

The Gang Gang Gazette

Week 6, Term 3 (31th August, 2018)

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Upcoming Events

Swim and Survive (year 1)/Aqua Safe (year 2)	Monday 3 rd September – Friday 7 th September
Preschool Reptile Incursion	Tuesday 4 th September & Thursday 6 th September
Jnr Assembly Hosted by KLF and KGM	Friday 7 th September @ 12 noon
Year 5/6 Bandfest	Tuesday 11 th September
Tennis Program	Tuesday 11 th September
Senior Assembly Hosted by Year 5	Friday 14 th September

Notes Home

- 2019 Preschool Session (email)
- 3/4 & 1/2 Student Led Conference
- Head lice notification (P-4)
- Kindergarten firefighter visit

Board

Next Meeting:
Tuesday 11th Sep 2018, 6.00pm

P & C

Next Meeting:
Tuesday 11th Sep 2018, 7:30pm

Dear Families and Friends,

As we head into the last few weeks of term, we are getting ready to share our learning with our families through our Student Led Conferences in week 9 for students in kindergarten to year 5. These conferences are a wonderful chance to visit classrooms and talk to your child about their learning, share in their successes and assist them to set goals for the rest of the year.

These conferences will be followed by our year 6 Exhibition in week 10 which is the culmination of students' years in the Primary Years Programme (PYP). Exhibition showcases learning through a presentation to families and the community of a unit of inquiry, where they have worked either individually or in a group on an area of personal interest. These presentations are always at an outstanding level and demonstrate our students pulling together all five elements of the PYP – knowledge, skills, concepts, attitudes and action. Please look out for more information about these events through notes home and future newsletters.

School Review

We are now only a few weeks away from School Review. In week 9, reviewers from the Australian Council of Educational Research (ACER) and the ACT Education Directorate will spend three days in our school interviewing staff and students about our school improvement journey. We are hoping to have some parents and carers meet the reviewers on **Tuesday 18 September from 3.00-3.30pm**. If you are able to join us for this half hour, please email admin@nthainslieps.act.edu.au to RSVP. We will provide supervision to children during the half hour period of the consultation.

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One important component of our improvement journey has been the targeting of school resources to support all students. One of the ways we have worked to achieve this began several years ago with a small trial of the MiniLit program which is a targeted reading support for students in kindergarten to year 2. MiniLit has now become an integral part of the junior school with Sue Chalmers teaching small groups of students with great success. Last year we had another teacher trained in MaqLit, which is a similar program for students in years 3 to 6, and we are seeing the same results for these students. We also write Individual Learning Plans (ILPs) for any of our students receiving additional classroom support and adjustment matrixes for other students across the school. Rikkie Klootwijk DECO(Disability Education Coordination Officer) and Dan Breen (Welfare Officer) also work with other areas of the Directorate and outside organisations to provide support and receive advice on how the school can best work with the student and their family.

In 2017 we also implemented two other key strategies to support this priority. The first was to implement Student Needs meetings in terms 2 and 4. These meetings have our DECO, Welfare Officer, school psychologist and other key members of the staff meet individually with each teacher to discuss the students in their class. This allows them to identify any areas for additional support or extension and helps us to form a complete picture of every student. We also formed our Wellbeing Committee whose role is to work across the school with teachers as part of being a KidsMatter School. They provide information and support to staff in the use of Circle Time, Restorative Practices and our Social and Emotional Learning (SEL).

School Satisfaction Survey

Each year, we look back at our work against the priorities to reflect on our achievements and areas to build upon. As part of this reflection we use the School Surveys. If you have not yet completed the survey, please note it is open until September 3rd. So far we have received **145** responses from parents and carers. We would like hear from everyone so we can get a complete picture of the level of satisfaction of our parents and carers. Notes with all the required information, along with the code needed to access the survey, were sent home earlier this term. Please take the time to participate and provide us with feedback on how we can continue to improve our school for your child and future students.

Limelight Art Exhibition

Our final piece to share from the exhibition is by Sam W and is entitled, Rock Climber, Slackliner. Our school is full of wonderful artworks thanks to Sarah . We appreciate the time and effort she puts into enabling our students to create these great pieces.



ACT Gifted Families Support Group

The ACT Gifted Families Support Group is hosting a talk by Dr. Catherine Wormald on the 6th September 2018 entitled, 'Maintaining motivation, interest and achievement in students who are gifted'. The presentation is suitable for teachers and parents and will discuss ideas and pathways for keeping gifted students engaged.

When: 7:00pm Thursday 6 September 2018

Where: Junior Hall, Marist College Canberra, Marr Street Pearce ACT 2607

Cost: \$20 per ticket (member's receive a 50 % discount) Tickets available at Eventbrite

School Drop Off

We do understand that parking continues to be a difficulty with the school and we are looking at a range of options to assist families. We do ask however that you do not use the front carpark on Majura Avenue unless you need to use the disabled carpark. Students enter the school every morning from that area after leaving their bus and we would like to ensure they stay safe. The bollards have been placed there to assist them but we now have families pulling up in the small driveway area near the bollards and it is causing further, greater safety issues. You are able to pull up and drop off at the back carpark on Sherbrooke St so we request you use that area instead. Later in the newsletter is a link to a survey relating directly to Crossing Supervisors and safety in schools so please take the time to complete the survey to assist Transport Canberra and City Services with planning. Thank you.

TOMs and Chess Teams

Well done to both of our TOMs teams who competed in the annual creative thinking and problem solving competition on the weekend. Your hard work over the last few weeks was demonstrated in both your wonderful play and your spontaneous response and we are very proud of all of you. We are also very proud of our boys chess team who competed on Wednesday in the ACT Competition. Great work.



After School Care

The YMCA After School Care program has advised us that they have had a confirmed case of Impetigo. They have sent home information to all families who attend before or after school care.

Wear It Purple Day



Today is Wear It Purple Day where we can wear purple to show our support for the LGBTIQ+ community. Miya and Elliott are wearing purple today to show their support. If you would like to wear purple to show your support, please do so any day next week.

We are hoping you have noticed our new garden beds at all of the entrances to our school, the front entrance, the back carpark entrance and next to the bike racks at the front of the school. Thanks to the P and C who have helped us with this project.

Have a great weekend.

Tania Collis

(Principal)

School Travel and Safety Survey

Transport Canberra and City Services has engaged First Person Consulting to conduct research into parents' attitudes to their children's active travel to and from schools. Part of this is investigating the role that Crossing Supervisors have in improving safety around schools, and the extent to which parent's attitudes to children travelling actively change as a result.

To complete the survey please click [here](http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4535360/-School-Crossing-Supervisor-Survey-Control-Sept18), or copy and paste the following link into your browser: <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4535360/-School-Crossing-Supervisor-Survey-Control-Sept18>

The survey should take about five minutes. The survey will not collect any identifiable information, and all responses will be kept confidential.

Thank you in advance for your time in completing this survey. If you have any questions please contact the [TCCS Schools Program](#).



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PYP Explained

In kindergarten we have been learning about how people help us in our community. We recently hosted a Job Expo and family members came in to talk about the ways they help the community we live in. We also visited the Dickson Shops to see how the post office, the library, Jhay The Cobbler and the bank and how they contribute through their occupations. Afterwards we reflected and discussed some interesting thoughts and ideas, such as...

- “I learned that the cobbler has amazing tools and he can also cut keys. I liked the librarian because she was dressed up as a witch. I found the back of the post office interesting.” Penelope M.
- “On Tuesday we went to the Dickson Shops. We went to Jhay the Cobbler and he gave us keys.” Teka T
- “When I grow up I want to be an artist because I love to draw, write and paint. It’s my favourite thing to do! And also I’m going to be a scientist to make a potion that makes you invisible.” Alice M.
- “Snorkling people help the creatures that die by getting all the plastic out of the ocean because turtles like eating jellyfish and plastic bags look like jellyfish.” Claudia K.

We had a great time, thanks to everyone who presented at the Job Expo and the volunteers who helped on the Dickson Shops walk.

The Kindergarten Team – KLF, KGM, KSM and KMH.



From the library

Interesting times in the library recently. During science week students came to try their aeronautical skills making paper planes and became citizen scientists classifying marine features with Reef Diver

<https://www.virtualreef.org.au/>. In Book Week students sampled some of the nominated books and topped the week off with some amazing costumes in the Book Parade. A big thank you to Nada Ninchich for organising!

For those days when students forget their library bags, I give them a plastic bag for borrowing. If any households would like to repurpose good quality plastic bags, I would appreciate donations into the clear tub in the library.

There are always books to cover and repair in the library. I am looking for volunteers to help with this work. Any help would be appreciated. Anybody interested can leave a message for me at the front office or find me in the library.

Tina S(Library Teacher



NAPS 60th Birthday celebrations update.

As part of our continued 60th birthday celebrations we have some exciting upcoming events to share with you.



- To catch up on celebrating the 3rd decade which NAPS was open (1978-1988) we will be holding a “80’s Big Hair Day” on Friday 14th September. Bring out the frizz/ braids/ wigs/crimped hair/butterfly clips/scrunchies/fluoro hair spray.
- Please bring a gold coin donation which will go towards supporting our farmers.
- Also keep an eye out for a flash mob coming up at morning lines in tribute to 3rd decade.
- To celebrate the 5th decade of NAPS being opening and as a reference to the 2000 Sydney Olympics we will be holding a NAPS mini Olympics early on in term 4. Keep an ear out for any further details.
- Finally – save the date Wednesday 21st November will be an open day to celebrate the past wonderful 60 years of our school being opened. So another reminder to please send in any photos of past school uniforms if you have them.

TERM 3 HEHUB CANTEEN MENU (Open Wednesday, Thursday Friday)



Recess

naps.canteen@gmail.com

A selection from the following:

Frozen Peas ‘n’ corn cup	\$1.00	Fruit of the day / Apple slinky	\$0.50 / \$1.00
Pikelets(VG)	\$0.50	Toasties	\$1.00
Fruit Yogurt	\$2.00	Banana muffin (v, DF)	\$1.00

Lunch

Vegie sticks	Free	Fruit of the day	\$0.50
Vegemite sandwich (VG)	\$2.00	Baked Potato with Salsa and Cheese (GF, V)	\$3.50
Tex Mex toasted wrap (V)	\$2.50	Milk bottle (150ml)	\$1.50
Soy milk (VG)	\$2.50	Tuna & cheese toasted sandwich	\$3.50

Daily Lunch Special- \$3.50

Wednesday:

Pizza (V)

Smoothies \$2.00

Thursday:

Potato wedges (GF, VG)

Smoothies \$2.00

Friday:

Chicken burger (DF)

Smoothies \$2.00