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The Ainslie School Newsletter



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2019 Dates to Remember

5 Feb		Welcome Back to school
15 Feb	8-9am	Pancake breakfast - To be confirmed
21 Feb	5-6:30pm	Welcome Picnic

Coming up
Swimming carnival

Dear Families and Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome back our 370 continuing students and their families, and it has been so nice to meet the 55 children from families who are new to Ainslie School. I thank our community and education team for making the beginning of the year a special time, as classes settle into school routines after the summer break.

We thank our School Captains, who have already represented Ainslie at one of the year's most important events. Holidays ended early for Max, Alicia, Skye, Amelia and Josh as they welcomed and guided our Kindergarten students on their very first day. The commitment these senior leaders have demonstrated is just a taste of things to come.

O Week Activity

Ainslie's education team has spent the past week exploring service systems, design thinking, and values and dispositions that connect people who work in diverse fields of human service. We also enjoyed the opportunity to commence collaboration with Naomi Zouwer, who joins us as Ainslie's *Creative in Residence*. Naomi's experience and expertise as a practicing visual artist has already influenced the planning our students will benefit from in the early weeks of term.

As technology continues to shape the way we communicate, reading and composing visual texts has an increasingly prominent place. Naomi will be an important advisor for our work in literacy and we look forward to sharing more about this aspect of our curriculum in the weeks ahead. Her interest in supporting educational innovation makes her an excellent fit for work at Ainslie this year.

2018 Teams

Our growing school and a move or two has brought some new teachers to Ainslie. We welcome Sue Courigan from North Ainslie Primary School, and Stephanie Martin, Faith Bentley and Rebecca

Palethorpe from Macquarie. Chantelle Stewart will be stepping back into the team towards the end of term 1, following her period of parenting leave. We are also delighted to welcome our new school psychologist, Annette Gloekler

Executive Team

Wendy Cave	Principal
Sophie Bissell	Deputy Principal & Early Years Team Leader
Anne Westerman	Executive Teacher, K-Year2
Greg Taylor	Executive Teacher, Years3-6

Early Years Team

Preschool	Simone Hobday (Preschool Teacher: Baker Gardens) Anita Hitchin (Preschool Assistant: Baker Gardens) Stacey Nichols (Preschool Teacher: Reid Preschool) Cathi Piani (Preschool / Kindy Assistant)
Kindergarten	Susan Camden-Smith Sue Courigan Janelle Jack Clair Shute
Year 1	Cathy Dee Isobel Short Sergine Zeferino
Year 2	Dawn-Maree Dunn Jo Lawson Anne Westerman
Year 3	Louise Coombes Chris Wells
Year 4	Vicky Harrington Greg Taylor Rebecca Palethorpe Emily Regan
Year 5	Alison Heald Stephanie Martin
Year 6	Faith Bentley Michael McDougal Laurence Mandapat

Across School Specialist Roles

Jess Copeman	Music/ Performing Arts
Mel Cummins	Japanese
Dawn-Maree Dunn	Literacy, Numeracy & English as an Additional Language
Anney Medhurst	Literacy, Performing Arts and Library
Annette Gloekler	School Psychologist
Clair Boyer	Wholistic Wellbeing & Enterprise
Ari	Wholistic Wellbeing & Enterprise
Naomi Zouwer	Creative in Residence

Administration and Support Team

Jo Maybury	Business Manager
Paul Wilcott	Building Services Officer
Sharon Davis	Administrative Support
Morgan Gailbraith-Hamilton	Community Liaison and Enrolment
Sarah Sparks	Executive Assistance and School Administration
Naomh Barrie	Learning Support
Cathie Davis	Learning Support
Seb Halme	Learning Support & Music Specialist
Harry Muir	Learning Support
Sam Pighin	Learning Support
Karen Power	Learning Support

School Board Nominations

The nomination period for positions on our School Board has opened this week. Our school board provides valuable input into strategic planning and monitoring across many aspects of our school. If you are interested in nominating for a position, or would like to know a little more about the Ainslie School Board, please contact our Returning Officer, Amanda Divett, or the school office team. Nominations are due by 11am 18 February 2019.

Beginning of Year Activities

We are looking forward to a range of opportunities to share classroom programs and your children's needs and interests with you. This important communication process includes a *Welcome Picnic*. We do hope that you are able to come along and meet your child's teacher at this informal gathering.

Initial family interviews are another information sharing activity. These will occur during the first 3 weeks of school.

Information about these events will be published in the newsletter next week, and on the Term 1 calendar which will be available on our website. Please note that for 2019, **Mondays will be mail days**, so remember to check schoolbags and/or email inboxes each Monday afternoon. I am looking forward to seeing you all soon!

All the best for the week ahead,

Wendy Cave



Ainslie Drawing Club

Doodles? Cartoons? Realistic drawings? There's something for everyone in Drawing Club. Learn to draw or improve your skills in this fun, supportive club. We'll.

- Warm up our hands with fun activities to kick-start our right brains.
- Really 'see' with our 'artist's eye' using observational skills.
- Learn the five elements of drawing to practise, practise, practise.
- Build confidence knowing: "There is no such thing as a flop in drawing, only 'flopportunities'!"

Classes run Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes from 1.15 pm. Cost for the 9-week term is just \$90 including all materials. And if your child forgets or misses a class, they can come the other day!

Don't forget **artKids Thursday class 3.30--4.30 pm** in school art room. **New Saturday morning artKids classes** -- starting 23 February 2019. Email me now!

Book and pay by contacting Robyn Thurecht on:
robynthurecht@gmail.com or mobile 0405 014 180.
Visit www.artkidscanberra.com for more class information.



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Routes and timetables:

Please check the details of the services required for your child to and from school, also make sure the child is familiar with the times and stops. If your child is new to school or changing schools, please check available [school services](#)

or [regular bus timetables](#) information. Use Transport Canberra's new [journey planner](#) to plan your travel on regular routes, and use [NXTBUS](#) to track your awaited service.

MyWay cards:

MyWay is the cheapest and easiest way to travel with Transport Canberra buses. A student [MyWay card](#) can be purchased online, over the phone, or at a MyWay Recharge Agent. Adding travel credit is even easier with the options of B-Pay or Autoload direct debit, attracting an additional 5% discount on all fares. Students can also top up their MyWay card or purchase a single or daily ticket at Transport Canberra's new [ticket vending machines](#), available at selected bus stations.

Fares:

New bus fares came into effect on 5 January 2019. A single trip school student MyWay fare is now \$1.22 on school days and a single trip school student cash fare costs \$2.50: [MyWay Fares](#)

Bus safety:

If your child is new to catching buses or a regular user, don't forget that safety is a top priority so make sure your child is familiar with these rules for inside and outside the bus. For further information on Transport Canberra bus safety, please visit the [Etiquette and Safety](#) and [Staying Safe](#) sections on our website.

School Safety Tips:

A School Crossing Supervisor program commenced in the ACT at 20 crossing sites. School crossing supervisors (lollipop people) assist children to cross roads safely by directing traffic with a stop sign and providing instructions. They also help to manage the flow of pedestrians and motorists at the busiest crossings. Further information is available under the Active Travel for Schools section on our website, under [School Crossing Supervisors](#).

Further information:

Pick-up and set down guidelines, tips for parents, tips for staff/volunteers, tips for students, safe driving, safety tips, safe school travel plans and travel congestion information can be found under the [School Safety Tips](#) on the Transport Canberra website.

Staying up to date:

To keep up to date with Transport Canberra news and important service information, sign up for our [email alerts](#) or follow us on our social media channels: [Email Alerts](#) [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#)

Further information can be found under the [FAQ's section](#) on our website. For all other enquiries, please contact us on 13 17 10

Regards, Transport Canberra

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