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The Ainslie School Newsletter



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## 2018 Dates to Remember

Mon 30 April		First day of Term 2
Tues 1 May	8:15-8:45	Cross-country Training on the junior oval
	5-5:30pm	String Ensemble information session in the library
Thurs 3 May	8:15-8:45	Cross-country Training on the junior oval
Fri 4 May	8:30-9:00	First Year 5 band practice session
	12pm	Whole school Assembly
Mon 7 May		ACT Swim carnival
Tues 8 May	8:15-8:45	Cross-country Training on the junior oval
Thurs 10 May	8:15-8:45	Cross-country Training on the junior oval
		Ainslie Cross Country

Dear Families and Friends,

This morning we introduced a whole school Monday Morning Update. This brief weekly assembly will take place on the playground and will help staff, students and volunteers to share news and reminders for the week ahead. Your feedback on this routine will be most welcome.

During this morning's gathering, it was so pleasant to be amongst a community of friends, families and colleagues catching up on news and events from the term break. It seems that many of our families made the most of time together during the mid-week public holiday on which we acknowledged Anzac Day.

This year, my family and friends attended the Dawn Service and the National Ceremony at the Australian War Memorial. It was nice to see an Ainslie family or two amongst the crowd, and very special to be part of this event that culminated the Centenary of Anzac (2014-2018), which marked 100 years since our Nation's involvement in the First World War.

Ainslie School's commemoration was held during Week 10 last term and I thank our Year 3 students for leading this significant occasion. Their research and artwork adorns the main building's entry, and you can admire the wreaths created by each class that are surrounding the Australian Soldier statuette. We also thank Captain Jan Noonan of the Royal Australian Navy, for providing the Address, Ainslie's Colour Party, Thor, Sacha and Toby A, Sebastian S and Angus R, and our musicians Hannah Appaneal, Michael Cherepinskiy, Ben Nguyen Olivia Noonan, Chelsea Allen and Green and Misa Bui.

### Recent Activity around the School

Our school was a hive of activity during the break with contractors laying new flooring in the wet areas and painting parts of the main building. We were delighted to see the final plans for alterations to the space adjoining the canteen, and look forward to sharing progress towards this work throughout the term.

There was also activity in surrounding sites as the education team came together during the term break for professional learning, planning and preparation meetings. Our highlights included

- a guided tour of the Aboriginal Plant Use Trail at the Australian National Botanic Gardens;
- meetings with neighbours and professional collaborators from Old Parliament House, the Ainslie and Gorman Arts Centres, and Design Managers Australia, and
- participation in the ACT Education Directorate's Google Summit.

We look forward to exploring these sites and experiences further with students as the year progresses.

### **Staffing Update**

It gives me very great pleasure to welcome our Japanese Teaching Assistant Ifu Fukushima who arrived from his home town of Kagoshima during the holidays. I know that Ifu is looking forward to supporting teachers and students across the school in building our knowledge of Japanese language, and appreciation of his country's people and their culture.

If you would like to know more about the Language Teaching Assistant Program, or our Japanese program more generally, please don't hesitate to contact Ainslie's Language Specialist, Mel Cummins through the front office team, or by email [melanie.cummins@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:melanie.cummins@ed.act.edu.au)

With Chantelle Stewart eagerly awaiting the arrival of her baby, some minor staffing adjustments to Term 2 timetables will enable seamless programs in the Year 5 area. Greg Taylor is looking forward to sharing his Mathematical expertise with the senior team, and teaching Vicki Harrington's class on Thursdays and Fridays. Jess Copeman will be spending some additional time enriching our students' ensemble music experience and developing teacher skills to strengthen our performing arts curriculum across the school.

We look forward to continuing work with our visiting Executive Teacher Trish Ghiradello this term. Trish will be building on her analysis of curriculum delivery at Ainslie, working closely with students and staff of Year 1 and 2 classes.

Our work with preservice teachers continues this term and we welcome, Katherine Spencer (1/2DW), Charlotte Bishop (2LR) and Georgia Stephenson (2ZW) who will be with us during week one and two of Term 2 from the University of Canberra. Jess and Brad are also with us from the University of Canberra to observe the operations of a primary school.

The support that our staff provides so willingly to Preservice teachers is a true mark of their professionalism and commitment to lifelong learning. We really are fortunate to have a team who relishes the opportunity to contribute wisdom to the future of the profession. This engagement is truly reciprocal, as teachers benefit enormously from working with colleagues focused on inquiring into practice, with a closeness to contemporary research in the field of teaching and learning.

### **School Review Update**

We are excited to begin preparations in the lead up to the School Review process for Ainslie. This will involve rich sharing and analysis of our practices through the lens of the National School Improvement Tool, which is available on the Australian Council of Educational Research website [www.acer.org.au](http://www.acer.org.au).

During the holiday break, I stretched my own preparation with research into the school's extensive history. Geoffrey Burkhardt's *A Jubilee History of Ainslie School 1927-2002* was a wonderful read. It is interesting to see how the aims and purposes upon which the school was founded resonate so strongly with those more recently articulated by the executive team at Ainslie. These in turn reflect the Educational Goals for Young Australians established by Ministers of Education in 2008 [www.curriculum.edu.au](http://www.curriculum.edu.au) which include

- promoting equity and excellence, and
- developing all young Australians as successful learners, confident and creative individuals and active and informed citizens.

Our School's history provides insight into the evolution of School Review processes in Australia over the past 90 years. The current process balances accountability with support, and we look forward to exploring school practice, culture and performance with an ACEL Review specialist, along with an ACT Principal in August.

I can't help but wonder how closely their analysis will reflect Annual Inspectors' Reports from the 1930s that recognised Ainslie as  
*An 'activity school' ... (where) the staff of the school embrace the new Humanist 'pupil centred' educational philosophy....'*  
I certainly hope so!

All the best for the week ahead,

Wendy Cave

### **Before School Play**

Parents are reminded that there is minimal supervision at school prior to the start of the school day. We know that some students arrive well ahead of time, and children are aware that if a problem emerges their first port of call is the front office.

In the interests of keeping children safe before school, we ask that they walk their bikes and scooters when they arrive at the playground. Our hopscotch and handball grids are great sources of entertainment at this time.

### **Congratulations:**

**During the last week of term, we saw examples of special effort from:**

Indi, Lily & Anahita	Year 6	Designing an intricate cleaning system
James	1S	Illustrating the song One Bottle-o-pop



**Figure 1 Lily, Anahita and Indi with their cleaning system**

Did you know that the ANZAC Statuette was presented to Ainslie School on ANZAC Day in 1939? The sculpture was a gift from the North Canberra Branch of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers Imperial League of Australia. The plinth is made from timber from the deck of the HMAS Australia. You can find more information about the Statuette and the treasures within this treasure in Geoffrey Burkhardt's

A Jubilee History of Ainslie School 1927-2002

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Our Teacher-Librarian Anney Medhurst will help you to find a copy!

## This Week's Notes

- **The Year 5 camp**
- **Year 5 String Ensemble**

### 2019 ENROLMENT TIMELINE

#### **Attention to all parents and carers of current Year 6 students and prospective Preschoolers for 2019.**

Enrolment applications for term 1 of 2019 are now open as of 30 April 2018 and must be submitted online at <https://form.act.gov.au/smartforms/landing.htm?formCode1087>

All ACT children are guaranteed a place in an ACT Public School, from preschool through to college. Information about the enrolment assessment criteria and priority enrolment areas can be found at [https://www.education.act.gov.au/school\\_education/enrolling\\_in\\_an\\_act\\_public\\_school](https://www.education.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school).

If you are applying to enrol in preschool, year 7 or year 11 we ask that you submit your application by 4 June 2018 to support timely processing and school planning. From 30 June 2018, after the application has been processed, parent/carers will commence receiving advice from the school on the enrolment. Please note, that the order in which applications are received is not a factor in schools determining places and as a result there is no requirement to submit your application form on the first day applications open.

### Housekeeping

#### **Student Information Check**

A detailed student information form has been sent home. Please return this form to the school if it needs adjustments. We thank you for keeping this information current.

#### **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.

The Education Directorate has introduced a new system of managing student attendance and you will soon start receiving SMS messages if your student has unexplained absences. Students who arrive late are asked to come to the front office to check in, where staff will change their attendance status on the system and give them a card to take to their teacher.

#### **Lost Property**

Please ensure you label your children's belongings. Remember to check the lost and found bins in the year 3 corridor for missing items.



GATHER A TABLE OF TEN, GET COMPETITIVE & HAVE FUN!

# AINSLIE SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT

TRIVIA QUESTIONS, LUCKY DOOR PRIZES, BRAINTEASERS,  
TABLE GAMES, \$20 LUCKY DIP, SILENT AUCTION & MORE...

B.Y.O. FOOD & DRINKS OR ENJOY A PRE-ORDERED  
GOURMET PICNIC PLATTER FROM OISHII CANTEEN WHO  
WILL ALSO BE SELLING TEA/COFFEE AND DELICIOUS  
CAKES & SWEET TREATS ON THE NIGHT!

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Hosted by ABC Sports Broadcaster & trivia MC, Tim Gavel  
Friday May 11 | 6:30PM for a 7:00PM start

Ainslie School Hall, Elder St Braddon

**TRIVIA TABLES ONLY \$200** (max 10 people per table)

**FOR INFO & BOOKINGS: [AINSLIETRIVIA2018.SIMPLESITE.COM](http://AINSLIETRIVIA2018.SIMPLESITE.COM)**

## EAT - DRINK - THINK

Friday 11th May - that's just a week and a half away!  
 Book your tables now - bookings close Monday 7th May.  
 An amazing array of prizes - with thanks to our generous sponsors:

[Ainslie Afters](#) | [BentSpoke Brewing Co](#) | [Botanical Bookshop](#) | [Canberra Centre](#) | [Dendy Cinemas Canberra](#) | [Edgar's Inn](#) | [Emil Hovanec Remedial Massage](#) | [F!nk + Co.](#) | [Flawless | Skin Boutique](#) | [Flourish Yoga](#) | [Lazy-Su](#) | [Lellow Kids](#) | [Mercure Canberra](#) | [Museum of Australian Democracy](#) | [National Film and Sound Archive](#) | [Palace Electric Cinema](#) | [Questacon - The National Science & Technology Centre](#) | [Saint Valentine Botanical Design](#) | [Siam Twist](#) | [Tarquine Hair Salon](#) | [Thai Bliss Therapeutic Massage](#) | [The Street Theatre](#) | [Wilbur's Cafe Bar](#) | [Zeus Street Food](#)

Information and bookings <http://ainslietrivia2018.simplesite.com>



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## artKids - After School Art Classes K\* - 6

[www.artkidscanberra.com](http://www.artkidscanberra.com)

- Does your child want to learn to draw, paint and sculpt?
- Are they keen to learn more about the world's Great Artists?
- Do they want to explore their creativity in a fun, supportive way, where there are no such things as 'flops' but only 'flopportunities'?



artKids workshops build on your child's drawing skills, with projects that focus on the elements of art and design in a fun environment. Using a variety of mediums – watercolours, acrylics, chalk and oil pastels, inks, charcoal, etc – children investigate techniques and artists, both past and present. They learn the language of visual art so important in our highly-visual modern world.

Workshops run on **Thursday, 3.30\*\* – 4.30 pm** at Ainslie School hall. Cost for the 10 week term is \$250, which includes all materials used in class.

\* Kindergarten children will be considered after a trial session.

\*\* If your child does not attend Ainslie Afters but would still like to attend the class, an artKids teacher will be on duty from 3.15 pm. Children are to be collected at 4.30 pm or return to Afters.

### Book your child's place with artKids now!

"Art class with you is my daughter's absolute favourite thing in the week. The artKids team are wonderful with what you provide for the kids. It's a very special class you've developed and we'd love to join you again."

Turner School parent, Yr 4 child

"My daughters have loved Hawker artKids this year. It has been so good for their confidence. It's a great program you run - so yes, please enrol again!"

Hawker Primary School parent,  
Yr 5 and Yr 1 children

"Whatever you said in your class - thank you! My son picked up his sketchbook and hasn't stopped. I had to do the awful thing and tell him to 'stop drawing' and sleep!"

Ainslie Primary School parent,  
Yr 2 and Yr 4 children

Book your place now! Contact Robyn Thurecht on [robynthurecht@gmail.com](mailto:robynthurecht@gmail.com) or 0405 014 180.