



The Ainslie School Newsletter  
Monday, 22 June 2020

**Office Hours**  
Monday — Friday  
8.30am — 3.30pm

## 2020 Dates to Remember

Wednesday, 24 June	Masterplan Community Conversation @ 5pm <b>(RSVP to the Front Office)</b>
Thursday, 25 June	Semester 1 Reports home (via email)
Friday, 3 July	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM 2</b>
Monday, 20 July	<b>FIRST DAY OF TERM 3</b>

## From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

A highlight of last week for members of the education team was the P&C's General Meeting. I thank Rob Harrison, Jess Haas and Laurel Cyr for providing this forum for parents and teachers to connect around the joys, challenges and growth we experienced during the period of remote learning. The staff contribution was facilitated by Ainslie's Deputy Principal, Sophie Bissell, who has offered some reflections which are attached to this newsletter. Wearing her professional and parent hats through this time has given Sophie an interesting perspective, and one she'll continue to share with us during her travels around Australia with her husband and two energetic little boys next semester.

Ms Katrina Sheaves will be returning to Ainslie as Deputy Principal while Sophie is on leave. Katrina spent a little time with us last year and we look forward to reacquainting her with our people, places and programs during the next fortnight.

### CULTURAL INTEGRITY AT AINSLIE

At Ainslie School we know that no two learners are exactly the same and a personalised approach enables us to support children at their points of need and interest. Diversity in learning styles, experiences of the world, and cultural heritage brings strength and richness to our school.

For many years, we have demonstrated a high level of commitment to the principles of cultural integrity. Staff have been recognised as innovators in the field, as we focus on:

- Engagement with families and community;
- Teaching with cultural integrity;
- Empowerment, celebration and achievement; and
- High expectations and successful transitions.

It is perhaps of little surprise that a highlight for staff participating in the P&C's forum last week was the Acknowledgement of Country in Ngunnawal language. We thank Danny Jowers for his moving delivery of what is an important meeting routine.

We look forward to celebrating, honouring and connecting with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the lead up to NAIDOC week which will be recognised during the term break. Details of a special Week 10 event will be available soon.

### ACKNOWLEDGING OUR CLEANERS

Last week *International World Cleaners' Day* highlighted the important and wonderful work cleaners do. We have been fortunate to have more cleaners at Ainslie during the COVID-19 pandemic and have valued the tireless work of Elizabeth, Lily, Pema and Lhachey throughout the term. They've helped us keep our school safe and clean.

Last week we learned that Elizabeth (pictured right) will be winding back her busy schedule and taking on a new position. We will miss her dearly, though we know she will enjoy a little more family time in a setting closer to home. How lucky her new school will be!

Thanks and Goodbye to Elizabeth



We look forward to introducing Mr Kuljinder Singh to Ainslie School this week.

## From our Principal continued ...

### SCHOOL REPORTS

School Reports for children in Preschool — Year 6 will be sent home via email through our School Administration System (SAS) this Thursday.

Your child's modified Semester One report will provide a summary of their achievements and progress in what has been an unusual time. As always, teachers welcome the opportunity to provide further information and can be contacted for mid year interviews by email or through our school office team.

We know that the quality of learning each child experiences is influenced by the connection between parents and teachers, and encourage you to contact us at any time.

### CURRICULUM DELIVERY AT AINSLIE SCHOOL

Ainslie's School Board plays an important role in developing, maintaining and reviewing our curriculum. During meetings we enjoy a staff report featuring examples of the way the Australian Curriculum is brought to life for our students.

Last week, the Board noted the public announcement of a review of the Australian Curriculum, which has been in place since 2015. In its preliminary work ahead of the review, The Australian Curriculum and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has found that *the Australian Curriculum is consistent with some of the best curricula internationally and is well-regarded by teachers across the country; but that it needs refining, updating and 'decluttering' to better support teachers.*

We welcome the opportunity to ensure our curriculum continues to meet the needs of students, teachers and our community, now and into the future. I look forward to engaging with you in what will be an interesting conversation across Australia in the months ahead.

### SUSTAINABILITY AT AINSLIE SCHOOL

*Human Dignity and Stewardship of the Earth* are ideas that focus the culture and curriculum at Ainslie. Through lines of inquiry we guide, develop and nurture children's understandings about how social, economic and environmental systems interact to support and maintain human life. With an emphasis on sustainability, the Australian Curriculum ensures students develop the knowledge, skills, values and world views necessary to participate critically and act creatively in determining and applying more sustainable ways of living.

Engagement with others at school and across the community supports children in developing appreciation and respect of the diversity of views and values that influence sustainable development. Last year, a group of interested adults and children brought their passion for the environment to form a special interest group at Ainslie. Their momentum has grown and friends and neighbours are invited to connect through the *Ainslie School Sustainability Facebook page*. The link below will take you to information about a free screening of 2040 on 28 June. This documentary has inspired their many conversations. More information is also outlined below.

[https://events.humanitix.com/optimism-and-action-what-does-your-2040-look-like?fbclid=IwAR2W-Cf7V5wz5ljRSVtZ7\\_8mWknNQYKUiOKxzvNUt4CZTUoWfIKizPSCzA48](https://events.humanitix.com/optimism-and-action-what-does-your-2040-look-like?fbclid=IwAR2W-Cf7V5wz5ljRSVtZ7_8mWknNQYKUiOKxzvNUt4CZTUoWfIKizPSCzA48)

All the best for the week ahead.

**Wendy Cave**  
**Principal**

**This week we have seen examples of special effort from:**

Tammin	1/2Z	Creating clear and interesting writing
James	3/4J	Sharing fabulous reading
Eli	3/4S	Playing Eye of The Tiger on his recorder

### FREE ONLINE 2040 SCREENING

A free screening of the documentary [2040](#) is being held on zoom from 7pm – 8.30pm on Friday, 28 June. 2040 is an inspiring vision of a green, clean and prosperous future that is possible now. 2040 has the rare distinction of a 100% rating on the rotten tomatoes rating system so here is a good chance for you and your family to check it out.

You can view the film in a 72 hour window prior to that time. After the screening there will be a Q&A session with a number of climate groups, including the hosts of the event, the People's Climate Assembly.

Get in quick as places are limited! You must RSVP [here](#) to secure your spot.

## COMMUNITY UPDATES AND REMINDERS

### HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

We thank families for continuing to keep children home with signs of illness. Your efforts to keep our community safe are greatly appreciated.

### WATER QUALITY

ICON Water will be undertaking some routine maintenance and cleaning of the O'Connor drinking water reservoir (see attached information brochure). As a result, the school may experience some discoloured water and fluctuation in water pressure during the next month. If this occurs we have been supplied with bottled water for students to drink.

### PUBLIC TRANSPORT TIMETABLES FROM 18 JULY 2020

From Saturday, 18 July 2020 Transport Canberra will be updating timetables for bus services. These changes will help make public transport in Canberra easier to use by providing more services and increased frequency to ensure that people have greater opportunity to spread out their travel across the day as we recover from COVID-19.

As a new timetable is being introduced, there will be minor changes for students travelling to and from school on public transport across Canberra from the first day of Term 3, 2020 (Monday 20 July 2020). In most cases, this will mean that students will catch the same service from the same stop, but the times that services arrive and leave may change.

You can find out more about the specific changes by checking the information packs and timetables which are online at [www.transport.act.gov.au](http://www.transport.act.gov.au)

*Should you have any queries regarding route services servicing Ainslie School please call 13 17 10.*



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY ...



... to the following students who will celebrate a birthday this week: Julian, Georgia, Tommaso, Niamh and Violet.



### AINSLIE STAFF FUN FACT

Which staff member featured in a soccer instructional video called Ready Set Goal?

Mel Cummins

## GOODWIN LIBRARY NEWS TERM 2

You may have noticed that I've not been in the library/school much this term. Due to family circumstances I am currently working partly in the library and partly remotely.

Together, with Priscilla, we are updating the collection on the shelves and the computer so although you may not see me in the library be assured we are carrying on with lots of work in the background.

When I am *not* there in person here are 2 things you can do to help:

- Return the books you have borrowed on the computer and put them on the trolley in alphabetical order (if you can).\*
- Please fix any books you notice that are out of place on the shelves.

\* One of the things we are doing is checking **every book** that gets borrowed and updating its data on OLIVER and fixing damaged or worn ones before they are shelved.

Overdue book notices went home last week. If you can't find your borrowed book/s please let me know by email if I'm hard to catch.

Don't forget you can borrow E-books using Sora. Your teacher can show you how.

Please feel free to come up and visit the library and see what we are doing. Don't forget to say "Hi" to Priscilla. She is happy to help if you need some assistance.

Happy reading!

Sharon Davis, Library Services  
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## UNIFORM SHOP

We now have Size 6 and Size 8 short sleeve polos in stock.

*Opening hours*

Tuesday & Thursday mornings from 8.45am—9.15am

Follow us on Instagram  
[@friends\\_of\\_ainslie](https://www.instagram.com/friends_of_ainslie)

## P&C UPDATE

On Thursday, 18 June the P&C held its General Meeting for Term 2. Those attending were privileged to hear Sophie, our Deputy Principal, and a number of teachers answer some of the parent's more pressing questions around schooling in a distanced environment. It was such an enlightening conversation that the P&C hopes to turn this into a regular event for General Meetings. Unfortunately, the P&C President's question, "How do I make my children learn good?" didn't make the cut. Perhaps next time.

The P&C has recognised that our communication with the broader community could be improved and to this end we are looking at setting up Facebook and Instagram pages. If any families have suggestions on other ways we can improve our communication with you, the committee would love to hear your ideas.

At the Annual General Meeting held earlier in the year the P&C Secretary, Mel McDonald, graciously offered to stay on in the role until a replacement could be found. It has been a long and thorough search and unfortunately the P&C could not find a sole individual to take over the amazing work that Mel has done for the school community over the years. After careful deliberation the P&C decided that the only way Mel could be replaced was to have two people step into the role. The P&C would like to welcome Jaci Lane as the incoming Secretary and Danny Jowers as the Deputy Secretary.

A P&C update cannot do justice to the effort that Mel has put into the school over the years and the P&C intends to thank her in a more appropriate way once circumstances allow. But for now, on behalf of the P&C and the broader school community, thank you Mel! We truly cannot thank you enough and as a token of our gratitude we will keep you on speed-dial.

**Rob Harrison, P&C President**  
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WHAT'S  
AT COOKING  
OISHII?

We acknowledge that our beloved canteen is operated on land, traditionally nurtured by the Ngunnawal people. Also connected to this land are the Gundungurra, Ngarigo, Yuin and the Wiradjuri peoples. We acknowledge their mothers, teachers and children. Their elders past, present and emerging. We bow to their superior knowledge of sustaining the land that sustains our life and recognise that sovereignty of this land was never ceded.

### How to pack a healthy lunchbox

Due to the nature of our day-to-day lives, deciding on what to pack in our children's lunchbox can be a challenging task for parents. Moreover, finding time to shop, prepare and pack in the lunchbox can be stressful. The foods we pack for our children can contribute up to 1/3 of their daily intake of nutrients. It is important to send our children with a balanced lunch so they get the essential nutrients they need. So, what food does a balanced lunchbox look like?



- ◇ Examples of lunch: sandwich, wrap, roll, pasta, rice and/or leftover dinner.
- ◇ Examples of core snacks: crackers with cheese, carrot/celery sticks with hummus, yoghurt.
- ◇ Pieces of seasonal fruit.
- ◇ Water should always be included in the lunchbox.
- ◇ Plus extra snacks for hungry children.

Foods such as sweet biscuits, chips, flavoured and coated popcorn can offer practical and convenient solutions for lunchboxes, but they should be offered occasionally and not replace the core snack.

### Homegrown produce of the week

Last week, Eloise, Annabella and Joan came to the canteen and brought us feijoa (pineapple guava) fruits they picked from their grandparent's backyard. Some of our students had a chance to taste them. Zimi said that it was like fruit she had in Vietnam. Jarrah immediately could recognise that it was feijoa because he had them in America, where he lived before moving to Canberra. Sophia and Arabella kept coming back for more. Feijoa is originally from South America, it tastes like guava; sweet and sour. It might not be popular in Canberra, but now we know that it grows in many countries such as Vietnam, New Zealand, Australia and America. Do you have an abundance of garden produce you would like to share with us?

### Follow us on Instagram

Did you know that we have an Instagram account? Please follow us on *oishiicanteen* to know more about what's happening at Oishii, with daily specials and other fun things. See you there.

## Community Notices

### RESTRICTIONS HAVE EASED BUT YOUR RESPONSIBILITY HASN'T



Maintain good hand hygiene



Stay 1.5m apart



Stay home if you are unwell



Get tested if you have symptoms of COVID-19



1 per 4sqm



COVID Safety Plan for businesses

CANBERRA  
STRONG  
TOGETHER



# Updated public transport timetables



**START 18 JULY 2020**

Commencing Term 3, 2020 minor changes will apply to some dedicated school services, regular route services and timetables for buses.

COVID-19 restrictions may have eased but your responsibility hasn't.

[transport.act.gov.au](http://transport.act.gov.au)



Transport Canberra





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Date: July 16-17, 2020, 10am-4pm  
Place: Harrison Club Nets  
Cost: \$100 per player

**WINTER PROGRAM**  
July to September 2020  
10 Indoor Training Sessions, 2 Outdoor Games  
Cost: \$450 per players

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