

The Gang Gang Gazette

Week 4, Term 3 (11th August, 2017)

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Upcoming Events

Year 5 Combined Band Rehearsal	Wednesday 16 th August
Junior School Assembly Hosted By 1/2KW & 1/2FH	Friday 18 th August @ 12 noon
Preschool To Botanical Garden	Monday 21 st August and Friday 25 th August
North Gungahlin Track and Field	Thursday 24 th August
Book Week Parade	Friday 25 th August
Trivia Night	Friday 25 th August @ 6:30 pm
Senior Assembly Hosted by 3/4SE and 3/4AC	Friday 25 th August @ 12 noon

Notes Home

- Book Week Parade
- Satisfaction Survey
- Year 5 combined Band Note

Board

Next Meeting:
Tuesday 15th August, 6.00pm

P & C

Next Meeting:
Tuesday 8th August, 7:30pm

Dear Families and Friends,

Although we had a cold and wet start to the week, the rest of this week's activities have enjoyed the sunny, winter days we associate with Canberra. On Tuesday, I was joined by Meg Whittenbury and our School Leaders, Evangeline, Geordie, Grace, Poppy, Tim and Toby, for a visit to other schools to look at their playgrounds and outdoor areas. This excursion was part of their project to update the back corner of the courtyard and it has also given them great ideas for other areas of the playground, including how we might add further outdoor learning areas. I was impressed with the way they applied the Learner Profile when talking to the principals of the other schools asking high level questions which demonstrated how seriously they are taking this project. We look forward to sharing their learning and ideas in the future. Thank you to Jo Munoz for her assistance with transport.

Kath Murdoch Professional Learning

Tuesday afternoon saw our teachers at Professional Learning with Kath Murdoch. Kath is a world-renowned expert on Inquiry Learning and presented to us on how we can help our students to maintain their curiosity. It was a great session and one of the key points she

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made was how important our use of language is, suggesting that instead of using the word 'work' we replace it with 'learning' right down to home learning rather than homework. As a school this is one of our goals for the rest of the year and we would love you to also try it!

Winter Walk

The NAPS community spirit was on display at 8.15am on Wednesday morning with our first ever Winter Walk. When we first advertised the event we expected we might have approximately 40-50 people join us for a walk to the Wetlands and a hot chocolate. Not even close..... over 330 students, parents, carers and teachers had the most beautiful morning to visit the Wetlands to show our support for staying fit and healthy, even in Winter. Thank you to the Sports Leaders for their assistance, Rachel for her organisation, our teachers for all their help and to Heather for the hot chocolates. A huge thank you to all of you who came early to join us and we will look forward to holding the event again in 2018.



The Future of Education

Last night and this morning we held our forums during which we had wonderful conversations and our parents and carers shared ideas to take to the Directorate. You can still answer our online survey via the link emailed to you or use the link on the Directorate's website at

http://www.education.act.gov.au/school_education/the-future-of-education



Upcoming School Surveys

You should also have received this year's School Satisfaction and Climate Surveys. Although the survey is voluntary, we hope you will want to participate. It won't take much of your time and it will help us understand areas where we are doing a good job and areas for further development. A letter or email about the parent and carer survey will be sent to you in August. The key ACT results from the 2016 School Satisfaction Surveys have been published on the Education Directorate website (www.education.act.gov.au) and a summary of our school results is provided in our 2016 School Board Report.

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In Memory

If you have ever read the Life Members board in front of the school office you will have noticed the second name is Joan Kellett. She recently passed away and was an active member of several ACT Schools, one of which was our school. I have included part of her obituary from the Canberra Times to remember her and her contributions to North Ainslie Primary School.

Joan Mary Bell was born in Brisbane in 1929, the older daughter of Gert and pharmacist Alec Bell. In 1957 Joan married Harry Kellett and in 1960 with a young son they came to Canberra, moving into the new house in Dumaresq Street, Dickson, to establish the home they never left and adding three daughters to the family over the next few years.

Joan Kellett was a respected and influential participant in the life of the Canberra community. Her early volunteer involvement was in support of the local school, recreational and neighbourhood activities as her young family grew up in the newly established suburb of Dickson in the early 1960s. Her capacity to bring people together and generous mentorship of others was legendary. In 2003 Joan was awarded an Order of Australia Medal for service to swimming as an administrator and official and her service to the community.

Joan was deeply committed to the importance of high-quality public education and the founding values of the ACT school system. She served as chair of the school board at North Ainslie Primary School, Lyneham High School and Dickson College. Engaging in broader education issues, from 1984 she served for nearly 30 years as an executive member of the ACT Council of Parents' and Citizens' Associations and was awarded life membership in 2003 in recognition of her outstanding service which continued well beyond this date. Two outcomes she took great pleasure in were the securing of funding in 1977 for North Ainslie Primary School's "Afters" initiative which was one of the first after-school care programs in Australia and the departmental acceptance of the principle of parent participation in ACT government schools. She was a founding member of the Council's Disability Working Group. Most recently, Joan was the Council delegate member of the Turner School Board including a period as the board chair, serving continuously until 2015 for a period of 12 years in all.

Exceptional skills as a listener, an empathic and encouraging nature and unassuming personal style made Joan an effective and influential agent in her various spheres of action. Despite the level of her commitments, Joan was a dear and kind friend to many and a well-loved neighbour whose deep ties to the original Dumaresq Street inhabitants lasted until her recent death. Joan is survived by four children and nine grandchildren. There will be a community gathering to celebrate Joan Kellett's life on Saturday, August 19, at Leumeah Lodge, 48 O'Hanlon Place, Nicholls.

We send our condolences to the family of Joan Kellett as we reflect on the wonderful contributions she made to our school and community.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Tania Collis

Principal

Hats Back On

Just a reminder that students need to bring their sun smart hats to school to wear during breaks and PE lessons. This will be reinforced by teachers on playground duty and students will be directed to play in the shade.

Peer Support Program – Session 4 - Make the change

Our session this week is titled 'Make the Change' and encourages students to identify any behaviours or actions they feel are unhealthy in self and others. The session assists them to:

- build their skills
- develop empathy, and
- identify positive behaviours and inclusive practices

We would love parents and carers to discuss this learning with their own children and perhaps talk about a time they or their children have managed change well and the skills they used at that time.

Year 1/2 News

Niko from 1/2M is travelling in Europe this term. He sends photos and writes to us often. We thought you might enjoy this quiz question he sent to our class.

“What is the funny bit about this photo?”

Answer next week.



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SC-ORE School Orienteering

Next term we will be hosting one of this year's School Orienteering Sessions. Details on how to enter are below. You can also find out more information by visiting their website or by making contact with **Kirsty Miller**.



SC-ORE School Orienteering in Term 4

Grab some friends and come along for a before school body and brain work out.

Teams 2 girls and 2 boys

Thursday 19 October	North Ainslie Primary School
Thursday 26 October	Ngunnawal Primary School
Thursday 2 November	Emmaus Christian School
Thursday 9 November	St Thomas More's Primary School

SC-ORE online registration is now open

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=26814>

For more information visit <http://act.orienteering.asn.au/juniors/blue-sparks/sc-ore/>

Or call 0411 968 001



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Look to the Future

BOOK WEEK PARADE

FRIDAY 25TH OF AUGUST 2017
9:00AM ON THE SENIOR COURTYARD



COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER

EVERYONE WELCOME

ESCAPE TO EVERYWHERE

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North Ainslie Trivia Night

*** TABLES BOOKING FAST ***

25 August 2017, 6:30pm for a 7pm start
NAPS School Hall, \$20 per ticket

It is time to form a team, book a table and plan a costume for a **Night at the Museum!** Although costumes are not mandatory, there are best dressed prizes for individuals and for the table! The night will include all the favourite fun events and a range of Trivia questions.

Wood fired Pizza's will be for sale on the night from the HeHub's oven (\$15 each), please BYO snacks and drinks and glasses. The evening is for parents, carers and friends of North Ainslie (babies are welcome).

If you would like to come and don't have a table please email us and we will introduce you to friends that you have not met yet! To book a table, let us know if you have spare seats, or if you have any questions.... email Jen, Sarah or Cath on napsfundraising@gmail.com.

North Ainslie Fiesta – 27 October 2017!

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Calling all volunteers who would like to join the Fiesta Committee! You don't need any experience – we have all the information and templates ready to go. The next Fiesta Committee meeting is this **Sunday 13 August at 4pm at Edgars Inn Ainslie** – all welcome. For further information please email napscommunity@gmail.com or just come along on Sunday. Hope to see you there!

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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