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The Ainslie School Newsletter




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2018 Dates to Remember

12 March	Public Holiday	CANBERRA DAY
13 March	9:15-2:30pm	Swimming carnival @ Big Splash Macquarie
14- 16 March		Year 6 Camp @ Long Beach
16 March	12 noon	Junior Assembly hosted by Year 1
16 March	9:45-12:35	Blundells Cottage excursion for Year 2
19 March		Baker Gardens Daffodils Group Photo day
22 March		Baker Gardens Sunflowers & Reid Tulips Photo day
22 March		Years 3-6 forensics "A case of discovery"
23 March	12 noon	Assembly hosted by Year 5
25 March	9-12	P & C CAR BOOT SALE (on the Junior oval)
27 March	6pm	P & C AGM & Incredibles Movie Night

Dear Families and Friends,

What a wonderful event today's Swimming Carnival was. I congratulate our students on their high level of participation, with over 100 students competing in 10 races and all enjoying water play throughout the day.

We thank our parent volunteers for ensuring that competitors were just where they needed to be, and that recording was efficient and accurate. We are ever grateful to our carnival coordinators, capably led by Dawn Maree Dunn for their attention to detail and skilful work behind the scenes.

The steady flow of families and friends joining us at the pool added even more value to our day. Thank you for supporting our swimmers.

Activity Beyond the School Grounds

The Swimming Carnival set the scene for a week of rich activity within and beyond the school grounds for Ainslie students. This is strong evidence of the education team's commitment to providing real contexts to support social and academic learning.

This evening, our Year 6 students and staff team will be packing their bags for their three day camp at Longbeach. Opportunities for engaging with each other, whilst investigating the coastal setting will support learning about teamwork, collaboration, problem solving and self management.

On Thursday, our junior students in Year 2 will be venturing to the lake to inquire into Blundell's Cottage, and the early Canberra family who lived there.

Each of these excursions presents authentic opportunities for students to put 21st Century learning capabilities

- thinking,
- collaborating
- researching
- communicating and
- self management

into action. We wish our curious inquirers well and look forward to hearing about their learning.

Parental Engagement

It has been said that schools are not buildings, curriculum timetables, and meetings, but rather relationships and interactions among people.

With this in mind, I thank families who were able to engage in Goal Setting Meetings last week, to begin the important work together as we design learning that is increasingly personalised, tailored and responsive to the needs of each student.

While the education team at Ainslie brings depth of knowledge about the Australian Curriculum and child development, and experience and skill in designing for learning, we are well aware of the funds of knowledge that parents bring, as first (and continuing) teachers of their children. We know that our practices and programs are all the richer for your input into their design, and we welcome your contributions and feedback at any time.

Please remember that our teachers may be contacted by email, or through the front office team. Timely communication is key to the success of our learners.

All the best for the week ahead,

Wendy Cave



Congratulations:

This week we have seen examples of special effort from

Our Year 5 students who were remarkable Ambassadors during the Tidbinbilla Excursion

This Week's Notes

- **Blundells Cottage Year 2** due back by: 15 March
- **St John's School house Museum** due back by 22 March
- **Photo envelopes need to be returned to school** due back by 23 March
- **The Chief Minister's Reading Challenge was issued.**
Students need to read 15 books by 7 September 2018.

Health Reminder

Dear Parents and Carers,

Some children and adults in our school community are immunosuppressed for a range of reasons. As a consequence their health is at risk if they come into contact with infectious illnesses, in particular chicken pox, measles, mumps or strep throat. If your son or daughter is suspected of having one of these illnesses it is very important that he/she does not attend school or preschool. It is also important that he/she remains at home until he/she is no longer contagious. Information on infectious conditions can be found on the ACT's health website www.health.act.gov.au or alternatively contact your local GP.

If your child has chicken pox, measles or mumps or is suspected of having an illness please contact the school immediately. This is also important for preschool families. This will allow the school to assess the probable contact and therefore exposure of our vulnerable community members to the disease. Notification can then be given to the parents and medical specialists.

As a school community we value your support in relation to the wellbeing of all our students. Please do not hesitate to contact the Ainslie School front office on 6205 6322 if you have any questions.

Housekeeping

Student Information Check

Families will soon be receiving a detailed student information by student key form. Please return this form to the school if it needs adjustments. We thank you for keeping this information current.

Managing Student Attendance

Please remember to communicate with us when your child is absent. We ask parents to make contact with the school's office team by phone or email on the day of the absence.

The Education Directorate has introduced a new system of managing student attendance and you will soon start receiving SMS messages if your student has unexplained absences. Students who arrive late are asked to come to the front office to check in, where staff will change their attendance status on the system and give them a card to take to their teacher.

A word from Your P&C

Kids Movie Night and P&C AGM - drop the kids off at the hall to watch The Incredibles (rated PG). A gold coin donation will help us to raise money for the canteen to buy produce and keep prices low. Movie food will be available for the kids at the canteen. Head over to the Yerra Building for a delicious snack and find out what the P&C did in 2017, help plan for 2018, elect a new committee and hear from new Principal Wendy Cave about her vision for Ainslie School. Keep an eye out for the posters, and please contact Nova (0407 959 077 or nova@homemail.com.au) or Mel (0416 191 812 or mel@meltin.net) for further information or to nominate for a position.



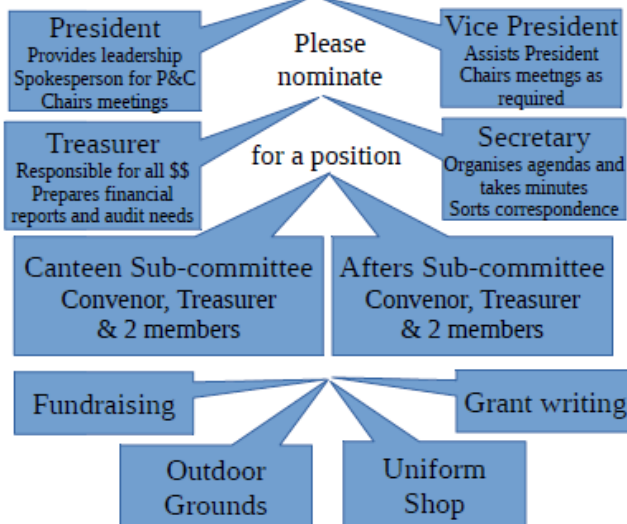
MOVIE NIGHT

P&C AGM 27 MARCH 6PM

Drop the kids off to watch "The Incredibles" (rated PG, gold coin donation for canteen) & come & join us for a delicious treat and hear about our Incredible 2017 and help us plan for 2018! It will also be an opportunity to hear our new Principal's vision for the school.



We need an INCREDIBLE committee!
Contact Nova (nova@homemail.com.au 0407 959 077) or Mel (mel@meltin.net 0416 191 812) for more info



Our committee would love to have a diverse range of parents and carers from the across the school bringing a broad set of skills including project management, grant writing, graphic design, financial literacy or baking.

Come and join the fun!



Ainslie School's P&C is a very active bunch of enthusiastic parents, carers and employees.

The Ainslie P&C is the parent body for pre-school to year 6 parents. Did you know that as a member of the school community you are automatically a member of the P&C?

Its main role is to promote parent participation in the work of the school and to provide strong, positive community support by encouraging parents to be involved in various ways.

Our P&C committee performs a number of roles in the school including:

- operating three school services (After School Care, Canteen and Uniform shop);
- raising funds for various projects and to help families in need;
- providing a focal point for parent and school discussion and feedback;
- raising issues and opportunities identified by the ACT Council of Parents and Citizen's Associations: <http://www.actparents.org.au>, and
- completing big and small school projects to enhance the school facilities and learning environment.



Term 1 Donation Wishlist



- KC: Spaghetti
- KCS: Spaghetti
- 1IS: Tinned kidney beans
- 1CS: Tinned kidney beans
- 1/2DW: Corn puff (brand: abundant earth, available in the supermarket health aisle)
- 2LT: Tinned chickpeas
- 2ZW: Tinned chickpeas
- 3CC: LNG long life custard
- 3LC: LNG long life custard
- 4W: Nutrigrain
- 4A: Nutrigrain
- 4C: Tinned tomatoes
- 5SB: Tinned tomatoes
- 5HS: Pad thai noodles
- 5F: Pad thai noodles
- 6M: Milo cereal
- 6H: Milo cereal



CLASSROOM NON-PERISHABLE DONATIONS HELP OISHII PROVIDE DELICIOUS HEALTHY FOOD OPTIONS 5 DAYS A WEEK

A PRIZE FOR THE CLASS WITH THE MOST DONATIONS!

STALLS
FROM
\$25



AINSLIE SCHOOL

Donaldson St, Braddon

CAR BOOT SALE

9AM - 12:30PM

SUNDAY 25 MARCH

STALL HOLDERS WELCOME

BBQ - DRINKS - CAKES

**A GREAT DAY OUT AND A CHANCE TO MAKE SOME
EXTRA CASH FROM THOSE UNWANTED ITEMS...**

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