

The Gang Gang Gazette

Week 1, Term 1 (8th February, 2019)

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Upcoming Events

2019

P -6 Information Evening	Wednesday 13 th February
Getting to know you Interviews	Monday 18 th to Friday 22 nd February
Billy Tea Bush Band Dance, Community Welcome and P & C Barbecue	Thursday 28 th February (Time TBA)
Kindergarten and Junior IEC Water Fun Day	Tuesday 12 th March
NAPS Swimming Carnival	Tuesday 12 th March

Notes Home

- Term 1 Canteen Menu
- Year 5 Band Testing
- Year 6 Band Times

Board

Next Meeting:
Tuesday 26th Feb 2019, 6.00pm

P & C

Next Meeting:
Tuesday 26th Feb 2019, 7:30pm

Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome back to school for 2019. We are very happy to have our returning students back and to welcome all our new students and their families to the NAPS community. We have had a wonderful start to term 1 with the school already humming with great learning. There is nothing more gratifying than a walk around the school, or meeting everyone after school and having them share their days with such excitement. Included later in the newsletter is a list of our staff members to assist you with communication with the school. Students in kindergarten to year 6 also have new signs on the courtyard to help them with lining up each morning. Supervision of students begins at 8.40am on the courtyard. When students arrive at school they should come to the courtyard and leave their bags near the area they line up. They do not need to take them to their classroom. They can then play on the courtyard until the bell goes just before 9.00am. Teachers are often in meetings in the mornings, or in preparation for the day and may not be in their classroom for supervision. Kindergarten teachers will let families know when they will begin joining us on the courtyard for morning lines.

School App and Class Dojo

The school has an app through Skoolbag which can be found in app stores for both Apple and Android products. Search for North Ainslie Primary School and follow the instructions to install. We use the app to share information and provide details of school events. We are currently updating the app and events can easily be transferred to your own calendar. Please see the attached information sheets on the app.

We also use Class Dojo to share the happenings of the school. If your child/ren are already on Dojo and you have provided permissions, they can be transferred from their old class to their 2019 class. If they are not already on Dojo, look out for notes and instructions from their teacher.

Information Evenings and 'Getting to know you' Interviews

This year Information Sessions for all classes will be held after school on Wednesday 13th February. The following week we will hold our 'Getting to know you' Interviews between families and teachers. Bookings for these interviews can be made at the Information Sessions.

Preschool Information Sessions will be followed by P and C Meetings where a new P and C will be elected. This year's session times are:

- North Ainslie Preschool: **Wednesday 13th Feb 7:15pm**
- Hackett Preschool: **Wednesday 13th Feb 7:00pm**

Information sessions for kindergarten to year 6 will be held in the library. Times for each year level are:

- Kindergarten - 4.00-4.20
- Years 1/2 – 4.30-4.50
- Years 3/4 - 5.00-5.20
- Years 5/6 – 5:30-6:00

Medication

If your child suffers from any known allergies, please collect a Known Medical Action Plan from the front office. You will also need to provide an up-to date action form to the front office if your child is asthmatic or anaphylactic. A back to school asthma checklist is attached at the end of this newsletter.

If your child requires medication, please bring it to the front office with clearly labelled instructions.

Billy Tea Bush Band Dance, Community Welcome and P & C Barbecue

In week 4, on Thursday 28 February, we will be holding our very first community Bush Dance. During the day students will learn bush dances with the Billy Tea Bush Band. That evening, families are then able to join us for a bush dance. Our wonderful P and C will be holding a barbecue and we look forward to this community event to welcome in the new year and further build our relationships here at NAPS.

Dogs on school grounds

A reminder that, except for assistance dogs with permits, dogs are not to be taken onto the grounds of a child-care centre, preschool or primary school

School Drop-off and Pick-up

We do understand that parking can be difficult during peak times of drop off and pickup up after school. Please read all signage in the carpark and park only in bays. The area closest to the school in the carpark on Sherbrooke St is only for pick up and drop off and cars should not be left at any time. These procedures are in place to ensure our students are safe as they arrive at school and then leave in the afternoon. Here is some advice from the Directorate on ideas to help with the school drop-off and pick-up each day.

Think before you park...and keep our kids safe!

With school now back for the year we are encouraging all parents to make parking safety a priority!

At North Ainslie we strive to be

This means:

- keep clear of 'no stopping' and 'no parking' zones
- don't park in bus zones on school crossings, across footpaths or driveways; and
- don't double (or triple) park!

Remember - it's okay to park a little further away from the school and walk the rest of the way!

Consider - having a pre-determined meeting spot agreed with your kids. That way if you are a little late, they know where to wait.

Think – visibility around schools and if your car may be blocking the view of crossings for other motorists. Also be mindful when entering or leaving parking spots – look twice!

Be kind – to other road users and pedestrians and also if you see any parking officers in the area – they are doing their job and working to keep our kids safe!

Note - licence Plate Recognition (or electronic chalking) vans are now actively monitoring schools. Penalties range from \$114 upwards to \$600. Details at www.act.gov.au/accessCBR

School Board

The School Board plays a vital role in helping the school to set the strategic and financial vision for our school. I really enjoyed working with the Board last year and value the input and insight they provided me during 2018. I would like to thank all our School Board members for their hard work and support. If you are interested in nominating for one of the two parent positions, information on how to do so is below. There are enormous benefits for the children and yourselves, including making new social connections, building a strong school community and having a voice in the future direction of the school.

All parents and carers of NAPS students are eligible to nominate, including preschool parents. You can pick up a nomination form from the front office during normal business hours (9am to 3pm, Monday to Friday). Jo Munoz is the Assistant Returning Officer.

Nominations open 11:00 am Monday 5th February 2019

Nominations close (14 days later) 11:00 am Monday 19th February 2019

Have a great weekend.

Tania Collis

Principal

Staff members 2019

Tania Collis
 Rikkie Klootwijk and Debbie Lowrey (Acting)
 Kate Stear, Kate Bush (Acting), Alex Patterson (Acting) and
 Marni Payne
 Cherie Nicholson and Karen Oakley
 Nadia Murad
 Drago Morarevic

Principal
 Deputy Principals
 School Leaders

 School Counsellor/ Psychologist
 Business Manager
 Building Service Officer

Preschool (School Leader: Debbie Lowrey)

Evan Gilson (Hackett)
 Danielle Neumann (NAPS, start of week) – Team Leader
 Hayley Skipper (NAPS, end of week)
 Jillian Burnett (Release Wednesdays at Hackett)
 Marie Kuipers
 Karen Merryfull
 Jessica Wilding

Classroom Teacher
 Classroom Teacher
 Classroom Teacher
 Classroom Teacher
 Learning Support Assistant
 Learning Support Assistant
 Learning Support Assistant (Wed/Thu)

Kindergarten (School Leader: Kate Stear)

Melissa Halls
 Natalie Behm
 Gen Murphy
 Shamus Morton – Team Leader

Classroom Teacher
 Classroom Teacher
 Classroom Teacher
 Classroom Teacher

Year 1/2 (School Leader: Kate Bush - Acting)

Kate Bush
 Nancy Mendes dos Santos
 Sharon Hickey – Team Leader
 Meredith Regan
 Tina Sorenson
 Kirsten Waldron
 Rachel Levinson and Kate Cummins
 Yara Jerious

Classroom Teacher
 Classroom Teacher
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 Classroom Teacher

Year 3/4 (School Leader: Rikkie Klootwijk)

Timothy Wedlock
 Amanda Collins
 Sarah Davies – Team Leader
 Loren Franklin
 Leah Frezza
 Camille Wise
 Helen Munro and Becky Jackson

Classroom Teacher
 Classroom Teacher
 Classroom Teacher
 Classroom Teacher
 Classroom Teacher
 Classroom Teacher
 Classroom Teacher

Year 5/6 (School Leader: Alex Patterson)

Rachel Mian
 Kirsty Miller
 Alex Patterson
 Lynda Keane
 Jayde Condon
 Jarryd Heywood – Team Leader

Classroom Teacher
 Classroom Teacher
 Classroom Teacher
 Classroom Teacher
 Classroom Teacher
 Classroom Teacher

LSUA (School Leader: Rikkie with 3/ 4 team)

Karen Hadobas
Rodney Cassel
Jessica Wilding

Classroom Teacher
Learning Support Assistant (Mon-Thu)
Learning Support Assistant (Fri)

Introductory English Centre (School Leader: Marni Payne)

Rashmi Paneswar
Travis Thurston – Team Leader
Penny Metcalfe/Jo Parry
Anna Garvin

Kindergarten Classroom Teacher
Junior IEC Classroom Teacher
Senior IEC Classroom Teacher
Learning Support Assistant and Admin

Specialist Teachers (School Leader: Marni Payne)

Kath Bingham
Sarah Buckley – Team Leader
Patricia Hamilton
Kylie Giltrap/Amy Pepper
Rebecca Cameron

Performing Arts
Visual Arts
French
Personal and Community Health (PACH)
Library

Support Team

Sue Chalmers and Tracey Amato
Sonia Howarth and Becky Jackson

K-2
3-6

LSA Team (School leader: Nadia Murad)

Jane Stainthorpe
Penni Watts
Daisy Singh

Student Support
Student Support
Student Support

Front Office

Meenakshi Mahajan
Jo Munoz
Kathleen Hancock

Front Office and Administration
Front Office and Administration
Executive Support and Administration

P & C NEWS

I hope everyone had a great holiday and is excited for 2019.

The P&C has a number of activities planned for this year, including:

Term 1 - hosting a BBQ at the School Bush Dance

Term 2 - Sustainability Fair and our first information night on a variety of tricky parenting issues

Term 3 - Trivia night

Term 4 - Movie night and raffle

Come along to our first meeting on **Tuesday 26 February, 7:30pm in the staff room** to find out more.

P&C Committee positions have a maximum length of two years. This year sees a number of our committee members reach the end of their two years. To keep the P&C running smoothly we will be needing some new smiling faces to take on committee positions. The first meeting is quite informal and a great way to meet active P&C members and find out about the committee roles and all the other ways you can get involved (and as a bonus most roles don't need you to attend the meetings).



Sustainability Fair

After the success of our first Sustainability Fair last year, we are keen to have another. We've taken onboard your feedback and will give up on embracing the winter and bask in the autumn glow instead (we're aiming for Sunday 12 May). This means we need to start organising the fair now.

Our first planning meeting will be **Wednesday 13 Feb, 7:30pm at Edgars Inn, Ainslie.**

There are lots of different ways to help. Providing we have a few helpers none of the jobs take a lot of time and many can be shared. Ways to get involved include:

- Organising external stall holders
- Organising speakers and/or workshops
- Coordinating the P&C stalls (e.g the book, toy and second hand uniform stalls, bike repair stand, food stalls etc)
- Helping organise activities for the kids
- Coordinating volunteers for the day
- Coordinating waste management
- Marketing and communications (posters, newsletter articles etc)
- Keeping in touch with the school executive and key staff

Contact the P&C at napscommunity@gmail.com to find out more or come along next Wednesday. It's going to be great!

Trudy (P&C President)

Uniform Store

Thanks for your patience and support this week, as we battled through with cash and cheque sales in our busiest week of the year. Thanks to all the volunteers who have given their time to run the uniform store this week. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Karen on 0406 937 139

Opening hours for 2019 are:

Tuesday morning – 8:45-9:15 am

Tuesday afternoon – 2:45-3:15pm

Thursday morning – 8:45-9:15 am

Thursday afternoon – 2:45-3:15pm

Please remember that you can get order forms from the front office if you can't make our opening hours.

Welcome to School Banking 2019!

Welcome back to all families, and a warm welcome to new North Ainslie families! A little reminder that school banking starts again next FRIDAY and will continue on FRIDAY throughout the term. Please don't forget to update the cover of your child's bankbook with new class details so that books can be returned to them There are new prizes on offer in 2019 (after making 10 deposits). As this is a new year we have exciting new rewards. You may not know that North Ainslie Primary receives funding from the Commonwealth Bank based on the number of students involved in school banking and the number of deposits made, so your involvement also contributes to resources for the school! For students who don't already have a Youthsaver account, these can be set up an any Branch of the Commonwealth Bank, or online at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. School banking is administered by North Ainslie parents on a volunteer basis, so if you would like to help out (even just occasionally) with collecting or returning bank books from/to the school, or processing the online payments, I would love to hear from you! (Karen on 0406 937 139)

Have a wonderful 2019.(**Karen Rumble (NAPS School Banking Co-ordinator)**

After School activities

Inviting North Ainslie Primary Students to a FREE Tennis Session - Week 2

- Who: North Ainslie Primary Students
- Where: Majura Tennis Club - Dickson
- When: Thursday February 14th & Friday 15th*
- Time: 4-5pm & 5-6pm*
- *Sign Up: www.tenniscanberra.com.au/events
- *Can't make this session visit our upcoming trial session: www.tenniscanberra.com.au/try-tennis

In association with Hume Conservatorium (formerly Goulburn Regional Conservatorium) and Wesley Music Centre

CANBERRA SINFONIA PRESENTS

Peter and the Wolf



Canberra 16th February 2pm & 3:30pm
St John's Church hall, 45 Constitution Ave, Reid ACT

Goulburn 17th February 3:30pm
Trinity Catholic College hall, Clinton St & College St, Goulburn NSW 2580

Tickets from \$10 at canberrasinfonia.com

Conductor Leonard Weiss
Narrator Charles Hudson



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TERM 1 HEHUB CANTEEN MENU (Open Wednesday, Thursday Friday)**Recess**

A selection from the following:

Frozen Peas 'n' corn cup	\$1.00	Fruit of the day / Apple slinky	\$0.50 / \$1.00
Pikelets, Popcorn (VG)	\$0.50	Toasties	\$1.00
Frozen fruit cup	\$1.00	Vanilla Yogurt (V,GF)	\$2.00
Banana muffin (v, DF)	\$1.00	Cheesy Corn Fritters	\$0.50

Lunch

Vegie sticks	Free	Fruit of the day	\$0.50
Vegemite sandwich(VG)	\$2.00	Vanilla Yogurt (V,GF)	\$2.00
Tex Mex toasted wrap(V)	\$2.50	Milk bottle (150ml)	\$1.50
Soy milk (VG)	\$2.50	Tuna & cheese toasted sandwich	\$3.50
Smoothies \$2.00 (collect from canteen)			

Daily Lunch Special- \$3.50**Wednesday:**

Pizza(V)

Thursday:

Italian chicken toasted sandwich (DF)

Friday:

Veg Sushi(VG),

Tuna Sushi (GF)

Back to school asthma checklist



Asthma
Australia



1. ASTHMA ACTION PLAN

See a doctor for a signed Asthma Action Plan or Care Plan. Most schools require an up-to-date plan for each student with asthma at the start of the new school year.

Evidence tells us that using an Asthma Action Plan can help to reduce hospitalisations, improve lung function and reduce the number of days off school.

While with the doctor, why not combine this with a check-up for your child's asthma, including a check on their device technique.

2. RELIEVER MEDICATION

Check with the school about their medication policy and work with the staff to find the best way to manage your child's asthma medication, including before physical activity (where applicable).

- Medication and devices are clearly labelled with your child's name
- Medication is in date and with sufficient medication remaining

3. TALK TO SCHOOL STAFF

Make time to talk with the class teacher and the school nurse (where applicable) about your child's asthma, their Asthma Plan and their usual triggers, symptoms and medication.

Also talk to your child's sport coaches and supervisors of other school activities. Don't forget to keep staff up-to-date with any change to your child's asthma management.

Use this valuable time to:

- Go over your child's Asthma Plan
- Discuss the signs of asthma for your child
- Show them your child's asthma medication and demonstrate how to use it
- Talk about the extent to which your child can self-manage their asthma
- Provide details of how to contact you when:
 - They have asthma symptoms
 - They use a reliever medication at school

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Contact your local Asthma Foundation **1800 ASTHMA** Helpline

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