

North Ainslie Primary

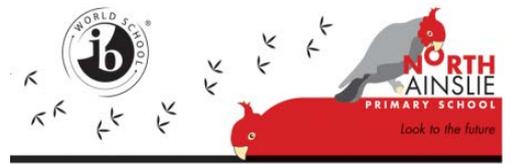
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Dear Families and Friends,

I would like to start this week's newsletter by welcoming back Ms Rikkie Klootwijk who rode in the Tour de Cure. We are all very proud of her efforts in raising over \$16,000 for a very worthy cause. We are now half way through the term and teachers are busy with assessments and writing first semester reports. Later in the term we will be holding parent/teacher conferences after you have received your child's report. Both the report and conference are important ways in which we work together to support your child's learning. Over the last few weeks I have been privileged to see a lot of great learning being showcased at assemblies and in the displays around the school reflecting all of the hard work of the staff and students.

Enrichment

Earlier this year, the School Board consulted with families and staff as part of the recruitment process for the new principal. They asked a number of questions including some about the programs and practices valued at NAPS. The feedback indicated that whilst the Enrichment Program is highly valued by all stakeholders, there was evidence to suggest there was also scope to build upon what currently happens in Enrichment groups. After discussion at recent Board Meetings, we have decided to set up a working group to evaluate Enrichment and suggest ways in which we could take the program forward. Emma McMahon, who is the Board Chair, will be heading up that group and looking for input from staff, families and students. She will be writing to you separately looking for people to join the group and to provide feedback. Whilst the consultation process is happening, Enrichment groups have been put on hold. Our teachers will continue to provide

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 30th May

Year 5 Combined band
Island Dreaming
Performance
Youth Parliament

Tuesday 31st May

3/4 AFL Clinic

Wednesday 1st June

Dickson College Sports with
Kindergarten
3/4 Cricket Clinic
5/6 AFL Clinic

Friday 3rd June

Senior Assembly hosted by
5/6W & 5/6 DJ @ 12 noon

Important Announcement

Semester 1 A-E reports will be sent home with students on **Friday 1st July**. If you do not wish to receive an A-E report for your child/ren please advise us in writing by **Friday 3rd June** (We must receive new advice for 2016.) Please also advise us if you will require a second copy of your child's report.

Notes Home

- UNSW English/ Maths competition (yr 3 – yr 6)
- Tracks to Reconciliation
- Youth Parliament note
- 3/4 Questacon note

rich learning through their regular programs and units of inquiry. Students will also be challenged through the differentiated curriculum in their classes. If you have any further questions, you can contact Emma or myself.



Parking at North Ainslie Primary School

As we continue to move into the colder months, more families drop off and pick their children up by car. Please remember to drive and park safely around our school. It is particularly important that you park appropriately as illegal and unsafe parking can put children's lives at risk. High penalties apply for illegal or unsafe parking in an operating school zone. This includes:

- parking a vehicle on or near a crossing
- dropping children off on the wrong side of the road
- double parking, parking in a bus one or driveway
- illegally parking on the curb.

If we all work together we can ensure our children's safety in and around our school and make the busy times of drop off and pick up easier for everyone.

Preschool assessments

Over the last two weeks both of our preschools have been assessed under the National Quality Standards. I would like to thank Debbie Lowrey for her leadership of the process and all of our preschool staff, Jillian Burnett, Sue Corrigan, Simone Hobday, Karina Harris, Marie Kuipers and Karen Merryfull for all the hard work they have put in preparing for the assessment. We all know what wonderful programs they run at both North Ainslie and Hackett Preschools and how lucky our families are to have such passionate early childhood teachers.

June is hats off!

From **June 1st** our students have two months where they are not required to wear a hat at school.

Big Green Garage Sale

Tomorrow is the Big Green Garage Sale (BGGs) and I am sure the day is going to be a great event for our P & C. There are lots of fabulous items that will be on sale in the hall and a wonderful selection of tasty food and drinks for sale. I'm looking forward to seeing lots of you there.

Tania Collis (Principal)

The Learner Profile

**At North Ainslie
we strive to be:**

Inquirers

Knowledgeable

Thinkers

Communicators

Principled

Open-minded

Caring

Risk-takers

Balanced

Reflective

What an AMAZING experience!!!! I can't quite believe that the Tour de Cure is now finished and that as a collective team we raised 2.9 million dollars to help find a cure for cancer! The TdC is without doubt the hardest and most challenging physical, emotional and mental task I have ever undertaken.

Unfortunately I entered the challenge with an injury I sustained a week before the ride, and despite my heart and my mind willing my body to last the 10 days, I had to sadly pull out on the morning of day 8 with the heaviest of hearts. I know I accomplished what I set out to do – to raise \$16000 for cancer research – but I so desperately wanted to finish. This of course means my dream continues and a Tour de Cure will be on the cards for me again in the future.

One of the most special aspects of tour is the people you meet along the way. The stories people share I will remember for a very long time. The stories often made me cry and reflect on the fact I am one of the lucky ones, even though my legs, lungs and heart hurt like they never have before. It really helped put things in perspective and reminded me that while my legs may hurt a little (actually a lot), tomorrow I will again wake up blessed to be healthy.

Along the ride lots of community members in the towns we stayed in came to show their support and none was more inspiring than Sam. At 11 years old, Sam is the bravest fella I've ever met. After undergoing a brutal 12 months of chemo Sam was finally able to 'ring the bell'. This bell hangs in the cancer ward and is only ever rung when a patient makes it into remission. Many times during the ride, we rang our own bike bells in honour of Sam.

I would like to finish off with a story Sally McAuliffe shared on the evening prior to our ride. Her little boy Conor, a happy gorgeous boy who rode his bike, loved rocks, made everyone smile, and aspired to be the fifth wiggle – a green one – when he grew up was diagnosed with Hepatoblastoma (liver cancer) when he was two. When he was well enough, in between gruelling chemotherapy and operations, Conor loved nothing more than riding his bike. His favourite expression while riding his bike was "Go Little Legs" and it is this mantra that kept me and many of the 222 riders going. It is without I lie, that I saw grown

men and women with tears in their eyes, climbing the gruelling Gibraltar repeating "Go Little Legs". Myself, With tears streaming down my face, I repeated "Go Little Legs" whenever I thought the challenge was unsurmountable. Even today, back on my bike "Go Little Legs" inspires me. Conor was only three, but he continues to influence despite the fact he is no longer here. So, thank you to the North Ainslie Community. Your support is making a difference. And when the going gets tough, which it will, please think of Conor and say "Go Little Legs".

Rikkie Klootwijk

Art News

Liam In 5/6 M has been searching for a personal style. He seems to have found it in fine detail and slightly unusual characterization.



Big Green Garage Sale - Saturday 28th May

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered time and donated items for this Saturday's Big Green Garage Sale. It's not too late to help out - if you can spare some time, please email nicolawatters@hotmail.com or just turn up on the day! Don't worry if it is wet, we will still have pizza and hot drinks to keep you warm.

Class Parent Representatives - would you like to nominate?

We still have a number of classes that don't have parent representatives. These include: KH, 1/2A, 1/2H, 1/2M, 3/4E, 3/4C, 5/6A, 5/6DJ, 5/6M, 5/6 W, ZTT, ZNM

The parent representative helps to:

- welcome new families to the class
- organise class get togethers
- coordinate assistance requested by the P&C
- provide assistance to the teachers, such as reading rosters, and
- Provide feedback to the school and/or P&C about things that are working well and any concerns raised by other parents.

If you would like further information, please email napscommunity@gmail.com

P&C Meeting 19th May

Thank you to those who were able to attend last Thursday's P&C meeting. Unfortunately due to the small number of participants, we were unable to hold the AGM and will do so at the next P&C meeting on 16 June.

Scholastic Book club

Catalogue 4 orders are due **Friday 3rd June 2016**



TERM 2 HEHUB CANTEEN MENU

All week Recess

A selection from the following:

Yogurt & Fruit cup	\$1.00
Peas "n" corn	\$1.00
Fruit of the day	\$0.50
Pikelets	\$0.50
Toasties	\$1.00
Apple & cinnamon muffin	\$0.50

All week Lunch

Vegie sticks	Free
Fruit of the day	\$0.50
Vegemite sandwich(V)	\$2.00
Rainbow Salad wrap (V)	\$2.00
Tex Mex toasted wrap	\$2.00
Milk Carton	\$1.50
Soy milk (VG)	\$2.50
Tuna & cheese toasted sandwich	\$3:00

Daily lunch Special- \$3.00

- **Wednesday:**
Pizza(V)
- **Thursday:**
Chicken Noodle Soup (DF,GF)
Smoothies \$2.00
- **Friday:**
Pasta bolognese(V)

Whenever possible, the Canteen uses produce grown and harvested by our students in the school's He-Hub garden. In our garden we have tomato, pumpkin and herbs. These go regularly into canteen salad wraps along with any other vegies that are ripe for picking.