas on raising children.
- Support in the important job you are doing.
- To know what is available for parents, teenagers and children.
- To build better relationships in your family.
- Help to understand your child or teenager's behaviour.
- Make an appointment for a counselling session.

Parentline ACT.

Monday to Friday (except on public holidays), 9am to 5pm.

Phone: 6287 3833

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