

The Gang Gang Gazette

Week 7, Term 4 (24th Nov, 2017)

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Upcoming Events

Years 1,3,4,5,6 Swimming Lessons	Week 8
Kindergarten Swimming Lessons	Week 9
2018 Preschool Orientation	Tuesday 28 th November & Thursday 30 th November from 3:45pm – 4:45pm
2018 Kindergarten Open Afternoon	Thursday 30 th November from 3:45pm – 4:45pm
CEIS	Monday 4 th December
Year 6 Graduation Assembly	Tuesday 5 th December @ 11:30am
Year 6 Dinner & Disco	Tuesday 5 th December
Graduation Assembly hosted By IEC	Friday 8 th December

Notes Home

- Holiday Happenings
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- Year 6 Graduation Dinner & Disco

P & C

Next Meeting: Tuesday 28th November, 7:30 pm

Volunteer Thank you: Wednesday 29th November, 5:00pm

Dear Families and Friends,

With only three weeks left of school we still have lots of learning to do. This week has seen many of year 1 and 3-6 students start swimming lessons at Dickson Pool. Well done to our co-ordinator, Kate Bush, for her organisation and the flexibility displayed by our staff as we adapt timetables and rosters. Our students have been enjoying the lessons and have been proud ambassadors for the school. In week 9 our kindergarten students will have their week of lessons.

Also in week 9 are our celebrations for our graduating year 6 students. We start with the Graduation Assembly at 11.30am in the school hall on Tuesday, 5th December. After the assembly, families will be able to join us for tea/coffee and graduation cake in the courtyard outside the library. This year our dinner and disco will be held on the same day at the Ainslie Football Club in one of their function areas. Dinner will be followed by a disco with year 5 students and will start at 7.30. Notes about these events have been sent home today so please ensure you read them and RSVP by the end date.

Also graduating that week will be our IEC students who will host an assembly and graduation ceremony on Friday, 8th December.

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Semester 2 reports will be sent home in week 9. If you would like to have an interview with your child's teacher, please contact the Front Office or your child's teacher to organise an appointment.

School Concert and Art Show

Last week I advertised the upcoming school concert in week 10. This year we are organising ticketing through Eventbrite. The link and details will be sent home in a separate email. To ensure that all families have a chance to attend, we are beginning ticketing with two tickets per family for the first week the Eventbrite website is open. If additional tickets are available after this first round, we will advertise to all families and you will be able to obtain more tickets. Tickets are free, but you will be able to donate a gold coin at the door. As well as celebrating the Performing Arts at our concert, we will also be showcasing the Visual Arts with an Art Show around the school. The Art Show will be open on the Tuesday and Wednesday from 2.30-3.30pm after the concert. Our students and teachers have all been putting in lots of effort to make both of these events amazing so we look forward to seeing you there.

Orienteering

This term, many of our students have been participating in the Orienteering Program, visiting other schools to run courses as well as hosting one at NAPS. Thank you to Sarah for sending through some information on yesterday's event along with a picture of our team. It is our first year of competing in the program and we should be very proud of our results. Well done to our students for their participation and their families for the work that was involved in getting them to the many events.

A small but strong team of North Ainslie students competed in the ACT Primary Schools Orienteering Championships on Wednesday. The kids had a great time, and represented North Ainslie admirably, with much courage and grit shown from all competitors. Special mention to Eloise H, who bravely finished the course solo after her partner hurt his ankle and had to pull out.

North Ainslie finished an impressive 4th place out of the 17 schools that competed, with Bodie T taking out 1st place for the 11yrs boys' event. Well done to all the kids that participated!

More info on kids orienteering activities can be found at <http://act.orienteering.asn.au/juniors/>



Have a great weekend.

Tania Collis (Principal)

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Chicken Pox

We have a confirmed case of chicken pox in the senior school and suspected case in the junior school. Chickenpox is usually diagnosed by physical examination from a medical practitioner. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school on 62056533. I am including some information about the illness

What is chicken pox?

Chickenpox is a contagious viral disease caused by the varicella-zoster virus (VZV). The main symptom is a blistering skin rash. Outbreaks are more common in winter and early spring. Children and adults can be immunised against chickenpox. Children with chickenpox should not go to school, kindergarten or creche until the last blister has dried. You should tell your child's school, kindergarten or creche if your child has chickenpox, as other children may need to be immunised or treated.

How do you get chicken pox?

Chickenpox is spread by air-borne droplets from the upper respiratory tract (droplets are caused when the infected person coughs or sneezes) or from touching the fluid from the blisters on the skin. An infected person is contagious for one to two days (possibly five days) before the onset of the rash and remains infectious until the blisters form scabs (usually around day five of the illness). For chickenpox, the time from infection to the appearance of the rash (incubation period) is around 14 to 16 days. A few days before the appearance of the rash, the person may feel feverish and have a sore throat and headache. The skin may be marked for some months after the rash has cleared.

Signs and symptoms

The symptoms of chickenpox include:

- low-grade fever
- general discomfort, illness or lack of wellbeing
- intensely itchy skin rash – appears as small blisters surrounded by irregularly-shaped patches of inflamed skin known as 'dew drop on a rose petal' (blisters first form on the body and later on the head and limbs and the blisters usually burst and develop crusts after about five days)

Thank you for your support.

Tania Collis(**Principal**)

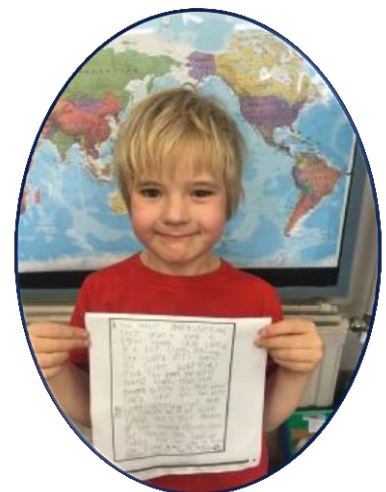
Year 1/2 Wetland Action

Sam W in 1/2B took action after our class explored some of the negative effects that humans can have on wetland environments. He wrote this fantastic story about a wetlands animal and the problems it faces because of wetland pollution. He hopes this story will inspire people to stop littering as it can pollute our local wetlands.

The Messy Wetland

Once upon a time an egret named Sam lived at a nice clean wetland. She lived happily until some dump trucks from the dirty nearby town came. Then they dumped all the dirty rubbish straight into the very clean wetland. They kept on coming day by day. Soon Sam the egret wondered if she should move. One day there was loads of rubbish and she had to move. She flew around for months and months looking for a new home. She finally found a home in China, but her new home was very smoky from the enormous factories. While she had spent so much time looking for a new home some very kind water engineers came to her old home and had cleaned that old dirty wetland. Then she felt something she had never felt before. She felt like she had wasted time. So she flashed home. She was so surprised. Can you guess why? Her old dirty home was nice and clean. The End.

By Sam W



P & C NEWS



P & C Meeting

The final meeting of the P&C is this Tuesday (28 November), 7:30 to 9:30 in the staff room. We will be discussing:

- Fiesta debrief
- Planning for the 2018 Community Information Night
- New playground equipment

Please email napscommunity@gmail.com if you would like to add anything to the agenda.

Volunteer Thank You!

The P&C relies on volunteers, to say thank you, we're having drinks and nibbles.

When: Wednesday 29 November

Where: He-hub garden

Time: from 5:00 PM

R.S.V.P: napscommunity@gmail.com (by Friday 24 November)

(p s our young helpers are most welcome)

Parent Direct Toy Catalogue Fundraiser

This year the P&C is using the Parent Direct Toy Fundraiser to raise \$\$ to purchase additional educational resources.

Just by ordering toys from Parent Direct, **up to 25 cents of every dollar you spend will be given back to us** to buy educational resources that will be used by your children. Plus for **every 20 orders, we get an additional \$200 to spend!**

It's easy, browse online at parentdirect.com.au, then place an order and nominate **North Ainslie Primary** for the fundraising voucher during checkout. Also, tell your family and friends. The more orders we get, the more educational resources we can buy.

Orders are only to be posted direct to you, at your cost. No orders are to come to the school.

After School Programs

Woodwind lessons will be continuing at the school next year, taught by Jordan London. Jordan is a musician with the Canberra Symphony Orchestra and an experienced woodwind teacher. Jordan teaches all the woodwinds; **flute, clarinet, saxophone, recorder**, and even **oboe** and **bassoon**. **Group lessons** are available for **reduced cost**. To learn, a student will need to provide their own instrument (except for recorder); there are low-cost rental services available. To sign up or get information, contact Jordan at u4840563@gmail.com any time or call 0415 373 371 during the day on Wednesday or Thursday.

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		
Banana muffin (v)	\$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:

Pasta beef bolognaise(DF)

Smoothies \$2.00

Friday:

*Veg Sushi(VG),
Chicken Sushi(GF)
Tuna Sushi (GF)
Smoothies \$2.00*

Project Bighart

One of our former students is part of a project to raise money to help empower women in disadvantaged communities to act to stop domestic violence.

As part of the campaign they have organised a colourathon to be held at the National Gallery next Thursday (30 November) and are seeking to raise \$30,000 to go towards helping children affected by domestic violence. The public are invited to attend the event from 4-7pm. There will be live music, weaving, mural making and more.

More details on the Project and how to donate are at <http://projecto.bighart.com> and the crowd funding video at <https://youtu.be/6-NHi1TnMj4>.

It would be wonderful if you could pass this on to anyone who might be interested in the project or willing to support it.

Thanks, Kirsten