

The Gang Gang Gazette

Week 6, Term 2 (2nd June, 2017)

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Upcoming Events

World Environmental Day - Wipe Out Waste!	Monday 5 th June
Whole School Music Viva	Tuesday 6 th June @ 11:30am & 1:40pm
Michael Grose Seminar @ Neville Bonner Primary School	Tuesday 6 th June @ 7:30pm – 9 pm
Senior Assembly Hosted by 3/4SE, 3/4EM & 3/4AC	Friday 9 th June @ 12 noon
Queen's Birthday Holiday	Monday 12 th June
ACT Cross Country	Wednesday 14 th June
Kindergarten Canberra Theatre Excursion	Friday 16 th June
Junior Assembly Hosted by 1/2KB, 1/2KG and 1/2MM	Friday 16 th June @ 12 noon

Notes Home

- Enrolment timeline to prospective families
- An Evening with Michael Grose (email)

Board

Next Meeting:
Tuesday 13th June, 6.00pm

P & C

Next Meeting:
Tuesday 20th June, 7.30pm

Dear Families and Friends,

As we approach the end of week 6 and the beginning of Winter in Canberra, I continue to be amazed at all the learning taking place at North Ainslie. In just the last week I have heard about great progress in reading across the school and have had opportunity to read the wonderful writing from our students as we continue with our work with the Writing Project. Our students are inquiring into a whole range of learning areas in their Unit of Inquiries and sharing strategies as they talk about their maths. I particularly love it when student talk about their learning and reflect the impact it has on them. As a staff we also continue our lifelong learning journey. Yesterday the Leadership Team led a presentation on Walkthroughs and Instructional Rounds. We are excited staff will visit classes and talk about what they have experienced and observed. This will result in staff reflecting and sharing their practice and setting new goals. Our library was buzzing as we talked about the many ways we already collaborate and reflect on our practice and how this could add to what is already in place. I am always proud to lead a group of such committed teachers who are always striving to do more for our students. Next week we will share our work in writing with our

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Director and other principals.

KidsMatter Survey

In today's newsletter you will receive a note about completing a KidsMatter Survey for the school to assist our Wellbeing Committee to set future directions for the school. The survey takes only a few short minutes to complete and we would appreciate you completing it to help us reach our 2017 goals.

World Environment Day – Wipe Out Waste!

Next Monday we are having a nude food day where we aim to reduce our waste. This week our fabulous Green Team weighed our rubbish on Wednesday and we are aiming to Wipe Out Waste here at Naps by bringing our food on Monday with as little packaging and wrapping as possible. Read below for further information from Rachel, Amy and the Green Team.

Fidget Spinners

As with any new trend, we are seeing lots of fidget spinners at school. We don't want to ban them but we do need to look at what they are intended for and how we do use them here at NAPS. Fidget tools aren't new. For many years they have been used by some children to help them concentrate if they do have ADHD, anxiety or Autism and they have been used very successfully to help them focus and channel their energy. Fidget tools can assist in helping to increase their executive functioning and working memory. They definitely have a place and in most cases you wouldn't even know a child has one as they are usually surreptitiously used in a pocket, or under the desk. Fidget tools include things such as stress balls, putty and the small fidget boxes and families and teachers work together to identify when they are needed and how that will work.

However, experts agree that they can also become a distraction so it is necessary to find a balance. This is especially so for the fidget spinners which are currently very popular and which in most cases are not surreptitious and can distract other students from their learning. This is when they are no longer a tool and have become a toy. What can we do to ensure that doesn't happen?

1. We can help students who do need them to recognise the times they are required by discussing with them the activities that are challenging and encouraging them to only use their tool at those times.
2. Use them for targeted amount of times. In most of the studies that have investigated the use of fidget tools, researchers had participants only use them for a specific amount of time, usually for the time of the challenging activity. If the tool is always out, and being used, this is when it shifts from tool to toy.
3. Remember what their purpose is and know they are not needed by all students. Please discuss with your child's teacher if you believe your child requires a fidget tool during class time. Families and teachers can then work together to consider ways in which a fidget tool might be useful, as well as considering other strategies that may support the student.

In all other cases we will ask the student to keep the spinner in their bag during learning time and only bring it out during play time. If you have any further questions, please see your child's teacher or a member of the Leadership Team.

Hats Off

As of yesterday, 1 June, it is Hats Off time and students do not need to wear a SunSmart hat for the next two months. Have a wonderful weekend.

Tania Collis (Principal)

World Environment Day – Wipe Out Waste at NAPS

Did you know that the average Australian will throw away 200kg per year?

North Ainslie will be supporting World Environment Day on **Monday 5th June** and as part of this campaign we will be learning about waste and taking action to reduce the waste we create at school. Earlier this week our Green Team members collected and weighed the waste from their classrooms. Next week we hope to cut down our waste. On Monday we will be holding a Nude Food Day. Essentially, kids bring their food – nude! This will reduce the amount of rubbish that goes into the bins, that goes into the ground, and pollutes our planet. This is an amazingly simple concept that really empowers the kids to create change, you will be amazed with how enthused they can become! On Monday morning when you and your child pack their lunch, aim to include as little waste as possible. You could also watch the following clips and talk about the issue of waste with your children. Each clip goes for about 4 minutes.

Landfill - <http://www.abc.net.au/btn/story/s3953606.htm>

Plastic packaging -- <http://www.abc.net.au/btn/story/s4422480.htm>



After School Activities

Languages @ North Ainslie
Register for Term Three Now!

Start Date: 17th July
MANDARIN on Tuesdays, 3.00 to 4.15p.m.
FRENCH on Wednesdays, 8.00 to 9.00a.m. and 3.00 to 4.15 p.m.

Venue: School Classrooms
Cost: \$175.00 per student (10 lessons)
10% sibling discount

Please register online @ www.lcfclubs.com.au or register your interest with sarah.mak@lcfclubs.com.au; mobile 043125276

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P & C News



Postponement of P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting was scheduled for week 8 but we have had to postpone it until week 9, Tuesday 20 June (usual time and place - 7.30pm in the NAPS staff room). Sorry for any inconvenience caused by the change.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Catalogue 4, the last one for the term, went home this week. Please complete orders by **Friday 9th June 2017**. Please contact Gabi on 0408911004 or gp@global.net.au if you have any queries.

SCHOOL BANKING

Keep saving for a chance to win a trip to Tokyo Disneyland.

All students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits of any amount by the end of Term 3, 2017 will be automatically entered into the draw to win an unforgettable family trip, for up to two adults and three children, to Tokyo Disneyland.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking to register.

TERM 2 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:

Pasta beef bolognaise(DF)

Smoothies \$2.00

Friday:

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

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