

The Gang Gang Gazette

Week 9, Term 2 (26th June, 2020)

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Upcoming Events

Term 2 Ends	Friday 3 rd July
Term 3 Starts	Monday 20 th July
5/6 SHFPACT Parent Information Session	Wednesday 1 st July (5pm - 6:30pm)

Notes Home

- 5/6 SHFPACT note
- Headlice notification(3/4)
- Movie Note (3/4)

Board

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, 11th August, 6 pm
P & C
Next Meeting:
Tuesday, 11th August, 7.30pm

Dear families and friends,

It has been another fantastic week at school, and I have had the privilege of seeing lots of amazing learning happening across the school for both students and staff. It has been planning week for teachers and we have spent this time assessing where all of our students are, what they continue to need and how we can set this learning up successfully for next term. These planning weeks are invaluable in helping us to answer the four essential questions we need to answer for our students every day.

1. What do we expect our students to know and be able to do?
2. How will we know they have learnt it?
3. How will we respond if they haven't?
4. How will we respond if they already know it?

Teachers have also been finalising their first semester reports which will be emailed out to families next Thursday. Due to the impact of COVID-19, these reports are slightly amended from previous years. They will still address all learning areas taught during the semester, both face to face and online, but will not have an A to E grade for students in years 1 to 6 who normally receive one. This change is ACT wide for all public schools. Comments for all learning areas are included in the general Comment and there is still a section where we report on the Approaches to Learning from the Primary Years Program. If you have any questions about your child's report, you should contact their teacher in the first instance. There will be opportunities for interviews next term.

We are pleased to let you know there will be a further easing of restrictions on our school activities and parent/carer engagement in line with the broader easing of COVID-19 restrictions across the ACT. The ACT Education Directorate released a 'roadmap' based on the ACT Government's COVID-19 recovery plan. This roadmap is based on health advice and is attached to our newsletter along with a letter from the Chief Health Officer.

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In term 3 we plan to welcome back our families for events such as parent teacher meetings and small assemblies with physical distancing and hygiene measures in place. However, where possible, parents and carers should still routinely avoid entering school grounds and ensure they practice physical distancing around adults at school. This requires us to maintain the recommended 1.5 metre distance from other adults and limit the number of adults in spaces inside the school. It also includes arrival and drop off times at school which is when we have the most number of adults on site. We will continue our new arrival and pick-up procedures and the Kiss and Drop area on Sherbrooke St. We will be able to start organising incursions and excursions to compliment the learning for our students and organise camps for our students in years 3-6. Once again, these will all be done in line with advice from the medical community and the easing of restrictions in public spaces. It also means we can start to work with our P and C on events to bring our community together and to kick start their fundraising. I encourage you to review the roadmap and letter and look out for future school newsletters and communication about how we will be implementing the roadmap in our school.

Today we had our P and C President, Maree Wright, in to meet with our year 6 student, sports, Green Team and Indigenous student leaders to talk about how they can help with the student consultation on our oval upgrade. It was exciting to see their enthusiasm to be part of our project and their ideas for how they can find out what our students want and need from their play and learning space on the oval. We look forward to seeing what will come out of their work with our students and we will keep you up to date with process.

Pyjama/Casual Clothes Day!

To celebrate the end of term 3 we will be having a pyjama day/casual clothes day next Friday 3 July. The student leaders are working on a charity to donate money to as a part of this and we will update parents/carers on this next week.

Have a great weekend.

Tania Collis

Principal

SAS Onboarding Message for School Communities



On Monday 6 July, our school will progress into the third stage of implementation of the new School Administration System (SAS). So far, the program has helped to bring digital roll marking, parent /carer SMS communication, academic student reports, and wellbeing processes across all ACT Public Schools. This is a major step for our school and the Directorate as we move away from the MAZE system as our source of student and financial information. The Directorate's SAS team will be working very closely with us to ensure that the correct support processes are in place to ensure that the transition is a success.

As we transition into the new modules of the system over this period, information will be provided to the school community about new features that enhance or change current school processes. This update is particularly exciting for the administration of our school as previous releases have been focused on teacher use.

We expect this to be a smooth transition and appreciate your support and understanding during this time. As always you can contact the school office if you have any questions or concerns that may arise.

World Environment Day Online Auction

On June 5th the [Conservation Council ACT Region](#) celebrated [World Environment Day](#) by launching an online fundraising auction, which will continue until 9:30 pm on Sunday the 26th of July. The [World Environment Day Online Auction](#) features more than 90 donated items including [art pieces by local school-striker Alice Harcourt](#), a [Red Earth home battery system](#) and an [iStore energy efficient hot water system](#).

Great value educational items include online or in-person seminars from world leading scientists and academics, [Professor Will Steffen](#) and [Dr Alison Green](#), and an amazing singing workshop from the incredible [Mal Webb](#).

The majority of these eco-friendly auctioned items can be delivered around Australia, New Zealand and the world which means you don't need to be Canberra-based to receive them. If you buy an item that has been donated by our diverse range of environmentally-minded sponsors, you will be doing the planet a favour. With the heartwarming support from national and local businesses and individuals, the Conservation Council is able to raise important funds to continue their work to shape a sustainable future for the ACT and region.

More information is available on the [Conservation Council website](#) or by going straight to the [World Environment Day Online Auction Allbids web page](#).

TERM 2 HEHUB CANTEEN MENU (Open Wednesday and Friday)



The canteen has reopened with a limited menu on WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY only, for online lunch orders. At this stage, we are **only** offering **online lunch orders through Flexischools**. There will be no recess service, and no over-the-counter lunch service.

The menu is limited to two \$7 lunch pack options only:

Chicken and Cheese toasted sandwich OR Tuna and Cheese toasted sandwich
With
Fruit OR Yogurt
And
Milk OR Juice

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P & C NEWS

Senior Oval Redevelopment

We are very close to finalising our designer for this exciting project, and hoping to announce the result before the end of term. With the Education Directorate joining us in the middle of the process, it is taking slightly longer to finalise, but will be worth the wait. In the meantime, I'd like to give you a bit of an insight into the process so far, which has been extremely thorough and professional.



March - Subcommittee began to form and discussed approaches to procurement

April - A Project Plan and initial Program was developed

May - A Stakeholder Consultation Plan was developed.
 The school committed to funding the design stage.
 A Project Outline and Proposal was sent to the Education Directorate.
 Other P&Cs were consulted for advice on major landscaping projects
 All Canberra based Landscape Architects were assessed against essential criteria
 Shortlisted Landscape Architecture Companies were invited to an interview
 Request for Tender documents were developed
 Students started to think critically about the space, with support from teachers

June - Selected Landscape Architecture Companies were invited to tender
 Education Directorate agreed to our proposal for design funding
 Meetings with experts and advisors began
 Tenders were received and reviewed by the P&C. The preferred tender was recommended to the Directorate for approval
 Steering Committee being finalised

While we can't announce the design company (yet), we are very pleased that our Project Manager will be Carole Hammond, Assistant Director from the Directorate's Sustainability Division. Carole has a strong interest in the environment, particularly water (sitting on the board of the Alliance for Water Stewardship), and will be a great asset to the project.

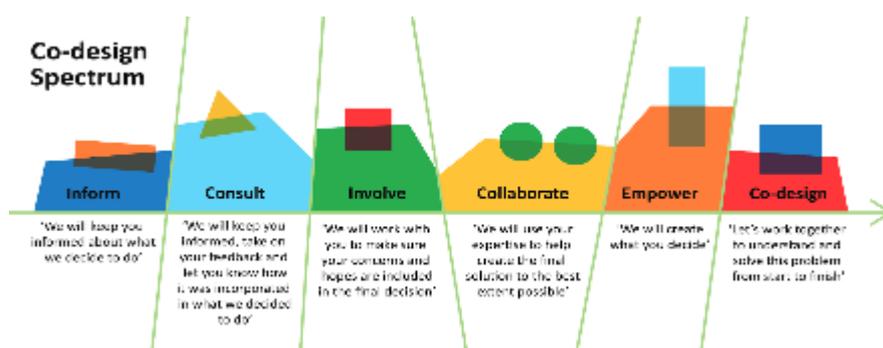
Student Participation and Co-design

We are determined to bring our whole community along on this journey, with genuine, meaningful engagement with our students, teachers, parents, and broader community, including the traditional custodians of this place, the Ngunnawal people. We are working in close partnership with the school, and much of the student consultation will happen within the classroom, to ensure we make the most of the learning opportunities in the process. I will be meeting with the student leaders to invite them to take up the challenge of not just sharing ideas, but the decision-making as well, and how that might work. I have absolute faith in the ability of our students to participate fully in this journey, and I know that they will add enormously to the end result. It is also a fantastic opportunity for them (and us all) to learn about the design process, and extend their leadership skills into real-world applications with long-term outcomes, leaving a strong legacy for the future.

From the International Association of Public Participation IAP2 spectrum.

Your P&C

Would you like to help out? We are working on developing some covid-safe fundraising activities this year, and **we could use some help** organising a raffle, a trivia night, and our annual Art fundraiser. If you can spare a few hours, please get in touch.



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You can reach us via email anytime napscommunity@gmail.com or join the closed Facebook page [North Ainslie Primary School Parents' and Carers' Group \(private\)](#).

We have a website in development, which has info on out of hours activities, events throughout the year, and our online uniform shop: www.napspc.com.au

Maree
P&C President

'EACH GIVES WHAT HE/SHE HAS'

The NAPS P&C wish to sincerely thank everybody that has contributed to the 'WE WANT YOUR UNIFORM' campaign held over the month of June 2020.

This campaign came out of a necessity to find new ways to raise funds after all our revenue raising activities were quashed by COVID-19.

A German saying 'Each gives what he/she has' tells the story of some East Berlin residents dumping rubbish onto the West German side and the West German residents responding with neatly stacked canned goods, bread, milk and other provisions with a sign that read 'EACH GIVES WHAT HE HAS', or so the story goes.....

Each of you have given what you have to give and we the NAPS P&C are forever grateful for your generosity and response.

All in all, we have received 210 quality laundered items of clothing and still counting !

I would like to thank Principal Tania Collis, the hardworking staff in the front office, Elinor Archer, and especially Tiina Mann, who voluntarily manages the uniform shop for all their efforts in making this a successful campaign.

Meenakshi even informs me that parents and carers are still contributing uniforms, which is very reassuring and positive.

All clothing will be listed and available for sale from the P&C Website <https://www.napspc.com.au> with items starting from \$5 from Monday 29 June 2020.

Following the success of the 'WE WANT YOUR UNIFORM' campaign we now intend to create a permanent DROP OFF location that will allow year-round contributions.

We invite you to invest your money through the P&C by purchasing both pre loved and new clothing and by continuing to give to the 'WE WANT YOUR UNIFORM' campaign.

Your initiative will allow us to generate a sustainable revenue stream to fund and strengthen the foundations and future projects of North Ainslie Primary School.

I thank you for your time

Kindest Regards
Harry Sideris
(NAPS P&C)

North Ainslie Preschool Fundraiser



North Ainslie Preschool are organising a Kiddie Food Kutter fund raiser to raise funds for our beautiful preschool to support the cooking program for the class of 2020.

If you would like to get on board and support us by purchasing some Kiddie Food Cutters for your own child or to give as gifts to others, all you need to do is read the attached information or visit the Kiddie Food Kutter website, complete the order form on the last page and return to the pre-school or the silver post boxes in the main school, make payment online, sit back and wait for your order to arrive!

Unique Kid's Safety Products!

The safety products for children that are a must in any house!

The Kiddies Food Kutter and Safety Food Peeler are two innovative products designed to encourage healthy eating in kids, enabling all children to cut and peel fruit and vegetables safely.

Both products are suitable for left and right handers, and kids with a disability or special needs. They are dishwasher safe, BPA free and available in 4 bright colours (blue, yellow, red, pink). The packaging includes a how-to-use skill card and is suitable for gift-giving.

The Kiddies Food Kutter	Safety Food Peeler
<p>Safe: Safe stainless steel design for ages 2+, with rounded teeth & no sharp edges. BPA free & dishwasher safe.</p> <p>Durable: Dishwasher-safe, with a stainless steel blade & ergonomic plastic handle.</p> <p>Versatile: Cuts even hard veggies like pumpkin & carrots, plus is great to cut meat & veggies on the dinner plate.</p>	<p>Safe: BPA free, plastic moulded, sturdy and bladeless. Perfect for ages 3+, included disabled & special needs kids. Dishwasher safe – just not too hot!</p> <p>Australian Made & Owned: The Safety Food Peeler is 100% Australian made & owned.</p> <p>Versatile: Peels all the fruit & veggies a normal peeler can (except pumpkin). Also great on hard cheese!</p>

Kiddies Safety Scissors

Blunt tip & premium steel safety blades with a nifty spring mechanism built into the handle to help kids master the scissor-cutting action.

Suits kids aged 3+ including left and right-handers, those with special needs or a disability.

See product demonstration videos and get more information at: www.kiddiesfoodkutter.com.au

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Please return your order form and make payment by Friday 31st July Week 2 , term 3.

Childs Name:

Childs class at North Ainslie:

Your name:

Phone number:

Email:

Please make payment to North Ainslie Preschool

BSB: 633 000

Acc No: 167 396 779

Reference: your child's name including surname

	Price	Red	Blue	Pink	Yellow	Total QTY	TOTAL COST
Single Kutter	\$12.00						
Single Peeler	\$12.00						
Twin Pack (1x Kutter & 1x Peeler – please note packs come in a single colour ie cutter and peeler are the same colour)	\$20.00						
Kiddies Safety Scissors (Blue only)	\$8.00						
TOTAL							

You will be notified when orders are ready and depending on restrictions at the time we will let you know how pick up will be organised.

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