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| June 24th , 2016 Newsletter Week 9, Term 2 |

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**Dear Families and Friends,**

With one week to go until the end of the term, both staff and students have had another busy week. Today we have had students visiting Goodwin Homes as part of our outreach singing program, sharing their love of singing and contributing to our community. Our 3/4 students have been to Questacon to build upon the learning they have done at school. Yesterday, eleven teachers went to professional learning on writing as part of the North/Gungahlin Writing Project and spent the afternoon collaborating on how we might use our new learning in our classrooms. How wonderful it is that our teachers will be modelling risk-taking, open-mindedness and being reflective as they share this learning with our students.

**Reports**

Today you will have received your child’s report for Semester 1. I would like to thank all of our teachers for the effort they have put into writing the reports, the leadership team for their support to teachers and our front office staff for their hard work in getting the reports printed, collated and ready for you. We value the partnership we have with all of our families, so look forward to our conferences next week which add to this process.

**ACT Interschools Skiing Championships**

The ACT Interschools Skiing Championships are held each winter in Perisher. This year’s dates are **July 28th and 29th.**  Last year NAPS had a team of 7 students who all had a great time. We are lucky to have Michael Milton, one of our parents, coordinating this event for the school. The cost of the event, paid by the family, includes entry, lift tickets, transport and accommodation. There are events for snowboarders and skiers and options for students to compete in up to 3 events.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday 30th June**

IEC Exit Assembly at 2:00pm

**Friday 1st July**

Junior Assembly at 1.50pm

Hosted By: 1/2B,1/2GD & IEC

**End of Term 2**

**Monday 18 July**

Term 3 begins

**Important Announcement**

**Homework Club**

This is a reminder that there is no Homework Club in week 10.  Congratulations to all of the children who participated this semester.  Semester 2 offers of placement have been sent home with students and they will begin Homework Club in term 3, week 2.  Due to the overwhelming amount of interest in Homework Club, we have only been able to offer places to those on the waiting list from first semester.   Thanks to all involved who continue to make this program so successful, particularly our volunteers (who do an amazing job), Daniel Madden (our teacher rep) and Kate Stear (our leadership rep).

**Notes Home**

Semester 1 Reports

For more information on the event visit [*http://actinterschools.com.au/*](http://actinterschools.com.au/)*.* If your child is a competent skier, snowboarder or cross country skier, then Michael is after expressions of interest to join the North Ainslie team. Interested families can contact him by email to *milto@optusnet.com.au*or if you have any questions then call him on 0412 155150. Thank you to Michael for coordinating this for us!

**Assembly in week 10**

North Ainslie Primary School is very lucky to be hosting a dance professional learning for teachers across the ACT next Friday, 1 July. Some of our teachers will be attending and then sharing their learning with our school.

***Due to their use of the hall for the professional learning, the assembly hosted by 1/2B and 1/2GD will start after lunch at 1.50pm***.

**Engagement of students at North Ainslie PS and Schools for All**

At North Ainslie we aim to engage all of our students within the classroom and on the playground to set them up for success both academically and socially. Positive relationships amongst our staff and students, and community members, form the cornerstone of this engagement and are the vital first component of everything we do. We also use a range of strategies and programs to enhance social and emotional learning. These include: KidsMatter, Bounce Back, our lunchtime clubs (which will expand in term 3), our student welfare team, school psychologist, volunteer program, school chaplain and our restorative and relational framework. Teachers implement Essential Agreements around classroom expectations at the beginning of the year which provide the background to our classroom management and clearly outline expectations to our students. We aim to deal with any issues quickly and consistently using our framework and the restorative questions to guide us, and include our families as part of our partnership. Sometimes these issues can become larger, or occur more frequently, and we then work closely with families, the school psychologist and/or chaplain, outside agencies and experts from the Directorate’s Network Student Engagement Team (NSET) to support students who may find it more difficult to engage appropriately at school. As a school that values inclusion, we aim to help all of our students to be the best they can be and work closely with all stakeholders on finding the best way to ensure that happens for students on an individual basis. We also work within all Directorate policies and procedures and continue to evaluate our programs and goals. On Wednesday, I was part of a consultative group on the new Schools for All program. In 2015, the Minister for Education established an Expert Panel to review how ACT schools respond to students with complex needs and challenging behaviour. In November 2015, the Expert Panel released their report *Schools for All Children and Young People – Report of the Expert Panel on Students with Complex Needs and Challenging Behaviour,* outlining 50 recommendations. All 50 recommendations were accepted by the ACT Government. In response to the report, the Education Directorate has begun a three year program of system reform, the *Schools for All Program*.

The program not only aims to implement the 50 recommendations, but most importantly to continue our ambitious, evidence based, and single-minded, ‘whatever it takes’ student-centred vision for ACT public schools. As part of the implementation, the Education Directorate invites parents and carers of students in ACT public schools to participate in the forums and to provide feedback regarding implementation.

Please see below for dates and times of future forums for which there is no need to book.

**Thursday 15 September 2016**

**9:30am-10:30am** UC High School Kaleen, Baldwin Drive, Kaleen (Library)

**5:30pm-6:30pm** Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning, Fremantle Drive, Stirling (Mezzanine)

**Thursday 10 November 2016**

**9:30-10:30** Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning, Fremantle Drive, Stirling (Mezzanine)

**5:30pm- 6:30pm** UC High School Kaleen, Baldwin Drive, Kaleen (Library)

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|  | Introductory English Centre (IEC) NewsGood afternoon (namaskara, selamat siang, xia wuhao, bonjour),WORLD REFUGEE DAY was on Monday 20th June. We celebrate that we are all different and that's what makes us beautiful and great.We are very proud to have two of our IEC students, Imran from kindergarten and Jimel from year 3, achieve scholarships from the Canberra Refugee Support Association. The two boys represented our school and received their awards at an annual ceremony here in Canberra last Monday. I felt very proud to share this special occasion with the boys.We celebrate that refugees contribute to our community in their own way. Our IEC students and in particular, the refugees in our school community have the promise of a bright future here in Australia. We are proud to be part of that future.Congratulations Imran, Jimel and your families.Thanking you (xie xie ni, terima kasih, merci, dhanyarada)**Debbie Lowrey (IEC school leader) on behalf of the IEC teaching team** |

Regular updates on progress will be placed on the Education Directorate website at [www.det.act.gov.au](http://www.det.act.gov.au). If you are unable to attend any of these dates and you would like to provide feedback or enquire about progress to date, please contact the Schools for All Program Implementation team on 02 6207 6606 or by email SchoolsForAll@act.gov.au. If you are interested to learn more about Schools for All, or you have any further questions about student engagement and relationships at North Ainslie, please contact myself, Dan Breen or Rikkie Klootwijk.

Have a great weekend.

Tania Collis

Principal



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| **The Learner Profile** |
| **At North Ainslie we strive to be:**InquirersKnowledgeableThinkersCommunicatorsPrincipledOpen-mindedCaringRisk-takersBalancedReflective |



## P&C News

**P&C Committee**

To the former P&C Committee, Many thanks for all your hard work over the year/s. You have run many successful fun events for the NAPS community. Thank you.The new committee members are warmly welcomed to the P&C team. The members are:

**President – Nicola Gibson**

**Vice-President – Caroline Hughes**

**Treasurer – Brett Ford**

**Secretary – Cath Zasiadczyk**

**Assistant Secretary – Trudy Green**

**Public Officer – Jane Haycock**

P&C meetings are now TUESDAY 7:30pm, Week 4 and Week 8 of each term. Everyone is welcome to come to a meeting.

**Fiesta News**

The North Ainslie Primary School Fiesta is the largest fundraising event for the NAPS P&C, generating a valuable funding contribution towards the education, health and wellbeing of our children.

**Fiesta Coordinator**. The P&C is looking for a person with project management interests to coordinate the 2016 Fiesta and its Committee (it is likely this person will be modestly remunerated, terms to be discussed). If you are interested please contact Nicola Gibson on 0411592697 or email napscommunity@gmail.com  by 1 July 16.

The **Fiesta Committee** has Food, Marketing and Publicity, Entertainment, Hire and Equipment, Finance, Sponsorship and Fundraising, and Stall coordinators plus a Volunteer Manager. Its initial meeting for the 2016 event is scheduled for Tuesday 19 July at 7:30pm at the school. The Committee has a few vacancies; please email napscommunity@gmail.com if you are interested in joining or just giving a hand.

## School Banking

The Term 1 and Term 2 prizes Flying Snake Tails and Mudsplat Handballs are now out of stock due to their popularity.  We can still order Wildlife Writer Sets and Bag Tags, with more prizes becoming available in Term 3.  Please order early if you can to avoid disappointment! We can take orders for Term 3 items now and process them as soon as the prize becomes available online.  There are more than 40 North Ainslie students that have 10 or more tokens so if you would like to redeem them for a prize then please place your order with your banking on Monday or contact Karen (lkcam@tpg.com.au) or Kathryn (kathryn.dwan@gmail.com).

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**TERM 2 HEHUB CANTEEN MENU**

**All week Recess**

A selection from the following:

Yogurt &Fruit cup $1.00

Peas “n”corn $1.00

Fruit of the day $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

Rainbow Salad wrap (V) $2.00 Tex Mex toasted wrap $2.00

Milk Carton $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)*

*Whenever possible, the Canteen uses produce grown and harvested by our students in the school's He-Hub garden. In our garden we have tomato, pumpkin and herbs . These go regularly into canteen salad wraps along with any other vegies that are ripe for picking.*