***The Gang Gang Gazette***

*Week 4, Term 2 (24th May, 2019)*

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## Upcoming Events

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| Reconciliation Day | Monday 27th May |
| Kindergarten Health Checks | Tuesday 28th May, Thursday 30th May & Friday 31st May |
| Yumalundi Choir to Dickson College | Wednesday, 29th May |
| Book Fair | Wednesday 29th May – Friday 31st May |
| District Cross Country | Wednesday 29th May |
| Kenny Koala Kindergarten Visit | Wednesday 29th May |
| Kenny Koala Preschool Visit | Thursday 30th May |
| Peer support | Friday 31st May |
| Senior assembly hosted by 5/6KM & 5/6AP | Friday 31st May |

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| **Notes Home**   * Year 3/4 Term 2 Overview * Brainstorm Production - The Protectors (Year 1/2) * Year 5 Combined Band Performance (email) * Reconciliation Choir (for students who have attended the lunch time practices) |
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| **Board**  Next Meeting:  Tuesday 28th May 2019, 6.00pm  **P & C**  Next Meeting:  Wednesday 19th June, 6:00pm |

**Dear Families and Friends,**

This Monday marks Reconciliation Day and the start of Reconciliation Week. Here at North Ainslie we have a number of ways in which we are acknowledging these important events. Every morning at lines, we have been sharing our class names. This year is the International Year of Indigenous Languages and our class names come from the Ngunnawal language. It has been fabulous to start to practise new words every day and to learn more about this language. Next Tuesday we will share more about Reconciliation Week at lines and will have a whole school reading of an Indigenous story during the day. *Mad Magpie,* by Gregg Dreise is a fabulous picture book which teaches children about how to stay calm in the face of teasing from others. It is the third in his series inspired by the sayings and knowledge of elders. On Wednesday, students who love to sing will head to Dickson College as part of our Yumalundi Choir. This choir has been practising all week and will perform at the opening of the college’s new Yumalundi Room***.*** The Yumalundi Room is a new multi-purpose space in which staff and students can engage in teaching and learning with a key focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. The room aims to promote cultural integrity in the college as well as create a space for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. The Yumalundi Room is named after the word for welcome in the Ngunawal language.

**Brainstorm Productions – The Protectors**

Today, students in 1/2 attended the Brainstorm Production -The Protectors which was a fantastic play showing children strategies to use if faced with teasing and bullying. Brainstorm Productions are known for these kinds of plays and our 1/2 students were engaged whilst they learnt great ways of helping both themselves and others.



**Athletics Carnival**

Our annual Athletics Carnivals will be taking place in **Week 6 on Thursday 6th June**. Students turning 8-12 years this year will be at Dickson Oval whilst students turning 7 and under will stay at school. For the older students we will be running 70m, 100m, 200m and 800m runs as well as relays, long jump, shot put and vortex throw. If you are able to assist on the day, please let the school know.

**Rostrum**

Over the last few weeks our students have been presenting their speeches as part of the Rostrum Public Speaking competition for school students. Students in kindergarten to year 2 have been outstanding as they presented to their classmates. They are preparing for their time in the senior school when they will participate fully in the Primary Schools Speaking Competition. Participating in the senior final today were: Idan G, Chase, Joe L, Hugo T, Julia L, Isla F, Zoe S, Nicholas P, Jemith F and Josie W. Today the senior final was held, and I would like to congratulate all finalists on their well-prepared speeches where they demonstrated strong presentation skills with interesting and informative topics. Our winner today was Isla with Chase a very close second. Both made our job as judges very difficult with strong, personal speeches and fantastic use of their voice and gesture. Isla will now go on to represent us at the quarter finals with Chase a reserve if for some reason she is unable to make it.

**ACTSmart Business Sustainability Awards**

We are very excited to announce that on Thursday 23 May 2019, North Ainslie Primary School won an ACTSmart Business Sustainability Award in the category of “Biggest Recycler – Small Event” for the 2018 NAPS Sustainability Fair. Congratulations to all the parents, students and staff from NAPS who put together such a wonderful event. The award is a wonderful recognition of all the hard work by everyone involved and demonstrates an ongoing commitment to sustainable events at NAPS. Thanks also to everyone involved in nominating us for the award. We are very grateful for your support. The ACT Directorate also celebrated our success with a Tweet, so we are now well known for our commitment to our environment.

**Scholastic Book Fair**

Next week we will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in the Patricia Cooper Library. The Book Fair is always an exciting place to be as children and adults buzz around trying to pick the perfect book. Please drop in and have a look around.

The Fair will be open to parents and students Thursday 30th and Friday 31st May from 8.30am-8.55am and 3.00pm-4pm. Students will also have a chance to look at the Fair during the school day. Rebecca is always looking for volunteers to help support her during the Book Fair. If you are able to come help out please drop in on Tuesday and let her know.

**Bike Rack Door**

As the weather gets colder and we begin to heat the school, we would ask that you are mindful and help us by closing doors as you enter and leave the school. In particular, the doors near both bike racks are left open quite regularly and can make the school very cold.

**Enrolment advice from the Directorate**

Enrolments for the 2020 school year opened on 29 April 2019. All ACT children are guaranteed a place in their local public school for Kindergarten to year 12. However, due to growth in recent years in enrolments in the public system, some schools no longer have the capacity to take “out of area” enrolments. These schools have been identified as “Category A” schools and a list appears on the Education Directorate website. North Ainslie Primary School is a Category A school.

You will not be able to seek enrolment for your child at one of these schools unless you live within the school’s priority enrolment area (ie, the school’s geographic zone). All schools will, however, consider cases where there are legal issues, or exceptional circumstances based on student wellbeing. To avoid disappointment, you are encouraged to check the information on the Education Directorate’s website so you can make the best decision for your family from the options available. The Directorate is running a telephone help service for members of the public on (02) 6205 5429.

**Updating Contact Information**

We know that people move, phone numbers change and so do email addresses. To assist us with communicating with you in a timely manner, could you please let the Front Office know if any of these details have changed. You can either ring or email on [admin@nthainslieps.act.edu](mailto:admin@nthainslieps.act.edu).au

Thank you.

Have a great long weekend.

Tania Collis

(Principal)

**P &C NEWS**

## P & C News

After a very successful 2 years the P&C has had a change in Committee members. A great amount of gratitude goes to Trudy and Brett for their contributions to the Committee. In the last 2 years we have seen our fantastic adventure track come to life and the now award-winning sustainability fair created. The bar has been set very high for the incoming committee and we hope to deliver.

We would like to thank everyone who came and supported the school at the Democracy Fair. It was great to see so many faces staying for a coffee, cake or democracy sausage in the grounds of the school and enjoying their Saturday. The Committee has some exciting new events on the calendar, and we plan to bring back an old favourite as well.

Keep your eyes peeled for our new P&C website on the way. You can keep up with the latest P&C news, fill out a survey or place orders for the uniform shop and canteen. We hope to be online by July.

On Wednesday 19th June we will hold a P&C Forum. The forum will be catered and we welcome all families to come along as we will provide a movie and dinner for the kids. Please RSVP as soon as you get the invitation via email. Tiina or myself are at lines in the mornings so please come and have a chat anytime.

*Jhay*

*President NAPS P&C*

**Healthy Eating Hub LogoTERM 2 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) Baked Potato with Salsa+/- cheese (GF) $ 3.50

**Daily Lunch Special- $3.50**

**Wednesday: Thursday: Friday:**

*Pizza(V) Italian chicken toasted sandwich (DF) Pasta beef bolognaise (DF)*

