***The Gang Gang Gazette***

*Week 5, Term 4 (13th November 2020)*

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**Upcoming Events**

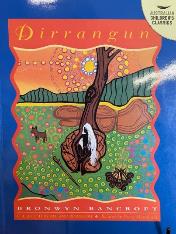
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| ACT Recycling Discovery Hub  Group 1 (CW & KP) & Group 2 (JM & AB)  Group 3 (MD & WJ) & Group 4 (KT & LSUA) | Wednesday 18th November (9am - 12pm & 12pm -3 pm)  Thursday 19th November (9am -12pm & 12pm -3pm) |
| 2021 Preschool Information Session | Friday 20th November |
| Kindergarten National Zoo and Aquarium | Monday 23rd November |
| Year 3/4 Indigenous Cluster | Friday 20th November & Friday 27th November |
| Year 5/6 Adam Shipp Cultural Workshop | Monday 30th November |

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| **Notes Home**   * Crazy Camel Art Fundraiser (email) * Year 5/6 B Firm Excursion Note * Year 5/6 Adam Shipp Cultural Workshop Note * Year 6 Graduation email * P & C Raffle (email) * 2021 Preschool third round offer letter * Chicken Pox (email) |
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| **Board**  Next Meeting:  Tuesday, 1st November, 6.00pm  **P & C**  Next Meeting:  Tuesday, 1st December, 7.30pm |

Dear families and friends,

We have had a wonderful week celebrating NAIDOC week, sharing the rich history, culture and achievements of Indigenous people. On Tuesday, our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students joined other students from the inner north cluster schools for a day at Dickson College. I would like to thank Eli and her school community at Dickson for this wonderful day. Hallie C and Thomas V- G, were the MCs. Gabe T D and Victoria T D talked about being Ngunnawal and did a Ngunnawal Acknowledgment of Country, sharing how their family had been caring for this country for thousands of years. All students then had a wonderful time singing and dancing and enjoyed a delicious barbecue for lunch. They then had the chance to play in a game of Buroinjin, which is a ball game played by the Kabi Kabi people of south Queensland. The name Buroinjun comes from the ball used to play the game which was made of kangaroo skin.

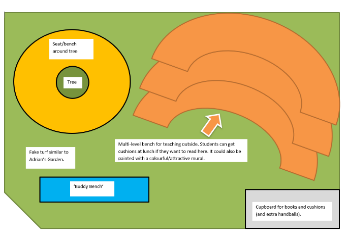
Yesterday, these same students and a friend participated in a workshop with local artist (and lucky for us, one of our parents), Jakki Kennedy, who joined Sarah Buckley and our Indigenous Support Officer, Kuzi Riley-Kennedy for a day of painting some beautiful wooden feet. We will have some lovely pics of these for you next week. These feet will be added to our display in the main corridor which highlights the IB, Primary Years Program at North Ainslie alongside the Community Painting which hangs in the front office. The Community painting was created at last year’s cluster celebration during NAIDOC Week.

Across the school we had a range of other activities to celebrate NAIDOC week. The theme this year is Always Was, Always Will be. The students enjoyed a PowerPoint presentation which discusses what NAIDOC Day is about and shares some ways that students can celebrate. Students have been reading books written by Indigenous authors. Some of these books are: We All Sleep (Ezekiel Kwaymullina & Sally Morgan), Alfred’s War (Rachel Bin Salleh) Yinty Dessert Child (Pat Lowe & Jimmy Pike), Little Bird’s Day (Sally Morgan) and Respect (Aunty Fay Muir & Sue Lawson). Students in some of the year 3/4 classes were taught how to play Buoronjin by Kuzi and enjoyed the running and passing integral to the game.

Some students in year 5/6 learnt a game called Edor which originated in the Aurukun Aboriginal community and is a running game. Students have been reading books by Indigenous authors in the library as well and were given the opportunity to solve a jigsaw puzzle of the NAIDOC week poster. When they had put it back together the students identified what they could see in the puzzle.

**New outdoor classroom**

You may have seen the Dojo post about our new outdoor classroom in the courtyard. This welcome addition to our outdoor environment has been in the works since the end of 2017 when it was designed by the Student Leaders. That year, they did a survey with students in years 3 to 6 to find out what they might like in the corner of the courtyard and how they would like to use the space. We then visited four schools from all across Canberra who had been developing different areas of their playgrounds and outdoor spaces to get ideas and to find out what had resonated with the students in those schools. The Student Leaders then came back and designed the corner of the courtyard which they shared with the school. The Student Leaders of 2018 had a big fundraising blitz and helped raise nearly $5,000 towards the project, helped by last year’s leaders. Last year, our Student Leaders helped me to apply for a community grant and signed the grant application on the school’s behalf. We were delighted to hear that we had won the grant at the end of the year. Originally set to be built in the April break, like many things, the build has been impacted by COVID but was finally finished and open for business this week. We are especially proud of this area due to the level of student consultation, voice and action involved. The outdoor classroom is already well loved and used and we look forward to enhancing it with the final piece, an outdoor library.



**Nominees for Awards**

I would like to congratulate some of our amazing teachers who have been nominated for awards this year. Aidan Beiboer has been nominated for New Educator of the Year and we are extremely proud of his nomination and the work that he has done since coming to NAPS. We were lucky enough to have Aidan join us this year and he has been an outstanding addition to our community. His dedication to his students, his amazing IT skills and the fun and warm presence he brings to his class and our school every day help his class, team and our school. As a first year teacher, Aidan recently organised the school's Climate Change rally. He worked with students from across the school to plan the rally and, even in the pouring rain and hail, he achieved a team spirit few could have achieved. He has the unique ability to identify students' individual needs and cater for all the personalities within his class. He is proactive in his communications with parents and always works with his teaching team and supervisors collegially. Parents and colleagues admire his calm disposition and his passion for identifying what makes each and every one of his students tick. Well done and congratulations to Aidan.

Amy Pepper and Kylie Giltrap have been nominated as leaders in the local ACTSmart Awards for their work in our PACH program and for promoting sustainability at our school. Together they put processes in place that not only work, but motivate our students, staff and community to do better at recycling, add practices into our school that assist with Climate Change and promote inquiry into what other ways they can make a difference. This year, they have added to their work by learning and working with Indigenous experts on how this all connects to Caring for Country and what else we can do as a school to respect our land and care for it better. They have instituted measuring of waste and awards to encourage our students to wrap their food from home more sustainably and to be better at recycling at home and at school. The Bin Chicken Award is a well-loved part of our school culture. Their work with our Green Team Leaders has empowered these students to be role models and to believe they can make a difference themselves and lead others to do the same. Amy and Kylie bring their sense of commitment and fun to everything they do at school and have ensured that our school is doing all we can to care for our planet. Congratulations to Kylie and Amy.

**Information Sessions**

This morning we held the first of our Information Sessions for students joining us in 2021. This morning it was four sessions for students starting in kindergarten. They were able to join us in the library and ask questions after a short presentation. The presentation included a video showing the kindergarten classrooms and different areas of the school as we were not able to hold our usual tours of the school. Next week, we will hold sessions for preschool and the week after it will be new students in years 1 to 6. Thank you to Sharon Moloney for leading these sessions and to Kate Bush and Haeley Simms for helping us to create the videos.

**National Recycling Week**

Today we went Green for National Recycling Week. We had lots of students wearing green and packing Nude Food Lunches to help us with our waste. The Green Team visited our classes and shared a PowerPoint about recycling and we raised money towards building even more gardens. We will let you know more about that in a later Gang Gang Gazette.

You will also have seen the fencing go up for the new build which will be ready for two classes next year. It will join with our current building and we have plans for the total enclosed space as part of the oval upgrade.

I may see some of you at the working bee on Sunday.

Have a great weekend.

Tania Collis (Principal)

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## NAIDOC weekNAIDOC Week

### Dhawura nguna, dhawura Ngunnawal

### This is Ngunnawal country.

Happy NAIDOC week!. We are running a propagation workshop THIS SUNDAY 15th, where we will be planting seeds and cuttings of local native plants. In time, these will be planted out in our grounds, and we will learn more about their traditional uses and importance to the Ngunnawal people. Join us as we acknowledge Ngunnawal culture and take small steps on our Caring for Country journey.

We will be firing up the pizza oven for lunch, BYO toppings (bases provided). Please also bring gardening gloves, a wheelbarrow if you have one, closed shoes, hat and sunscreen (it’s meant to be 30C). See you there!



**Spring Plant Workshop - NAIDOC week**

**Sunday 15th November 10am to 1pm PACH garden**



## Fundraisers

Our **RAFFLE** is still running on our website! Send the link to your work colleagues, your granny, everyone. Go to [www.napspc.com.au](http://www.napspc.com.au) to buy now.

**P&C MEETINGS**

The final meeting for this year will be December 1st.

Our first meeting next year will be Tuesday 9th February (week 2) at 7:30pm. The AGM will be held in week 8 of term 1, 2021.

**CANTEEN**

Our canteen is open Wednesday to Friday, go to the Flexischools website / app to order.

**We are also welcoming volunteers back to the canteen**, with enhanced hygiene and sign-in requirements for COVID.

If you would like to volunteer, please email [naps.canteen@gmail.com](mailto:naps.canteen@gmail.com) to arrange with Karen. She is particularly busy just prior to lunch, so if you can help pack lunch orders just for an hour 12-1pm, that would be great.

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**Healthy Eating Hub LogoTERM 4 HEHUB CANTEEN MENU (Open Wednesday and Friday)**

**Healthy Eating Canteen Menu:** **Term 4**

**We are open for recess and lunch on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays**

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| **ALL WEEK RECESS**  **NOTE: not for lunch orders, counter orders only** | |
| Yoghurt | $2.50 |
| Frozen Peas 'n' Corn cup | $1.00 |
| Fruit of the day | $1.00 |
| Frozen fruit cup | $1.00 |
| Cheesey corn fritters | $1.00 |
| Pikelets, popcorn | $0.50 |
| Toasties | $1.00 |
| Muffins | $0.50 |
| **ALL WEEK LUNCH** | |
| Vegie sticks – from the counter | Free |
| Fruit of the day | $1.00 |
| Sausage Roll (homemade) | $4.00 |
| Sandwiches (Ham, chicken, tuna or cheese) | $4.00 |
| -Add salad (lettuce, tomato, carrot and cucumber) | $0.50 |
| -Make it a wrap | $0.50 |
| -Toast it | $0.50 |
| Vegemite sandwich | $3.00 |
| Honey sandwich | $3.00 |
| Salad bowl with either chicken or tuna | $4.00 |
| Yoghurt | $2.00 |
| **DRINKS** |  |
| Milk bottle (200ml) | $2.50 |
| Soy milk | $2.50 |
| Smoothie (collect from canteen) | $3.00 |
| Juice Box | $2.50 |
| **LUNCH PACKS** |  |
| Toasted chicken/cheese + milk + fruit | $7.00 |
| Toasted tuna/cheese + milk + fruit | $7.00 |
| Toasted chicken/cheese + juice + yoghurt | $7.00 |
| Toasted tuna/cheese + juice + yoghurt | $7.00 |

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| **DAILY LUNCH SPECIALS – ALL $4.00 EACH** | | | | |
| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| Closed | Closed |  |  | Quiche  Veg & ham |

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**How do I make a lunch order?**

Lunch orders are available to all children and are for lunch, lunch pack and drink items only.  
**They need to be received by the canteen by 9.30am.**

**Cash orders:** Should be written on a brown paper bag with your name and class**,** what you'd like to order and the correct money. Lunch or drinks items only please.

**Online orders**: Flexischools App or www.flexischools.com.au. Online orders close 9.30am on the same day as you are ordering for.

*If you have a problem with your order, please call/text the manager, not the school front office.*

Canteen manager: Karen 0406 937 139

naps.canteen@gmail.com

## After School activities



With over 90 items to bid on, the [Conservation Council ACT Region’s](https://conservationcouncil.org.au/) [Christmas auction](https://app.galabid.com/conservationact/items) has something for everyone including wonderful gifts for the holiday season. Particular favourites for schools are workshops with [Jackie French](https://app.galabid.com/conservationact/items/6d5ce49a-d66c-4de9-98ef-c87e01e8ef57?backPath=%2Fconservationact%2Fitems) and [Mal Webb](https://app.galabid.com/conservationact/items/282bfbe6-46ae-4085-9b18-724aceb3a232?backPath=%2Fconservationact%2Fitems), plus there are a stash of Jackie French and other books.

We campaign to cut greenhouse emissions, protect biodiversity in our urban and natural areas, protect and enhance our waterways, reduce our waste and improve public and active transport in our city.

More than ever, the Conservation Council depends on fundraising auctions like this one. When you bid in the auction you are helping protect the environment.

For more information, see <https://conservationcouncil.org.au/christmas-auction-2020/>



**Cartoon Camp**

