



The Ainslie School Newsletter

Monday, 18 May 2020

Office Hours
Monday — Friday
8.30am — 3.30pm

Tuesday, 19 May
Monday, 25 May
Tuesday, 2 June
Friday, 5 June

2020 Dates to Remember

Board Meeting @ 5.30pm
Return of Year 3/4 students
Return of Year 5/6 students
Campbell High School & Preschool enrolments: applications due for first round offers

From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

There was much excitement from our Early Years and Junior Primary students on their return to school this morning. This is the first part of the staged transition we are making back to classroom learning. We look forward to seeing the return of Year 3/4 students next Monday, 25 May and our senior students on Tuesday, 2 June.

I thank you all, once again for your support and patience as we have delivered learning remotely and trust Ainslie families will continue to enjoy some of the approaches we have adopted as much as our educators have enjoyed discovering them.

As we return to classroom learning, you'll notice some changes to the way we operate to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. The measures we have put in place reflect the developmental needs of our learners.

HEALTH AND HYGIENE

As we focus on ensuring good health and hygiene practices, we have stocked up on soap, hand sanitiser and paper towels. All students and staff will be regularly reminded to wash their hands with soap and water or use the alcohol-based hand sanitiser that has been placed at the doorways of learning and community spaces. We ask that our parents encourage their children to wash their hands before they arrive at school.

Other hygiene measures include:

- encouraging everyone to cough into elbows or a tissue,
- placing used tissues in bins,
- avoiding touching eyes, noses and mouths,
- not sharing food or drinks, and
- not using water fountains or bubblers.

As always teachers and the Oishii Canteen will apply thorough hygiene measures in the preparation of food. Please read on for further information about Oishii's adjusted arrangements.

CLEANING

Our cleaning services have been extended during each school day – particularly on high touch points such as door handles – and an updated cleaning plan is in place. We will see our cleaning team, Elizabeth, Lily and friends during the school day as well as after hours.

IF YOUR CHILD IS SICK

It is particularly important we are vigilant about our children's health at this time. This means if your child has any kind of illness, even if it is just a runny nose, they must not come to school. If your child comes to school unwell, you will be asked to collect them. We will be stricter in implementing these protocols than you are perhaps used to, but it is for the health and safety of everyone in our school community. I thank you for your support and understanding.

From our Principal continued ...

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Physical distancing measures will be in place for adults in our school. This will be a big change to the way we are used to interacting with our community.

The ACT Chief Health Officer has advised that schools should limit the gathering of adults on school sites. At our school this will mean adults, including parents and staff, will need to maintain physical distancing between themselves and other adults. Adults will need to ensure they keep to the guidelines of maintaining 1.5 metres between themselves. No more than one adult per four square metres will be allowed in an indoor space.

In meeting this requirement, Monday morning gatherings will continue to be replaced by a short recorded message, and families will be encouraged to keep up to date through the Altiora, class Seesaw pages and Facebook, rather than directly on site, for a little while.

In limiting the number of adults on site, we encourage you to contact us via e-mail or telephone before visiting if at all possible. If a face-to-face meeting is required, we ask you to book a time so that physical distancing can be planned. Our school office team will be happy to help.

SCHOOL PICK-UP AND DROP OFF

We are encouraging parents and carers, where possible to drop children off without entering the school grounds, although we know that younger children will require some assistance and this will be supported. Our Kindergarten has expanded into the Yerra building's multipurpose space and this will help us with physical distancing as families arrive and leave each day.

Our plans to manage congestion at drop off and pick up times will see:

- the return of the *Kiss and Drop zone* in our school driveway; and
- prioritising the *Walk or Ride to School* program. Bike education, road safety and knowledge of our local neighbourhood will continue to be valuable aspects of our curriculum. We are keen to support families in building habits of walking or riding to school to promote physical fitness, emotional wellbeing and our children's confidence and connection to their community.

Information about the *Walk or Ride to School program* can be found at <http://paf.org.au/ride-or-walk-to-school/> and we welcome the engagement of families in supporting the philosophy and practice of active transport to and from Ainslie.

I thank you in anticipation of some adjustments as we return. At Ainslie we recognise that health and safety is everyone's business. Please let us know if you notice anything at anytime that causes you unease. A call to the office team, or a message through your child's teacher will be gratefully received as we strive to keep one another safe.

I look forward to seeing you - virtually or with physical distance between us - in the coming weeks.

Wendy Cave
Principal



AINSLIE STAFF FUN FACT

Which staff member can play 15 instruments including the violin, piccolo recorder and the drums?

Jess Copeman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ...

... to the following students who will celebrate a birthday this week:
Halifax, Max, George & Henry.

PLEASE WELCOME ...

... Finn to 1/2P and Sasha who has joined 1/2L.
... UC students, Claire and Steph and Hannah from ACU who are on placement.



WHAT'S
AT COOKING
OISHII?

Dear Ainslie Families,

We are glad to inform you that the Oishi Canteen will resume service to students returning to school from Monday, 18 May. We assure you that we have put careful thought into safely resuming our service. Here is what you need to know.

Recess and lunch is available by pre-order and through cashless transactions only

We strongly encourage families to create an account with Flexischools to order from the canteen. Alternatively, we welcome adults to order over the counter with card payments only. This means that all items will be pre-ordered and we will not make any over the counter sales during recess or lunch.

This will allow us to prepare and package orders and have them handed out to students in a controlled and hygienic manner.

Flexischools offer a fantastic service. Create an account at <https://www.flexischools.com.au/>

We will be serving from a limited menu

You can find our temporary menu on the website, at the canteen and in the newsletter. We have tried to continue offering our most popular items with consideration for a variety of dietary needs.

Limiting kitchen access

To keep the number of people accessing the canteen kitchen to a minimum, we will be operating with staff only for the time being. Our deepest gratitude to all our volunteers, big and small. We look forward to reconnecting with you in other ways.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Enrolment applications for Year 7, 2021 cohort have commenced.

For information regarding enrolment at Campbell High school please visit our website <http://www.campbellhs.act.edu.au/>

ACT Education Directorate enrolment information and criteria instructions are available at: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school>

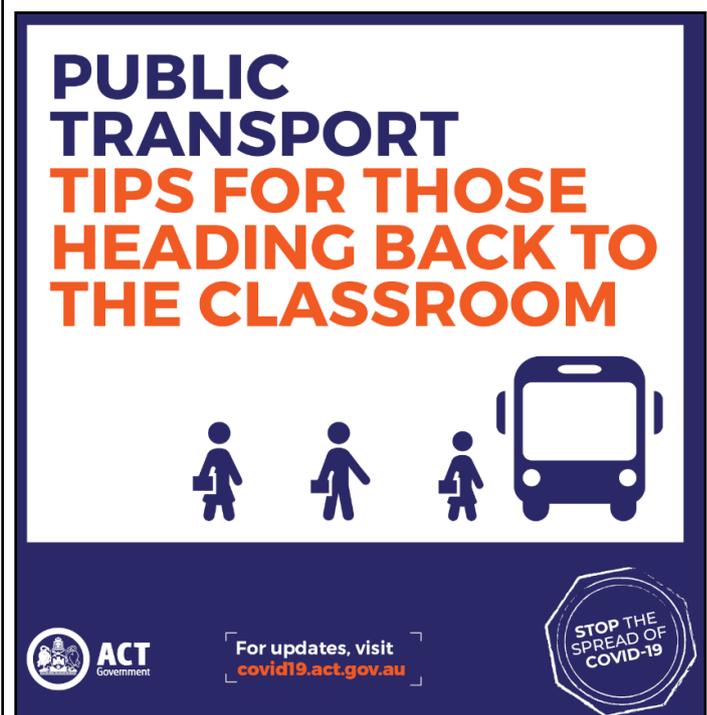
To be considered for initial round offers please submit your application before Friday, 5 June. Offers via emails for this round will be released on 27 July 2020.

If you require further assistance contact the school directly on 6142 3166.

Our staff look forward to welcoming your family to our school.



As always we welcome your questions and feedback at oishiicanteen@gmail.com



P&C UPDATE

Dear Families and Friends,

As the new P&C President and as a new parent to the school I have been impressed by the community's response to the uncertainty that the COVID-19 pandemic has brought to all of our lives. In particular I want to thank the teachers and staff of the school who have done all that they can to look after the welfare of students and provide for education in very difficult circumstances.

I know the pandemic and the response to it has affected every family differently and if there is anything that the P&C can do to assist you please let us know. We are in a period of transitioning our IT and the best address to reach us in the interim is president@ainsliepandc.com.au.

I want to give an especially big thank you to the staff of the Ainslie OSHC, the Oishii Canteen and the Uniform Shop who have all worked hard behind the scenes to ensure that these essential P&C provided services are able to transition back into service as students return. The staff of Ainslie OSHC have done a particularly good job of continuing to provide care for children of essential workers whilst working on the transition of their services to meet the need of COVID-19 restrictions.

Finally, I want to thank the awesome parents who have volunteered to be part of the P&C Committee. We held our first meeting with the new committee last week and the passion to continue to build the school community and provide something back was visible for all to see. The committee is still looking for a new secretary: an essential, but not overly onerous role that must be filled. Mel McDonald has provided years of service to the school in this role (and as a previous School Board member) and the best way to thank her for her service is for the school community to provide her with a replacement. This will be Mel's last year with the school and she has graciously offered to help any volunteer transition into the role. The committee asks that any interested parties indicate their intent to nominate via email to president@ainsliepandc.com.au. For those who are too busy to nominate themselves, feel free to apply any pressure (within the law) to spouses, partners and friends to get them to nominate.

Kind regards,

Rob Harrison, President, Ainslie P&C Association (0411 111 566)
president@ainsliepandc.com.au



SCHOOL SPORT ACT VIRTUAL CROSS COUNTRY

With all school, regional, state and national School Sport Cross Country events cancelled for Term 2 and 3 in 2020, SSACT would like to offer the opportunity for schools to enter their students into a Virtual Cross Country. **Students are encouraged to run their own virtual cross country 1—2 times a week over the next 4 weeks (Weeks 3,4,5 and 6).**

The results will not be seen as official performances nor used for representative selection. The goal is participation encouraging students to get outside, be active and challenge themselves to improve.

To participate in this virtual event, students select the correct distance according to their age group, (refer to the table on the next page) and run the following courses.

- ⇒ The Stromlo Park courses, with loops and maps (provided over the page).
- ⇒ The Ainslie School cross country course, with map (provided over the page).
- ⇒ A course the student has devised in their neighbourhood with the distance confirmed by a Fitbit or Garmin device.

Note: Whatever course is selected by the student please remember to follow social distancing protocols.

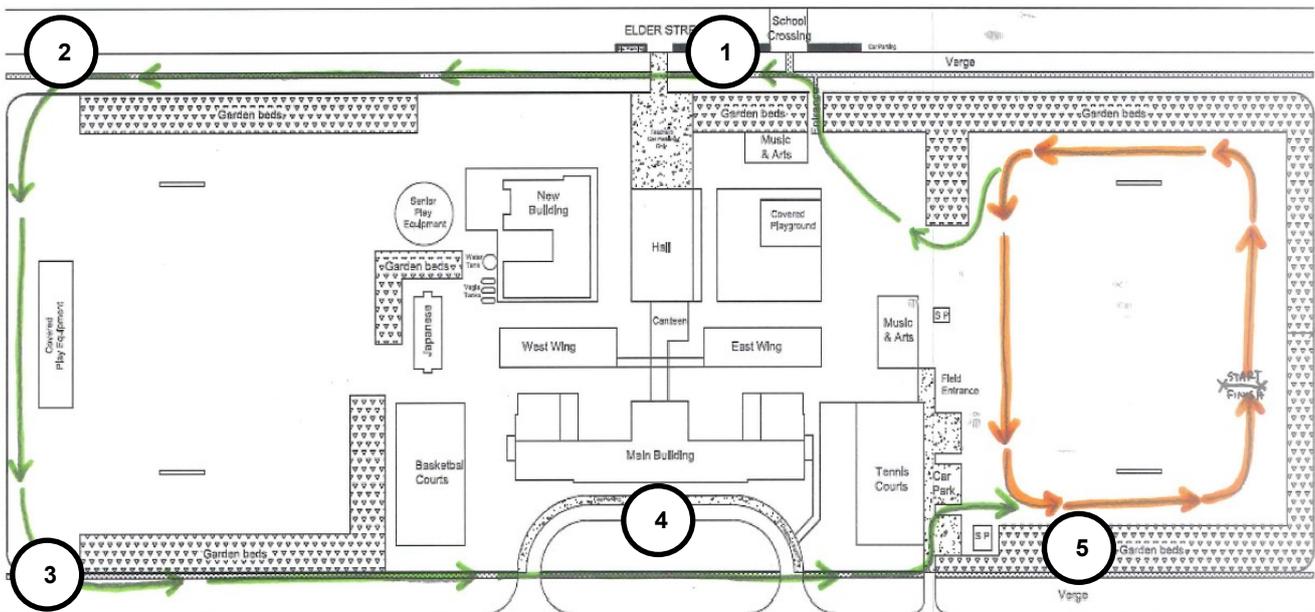
Timed results will need to be sent to Mel Cummins (Melanie.Cummins@ed.act.edu.au) by 3pm each Friday. The top performances will be shared on the SSACT Facebook page with their school, first name, surname initial, age group and time. The most improved runners will also be acknowledged within each age group.

If you would like to take part and you don't have access to a timing device, please contact me and we will arrange for you to be timed on the Ainslie School course.

To register your interest and/or if you have any questions please email me. Good luck and start running!

Age group	Distance	Ainslie School	Mt Stromlo
8 years - 2012	1km	1 lap of the senior course	1 x 1km (Short Circuit)
9 years - 2011	1.5km	1 lap of the senior course and 2 laps of the junior course	1 x 1.5km (Hill Loop and Short Circuit)
10 years - 2010	2km	2 laps of the senior course	2 x 1km (Short Circuit)
11 years - 2009	3km	1 lap of junior course + 3 laps of the senior course	2 x 1.5km (Hill Loop and Short Circuit)
12 years - 2008	3km	1 lap of junior course + 3 laps of the senior course	2 x 1.5km (Hill Loop and Short Circuit)
13 years - 2007	3km	1 lap of junior course + 3 laps of the senior course	2 x 1.5km (Hill Loop and Short Circuit)

AINSLIE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY MAP
The orange course is the junior course and the green is the senior course



Mt Stromlo Forest Park Course Map and Distance Loops



Deek's Track – 1km Loop Only



Deek's Track 1.5km Loop