

# The Gang Gang Gazette

Week 1, Term 3 (24<sup>th</sup> July, 2020)

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## Upcoming Events

Year 6 Exhibition Information Session

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July

### Notes Home

- Year 6 Exhibition Information (Email)
- Authority to release personal information for school photos
- New Covid-19 public health direction (Email)

### Board

Next Meeting:  
Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> August, 6 pm

### P & C

Next Meeting:  
Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> August, 6.30pm (in the school hall)

Dear families and friends,

Welcome back for term 3. I hope you all had a chance to relax and refresh over the break from school and perhaps, like me, also had a chance to see family for the first time in many months. I was lucky enough to head to Queensland to visit my parents and to meet my niece for the very first time so the time off was very special. We are looking forward to a great term of learning with our Year 6 Exhibition later in the term which is always a highlight of our year and a wonderful time of celebration for our year 6 students.

### Possum Houses at North Ainslie

As you would know, at the end of last year and early this year, our roof was replaced to provide better insulation and temperature control of our school. During the replacement process, it was discovered that approximately 40 possums had been making their home in our roof. As the roof was replaced, they kept trying to get back in, but the new roof is possum proof and would have trapped them inside. As an alternative they were looking for warmth and a safe space at the bottom of the many downpipes around the school. To help the possums, the roof installers,

Project Coordination, commissioned Possum Busters to install six possum houses around the school. You will find them in the trees, three at the front and three at the back.

1/2CL have been particularly interested in the possums and their habitats. As part of their UOI in ecosystems, they have been creating drawings, writing letters and reading books about possums and the safety of the possum homes. On Tuesday the Education Directorate came to meet 1/2CL and see the possum houses and will be sharing the story on their website and social media. You might like to look for the story over the weekend.



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### Chief Minister's Reading Challenge

Over the break we have had even more students complete the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge. Congratulations to Rory D, Jemith F, Taali D-J, Zainab S, Elliott W, Akhtar P W, Oliver S, Hector P, Bjorn H and Tyler H. Keep up the great reading everyone and I look forward to hearing about more of you finishing the challenge.



### Disability Standards for Education Review



The Disability Standards for Education 2005 (the Standards) help make sure students with disability in Australia can access and participate in education on the same basis as students without disability. The Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment, on behalf of the Minister for Education, is undertaking a review of the Standards through an extensive community consultation process. The Standards are reviewed every five years to test if they are effective in achieving their objectives and whether any improvements could be made.

Current, former and prospective students with disability, their families and carers, advocates, educators and other members of the public are invited to share their experiences, views and ideas to inform the Review of the Standards. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, engagement activities will mostly be held online via a dedicated 2020 Review [Consultation Hub](#). To register to be involved or to make a submission visit the [Consultation Hub](#). The consultations are open until 11.59pm AEST on Friday, 25 September 2020.

### Home Reading Program in kindergarten and years 1/2

From next week we will be restarting our home reading program with a slight change to the usual procedures. Students may take home 4-5 books on the Monday for use over the week. They should all be returned on the Friday so they can sit over the weekend before being borrowed by others the next week. If you have any questions about home reading, please see your child's class teacher.

### Drop off and pick up from school

This term we will continue with our processes for drop off and pick up from school with one minor change for some students in years 1/2. Please remember that students **should not arrive and be left unattended at school before 8.45am** that is when teachers begin their before school duties. If your child does arrive before 8.45am they must go to the senior courtyard until 8.45am when they will go to their arrival point.

#### Drop off

- Preschool – follow procedures in place for their drop off and pick up.
- Kindergarten – should go to their classroom where they will be met by their teacher.
- Years 1/2 – the students in the CTS continue to go to their courtyard, students in 1/2KW and 1/2LF should enter through the HeHub gates and to their classroom, students in 1/2SM and 1/2CL should enter through the junior bike rack gates and go straight to their classrooms and students in 1/2YJ and 1/2AC should enter through the main courtyard gates and go straight to their classrooms.
- Years 3/4 and years 5/6 – should continue to go to the oval where they will be supervised from 8.45am and they will then be taken to classes at 9.00am.
- IEC students – continue to meet in the HeHub.
- LSUA students – continue to head to their classroom.

#### Pick up

All pickups remain the same.

### 'Kiss and Drop' Zone on Sherbrooke St

Just a reminder the Kiss and Drop zone can be used by any student in kindergarten to year 6. The area is supervised by a school leader each morning and the student can then head off to their class. In the afternoons we call for all students using the service and walk them up to the Kiss and Drop Zone and supervise them until they are picked up. If you would like to use the service, more information is below.

#### *Kiss and Drop – Morning Arrival*

- Please enter Sherbrooke St from the Davenport St end and drive down past the oval and driveway entrance to the school. Continue past the crossing on Sherbrooke St where you will see staff waiting in the carpark that runs alongside the road on Sherbrooke St. Please **do not make a U-turn** from Hawdon St to enter the Kiss and Drop area.
- Enter the 'Kiss and Drop' zone and carefully drive as far forward as you can.
- Staff will be there to greet you and Student Leaders will escort your child into the school grounds.
- For the safety of everyone, please **do not do a U-turn** and head back down Sherbrooke St towards Davenport St when you have dropped off your child/ren. You can easily continue out of the carpark and down to Hawdon St where you can turn left to use the roundabout on Majura Ave to head in any direction you need to.

#### *Kiss and Drop – Afternoon Pick-up*

- Please email the school on [admin@nthainslieps.act.edu.au](mailto:admin@nthainslieps.act.edu.au) to let us know your child should be ready for you in the pick-up zone as this will ensure we know who to have at the zone. It would also be helpful to let the teacher/s know so they can remind your child.
- Follow the same directions as for arrival in the morning.
- Please **do not arrive before 3.00pm** and park in the pick-up area as you may impede the flow of traffic through the area.

Have a great weekend.

*Tania Collis*

Principal

### 2020 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey

Each year, the Directorate surveys all parents, school staff and students in Years 4 to 12 about their satisfaction with public education. The *2020 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey* will be available online from 10 to 31 August. The survey results will help us to continue to make quality informed decisions about how to improve our school. No personal identifying information will be provided to any school or college.

An email about the staff survey, including a unique link to access the survey, will be sent to all school staff via the email address they have nominated for their payslips; staff who do not receive the email may contact [EDUSurveys@act.gov.au](mailto:EDUSurveys@act.gov.au) to request a survey invitation.

For each child in their family who attends an ACT public school, parents will receive:

- ☑ A letter about the student survey asking whether their child may participate during class time; and
- ☑ An email about the parent survey, including a unique link to access the survey; parents who do not receive the email may contact [EDUSurveys@act.gov.au](mailto:EDUSurveys@act.gov.au) to request a survey invitation.

A shortened paper-version of the parent survey is also available in the following 12 languages: Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, Dari, Dinka, Farsi, Hindi, Karen, Korean, Mon, Urdu and Vietnamese; email [EDUSurveys@act.gov.au](mailto:EDUSurveys@act.gov.au) to request a copy.

For the results to reflect the opinions of our whole school community, we need as many parents, staff and students as possible to complete the survey. Your feedback is important, and we hope you will take part.

For more information, visit: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/school-satisfaction-and-climate-survey>

**TERM 3 HEHUB CANTEEN MENU (Open Wednesday and Friday)****Healthy Eating Canteen Menu: Term 3**

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

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
Cheesy 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 (150ml)	\$1.50
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

DAILY LUNCH SPECIALS – ALL \$4.00 EACH				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Closed	Closed	Mini Quiche	Spaghetti Bolognese	Pizza Margherita or Ham/Cheese

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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](http://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](mailto:naps.canteen@gmail.com)

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### After School activities

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# APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

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 [admin@coerveract.com.au](mailto:admin@coerveract.com.au)

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## P&C News

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### Welcome back to Term 3

Welcome to the start of a wonderful adventure! We are thrilled to announce the selection of our partners on the Senior Oval project, Paul Barnett Design Group, Thunderstone Aboriginal Cultural Services, Yurbay Consultancies, as well as the ACT Education Directorate. Together with our students, staff, and parents, we will be co-designing a new vision for the whole senior oval space, ready to start constructing Stage 1 early next year.



You can get involved now, by doing some research, and having your say on our Vision. For more information, **please go to our website, [www.napspc.com.au](http://www.napspc.com.au)** You can also sign up to our mailing list online, or email [napscommunity@gmail.com](mailto:napscommunity@gmail.com)

### Nature in the City Grant

**We got a grant!** We just received notice that we were successful in our application for a Nature in the City grant, which will add \$20,000 to our funds for the Senior Oval. This is a wonderful recognition by the ACT government of the importance of designing this space to suit the changing Canberran climate, and a very welcome addition to the project.

### 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.

You can reach us via email anytime [napscommunity@gmail.com](mailto: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: [napspc.com.au/home/uniform-shop/](http://napspc.com.au/home/uniform-shop/)

Maree  
P&C President

### P&C Raffle

We are currently putting together the prizes for this year's raffle.

With so many of our usual supporters doing it tough this year, we will be doing things a little differently. We will be paying it 'backwards' and purchasing prizes from some of our most regular supporters who aren't able to donate this year. If you have a favourite local business that you would like to support by purchasing a prize on the P&C's behalf, please get in touch.

Of course, if you are connected by a business and are fortunate enough to be in a position to donate a prize, we would love to hear from you.

If you would like to discuss donating a prize (or help organise the raffle) please email [napsfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:napsfundraising@gmail.com) or call/message Trudy Green on 0427539525.

**North Ainslie Preschool Fundraiser**



Majura Ave, Ainslie

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.

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### The Kiddies Food Kutter

**Safe:**  
Safe stainless steel design for ages 2+, with rounded teeth & no sharp edges. BPA free & dishwasher safe.

**Durable:**  
Dishwasher-safe, with a stainless steel blade & ergonomic plastic handle.

**Versatile:**  
Cuts even hard veggies like pumpkin & carrots, plus is great to cut meat & veggies on the dinner plate.

### Safety Food Peeler

**Safe:**  
BPA free, plastic moulded, sturdy and bladeless. Perfect for ages 3+, included disabled & special needs kids. Dishwasher safe – just not too hot!

**Australian Made & Owned:**  
The Safety Food Peeler is 100% Australian made & owned.

**Versatile:**  
Peels all the fruit & veggies a normal peeler can (except pumpkin). Also great on hard cheese!

**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](http://www.kiddiesfoodkutter.com.au)

**Please return your order form and make payment by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 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						
<b>TOTAL</b>							

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.