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The Ainslie School Newsletter



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2019 Dates to Remember

5 March	9-3 5:30-6:30	Swimming Carnival and Water Fun Day Year 5 Band Selection Information Session
8 March	9:00-9:30 12:30 1-2 pm	International Women's Day Celebration – Coffee on the Canteen Deck - Parents & friends welcome Assembly GWS AFL visit
9 March	6-7pm	Reading hour in the Goodwin library
11 March	Pub Holiday	CANBERRA DAY
20 Mar	7pm	P&C AGM – all welcome

Year 6 Camp
Pancake Breakfast

Please note: School Photos have been postponed until term 2

Dear Families and Friends,

What fun we had with water yesterday! Swimming Carnival preparations were greatly enhanced through the work of a team of senior students. Our Sports Captains stepped up to the challenge of motivating teams in house meetings Monday afternoon, as we shared logistical information with our Year 3-6 students, and those swimmers in year 2 who competed in races on the day.

Meanwhile, our early years and junior primary students enjoyed a range of activities their teachers organised for them at Ainslie.

We thank all the spectators, supporters and volunteers who joined us for the fun.

Japanese News

Amongst Ainslie School's treasures is our Japanese program, and the special relationships it has enabled us to have with people from, and places within this beautiful part of the world. A highlight of my first year as Principal of Ainslie has been growing to know the staff of the Japanese Embassy, and it will be a very great honour to meet the newly appointed Ambassador of Japan to Australia at a reception this Thursday evening. Mr Reiichiro Takahashi assumed this esteemed post on 15 January, and we look forward to sharing some learning at Ainslie School with Mr Takahashi and his representatives throughout 2019.

Celebrating Women and Girls

Hina Matusri is a special day in Japan, celebrated on 3 March. The Doll (or Girl) Festival is a time when people across Japan pray for the happiness and healthy growth of girls. Just as families with young daughters mark this day by setting up a display of dolls inside their houses, Ainslie School acknowledges this special cultural event with our own doll display.

Ainslie's Japanese doll collection was a gift from Soroptimist International of Nara-Heijo to mark the 40th anniversary of Soroptimist International of Canberra. Soroptimist clubs around the world work to further the advancement of women and girls, and the Canberra group was founded in 1955.

When the Soroptimist International of Canberra club received the original dolls, their first concern was their preservation and storage. Member Carol Grout-Smith, who was the Principal of Taylor Primary School at the time, knew of Ainslie's thriving Japanese program and suggested the dolls might find a home and special place in the program there. They have been displayed on Girls Day and enriched the curriculum at Ainslie ever since.

I hope you enjoy the opportunity to visit this exquisite collection in the entry hall this week. For more information about this Japanese celebration, you may like to explore www.web-japan.org

International Women's Day

Hina Matusri provides a fitting prelude to International Women's Day, which is recognised around the world each year on the 8 March. We encourage Ainslie School's families to take a little time this Friday to reflect on and celebrate the social, cultural and political achievements of women in our community and around the world and consider actions we can take to ensure the full participation of women and girls in all aspects of society.

We would love to hear your thoughts and invite you to a coffee on the canteen deck this Friday between 8:45-9:30 to get the conversation started.

Active Ainslie

This week marks the third anniversary of Canberra Walk and Ride Week. Ainslie School has been part of the ACT Government's Walk or Ride to School initiative for many years, and 2019 has seen a record number of bikes coming to school. We are very proud of the prominent place of physical activity within our curriculum, and the commitment to wellbeing our community shares.

Last week, representatives of the education team met with Mr Jason Borton of the ACTED to explore our work towards activating our streets. We noted the significant learning opportunities that come with the location of our school, and the importance of drawing on the resources that extend beyond our school boundaries. Ainslie's refreshed policy implementation guidelines for the use of outdoor

learning settings are attached to this newsletter. We look forward to the conversations this document will generate amongst our community.

Promoting Positive Behaviours for Learning

At Ainslie School we value kindness, responsibility and respectful relationships. A strong commitment to purposeful play and personalised approaches to learning supports the positive school culture students, families and staff experience.

It was a great pleasure to meet Amber Piper of the University of Canberra's Professional Doctorate Program last week. Her current research is an exploration of how teachers think about, facilitate and support the social and emotional needs of students. We are delighted that Ainslie School has been identified as a research site, and educators will provide input into a case study contributing to this work.

All the best for the week ahead,

Wendy Cave



Reminders:

This week we have seen examples of special effort from:

Our Sports Captains - Mia & Alejandro, Elsie & Jamie, Zoe & Dylan, Abi & Oscar who have lead meetings and initiatives to support our students in the lead up to the Swimming Carnival.

Congratulations to

Ainslie's Creative In Residence, Naomi Zouwer on gaining an Art Residency in Fiskars, Finland. Naomi will be spending December in this interesting place. <http://onoma.fi/fiskars-air/> We'll look forward to following her journey.

Photos from the swim carnival

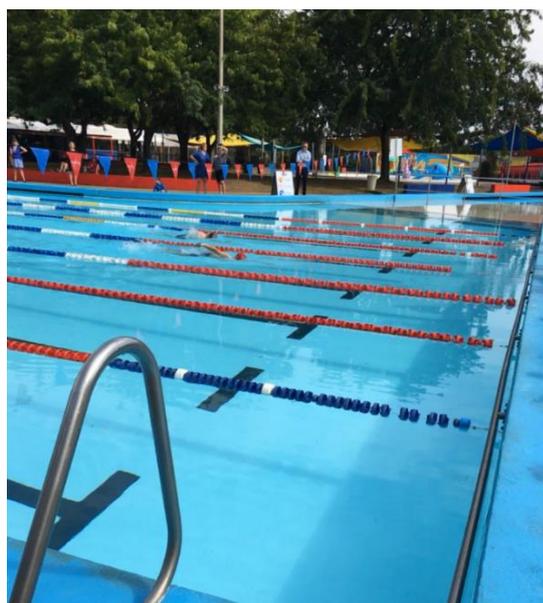


Figure 1 Races in progress



Figure 2 Mrs Heald and Sensei Cummins hard at work



Figure 3 everyone out enjoying the Swim carnival

Goodwin Library Open Hour
Saturday 9 March
6pm-7pm
Families Welcome

An advertisement for Bell Chambers Music School. The background is light blue with a pattern of small red dots. At the top, the text "BELLCHAMBERS Music School" is written in a white, stylized font, with "The Beat Goes On" in a smaller font below it. On the left, the words "LEARN MUSIC AT SCHOOL!" are written in large, bold, red capital letters. On the right, there is a circular inset photograph of a young girl with brown hair, smiling and playing a piano. Overlaid on the photo is the text "music Feels" in a black, handwritten-style font, with "Start your learning." in a smaller font below it. At the bottom left, the text "Escape to music! Individual PIANO lessons conducted by our excellent music educators during school time." is written in a small, white font. Below that, it says "Enrol NOW for 2019!" and "Call 6281 6270, limited places available!". At the bottom, it says "See bellchambersmusicschool.com.au for more details".

Housekeeping

Managing Student Attendance

Please remember to communicate with us when your child is absent. We ask parents to make contact with the school's office team by phone or email on the day of the absence.

Community connections

Classroom Carers are a highly valued link between classroom teachers and the community. Parents who are interested in learning more about this role are encouraged to contact Melynda McDonald (P&C Vice President) on email mel@meltin.net or phone 0416 191 812

Clothing

Labelling your children's clothing and belongings at the beginning of the year can save money, time and frustration as the year progresses. Please remember to check the lost property bins in the year 5 corridor for misplaced items.

Late Passes

If your child is running late in the morning, please remind them to check in at the front office for a late slip before going to class.

Notes to be returned

- ❖ Kindy Health Check information (if you haven't returned it yet please do so this week)
- ❖ Year 6 Camp
- ❖ Year 6 T-shirt
- ❖ String Ensemble
- ❖ Ukulele
- ❖ Year 5 IMP Band



GIANTSGiants Western Sydney AFL Players

Students are invited to have a kick of the footy with a few GWS players on the playground

on Friday the 8th of March
Lunchtime (1-2pm)

Japanese Language Assistant – Host Families Needed

In terms 2-4 this year, Ainslie School will be hosting a volunteer Japanese Language Teacher’s Assistant (JTA). We are looking forward to having Keisuke Miura, who enjoys watching movies, travel and sports, particularly soccer, tennis and table tennis. Keisuke is a student of Kagoshima University in southern Japan. During his stay he will be assisting in the Japanese language classes at Ainslie while also improving his English skills through interaction with our community.

For this program to succeed we rely on Keisuke to stay with families in the school community. He will pay a contribution towards food and board of \$170 a week to his host. This program is well established in ACT schools and is of great benefit to both the Japanese program and to the families who become involved. We find the families really enjoy this experience as it allows them to expand their knowledge and understanding of Japan. This is an ideal way to encourage your children to engage with the Japanese language and make lifelong friends.

We are seeking **expressions of interest from families who would be willing to host Keisuke for a period of 6-10 weeks** (eight weeks is ideal) during Terms 2 – 4. He will require his own bedroom but is happy to share a bathroom.

If you are able to assist or would like more information, please return the slip below to the front office and we will get in contact with you shortly. This program relies heavily on the support and hospitality of the school community and your generosity is greatly appreciated.

If you are unable to host for a longer term but are interested in offering weekend stays, emergency back up or the occasional social activity, please return the form below. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on Melanie.Cummins@ed.act.edu.au

Kind regards,
Mel Cummins

JAPANESE LANGUAGE ASSISTANT – OFFER TO HOST or SUPPORT

Name _____ Phone _____

Children at school _____ Class/es _____

Please tick

1. We would be interested in hosting (please circle)
 - For a period of 6 8 10 weeks
 - In term 2 3 4
2. We would like to offer other support by _____



SSACT 12&U Track and Field State Team Selection Trials

The School Sport Australia 12&U Track and Field Championships will be taking place in Darwin, NT this year and due to their weather conditions, the event has moved to 18-23 September, from its traditional dates in December, requiring a much earlier selection process.

The State Team Selection Trial dates have been confirmed;

Wednesday 20 March - 4.30pm - 6.45pm, Woden Park

AND

Tuesday 26 March - 4.30pm - 6.45pm, Woden Park

The eligible events have been divided between the 2 dates in an effort to not disadvantage any one group of athletes.

A Program of Events, Qualifying Standards and Rules of Competition can be found on the Track and Field page of the SSACT website;

<https://www.schoolsportact.asn.au/SportDetail/Index/21>

All students wishing to trial will be invited to register online sharing their events and performance details - the portal will be opened for registrations on Friday 22 February and close on Friday 15 March to allow time for Meet Manager processing. There is a small fee at the time of registration.

Note these trials are the selection vehicle for the State Team, there will be no selections made at the 10 September ACT Championships, this event will still be the culminating event for students from the four regional carnivals.

Ainslie School P&C Association

Wednesday 20th March, 7pm

All
welcome!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

P&C Opportunity and Achievement Allowance

Did you know that each year the P&C provides support to families by way of the Opportunity and Achievement Allowance?

The purpose of this policy (attached) is to provide financial support to recognise current students representing the school in approved activities or enable current students to participate in a sporting, academic, cultural, community or artistic experience.

This means that the P&C is able to offer a small allowance to families for students that attend selected representative sport, academic or artistic events that are held at the national or international level.

It also means that the P&C is able to provide financial assistance to families to enable students to participate in sporting, academic or artistic experiences that they may not otherwise be able to attend.

If you would like to apply for an Opportunity and Achievement allowance, please complete the attached form and return it to the P&C secretary (Mel - mel@meltin.net).

Please note that all applications are confidential.



Canteen Volunteers Wanted

If you have some spare time during the week and want to make a positive difference in children's lives.

Ari and Claire would love to hear from you.

Please phone the school (6142 3060) if you can help

Thank you!



The flavour fairies of Oishii canteen want to say a big thank you for all the forks and spoons! Our dream of becoming waste free in 2019 has been helped with an amazing 307 donations. The winning class was a tie with 1D and 3W both bringing in 49 forks and spoons. Well done!

We hope the new additions to our kitchen family would be well looked after and returned. Thank you everyone!