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The Ainslie School Newsletter



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2018 Dates to Remember

Tues 31 July		ICAS English Competitions
Thurs 2 August		Ainslie Athletics Carnival
Fri 3 August		Massed Choir rehearsal
	2:20pm	Assembly hosted by year 3
Wed 8 - Fri 10 August		Year 4 Birrigai Camp
Coming Soon		
Wed 15 August	12:30pm	Assembly hosted by Japanese team

Dear Families and Friends,

How special it was to spend Friday evening at the Canberra Theatre with over 100 members of the Ainslie School Community. Senior students and their families were invited to attend a performance by the Bangarra Dance Company, of *Dark Emu*. This production was inspired by Bruce Pascoe's award-winning book of the same name which explores the vital life force of flora and fauna in a series of dance stories directed by Stephen Page.

I have every confidence that this compelling dance and theatre experience will enrich our senior students' current inquiry into the spirit of Australia - who we are and where we live: our landscapes, culture, traditions, icons, art and stories as they create a dance for the Step into the Limelight Performing Arts Gala Showcase. Exposure to the remarkable soundscape, sets, costumes and choreography on Friday will be the source of much critique!

We were privileged to engage with Bangarra dancers immediately after the show, and I was once again reminded of the importance of our students accessing expertise and experiences beyond the school gate. We are so privileged in Canberra to have so many world class facilities, experiences and environments to visit, enjoy and learn within.

Further information about this contemporary dance group of high acclaim can be found at www.bangarra.com.au

Continuous School Improvement

It was a pleasure to host the ACT Education Directorate's School Review team last week, and I thank students, staff and the parents representing our P&C and School Board for helping our visitors to understand what it is like to be part of the Ainslie School community.

After three days of exploring evidence relating to school culture and practice and Ainslie's improvement agenda, staff enjoyed a presentation of preliminary findings last Thursday afternoon. Our community's pride and connection to Ainslie School, the commitment to the play based learning approach in the early years, the tradition of music and the arts, and acknowledgement of the work of the P&C were amongst the commendations. A focus on lifting reading performance, student wellbeing, and mentoring of teachers in their early years were amongst areas the panel affirmed.

The draft report will move through the moderation and quality assurance processes of ACER and we will be able to share the final report in the coming weeks.

An important part of the continuous improvement cycle of the ACT's system of public schools includes annual data collection through student, staff and parent satisfaction surveys. A letter regarding 2018 Student Surveys, which will be conducted during August, is attached to this newsletter.

Book Week Preparation

With access to the beautiful Goodwin Library at Ainslie School, it is hardly surprising that so many of our students and staff share an interest in children's literature. The education team led by our teacher Librarian, Anney Medhurst, is excited to be preparing for Book Week celebrations in Week 5. Activities will include an evening Reading Hour and a Book Week Parade. We will confirm timing in the coming weeks, and meanwhile you may like to get pyjamas and teddies ready, and put some thought into which character you might become!

Sporting News

Ainslie's athletes are looking forward to the 2018 Athletics Carnival which will be held on our school ovals this Thursday. We thank Physical Education Specialist, Rohan Hyslop and the many staff who are part of the Sports Committee for the time and expertise they have lent to the planning of this event.

You will find the program attached to this week's Altiora, and we hope families and friends are able to join us for the event. Please contact your child's teacher, or our front office team, if you are interested in volunteering throughout the day.

All the best for the week ahead,

Wendy Cave

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

Ainslie's Brolgas who hosted Ainslie's NAIDOC assembly last Friday. We thank them for sharing such interesting information about Aboriginal culture through stories, posters and dance. We would also like to thank Minh for playing the didgeridoo and guitar at the assembly.

Peyton	KC	for clever writing
Arthur	KC	Australian Flag
Asha	KC	Treasure sign

Arabella	KC	Treasure map
Riley	KC	Making signs
Theo	KC	Making signs
Gennavieve	1CS	Reading sight words
Jacob	2ZW	Writing about bouldering
Frankie	KC	Writing about playtime
Quinn	KC	Writing about playtime
Theo	KC	Writing about playtime
Malachi	KC	being a responsible friend

Second semester signals the start of forward planning for the following year. Please contact the school office team if you know you will be moving from the Ainslie School Community in 2018. We'd also be interested to know about any families who may be moving in or returning to the school. We thank you for keeping us clued in to the community!

Housekeeping

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.

This Week's Notes

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| ➤ Club notes to be returned | ASAP |
| ➤ Limelight | |
| ➤ Book week Treasure hunt (\$4 not \$3.65) | 24 August 2018 |
| ➤ Year 5 Canberra Museum and Gallery | postponed |
| ➤ Year 5 Excursion to Parliament House | due 21 August |
| ➤ 2018 Voluntary Family Contribution P to year 6 | |

Connecting with Research

This term children in Isobel Short's class (1IS) will be participating in a research project conducted by Mitchell Parker from the University of Wollongong. This work aims to investigate the ways teachers and children engage in text creation practice in the writing classroom. It seeks to gain an understanding of the way the early childhood writing classroom operated and how different elements interact as part of teaching and learning. The study employs classroom based ethnography to enable an audit of pedagogical practices. Designed experiences will allow teachers to explore innovative practices in this field. The families of 1IS students will receive more information and a consent form this week and will be invited to meet Mitchell later in the term.

We look forward to engaging in this significant research.



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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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The Canberra College of Piping & Drumming was established in 1998 and is a not for profit, community based organisation.

The College offers a friendly environment and encourages students of all ages and backgrounds to discover the joys of playing a pipe band instrument.

Students who graduate from the College have the opportunity to play with one of four pipe bands in the Canberra district.

The bands are active in the local community and some also travel widely within Australia and overseas playing at competitions and ceremonial events.

For more information, please visit our website
www.canberracollegepipesdrums.org

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- Ainslie Karate School -
School pick-up Program 3:00 – 6:00pm

***** Now enrolling Term 3-18 *****

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We offer a courtesy shuttle bus service from School, spaces are limited.

Bookings required:

Download enrolment form via website:

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