

# The Gang Gang Gazette

Week 3, Term 1 (23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2018)

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## Upcoming Events

Junior Assembly hosted by 1/2CTS ( TA, MR & SH)	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
NAPS Swimming Carnival and Water Fun Day	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March
Senior Assembly hosted by 3/4KM & 3/4RA	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March
Canberra Day	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March

### Notes Home

- Swimming Carnival Note
- Year 6 Polo Shirts

### Board

Next Meeting:  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018,  
6.00pm (Library)

### P & C

Next Meeting:  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018,  
7:30pm (Staff room)

### Dear Families and Friends,

It was delightful to have had so many of you join us during the week for our Information Sessions, Community Welcome and the 'Getting to Know You' interviews. We had a wonderful turnout on Monday night and we thank you for the great vibe in our school as our community came together to celebrate the start of the year. Well done to our P and C who ran a very successful barbecue on Monday for their first fundraiser. We also had lots of fun at the discos and enjoyed seeing so many of our students dress up to celebrate the first decade our school was open.

Thank you also to Sue Chalmers who ran an Information Session on reading with your child on Wednesday in our library. Sue shared her wealth of knowledge and suggested activities to promote and support your child's reading. Some of her tips included setting up the routines so you are able to read with them as often as possible (every night is ideal), letting them use the pictures as an early reading strategy as they provide clues as to what they text might be saying and ensuring your child is understanding what they are reading by asking questions about the characters and storyline.

### Absences from school

This year we have moved to a new online system for marking rolls. This means you will now get an email or text if your child is absent rather than a phone call. If you need to inform the school of your child's absence please phone the school or email on [absence@nthainslieps.act.edu.au](mailto:absence@nthainslieps.act.edu.au)

### SEL Summit

Today we had our first SEL (Social and Emotional Learning) Summit where we learnt about our IB Attributes, with a focus on Caring and Risk Taking. Caring students are friendly, kind and thoughtful towards everyone and everything. When we are Risk Takers, we believe in ourselves and look at new ideas with enthusiasm. Ask your child about the SEL Summit and the great role plays presented by our Student Leader nominees. Ideas included asking someone new to play with you and having a go at something you find tricky. Your child might like to share with you how they might be show these attributes to others.

### Student Information

Last week we sent home the Student Information Check Sheet and Medical and Consent Forms. Please send these back as soon as possible, ensuring we have all details correct, so we can update our records.

### What did you do at school today?

Many of us have had that time when we have tried to find out about how our child's day at school or what they might have learnt, only to receive a single word response such as, "fine" or "nothing". Over the next couple of weeks I'd like to share 50 other questions you might like to try asking them in order to learn a little more about their time at school. Here are the first 25.

1. *What made you smile today?*
2. *Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?*
3. *Was there an example of unkindness? How did you respond?*
4. *Does everyone have a friend at recess?*
5. *Can you tell me about the book the teacher read?*
6. *What's a WOW word you heard this week?*
7. *Did anyone do anything silly to make you laugh?*
8. *What did you do that was creative?*
9. *What is the most popular game at recess?*
10. *What was the best thing that happened today?*
11. *Did you help anyone today?*
12. *Did you say "thank you" to anyone?*
13. *Who did you sit with at lunch?*
14. *What made you laugh?*
15. *Did you learn something new you didn't understand before?*
16. *Who inspired you today?*
17. *What was the peak and the pit?*
18. *What was your least favourite part of the day?*
19. *Was anyone in your class away today?*
20. *What is something you heard that surprised you?*
21. *What is something you saw that made you think?*
22. *Who did you play with today?*
23. *Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.*
24. *What is something that challenged you?*
25. *How did someone fill your bucket today? How did you fill someone else's bucket?*

I would love to get some feedback on how well the questions worked for you and your family.

Have a great weekend.

*Tania Collis*

Principal

## PYP Explained!

Each week I will be explaining some of the beliefs, values, vocabulary and terms which underpin the Primary Years Program. If there are certain things you would like explained or clarified about the PYP please email me and I will be sure to cover it in the PYP Explained section of our newsletter.

### What is the Primary Years Program (PYP)?

The Primary Years Programme (PYP) focuses on the heart as well as the mind and addresses social, physical, emotional and cultural needs as well as academic ones. At the heart of the PYP is a commitment to structured inquiry as a vehicle for learning. Six transdisciplinary themes help teachers and children explore knowledge in the broadest sense of the word. Teachers and students use key questions that are concept based to structure the units of inquiry. They acquire and apply transdisciplinary skills while developing an understanding of these important concepts. The development of explicit attitudes and the expectation of socially responsible behavior are also essential elements of the program.

### IB Mission Statement

The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment. These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

### North Ainslie Primary School Mission Statement

North Ainslie Primary School, as a member of the International Baccalaureate Organisation, aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who take positive action in the world. Our school is a centre of learning where effort and achievement are celebrated and diversity is embraced within a restorative, respectful and friendly environment. The heart of the local community, NAPS instils a passion for lifelong learning, enabling all students to be the best they can be as they confidently look to the future.

Next week's newsletter will focus on transdisciplinary learning and the Transdisciplinary themes.

Rikkie Klootwijk

## P & C NEWS



### North Ainslie Primary School P&C Association

#### President's Report for Annual General Meeting 2017 ( Trudy Green)

A big thank you to all our hard working volunteers for their work over the year. In particular, I'd like to acknowledge the wonderful contribution of my fellow committee members: Caroline Hughes, Brett Ford, Heather Sedgmen and Francesca Lawe-Davis. I'd also like to thank those who managed our major events or projects: Nicola Gibson, Cath Zasiadczyk, Rachael Harris, Sarah Tynan, Jen Tonna, Jane Haycock Sarah Lendon, Jo Fisher and Julia Portus. Apologies if I missed anyone!

In 2017 we focused on completing the adventure track and raising funds for additional playground equipment. We also hosted a number of fun events such as the Fiesta and Trivia Night. We ended the year by developing a Strategic Plan for the next few years and an Operational Plan for 2018. The process has

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helped confirm what we do and why and will ensure we continue to support the school community effectively. A special thank you to Rebecca Vassarotti for helping us develop the plan.

### Providing services

We supported the school community in a range of ways, such as running the canteen and uniform stall. P&C volunteers also organised book club and school banking.

The canteen continues to be a success story. The canteen was again recognised for having meeting the requirements of the ACT's School Food and Drink policy of providing more than 50% of green rated food (in fact we exceed this). We're also really pleased that our healthy menu is appealing to students, with the canteen starting to break even. Congratulations to Heather and her team of helpers.

We couldn't provide these services without the generous support of our volunteers - you are all amazing! A special thank you to our coordinators, Frances Verrier (uniform stall), Karen Cameron and Steph Quispes (banking) and Gabbie Payne and Karen Power (book club).

### Supporting the school/community

We supported the school in a range of ways, including:

- helping welcome families to the school by hosting a BBQ at the school information night
- holding stalls for mothers and fathers day, so the children could buy presents for the special people in their lives
- helping fund the HeHub
- working with the school to plan and plant new gardens, and
- collaborating with Palmerston, Neville Bonner and Franklin schools to host an information session with Dr. Michael Grosse, a leading parenting expert

We continued to provide a forum for parents to discuss issues and concerns with the School Principal. We discussed a range of topics including the band program, use of collaborative teaching spaces, combined year group classes and the peer support program. Providing more opportunities for parents to find out about school initiatives and discuss parenting/education concerns was identified as an area of improvement in our strategic plan. Watch out for some new approaches in 2018.

### Fundraising

Our major fundraising events for 2017 included the Big Green Garage Sale, Trivia Night and Fiesta (including the raffle). We had a very successful year, raising close to \$30 000. Thank you all for your ongoing generosity and support of our fundraising activities.

### Spending funds

Through our efforts we were able to invest in the following for the school:

- stage two of the adventure track
- equipment for both playgrounds
- a walled marquee for use at outdoor events like the athletics carnival
- a portable PA system
- an information session with Dr. Michael Grosse, and
- bebots for the school Code Club.

Spending money was a little challenging this year. We could really do with some extra hands to help research and cost potential purchases/projects.

There are many ways the P&C can spend the funds we raise. As part of our Strategic Plan, we will be working with the school community, including parents, students, the Board and School Executive to work out where we should focus our spending.

**TERM 1 HEHUB CANTEEN MENU (Open Wednesday, Thursday Friday)**

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**Recess**

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
Frozen fruit cup	\$1.00		
Banana muffin (v, DF)	\$1.00		

**Lunch**

Vegie sticks	Free	Fruit of the day	\$0.50
Vegemite sandwich (VG)	\$2.00	Corn on the Cob 1/2	\$2.00
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:**

Italian chicken toasted sandwich (DF)

Smoothies \$2.00

**Friday:**

Veg Sushi (VG),

Chicken Sushi (GF)

Tuna Sushi (GF)

Smoothies \$2.00

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