

# The Gang Gang Gazette

Week 7, Term 1 (20<sup>th</sup> March 2020)

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## Notes Home

- List of resources to support families with learning (Email Kinder to year 6)
- Parent Rep Form
- P & C Online Meeting
- COVID-19 Update (Email)
- NAPLAN email (Year 3 & year 5)

## Board

Next Meeting:  
Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March: 6.00pm  
(Online)

## P & C

Next Meeting:  
Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March: 7.30pm  
(Online)

## Dear Families and Friends,

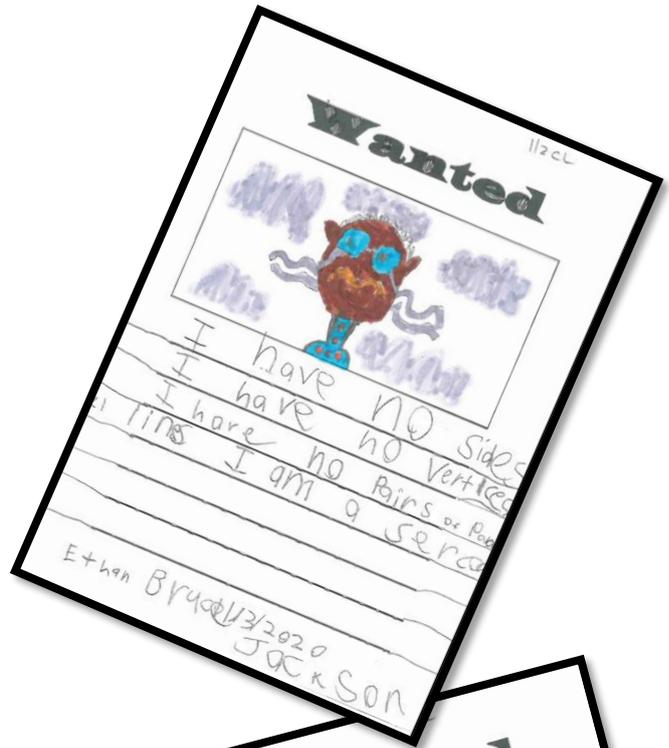
This week has been a quieter week in school, but the amazing learning continues, and I have enjoyed seeing what students are doing in their classrooms. I have the pleasure of teaching a group of year 1 students each Wednesday and we have had a fantastic time exploring 2D shapes. They have been creating 'Wanted' Posters for their chosen shape and their creativity is amazing. I have shared some with you at the end of my article. All 1/2 students have been exploring shape, so you might like to ask them about their learning and what they have been doing with their teachers. Students in years 3/4 have had a focus on bike safety over the last few weeks as part of their unit of inquiry and will be starting to learn more about fractions next week. The 5/6 cohort have been focusing on art through the transdisciplinary theme, 'How we express ourselves' and have been learning all about abstract nouns as part of their narrative writing. They have been challenged to have 'sizzling starts' to their narratives and to not use 'Once upon a time'. I can't wait to read them when they are finished. Writing has also been a focus in kindergarten where they are learning about how sentences are structured and practising their own describing sentences starting with, 'It is'. In preschool, they have had their own Harmony Day and have been learning about themselves and others in their UOI, 'Who we are'. They have had wonderful discussions about how we are all the same, but we all have differences too and that is what makes us all special.

Earlier this week we shared some ideas and resources for home learning through an email and on Dojo. I also promised to include the instructions for accessing Sora. With Sora, you can borrow free e-books and audiobooks from the central ACT Education Directorate collection. More than 7,000 e-book titles and 1,000 audiobooks are available for recreational reading. Borrow up to 10 resources at a time! The loan period is four weeks with an early-return option for those quick, enthusiastic readers. If you need a bit more time, you can use a renewal option if no one has placed a reserve on it. The instructions are at the end of my principal's message. As an IB school we focus on empowering our students to inquire and explore and this can be done anywhere and at any time. I am sharing some ideas you might like to try with your children over the coming weeks whether you are at home or they are coming to school, in which case you could try them in the evenings or weekends. It is a list of 40 different things to do and try. Some of my favourites are, learning to use Morse Code, learning a song from a grandparent or older relative and writing down every adjective you use over the day. The link to this great resource is here:

<https://www.weareteachers.com/things-to-do-during-covid/>

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Shape 'Wanted' Posters



**NAPLAN**

We have been informed that NAPLAN will not be going ahead this year. The decision not to proceed has been taken to assist school leaders, teachers and support staff to focus on the wellbeing of students and continuity of education. We will share any further updates as we receive them.

**COVID-19**

As the situation regarding COVID-19 unfolds we continue to work with the Directorate and the advice from ACT Health within the school. We will share any information that comes through with you as it comes to us. If you have any further questions, please contact us through the Front Office.

Have a great weekend

*Tania Collis*

Principal

## Getting started with Sora

### Step 1

Go online to [soraapp.com](https://soraapp.com), or install the free Sora app from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#)



### Step 2

In Sora, in *Find My School* enter the set-up code **ACT Education Directorate (NOT the individual school name)**, then, sign in using your school, individual login credentials, ie. student ID number and password or the staff Schools net account and password.

### Step 3



Browse the **Explore** tab and borrow an e-book or audiobook. Your book will open so you can start reading or listening right away.

### Step 4



Close the book and go to **Shelf** & see all your books (up to 10!). From there you can:

- Select **Open book** or **Open audiobook** to read or listen to the book.
- Select **Options** to renew or return the book.

## ILP Meetings

ILP meetings have been scheduled for week 9 this term. However, due to the recent Education Directorate measures in place for COVID-19, teachers will meet with either the junior or senior Disability Education Coordinator (DECO) and the school psychologist (as needed) to draft the ILP documents. These documents will then be sent home for your input/comments/suggestions/queries. We understand this is not the best way to develop ILP documents however in light of the current situation we need to work within these parameters.

## Swimming Lost Property

If you are looking for your child's swimming wear that they left at Dickson Pool during the Swimming carnival, please come and collect it from the front office. If left uncollected by Friday it will be taken a charity shop

## P & C NEWS

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### Fiesta 2020

While we were devastated to have to cancel Fiesta last weekend, I would like to congratulate the whole NAPS community for the enormous support we received for this event - every one of the volunteer positions was filled the day before. Having so many families signing up to pitch in says so much about our generous and enthusiastic community. Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered, and especially to those who put in so many hours to make it happen! We will be back again one day.

The P & C had as always, considered health and hygiene for this event and had purchased a large quantity of antibacterial products, sprays, soaps. We have donated these products to the school for them to use where necessary.

### Week 8 Meeting - Tuesday 24th March, 7:30pm

We will NOT be meeting in the staff room next week. Instead, the meeting will be run online, using the video conferencing platform "Zoom". This is an option we had been looking into anyway, to enable parents to join us from the comfort of your own homes. We are limited to 40 minutes, so you will be in the 'waiting room' until we start the meeting PROMPTLY at 7:30pm.

You can download the free app on your phone, and use meeting ID **585-243-102**

Or go to <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/585243102> to join the meeting

Our agenda will include:

- COVID-19 impacts and changes required
- Fiesta Report
- Master Plan - next steps
- Oval - next steps
- Strategic Plan - draft for review
- Constitution Review
- Future Events and alternative options
- Class Representatives

If you would like us to add any other items, please email [napscommunity@gmail.com](mailto:napscommunity@gmail.com)

### Canteen Services

The Canteen has implemented some changes in an effort to reduce risk to Karen and the students, and continue operating as long as possible. We are working closely with Tania, and getting advice from ACT Health and other coordinating organisations.

At this stage, we are only offering online lunch orders. There are no recess or over the counter sales available. At times, the service will be closed at short notice.

We appreciate your support and understanding during these difficult and changing times. If you would like to discuss these arrangements, please speak with either Tania or myself, and extend Karen your support and kindness. Queries can be directed to [napscommunity@gmail.com](mailto:napscommunity@gmail.com) in the first instance.

### Your P&C

We have a direct P&C mailing list. If you are not receiving emails from us directly, go to our website and sign up, or email us requesting an add to the mailing list.

You can reach us via email anytime [napscommunity@gmail.com](mailto:napscommunity@gmail.com) or join the closed Facebook page [North Ainslie Primary School Parents' and Carers' Group \(private\)](#).

We have a website in development, which has info on out of hours activities, events throughout the year, and our online uniform shop. [www.napspc.com.au](http://www.napspc.com.au)

**Class Parent Reps**

On Wednesday you would have received an email seeking parent representative for each class. This network is something we think is vital in creating, building and sustaining our community – which is even more important at the moment. We do not want these roles to take significant time out of our busy schedules but be used as a tool we can all benefit from.

Finally, during this unprecedented time of worry and uncertainty, remember we are all in the same boat, and each trying to do the best we can. I am so proud of our strong, resilient, supportive community, and I know we will continue to be kind to each other.

**Uniform Shop**

The uniform shop will no longer be accepting cash. We have EFTPOS facilities available. We are open TUESDAY and FRIDAY 8:45am-9:15am and 2:45pm-3:15pm both days.

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P&C President

**TERM 1 HEHUB CANTEEN MENU (Open Wednesday, Thursday Friday)  
P & C NEWS**

**At this stage, we are only offering online lunch orders. There are no over the counter sales available at either recess or lunch.**

# Our local businesses need our support!

Within our school community are many families that own and operate small businesses. The P & C are always amazed at the support we receive from these families for our events like Trivia Night, Movie Night, raffles, and most recently Fiesta. We were so impressed with the generosity and grace demonstrated by some of these businesses when we had to cancel Fiesta last week.

While we all grapple with the impacts of COVID-19 on daily life, over the coming weeks and months many of these businesses will be significantly impacted financially. They have been wonderful in their support of us, and we need to give back!

The P & C are putting together a list of small businesses which are part of our school community so that we can all help and 'chip in' by supporting them in some way.

If you operate a business (or know of a family that runs their own business) – we would love to hear from you so that we can help support the wonderful family businesses that have given us so much over the years. Please send us an email with the business name, and ideally a contact name and number if you have it.

This is one way that we can contribute, help each other, and keep our community spirits lifted.

In the meantime, if you know any school family businesses, please make them your first stop. It could be as simple as thinking about what birthdays you might have coming up and buying gift vouchers!

A lot of businesses are thinking differently about how they keep their customers, and the P & C are hoping we can encourage everyone to do the same and keep our local economy going.

Buy gift cards	Order takeout	Shop local online
Shop small		Give them a tip
Help with childcare	Pay with plastic	Comment and share business posts

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