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Elective Programs Offered in Term One 2017

Dear parents and carers

During term one, Ainslie School will be offering a number of elective programs during school hours throughout the week. Elective programs provide an opportunity for students to partake in specialised areas of interest.

Below is an outline of all elective programs offered at Ainslie School in term 1, 2017.

Dancecore – For children who love dancing or would like to develop their skills further, Cassie Gillis is offering Dancecore lessons. Students will learn dance and performance techniques through the styles of modern street funk and hip hop. Dancecore Club will run starting from week 5 to week 10 on Thursday lunchtimes for years K-6 students at a cost of \$60.00 for the term. A separate information leaflet with payment advice accompanies this overview. New students are welcome every term.

Chess – Endre Ambrus will again teach Chess as Ainslie School's Chess club coordinator. Endre is a FIDE Master. He currently teaches chess to secondary school students and has conducted advanced classes for adults and juniors at the Canberra Chess Club. Students in years 2-6 have the opportunity to participate in chess club for \$5.00 per week/\$40 term payment from week 3 to week 10. New students are welcome every term. A separate permission and payment note accompanies this overview.

Pottery – Pottery will also continue in term 1 with Georgina Bryant from Canberra Potters' Society, supported by teachers Clair Shute and Jo Francis. Pottery will run from week 3 to week 10. Two pottery courses will be held during Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes for children in years K-6. Each session must be fully enrolled (class of 20 children) for the club to be viable. A separate note accompanies this overview regarding the cost and booking processes for this program. We have received advice from the Canberra Potters' Society that each lesson will cost approximately \$10.00 per week. Reminder, families sign up and pay for the lessons directly with Canberra Potters' Society using the 'codes' in the note supplied. New students are welcome every term.

Voices – Voices will run on Fridays at 11am in years 3-6 students and intermittently during lunch breaks when preparing for a special performance. Voices provide an opportunity for students to perform within the school community and within the wider Canberra community as well as receiving choral tuition. Jess Copeman and Catherine Dillon will lead this program.

Robotics – Steve Clarke will run a coding workshop. In these fun and educational classes, students learn the basics of engineering, robotics, coding and programming. Coding is available for students in years 2 to 6 on Monday lunchtimes. There is no cost for attendance at this program and new students are welcome every term.

Buroinjin - Buroinjin is a fast moving invasion game from the Kabi Kabi people of Southern Queensland. It requires a high level of cooperation between team members and calls on good timing, effective space

finding and tactical risk taking. Angela Burroughs will lead Buroinjin on the senior oval weekly on a Friday at lunchtime. There is no cost for attendance.

Brolgas – Children who identify as being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander are welcome to join this group. There is no cost for attendance at this program and we are linking with Campbell High School to deliver this program to our kids.

AOKs (Ainslie Organic Kids) – AOKs continue again in term 1 from week 3 to week 10. Students will be focusing on sustainability at Ainslie School which includes - recycling, watering, harvesting, cooking, gardening, organisation of belongings and resources, informing the community and sustainability tour guides. AOKs will run on Wednesdays at lunchtime for years K-6 students. Michelle Thompson will lead this program and there is no cost for attendance at this program and new students are welcome at any time.

Lego Club – Jo Lawson will host a Lego Club every Monday lunchtime commencing in week 3 to week 7. There is no cost for attendance at this program and new students are welcome at any time. Lego has been recognised in educational circles as having educational benefits by:

- teaching children to think in three dimensions
- improving literacy as children work with instructions
- developing problem-solving, organisation and planning by construction
- promoting creativity
- enhancing communication and critical thinking
- boosting fine motor development

These elective programs are a joint initiative of the Ainslie School P&C Association and Ainslie School Staff. We would also like to acknowledge the past annual contribution of local artist and Ainslie School community member Robert Foster to this elective program. Robbie's metalsmithing course was very popular and his skills in mentoring children widely respected.