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The Ainslie School Newsletter



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2018 Dates to Remember

Thurs 28 June		Robots in Space inter-school competition @ Yarralumla Reports go home
Fri 29 June	12:30-1pm	Canberra College Piping & Drumming performance
Thurs 5 July	9:30-11:30am	Year2 to Waste Management Facility
Fri 6 July	12 noon	Assembly K-6 hosted by Yr5 NAIDOC

Dear Families and Friends

At Ainslie School, we share a strongly held belief that real contexts lead to real learning. This is enacted as staff seize opportunities that enable students to explore the concepts and skills of the Australian Curriculum in places beyond the classroom. Last week students from a range of classes enjoyed supporting exhibition designers, hosting our music assembly and achieving repairs and maintenance projects within the school grounds.

Activities such as these offer engaging ways for students to develop understandings about the world and dispositions required for informed and active citizenship, while they put their ever strengthening learning assets to the test. They communicate, collaborate, research, and think, as our team of educators guide incidental learning and scaffold them along the way. I know our community values the creativity of the staff who facilitate these rich experiences as much as I do!

Progressing Powerful Education

The ACT Education Directorate's goals are reflected in a strategic plan that will set a broad context for the work of staff at Ainslie over the next three years. While the plan is soon to be released, staff across the ACT education community have had the opportunity to feed into its development. During Ainslie's last board meeting, we introduced the 5 key areas that are shaping up to be the focus of the plan.

Investing Early, Fostering a Learning Culture, Creating Schools where Students Love to Learn, Evidence Based Decision Making, and Building United Leadership are concepts that are already fitting nicely into conversations at Ainslie School as we focus on the upcoming School Review process, and frame our own strategic plan.

We look forward to your contributions to this work, and I encourage families to watch the Altiora for further information about this important process.

Reid Preschool Working Bee

How special it was to join families and friends at the Reid Preschool Working Bee on Saturday. Painting, gardening, building, masonry and storage management are clearly amongst the collective skillset of our community, and we are very grateful. Let's hope the weather is every bit as perfect for next week's work at Baker Gardens.

Reporting on Student Progress

Our students will be taking home their Semester 1 reports this Thursday afternoon. These provide a summative record of achievements, strengths, and areas for further development, along with an indication of the type of strategies teachers will use to ensure continuing learning and success.

For students in Years 1 to 6, the Semester Report has two elements. The first provides a contextualised summary of student attainment as one of 5 levels of proficiency:

- Limited
- Partial
- At Standard
- High
- Outstanding

The second component of the Semester Report is an A-E summary. This document reflects your child's level of attainment of the Achievement Standards within the Australian Curriculum as a grade.

This information compliments the continuous feedback our families receive as part of a Google Apps for Education Learning Community, through emails and phone conversations, and during meetings and celebrations throughout the year.

I encourage families to make an appointment with your child's teacher to clarify information contained in the report, and continue the conversation about future learning plans. Teachers will be available for interviews during Week 10 and appointments can be made through the school office.

The end of each semester marks a time to reflect on the progress of our students from year to year. I trust families will enjoy reading about the development of learning assets (thinking, researching, collaborating, communicating and self-management) and the dispositions of excellence, respect and community that Ainslie School holds dear. We know that learning doesn't only happen between 9 and 3, and we value the partnership staff have with families as we nurture and support lifelong learners who are responsible, creative and active citizens.

All the best for the week ahead,

Wendy Cave



This week we have seen examples of special effort from:

Arabella	KC	Producing some interesting writing about Winter
Peyton	KC	Reading Little Bear and creating a story about the number 12
Frankie	KC	Becoming a skilful reader
Riley	KC	Strengthening his reading skills
Arthur	KC	Strengthening his reading skills and writing a number story about spaceships
Evan	KC	Creating a number story about ice creams
Asha	KC	Creating a number story about ice creams
Malaki	KC	Creating a number story about ice creams

Quinn	KC	Creating a number story about spiders
Eli	KC	Creating a number story about jelly fish
Logan	KCS	Carefully measuring his hand and foot
Tia	2LR	Writing thorough recipes
Julian	2R	Writing about games and proof reading very carefully
Mina	2R	Composing a detailed description of a creature she created
Lucia	3CC	Considering our precious Earth and producing persuasive signage to support a plastic-free canteen
Sanju	2LR	writing "How to make a cheese sandwich"
Luke	2LR	Writing "How to make a cheese sandwich"

Congratulations to

Our year 5 students who showcased their Robots in Space on Friday. Staff, students and community visitors appraised the work of 11 teams, against criteria including:

- The Robot's Custom Body
- The Research Display
- Research Quality
- Video Presentation
- Creativity and Innovation

We are excited for Rashmi, Lyam, Akira, Joshua P and Arham, who will be advancing to the inter-school competition next Thursday evening at the Elizabeth Mackay Aquatic Centre, at Yarralumla Bay. We thank project coordinator, Jess Copeman and representatives from PWC and RoboGals for partnering with Ainslie School to support student engagement in this interesting learning challenge.



This Week's Notes

- Year 2 Excursion to Waste Management Facility
- Year 5 Excursion to Parliament House

due 4 July
due 21 August

Housekeeping

School Reports

Portfolios with school reports and A-E achievements will be sent home this week. If families would like a second report (for split families) please email the front office. Those reports can be kept at the front office for collection if that is preferred.

Lost Property

Please label your children's clothing. With the holidays fast approaching, and the weather getting colder, please take the time to check out the lost property bins in the year 3 corridor, you never know what you might find.

Flu Season

The habit of handwashing helps minimise the spread of winter coughs and colds. Remember to cover your mouth when you cough, sneeze or yawn, and to wash your hands afterwards!



Active Tennis Coaching
Braddon Tennis Club
Term 2: 30 April 2018 - 7 July 2018
Term 3: 23 July 2018 - 29 September 2018

Group Classes	Monday's	Wednesday's	Thursday's	Saturday's
Children 4-8 years	3:30-4:30pm			10-11am (from Term 3)
Children 9-15 years		3:30-4:30pm		10-11am
Adults	7-8pm	6-7pm	6:30-8pm Social Doubles Comp	9-10am



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Come and try sessions!

- 11.15am Music Play - for ages 18 months to 5 years
- 12.45pm Hand Drumming - for ages 5 years +
- 2.15pm Music Play - for ages 18 months to 5 years
- 3.00pm Choir - for all ages

Performances

There will be performances throughout the day, including a mini-concert by the James McCusker and Canberra Youth Orchestras aimed at children at 11.45am.

Also performing will be our Seasoned Voices senior choir, mixed ability program participants, Create drumming group, Kaleidoscope, Sempre Strings, woodwind and brass ensembles.

A full schedule is available on our website:
www.musicforcanberra.org.au 02 6182 0030

PLUS ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN, INCLUDING PIN THE MUSIC NOTE ON THE STAVE!



CELEBRATE THE END OF
TERM 2 WITH OISHII'S...

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HOT CHOCOLATE - \$2
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NO NEED TO HAVE BREAKFAST
IN THE MORNING - COME TO
SCHOOL AND JOIN IN THE FUN!

From 7:45am
Oishii Foyer
Friday 6 July

DONATIONS OF EGGS AND LEMONS GREATLY
APPRECIATED. DROP OFF TO THE CANTEEN
BEFORE FRIDAY 6/7/18.

