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The Ainslie School Newsletter

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2018 Dates to Remember

12 Nov	10am 8:30 -11	Fire Brigade visiting Kindy Year 5 to Museum of Australian Democracy Year 4 Ecosystem Excursion to Mt Ainslie
13 Nov	9:30-11:30 am	Aspire Leadership
15 Nov	10 -2:30pm	Indigenous Cluster Celebration
16 Nov	11:30-12	Constable Kenny visit Reid and BG to visit Kindy
19 Nov	9-1 pm 11:55 1:00	Athletics Clinics Bandstrav rehearsal @ Forrest Primary (Yr 6 Band only) Yr 2 Aquasafe program Yr 1 Swim and Survive program
20 Nov	9:15 11:45 11:55 1:00	Let's chat Habitat Kindy – Yr 2 Let's Chat Habitat 3-6 Year 4 Ecosystem Excursion to Mt Ainslie Yr 2 Aquasafe program Yr 1 Swim and Survive program
21 Nov	5:30- 6:45 9-3 11:55 1:00	Bandstrav @ Llewellyn Hall ANU ACT Orienteering Championships @ Mt Stromlo Yr 2 Aquasafe program Yr 1 Swim and Survive program
22 Nov	11:55 1:00	Yr 2 Aquasafe program Yr 1 Swim and Survive program
23 Nov	7:00-8:30pm 12:00 pm 11:55 1:00	Birds and bees Info Session (Years 3-6) Assembly hosted by Kindy Yr 2 Aquasafe program Yr 1 Swim and Survive program

Coming up

Please note: The Ainslie School Benefit Concert has been postponed. Watch this space for the new date.

Year 1 Swim & Survive sign up on line @ <https://www.royallifesavingact-enrol.com.au/SS100AIN18>

& Year 2 AquaSwim sign up on line @ <https://www.royallifesavingact-enrol.com.au/AS1155AIN18>

Dear Families and Friends,

Ainslie's education team holds student wellbeing at the centre of their work. We value the development of the whole child, and our programs accommodate the intellectual, social, emotional and physical growth of each learner. We know that the best learning experiences integrate these human dimensions.

Last week, families across the school engaged with staff to learn a little more about how this plays out through the intentional design and delivery of literacy, numeracy and arts experiences. I thank Sophie Bissell, Greg Taylor, Janelle Jack, Jess Copeman and Isobel Short for sharing this work with our families through curriculum highlights information sessions, and our team for opening classrooms to visitors throughout the week.

Think U Know Cybersafety Session

On Tuesday evening, staff and families spent time together reflecting on the complexity of the contemporary communications landscape, and our role in supporting young people to engage with technology positively and in a balanced way.

During the session, we explored ways to empower our young people to be safe, respectful and resilient online. Above all, we considered the importance of

- Starting the cybersafety conversation with children and letting them teach us about what they do online
- Taking an interest in how each child uses technology
- Speaking with children about respectful relationships

During the evening we shared how programs and practices across Ainslie School support these priorities. In particular,

- Protective behaviours messages (*We all have the right to feel safe and Nothing is so awful we can't talk about it with someone*) apply to the physical and online world.
- Literacy holds an important place across the curriculum, and our programs develop students as critical and ethical consumers and producers of multimodal texts. We know that it is no longer sufficient (or responsible) to privilege print based texts on paper, and support students to recognise how authors use sound, image, language, and colour to construct and manipulate meaning.

With shared values of respect, excellence and community, our work together in this area, as parents and educators is fundamental. You may like to explore www.thinkuknow.org.au, or contact your child's teacher for further information about positive and productive engagement in the online environment.

The Baby Grand

The relocation of the baby grand piano has brought energy and excitement to Ainslie's entry hall this week. Its arrival has enabled staff, students and families to observe, wonder and explore how such a magnificent object, located in this position, might add value and impact to the experience of learning at Ainslie School.

We look forward to supporting this inquiry to unfold and developing, with, for and through our students, the practices that will support harmony, learning and play.

Chess

For many years, Ainslie students have enjoyed opportunities to experience the game of Chess. It was interesting to spend a little time with Ainslie's Chess Coach, Endre Ambrus last week and consider how this ancient game contributes to the development of so many of the human qualities we value in contemporary education. It develops, and calls for players to apply memory, focus and imagination. As Andre reminded us, the skills we learn on this little board are the skills we use in the big game we call life.

This year, about 50 students have participated in Chess lessons each Friday, and we look forward to increasing access to this valuable learning opportunity more broadly across the school in 2019. Please let me know if you have thoughts to share or would like to know a little more about Chess and how it works at Ainslie School.

Remembrance Day Commemoration

Last Friday students, staff and families engaged in a Remembrance Day commemoration ceremony of quality and high impact. We congratulate our Year 2 coordinators, and Anne Westerman for facilitating this event, which holds special significance to Australians.

Ainslie's students marked the 100th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914-1918) with a floral display at the base of the flagpole. This year, our junior students added some Sturt Desert Peas amongst the poppies.

We thank Ms Hazel Davies, for introducing us to this beautiful flower, and sharing its place as a symbol of love, loss and remembrance to the First Peoples of Central Australia.

End of Year Reporting

As we enter the midpoint of the term, teachers are focusing on summative reporting for 2018. The nationally recognised achievement standards within the Australian Curriculum provide the reference point for A-E reporting.

Some students meet A-E Exemption Criteria, which may apply where they have an intellectual or functional disability, or if they bring languages other than English, and have been learning English in Australia for less than a year. Parents of these students may, however, request an end of semester A-E report, and are encouraged to do so in writing. Please don't hesitate to contact our office team if you would like further information about this process.

All the best for the week ahead,

Wendy Cave



During the past week, we have seen examples of special effort from

Congratulations to

- Our Northside Spectacular Performers

We couldn't have been more proud as you danced, sang and played your way through the night at the Lyneham Performing Arts Centre!

Reminders:

This week is National Recycling Week.

Special effort from

Eli	KC	Writing recounts and reports
Asha	KC	Writing recounts and reports
Veronica	KC	Writing recounts and reports
Frances	1CS	Her book on butterflies, moths, wasps and bees
Tia B	1CS	Her book on butterflies
Lara	2LR	Word tree about ped (foot)
Julian	2LR	His great mathematics work

Housekeeping

Lost Property

Our lost property bins are over-flowing again, please take the time to check for any lost items. Labelling all your childrens' belongings would assist us in returning lost items.

Found

On a related note we had handed in a computer charger that fell out of a parent's car on Friday morning. Please come and see the front office to retrieve your property

One white ladies Air-bike (with a basket attached) was found in the Braddon Tennis club laneway. If you know of anyone who has lost one please come and see the front office.

Canteen

If any mums, dads or grandparents have some spare time the canteen would love to have some helping hands. It's guaranteed to put a smile on your child's face to see you helping out. Drop in and see Ari or Clair or phone the front office to let them know your availability.

Aqua Safe and Swim & Survive

Our year 1 and 2 swimming programs start on Monday next week. Please make sure you have booked a place online (see the front page for the website information and Ainslie code). If you have difficulty paying please see the front office team. Don't forget to bring towels, goggles swimmers etc on Monday morning.

This Week's Notes

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| ➤ Swim & Survive Year 1 | 5 Nov |
| ➤ AquaSafe Year2 | 5 Nov |
| ➤ Let's Chat Habitat | 20 Nov |
| ➤ Inner North Indigenous Cluster Celebration | 14 Nov |
| ➤ Orienteering Championship | 20 Nov |
| ➤ Year4 Mount Ainslie Ecosystem Excursion | |

Year 5 Photos

Below are some of our Year 5 students working on their writing sensory observation which will be turned into poems.

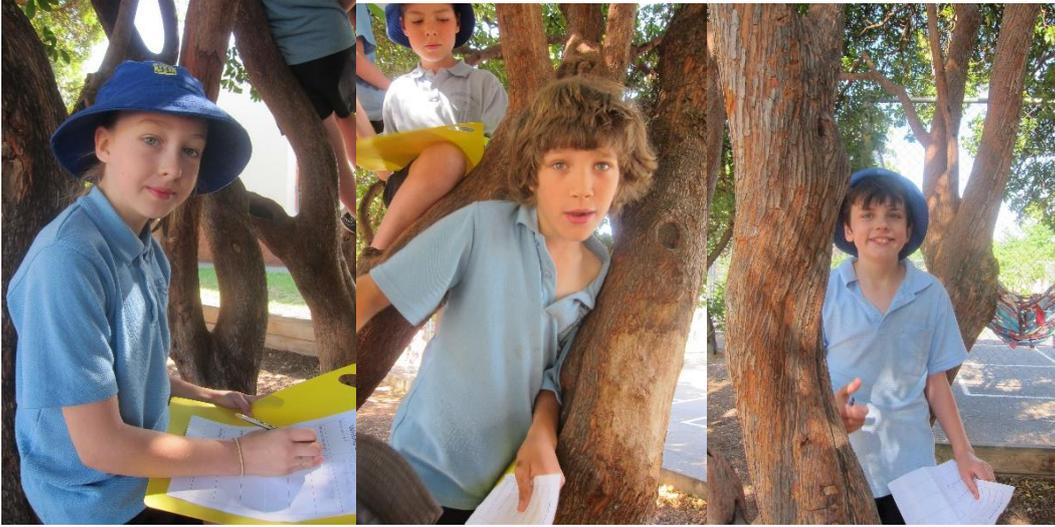


Figure 1 Azra

Figure 2 Ned B & Declan

Figure 3 Josh S



Figure 3 Thursday pottery class in action

Figure 4 April and Jenny showing off their work



Figure 5 Year 2's Carrot cars

On Friday, Year 2 students put their planning, design and construction skills to good use by making carrot cars. Students used carrots, skewers, bottle tops and anything else interesting they could

find to design cars that ran and looked cool. In the afternoon we all got together to share our designs, and many students tested how well their car would roll down a slope. It was a lot of fun and learning. Many thanks to all the parents who came to help in the building process – you made a big difference.

Old newspapers wanted

Our school hens need your newspapers to keep their hen house clean.

Newspapers such as: The Chronicle which is delivered free each week, can be dropped off in the labelled box at the front office by Friday 23 November 2018. It would be great if any glossy inserts or plastic coverings could be removed.

2018 ACT Primary Schools Orienteering Championships

As a part of the school's physical education program students from years 3 to 6 are being given the opportunity to compete in the ACT Primary Schools Orienteering Championships on 21 November.

If your child is interested in representing Ainslie School at this event they will need to participate in at least three practice sessions at school in the weeks leading up to the event.

I will run training sessions at school at lunch time on Tuesday 13th, Thursday 15th, Friday 16th, Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th. (senior oval)

Also after school on Tuesday 13th, Thursday 15th, Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th. (senior oval 3.30-4.30pm)

These sessions are only open to students attending the Primary school championships. Every student attending the Primary championships must attend at least **two** of these sessions.

For those who are particularly keen, Orienteering ACT runs events every Wednesday evening. Visit act.orienteering.asn.au for more information.

Rohan Hyslop
Physical Education Teacher



Due to family circumstances we are postponing the Music Benefit night. We will let you know more details and a new date once they are confirmed.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school email the AinslieSchool@ed.act.edu.au or via phone.

canberra speech therapy

Canberra Speech Therapy provides mobile speech pathology services for children of all ages. We come to your home or school, making it easier for families to juggle the weekly demands of schooling, extracurricular activities, sport or work.

We help children who have difficulties with speech sounds, language, literacy and social skills. We also have a special area of interest working with children who stutter. If you are concerned your child may stutter, we can help with fun, evidenced based therapy.

Our Speech Pathologists have university qualifications recognised by Speech Pathology Australia, are members of Speech Pathology Australia and are Certified Practicing Speech Pathologists.

We are currently accepting referrals for children needing assessment and treatment for speech, language, literacy and stuttering difficulties. A doctor's referral is not necessary to access our services.

For more information, get in touch with us at www.canberraspeechtherapy.com.au

Irish Dancing

If you have a student who is interested in trying Irish Dancing, classes are held every Monday at lunchtime and, for the next five weeks the cost would only be \$30. Boys are especially welcome, we already have several participating and the teachers are more than happy to accept children at any time during the term. If you are interested please make payments by direct deposit to:

Mrs Elizabeth Gregory Westpac BSB 732 732 Account Number 560 453

SHARE YOUR VIEWS BY FILLING OUT THE...

AINSLIE P&C SURVEY

THE AINSLIE PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION IS IMPORTANT IN SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL FINANCIALLY AND SOCIALLY VIA A VARIETY OF FUNCTIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. WE ARE SEEKING YOUR VIEWS ON A RANGE OF ISSUES SO THAT THE P&C CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THINGS THAT PARENTS THINK ARE IMPORTANT. RESPONSES TO THIS SURVEY ARE USED TO SHAPE FUTURE P&C EFFORTS.

[HTTPS://WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/AINSLIEPC](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ainsliepc)

BY COMPLETING THE SURVEY, YOU WILL ALSO HAVE THE CHANCE TO WIN A \$50 GIFT VOUCHER!

SURVEY CLOSING WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER

P&C survey link is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ainsliepc> closing **Wednesday 14 Nov.** Be in for your chance to win a \$50 voucher