

The Gang Gang Gazette

Week 6, Term 3 (25th August, 2017)

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Upcoming Events

No Assembly due to Student Led Conferences	Week 7
Student Led Conferences – Kinder to Year 4	Week 7 (see timetable in the Gang Gang Gazette)
Year 5 National Botanic Garden Excursion	Friday 1 st September
Year 2 Aqua Safe	Monday 4 th September – Friday 15 th September
Year 1/2 Outdoor Classroom Day	Thursday 7 th September
CEIS (Christian Education)	Monday 11 th September
Preschool Excursion to the farm	Thursday 14 th September & Tuesday 19 th September

Notes Home

- Student Led Conference note (Kindy, Years 1/2 & Years 3/4)
- Year 5 National Botanic Garden
- Year 1/2 Outdoor Classroom Day

Board

Next Meeting:
Tuesday 5 September, 6:00 pm

P & C

Next Meeting:
Tuesday 5 September, 7:30 pm

Dear Families and Friends,

This week's Gang Gang Gazette is all about celebrating our wonderful students in a wide range of areas which demonstrate our commitment to developing the whole child. It is always lovely to be able to share these achievements with the community.

Congratulations to Xavier Q who won the 2017 Northside Schools Cross Country Season after receiving the highest point score for the most wins over the season. He is pictured with the perpetual trophy we have on display at school and the trophy he will keep. Xavier has also been selected in the Athletics ACT U14 Boys team to represent the Territory at the Athletics Australia National Cross Country Championships in Wollongong this Saturday 26 August.



Book Week Parade

This morning we had a wonderful Book Week Parade with a huge variety of costumes on display celebrating the characters our students love. Thank you to our families for getting into the spirit of Book Week as I know putting costumes together can take some time and effort. It was also delightful to see so many of our community members stay for the parade this morning. It really made the spirit of the morning something special. Thank you also to Nada Ninchich for her organisation of the parade. The nominated and award-winning books from the Childrens' Book Council can be found in our library.



Buddies

Our Preschool Buddy program has also started with our year 5 students visiting our preschools in preparation for 2018 when they start kindergarten. It is always rewarding to see our older students learn so beautifully with our younger students, shining in the way in which they use many of the learner profiles as they interact with such care and consideration.



Passion Projects

It is always a pleasure to share fabulous learning with our community. Some of our year 5 students have been working on Passion Projects producing amazing information reports. This week I am sharing a small portion from each of them here in the newsletter. Yasemin's area of passion was learning more about The Big Bang Theory. Here is her explanation of how it all happened.

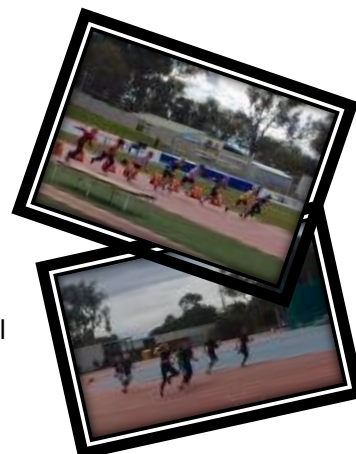
Approximately 13.8 billion years ago the Universe was created in a colossal explosion, known as, The Big Bang. Before the Big Bang, the Universe, or what was to become our Universe was enclosed in a miniscule bubble, thousands of times smaller than a pinhead. Then 13.8 billion years ago it exploded and the Universe that we know, live and breathe in, was created. According to text, time, space and matter all began because of this colossal explosion. In the fraction of a second, the Universe grew from being less than a thousandth of the size of a pinhead to larger than a galaxy. It just kept growing and growing at a phenomenal rate. It is still expanding to this day. At this point, the Universe was extremely dense and incredibly hot.

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Whilst the Universe expanded it also cooled. Energy changed to particles of matter and antimatter. The two completely opposite particles largely destroyed each other. Some of the matter survived and more stable particles known as protons and neutrons began to form. By this stage the Universe was one second old.

District Carnivals

This year we have had a wide range of students representing us at District Sporting Carnivals. Yesterday, we had approximately 30 students representing North Ainslie at the North/Gungahlin Athletics Carnival. Although the day started off chilly, the sun eventually came out after lunch. Our youngest competitor was Archie in 1/2 K who ran his heart out in the 100m sprint. Xavier was a definite shine for our school coming first in his heats in several events. Other students who reached the top 3 in their heats were: Jackson M, Briana R and Alicia P in year 6. Jeb J, who has been unwell this week, still found his form to perform well in his heats. Tanvia also showed her talents today, coming in the top 3 overall in her long jump event.



Miss Duggan and Deb reported how proud they were of all athletes putting in 100% effort in their events. We haven't received official results yet so we apologise if we've missed any other highlights. It was fantastic to see all students cheering on the rest of their NAPS athletics team. At the end of my blurb there is a list of students who have been selected to represent us this year.

Student Led Conferences

Notes have gone home re next week's conferences for kindergarten to year 4. A timetable is also included below.

Monday 29 August	Tuesday 30 August	Wednesday 31 August	Thursday 1 September
1/2FH, 1/2W, 1/2M, 1/2B & 1/2KG: 2.00-3.00pm	All kindergarten classes: 9.00-10.00am	1/2SH, 1/2TA and 1/2MR: 2.00-3.00pm All kinder and year 1/2 classes: 3.00-4.00pm	Year 3: 2.00-2.40pm Year 4: 2.40-3.20pm Year 3 or 4 students (who can't make one of the above sessions): 3.20-4.00pm

School Surveys

The 2017 School Satisfaction Survey for Parents and Carers is still open until **Monday 28 August 2017**. So far, we have received 89 responses from parents and carers. We would like to hear from everyone so we can get a complete picture of the level of satisfaction of our parents and carers. If you have not already completed the survey, there is still time. If you need your code resent, or would like a hard copy, please see the Front Office. Thank you in anticipation of your participation in this important school survey.

Winter illness

At this time of year we have a number of students and staff who have been unwell. For the benefit of everyone, especially some of our students whose levels of immunity have been compromised, we ask that you keep students home when they are sick.

I am looking forward to tonight's Trivia hosted by our fantastic P and C and hope to see many of you there. Have a wonderful weekend.

Tania Collis

Principal

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Well done to our reps for this year.

Abigail S	Elmi S	Jasper E-C	Reuben V-B
Ada P	Eloise H	Jebidiah J	Riley W
Alicia P	Eva K	Jesse J	Samantha C
Archie L	Evelyn N	Johannes B	Samantha G
Arland S	Evelyn S	Joseph L	Soloman V-B
Asher C	Gisele S	Katherine M	Sophia K
Blake L-S	Grace S	Kyle M	Tanvia Vong
Bodie T	Gus W	Leo H	Tessa W
Brianna R	Hannah Q	Liam B	Thomas V
Caleb C	Harriet D-B	Lily H	Tomer D
Caleb Q	Hayley H	Louis W	Vincent L
Cassidy S	Hugo P	Matilda V-B	Will A
Catherine L	Isla F	Meika S	Xavier Q
Claudia G	Isla O-D	Mia Z	Yannick S
Cora M	Ivy B	Morgan F	Zebulon V
Coral O	Jackson M	Otis J-R	Ziah A
Dawa W	Jade H	Poppy C	

Peer Support Program – Session 6 – Make a choice

Our Peer Support session in Stronger Together this week provides for a series of problem solving and decision making activities to analyse how and why we make the choices we do. It considers aspects of safety and a moral sense of purpose about why we should seek to support others and look more deeply into how our decisions can have a bigger impact than we first thought.

P & C News



Father's Day Stall – Thursday 31st August

The Father's Day Stall will be running this year on Thursday 31st August from 9-11am. It is an opportunity for students to purchase a gift for Father's Day. There will be a range of gifts at various prices - \$1, \$2, \$5, \$7 and \$10.

If you would like to donate any goods for the Father's Day Stall, please leave them at the front office. If you would like to volunteer your time and help 'man' the stall please email napsvolunteers@gmail.com or chat to me in the school yard. **Thank you, Rachel Harris**

Scholastic Bookclub

Issue 6 catalogues have gone home this week. Last day for orders is **Friday 1st September 2017.**

We also have a great opportunity for you to become a P&C volunteer. We are looking for a person to take over the role of Scholastic Book-club coordinator in 2018. This is a fantastic way to contribute to the P&C and the school in your own time! The job takes about 10 hours per term and can be done by an individual or a team. Hand-over can start next term ready to take over in 2018! For more info, contact **Gabi** gp@global.net.au or 0408911004

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The NAPS P&C Trivia Night is on in just a matter of hours!

A huge thank you to all the sponsors, especially the NAPS parents, who have generously donated the prizes that are going to make it a really great night!

The evening will kick off at 7pm, so please come by 6:30 so you've got plenty of time to order your pizza. BYO snacks, drinks and glasses.

See you there! **The Trivia Team of Cath, Jen and Sarah**



ACT Council of Parents & Citizens Associations (*The parent voice on public education*)

ACT schools have a strong history of parent support, but many P&Cs are now struggling for volunteers. To help, P&C Council, along with other parent organisations, is conducting an online survey and they'd love to hear from all parents, whether you currently volunteer or not. Find the survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VolunteeringinSchools>



The purpose of the survey is better understand what motivates people to help at school and what barriers stop parents from volunteering. The results will help shape new resources tailor-made for the school environment to help schools attract new and valuable volunteers.

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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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