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The Ainslie School Newsletter



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2018 Dates to Remember

10 Dec	9-3pm	Preschool Interviews @ Baker Gardens
11 Dec	9-3pm	Preschool Interviews @ Baker Gardens
12 Dec	11:30- 1pm	Speech day
	5-6:30pm	Preschool end of year dinner @ Baker Gardens
	6:30-8pm	Community Conversation 2019 Class Structures in Yerra Building
13 Dec	9-3	Preschool Interviews @ Reid
		Reports home
14 Dec	9-3pm	Preschool interviews @ Reid
		Reid and Baker Gardens
		Outdoor Fun day – check class teacher for more information
	4-4:30pm	Christmas in the City performance by the Ainslie band & strings
20 Dec	11:30 -1pm	Year 6 Graduation Assembly
	6- 7:30 pm	Year 6 Graduation Dinner
	7:30-9pm	Year 5 & 6 Enchantment Under the Sea Disco
21 Dec		Visit from Santa
	9-3pm	The canteen will be closed for cleaning
	12:30 pm	End of year Assembly

Coming up
Holidays

Dear Families and Friends,

How pleasant it was to spend a warm summer evening with so many members of our community last Wednesday. We thank Ainslie's singers, dancers, bands and P&C for their contributions to the Twilight Concert. Musical entertainment, a sausage sizzle and relaxed company made a fitting celebration as the 2018 school year draws to a close.

On behalf of the community, I pass on special votes of thanks to Jess Copeman, Chris Wells, Paul Wilcott, Indigo Buckman and Finlay Dawson for their work behind the scenes.

2019 Staffing

We congratulate a number of teachers on securing transfers to schools across the system for 2019.

- Sascha Colley will be joining the **Narrabundah** Early Childhood School team
- Danielle Jackson will be joining the **Giralang** Primary School team
- Mel Rawlings will be joining the **Majura** Primary School team
- Carolyn Crowley will be joining the **Gordon** Primary School team
- Jo Francis will be joining the **Maribrynong** Primary School team
- Sarah-Jane Brown will be joining the executive team at **Mawson** Primary School for 2019.

I know that the principals who will be receiving these educators are looking forward to the experience and contributions they will bring. We wish these friends and colleagues all the best in their future placements and pathways, and thank them for their influence on our people, places and programs. They have each made a mark on our school and we look forward to continuing to have them on our broader educational network.

The 2019 school year will bring several new faces to Ainslie Primary School.

- Faith Bentley will be joining us from Macquarie Primary School
- Susan Courigan will be joining us from North Ainslie Primary School
- Steph Martin will be joining us from Macquarie Primary School
- Michael McDougall will be joining us from Turner School
- Rebecca Palethorpe will be joining us from Macquarie Primary School

We also look forward to the return of Chantelle Stewart in **Term 2**.

These teachers bring backgrounds in areas that will play an integral role in progressing the strategic priorities of Ainslie School. We look forward to their contributions to areas including literacy, numeracy, science and inclusive, inquiry based education.

Class Structures for 2019

Consideration of class structures is a delicate work of design for Ainslie's education team. During the term, we have looked carefully at the social, emotional, academic and physical needs of individual students and their cohorts, and the fields of expertise of staff to weave a plan aimed at positioning every learner for success. We have welcomed the perspectives of families and students.

Once again, it is likely that the 2019 plan will involve a combination of single and multi-age classes. Ainslie's education team is looking forward to engaging with families in a conversation about research and reasoning that is shaping our proposed class structures this Wednesday evening.

We continue to be influenced by research that reflects how learning can plateau or regress during transitions. Typically we think of transitions as a part of the experience of children commencing preschool, kindergarten, and Year 7. However, we are well aware that for students entering every new year, there can be a range of changes, including to their

- peer group
- teacher
- classroom

Our planning aims to retain some continuity in these areas for our students and the teaching teams they will be working with. The arrival of new families within Ainslie's priority enrolment area may

bring about refinements to class structures and placements until school resumes. Class lists will be available to families during '0 Week', 28 January to 1 February, and arrangements will be confirmed in the early weeks of term when our enrolment census is complete.

We appreciate your contributions to supporting our children throughout their transition at every point in their primary school education, particularly through the early weeks of term. Please don't hesitate to contact me at school if you would like to talk through ways of making your child's start to 2019 a smooth and positive experience.

Semester 2 Reporting

On Thursday, Semester 2 Reports will be distributed to students in each of our classes. These documents provide a summary of each child's academic and social growth during Terms 3 and 4. The information they contain compliments communication families receive throughout the year through interviews, phone calls, emails, assemblies, celebrations and open classroom events.

We encourage families to speak with teachers at any time about our children's learning progress. Teachers have made times available for follow up conversations about reports during the next fortnight, and bookings can be made through our front office team.

All the best for the week ahead,

Wendy Cave



This week we have seen examples of special effort from

- The Year 4 *Treasures* team who have determined the important next steps to support the management, storage and conservation of objects of historical significance at Ainslie
- The Year 4 *Active Streets* team who are working with Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate staff towards enhancing the experience and safety of pedestrians on Limestone Ave and Elders Streets
- 2LR for providing constructive and persuasive feedback about the Twilight concert to inform future planning

Veronica	KC	Impressive writing
Alvanka	KC	Impressive writing
Mariia	KC	Impressive writing
Peyton	KC	Impressive writing
Frankie	KC	Impressive writing
Sophie	KC	Impressive writing
Riley	KC	Impressive writing
Hailee	2LR	Constructing 3D shapes and considering their importance in our world
Tia	2LR	Constructing 3D shapes and considering their importance in our world
Lara	2LR	Constructing 3D shapes and considering their importance in our world
Bella V	2LR	Constructing 3D shapes and considering their importance in our world
Bella C	2LR	Constructing 3D shapes and considering their importance in our world
Frankie	KC	Exploring Toys
Lacey & CC	KSC	Researching and caring for ladybeetles
Lottie	4W	Proof reading with care and diplomacy
Mimi	4W	Proof reading with care and diplomacy
John	6M	Proof reading with care and diplomacy
Arshiya	6M	Proof reading with care and diplomacy
Bella	2LR	her model house

Thank you to

Tamsyn H, Semele H, Abbey J and Tenielle B from Merici College, for their contributions to school support during their Work Experience placements.

Reminders:

Precious Possessions

The final weeks of term provide a great opportunity for a lost property check before the school holidays. We also remind students that it is always better to keep precious possessions at home.

Schools are busy places and despite our best intentions, from time to time things can be misplaced. As a general rule, if an item is so precious that you would be very sad if it went missing, it is better left at home.

2019 Planning

With preliminary planning for 2019 class structures underway, please remember to contact the front office team if you know that your family will not be returning after the holiday break.

Classes for 2019

Families are welcome to contribute to the process of determining class placements. Please feel free to arrange a conversation through our school office team if you would like to share your thinking. Alternatively, feel free to send an email to Wendy.cave@ed.act.edu.au or Sophie.bissell@ed.act.edu.au

**12 Dec 6:30-8pm Community Conversation 2019 Class Structures
in the Yerra Building**

This Week's Notes

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| ➤ Christmas in the City 5&6 Bands & 5 strings | 10 Dec |
| ➤ Curriculum resources for 2019 | 14 Dec |
| ➤ 2018 Voluntary Contributions | 14 Dec |

Dear Ainslie School Community,

Ainslie School has a long tradition of supporting families at this time of the year through our giving tree.

The tree is up in the front office and this year we are supporting Beryl Refuge. Beryl provides low cost crisis housing to women and their children who have experienced domestic violence. Support in anyway is appreciated however Beryl has made suggestions of gift cards from places like K-mart and Target and phone recharge cards. Other items could include sporting equipment, books, toys or games.



Please place unwrapped gifts under the tree in the foyer for Beryl to wrap and distribute as needed.

We thank you for your generosity.



Important Notice from Oishii Canteen Committee

Pies are going to be on sale at Oishii on Thursday 20 December.

**We will have limited menus on that day.
Please nominate an alternative for your child's lunch.**

Oishii will be closed for our end of year clean on
Friday 21 December
(that is: on the last day of the school year)

The Oishii managers and Canteen committee would like to Thank you for your continued support throughout the year and we look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

Ari, Clair, Meg Willow and the team



Library Stocktake is continuing

All borrowed books and library share bags have a return date of Friday 7th December.

Thank you Anney 😊

Housekeeping

Lost Property

Our lost property bins are over-flowing again. Please take the time to check them for any lost items and remember to label belongings that come to school.

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.

Community Musicians

We are enjoying the impact of the baby grand piano in the school entry hall. Students have been entertaining us throughout the day, and our skilled performers are beginning to inspire dancers and singers.

Please contact our school office team if you would be interested in coming along to play for us. You are very welcome to extend the invitation to neighbours and friends.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

OPERATING DATES AND TIMES

Not long now until the end of another year!

The Uniform Shop will be open every Tuesday and Thursday morning for the remainder of this year from 8:45am to 9:15am until Thursday 20 December 2018.

We will be closed for the school holidays, however the Uniform Shop will open before school resumes in 2019 on Thursday 31st January 2019 and Friday 1st February 2019 from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

We will then resume opening every Tuesday and Thursday morning, 8:45am to 9:15am from Thursday 7 February 2019.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteering at Ainslie Primary School is most rewarding, it's also a great way to meet new friends! The P&C looks forward to providing a service to help families buy affordable uniforms, but we will need new volunteers to keep the uniform shop running through 2019.

If you are interested in volunteering at the Uniform Shop in 2019, please come and visit me at the Uniform Shop, located in the hall or email Lee at ainslieuniformshop@hotmail.com

Thanks
Lee



Christmas Carols in the City

The combined Brass Band and String Band have been invited to play Christmas Carols at Christmas in the City celebrations on **Friday of 14 December**. This will be the final performance for Band and Strings for the year and we encourage families to attend this special performance. Below are the final details of the performance.

Location:	Corner of Petrie Plaza & City Walk
Arrive:	3:30pm
Set Up:	3:30pm to 3:50pm
Performance:	4:00pm to 4:30pm
Pack Up:	4:30pm to 4:45pm
Attire:	Full school uniform with Christmas embellishments
Transport:	Own
Cost:	Nil

We look forward to seeing you there!

Regards,

Jessie Copeman

Questacon Smart Skills Initiative

Questacon
HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS
DO YOU LIKE MAKING AND BUILDING THINGS?
MAKER PROJECT

Sign up to a Questacon Maker Project workshop during these school holidays at The Ian Potter Foundation Technology Learning Centre in Deakin.
Choose from a variety of workshops where you can invent, design, create and have fun!
Workshops will be offered on the 22, 23 and 24 January.
Suitable for 10 to 15 year olds only.
For more information visit our website or contact 1800 889 995

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Plant sale



Outside the Canteen
#2 small

\$3 large

3rd → 7th December

8:45am

3pm



Aok April and Maia



BEESWAX WRAPS

SMALL \$3.00
MEDIUM \$4.00
LARGE \$5.00



BEESWAX BAGS

SMALL \$4.00
LARGE \$6.00

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Made with ♥ by the Ainslie School community, Beeswax wraps and bags are made by infusing pieces of cotton with a mixture of food-grade beeswax, pine resin and oil. The waxy coating makes the cloth waterproof, but breathable.

One wrap, so many uses.

Available from [Oishi Canteen](#) for a limited time.



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