***The Gang Gang Gazette***

*Week 5, Term 3 (19, August 2016)*

**Principal: Tania Collis Deputy Principals: Rikkie Klootwijk and Daniel Breen**

**Executive Teachers: Deborah Lowrey and Kate Stear**

**P & C President: Nicola Gibson**

**Board Parent Representatives: Emma McMahon, Allison Foster, Naomi Lee**

## Upcoming Events

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| **5/6 Fizzics Incursion** | **Monday 22nd August** |
| **Preschool Reptile Incursion** | **Tuesday 23rd Aug & Thursday 25th Aug** |
| **3/4 National Museum Excursion** | **Wednesday 24th August** |
| Book Week Parade | Friday 26th August, 9:00am |
| Senior Assembly hosted by ZTT, 5/6M & 5/6A | Friday 26th August, 12:00pm |
| Student Led Conference Week | Monday 29thAugust–Friday 2nd September |
| Junior Assembly hosted by KC & KD | Friday 2nd September, 12:00pm |

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| **Notes Home**   * NAPLAN * Kindergarten, 1/2 Student Led Conferences * Hackett Preschool Buddy Visits. |
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| **Board**  Next Meeting:  Tuesday 6 September, 6.00pm  **P & C**  Next Meeting:  Tuesday 6 September, 7.30pm |

### Dear Families and Friends,

We are now halfway through the term and I can’t help but wonder where the first five weeks have gone. We have had a wonderful week at school with teachers attending Boys Grammar in Red Hill on Tuesday night for professional learning with Kathy Short from the USA. Kathy’s work specialises in Inquiry Learning and she inspired all of us to think even more about how this looks at NAPS and how it relates to our Units of Inquiry. Earlier this year, many of our teachers also attended professional learning with Louise Dempsey on writing. I am delighted to share some writing from 5/6W based on Megan Whittenbury’s work with her class on descriptive writing. I am sure you will enjoy them as much as I did

**Drop-offs and pick-ups from school**

Just another reminder about school drop offs and pick ups. Please do not drop or pick students up from the carpark at the front of the school on Majura Avenue. Last week we did have a small ‘bingle’ in this carpark when a car that had been legally parked there backed into a parked one due to the congestion in the small space

**Student Led Conferences**

We look forward to seeing you at Student Led Conferences 7. Below is the timetable for all year groups

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| **Classes** | **Date** | **Time** |
| All Kinder classes | Tuesday 30th August  Wednesday 31st August | **Session A:** 9:15 - 10:15  **Session B:** 1:45 -2:45 |
| 1/2SP  1/2B  1/2H  1/2A | Monday 29th August | 9.15-10:15  **and**  2:00 – 3:00 |
| 1/2GD  1/2GK  1/2M | Tuesday 30th August  OR  Wednesday 31st August | 2:00 – 3:00  **9:15- 10:15** |
| All 3/4 classes | Friday 2nd September | **Year 3:** 2.00-2.30  **Year 4:** 2.30-3.00 |
| All 5/6classes | Monday 29th August | **4:15-4:30: Year 5 Band performance in Library**  **4:30-5:00: UOI presentation in classroom** |

**Satisfaction Survey**

The School Satisfaction Survey is still open and we would appreciate families completing it to help us plan ahead and improve our work here at NAPS. The 2016 School Satisfaction Surveys started on August 9 and will run up till 29th August. A letter about the parent survey was sent with the survey link [**https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/QsenbkKJ**](https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/QsenbkKJ)and included a **unique code** for every child . 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.

I hope to see you at the Trivia Night tonight which promises to be lots of fun.

Tania Collis

**Principal**

## Writing from 5/6W

**Opportunities like these don’t grow on trees.**

Situated in an exceptional area where nothing is far away (at least 300 km), is this friendly house fit for all ages and all pets. You name it; this house has it all! All necessities are spitting distance from your very own barbed-wire fence!

Whatever your lifestyle, this house will cater to all of your desires. There are many bedrooms (well fractions of bedrooms really). There are also seven loos and five bathrooms, which will provide countless opportunities for ‘business’. This place is very low maintenance. It’s also spacious, with masses of living areas. This property is perfect for ‘couch potatoes’ and those who don’t like cleaning. With many views of the wonderful, lush growth outside, this property is also perfect for wildlife watchers and lovers. The lack of windows and walls provides natural heating and cooling. The wire fence around the property provides exceptional security. This property has all of the features that you could ever need or want.

You simply must attend the open house!

Disclaimer: Whilst care has been taken in gathering details, we accept no responsibility for any inaccuracies herein. All applicants should research and confirm all information provided, and beware of the ghoul-like creature living in the basement.

**By Oliver M**

**Middle-Earth Mansion**

If you’re looking for a stylish and modern family home, then look no further; you have come to the right place. This house is situated in the beautiful suburb of The Shire. It is within walking distance to Bree and the famous *Prancing Pony Inn*. As well as being only a short horse ride to Rivendell. This home could not be better placed, with Hobbiton just around the corner. And don’t worry; it is as far away from Mordor and Isengard as possible.

This property is low maintenance. If you don’t like what you see, it can easily become a DIY project. It has a spacious and open living area that catches sunlight easily, so there’s no need for artificial lights (there aren’t any power points anyway). There are four generously sized bedrooms perfect for children of all ages, and guests. The front entrance is very welcoming (because there’s no front door), and will surely impress. The gourmet kitchen and dining room are luxurious and tranquil with great views. The backyard is large and ideal for pets.

With a price of $500,000 for both the house and the land, this deal is too good to miss. It will appeal to all Hobbits, so take a plane to Middle-Earth before it’s too late!

Disclaimer: We are not responsible for any inaccurate information provided, poisonous spider bites, or if the house collapses as soon as you walk in. No refunds.

**By Isobel M**

***A DIY Dream Destination!***

Only minutes away from the CBD, this spacious house will leave you speechless. It has enormous, breath-taking bedrooms, jaw-dropping yards, and much more. This house will let you absorb plenty of Vitamin D, thanks to the architectural design of windows without glass, and half of the walls missing. Located almost five minutes away from both *Masters* and *Ikea*, this house will give you plenty of opportunities for renovating and DIY projects.

With a starting price of only $500,000, this is a fantastic deal. But time is running out! So if you want to avoid missing out on the most stunning, the most spectacular, and the most fabulous house ever; contact us today!

Disclaimer: We take no responsibility for missing walls. Cash only. No refunds.

**By Tanvia V**

***Mansion in the Making***

Offers starting at $500,000.

This stunning relic is the sort of place that makes you dream of owning your own home. With only a few DIY renovations, this house will become a castle.

Nestled at the end of a quiet and friendly street, this house is close to the city. It is surrounded by nature and a tall fence, which provide both privacy and security. The large backyard can be easily mowed to create the perfect play area for both children and pets. In fact, it’s large enough to hold eight pigs (four pigs per acre), or five sheep (if you have pet insurance).

Despite appearances, the red walls are sturdy and strong, and won’t give way, even on the windiest of days. The ceilings are high, and can accommodate the biggest of chandeliers, or tallest of people. Speaking of people, this house has five bedrooms, and is the perfect size for a large family.

The dining room provides the perfect alfresco dining experience thanks to the lack of ceilings. And when it rains, the wood is super absorbent – so mopping is not necessary. The gorgeously patterned beige blinds are ‘antique’.

Once renovated, this house will be low maintenance and perfect for ‘showing off’. You won’t be able to resist boasting “I own a castle!” Not many people can say that!

Time is running out to buy this amazing house. So don’t miss out on this fantastic deal.

Disclaimer: If you plan to buy this house, research and visit it first to ensure that you like it. We take no responsibility for injuries or deaths caused by falling bricks or venomous snake bites at the open house inspections.

**By Chloe D**

## Book Week Parade- Friday 26th August

Book week Picture**Don’t forget our Book Week Parade coming up next week. We are looking forward to seeing lots of characters join us on Friday!**

## School Photos

The children have all had their photos taken this week. If you registered for your child’s photos, you will receive an email in approx 2 weeks letting you know that the photos are ready to view and order. If you didn’t register, don’t worry, your child’s photos was still taken and you will receive information through the school on how to view and order your child’s photos. If you would like to register you still can, if you have your code and note just follow the instructions, if you have lost your code you can contact the photographers at [schools@grinandbearit.com.au](mailto:schools@grinandbearit.com.au).

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## Green Team - ACT Primary Schools Carbon Challenge 1-31 August 2016

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| |  | | --- | | Two weeks down two to go! This week we are promoting the **Peg it out challenge!** Hopefully you already started back in week one, but if not, **choose air-drying over the clothes dryer** for the remainder of the month. Why?...Air-drying is **FREE!** Clothes dryers are the **fourth biggest energy users** in the home and shorten the life of your clothes. You could **save between $60-$100** yearly depending on use. Winter in Canberra can be difficult to get clothes dry on the line so **try a clothes rack inside** instead. These are an **inexpensive solution.** Kids can create their own **CC Superhero**, using the activity page and pegs.  They can also **win a family movie pass** by **submitting a story/video** on what planet saving powers their superheros have! [Click here](http://carbonchallenge.cmail19.com/t/r-l-gurhrty-hjdihijhih-i/)for terms and conditions. **Send a photo** of your childs **superheros** to [actsmart@act.gov.au](mailto:actsmart@act.gov.au) to be in the running for **“Superhero of the week”** on the Actsmart-Canberra Facebook page | |

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## P & C News

**Father’s Day Stall Thursday 1st September**

The Father’s Day Stall will be held at the school on **Thursday Sept 1st between 9-11am.**

Items will be available for children to buy gifts for their Dad, Pop or Uncle.

The items will range in price from $1-$10.

If you could please ensure your child/children bring some monies on the day that would be great.

We are also seeking volunteers to help out on the morning. If you can spare a couple of hours please contact me, Rachael Harris [rachaelharris.aus@gmail.com](mailto:rachaelharris.aus@gmail.com)

## Scholastic Book club

Catalogue 5 books will go home next week! There has been a delay getting this order unpacked and distributed - thank you to students and families for your patience.

If you have any queries please contact Gabi Payne 0408 911004 or [gp@global.net.au](mailto:gp@global.net.au)

## School Canteen News

The school canteen will have Sushi as their special next Friday the 26th of August. Cost will be the normal $3 for 2 pieces of sushi and there will be an option of vegetarian, chicken or one of each. The Sushi day is a fundraiser for the Green Leaf Team, a group of year 4 and 5 students. All money raised will go to helping Tasmanian Devils.

## Healthy Eating Hub Logo

## TERM 3 HEHUB CANTEEN MENU

## All week - Recess

A selection from the following:

Apple slinky $1.00 Peas “n”corn cup $1.00

Fruit of the da $0.50 Pikelets $0.50

Toasties $1.00 Apple & cinnamon muffin $0.50

## All week - Lunch

Vegie sticks Free Fruit of the day $0.50

Vegemite sandwich(V) $2.00 Baked potato with cheese, salsa $3.00

Tex Mex toasted wrap $2.00 Milk bottle $1.50

Soy milk (VG) $2.50 Tuna & cheese toasted sandwich $3:00

## Daily lunch Special- $3.00

* **Wednesday:**

*Pizza(V)*

* **Thursday:**

*Chicken Noodle Soup (DF,GF)*

Smoothies $2.00

* **Friday:**

*Pasta bolognaise(V)*