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The Ainslie School Newsletter



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2018 Dates to Remember

Mon 20 Aug		Yr5 IMP Band rehearsal @ Nth Ainslie Primary
Tues 21 Aug		Yr5 to Parliament House
	2:40pm	Athletics ribbons to be given out in the Hall
Wed 22 Aug		Book tasting
Fri 24 Aug	9:15am	Book week Character Parade in the hall
Tues 28 Aug	from 9:40 9-1	CBC Treasure Hunt
Thurs 30 Aug	9:15-2:30 From 8:30-2pm 7PM	Limelight Rehearsal @ AIS Arena Limelight Rehearsal @ AIS Arena ACT Zone Athletics @ AIS Track and Field Stadium Evening performance of Limelight @ AIS
Fri 31 Aug	12:30	Assembly hosted by Kindergarten
Coming up		
11 Sept	Book Fair	
17 Sept	Whole school excursion to Floriade	

Dear Families and Friends,

Book Week brings a very special atmosphere to Ainslie School and we are excited to be celebrating new and favourite stories in classrooms this week.

We signalled the start of Book Week with Reading Hour on Saturday evening. It was such a pleasure to be amongst our community, enjoying the Goodwin Library as we immersed ourselves in books. The incredible Anney Medhurst ensured the titles that were honoured with Children's Book Council nominations and awards were on display. This year's winners are:

Book of the Year for Older readers

Take three Girls by Cath Crowley, Simone Howell & Fiona Wood

Book of the year for Younger Readers

How to Bee by Bren MacDribble

Book of the year for Early Childhood

Rodney loses it by Michael Gerard Bauer

Picture book of the year

A walk in the bush by Gwyn Perkins

Eve Pownall Award

Do not lick this book by Idan Ben-Barak

(illustrations by Julian Frost)

Crichton Award for New Illustrators

Tintinnabula by Rovina Cai

We look forward to more Book Week highlights including:

- Mystery Readers, who are members of the school team and wider community who will bring their voices to the loudspeaker system as they treat us to stories and poetry just ahead of lunch play time each day, and
- the Book Week Character parade on Friday morning at 9:15am.

University Connections

Our involvement in the University of Canberra's Initial Teacher Education Clinics in Mathematics, Science and Physical Education commenced last week, bringing 5 tutorial sessions and 130 preservice teachers to Ainslie. Feedback from our Kindergarten, Year 3 and 4 students suggests that Week 1 was a resounding success with the 'Uni People' they met.

The cycle of learning that occurs through this work is so rich. Along with the obvious development of teachers of the future, the approach supports our students, who will experience carefully designed intensive group learning opportunities over 10 weeks. While they are at work, our teachers and support staff have opportunities to reflect on their own practice, as they share knowledge of their students and curriculum. They also enjoy opportunities for close observation of their students.

On orientation, we remind our preservice teachers that a significant responsibility they have during their time at Ainslie is to ask many questions. Through responding to their inquiries, our teachers reveal the philosophy and theory that rests behind what can become routine, habitual practice. This ensures our work with children continues to be mindful and intentional. We benefit enormously from critique and exposure to the new and emerging research, strategies and technology that our University partners bring.

This week, we also enjoyed visits from Dr Tessa Daffern (whose data collection for her research into spelling is almost complete), Professor Jaekyung Lee (from the Graduate School of Education, State University of New York), and UC Centenary Professor Moosung Lee. It was an honour to share my perspective of the Principalship with researchers of international acclaim, and very special to watch our students interact so confidently with them as we toured the school.

Student Leadership

There is widespread agreement in education circles about the importance of students lending their voice to decision making. We know it is even better when students take action.

We are grateful to students who have taken carriage of ensuring the contents of our Senior Playpod meet the rigorous safety standards they have designed. This has involved an extensive audit of the loose parts in the container, and commissioning staff to ensure its appropriate disposal.

This Wednesday's Drought Relief fundraiser is another example of students demonstrating thought, research, collaboration and persistence in taking an idea from a concept to a reality. How impressive it was to be presented with planning documentation including a risk assessment in an initial meeting this team of senior students arranged.

We know that real contexts provide opportunities for deep learning. As we seize incidental opportunities such as these for inquiry and action, educators enable students to grow and demonstrate the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values that empower them as citizens.

Learning with Experts

Real world learning was also on show with our Kindergarten students during the Supporting and Linking Tradeswomen (SALT) workshops last Friday. It was incredible to watch these very young learners at work with purpose, tools and expert mentors. We thank Sophie, Sascha and Jessica (George B's mother) for initiating this opportunity, and we hope to see a return of the SALT team in the near future.

We are also very grateful to the parents, neighbours and friends who visited classes to share their work during Science Week last week.

Hea-Jin (Nestor's mum) talked with Reid Preschool about how the bacteria lactobacillus turns milk into yoghurt.

In 3CC Julia Turner showed us how to extract DNA from strawberries and Natalie Bateman will be presenting a science experiment to our class on Wednesday

For Science Week, Year 4 was excited to have two visitors to our classroom. On Wednesday Dr John Young, Associate Professor at UNSW and Aeronautics Engineer came and talked with us about how aeroplanes fly and how vortices are created. We had fun using a vortex generator to blow over some plastic cups from quite a distance! On Friday Dr Carol Quashie-Williams an Entomologist from the Department of Agriculture came to talk with us all about insects, we discussed metamorphosis and looked at some yummy insects we could eat! Thanks to Anushka's mother Aarti who arranged for her work colleague to come in. Thanks also to Seb's Dad John whose enthusiasm for flight engaged us all in making paper planes.

Staffing News

Students, staff, and Year 4 parents have welcomed Chris Wells back to school this week. Chris returns with the fresh perspective of a first-time parent, and is enjoying the learning that has come from his new role!

With Chris' return to Year 4W, Greg Taylor will be spending a little more time teaching Year 4A, while Rachel Appleby spends Thursdays and Fridays with Year 5 VH for the remainder of the term.

Music News

The Arts is holding a strong position in Term 3 programs with rehearsals underway for our Limelight performances next week. Our Voices and Prep Choirs, bands and ensembles are also sounding impressive in preparation for performances at Floriade.

Ainslie School is well represented by committed musicians who are part of the ACT Primary Concert Choir. This group meets every Thursday afternoon through the ACTED Instrumental Music Program. We congratulate Amelia B, Christopher F, Elise R, Gabrielle D, Mia C, Paige von B and Sascha P for their continuing work with this choir, and on their performance at the Australian National Eisteddfod last week. We are very proud.

School Satisfaction Surveys

The ACT Education Directorate's School Satisfaction Surveys are now available and we encourage families to take a little time to provide feedback about your experience of Macquarie. The survey can be accessed electronically using the access codes provided last week. Alternatively, you may prefer to collect a printed copy from the school office team.

The greater the response rate, the more valid the information will be, and we thank you in anticipation of your participation.

All the best for the week ahead,

Wendy Cave



This week we have seen examples of special effort from

Theo KSC Reading his first ever book, 'Stop!'

Julian 2LR Writing about battleships

Athletics ribbons will be handed out in the hall next Tuesday 21st August from 2.40pm in the hall.

Dear Year 5 Families

In preparation for the Floriade performance on Monday 17 September we remind students to commit to practising their music.

A little extra effort will make a significant difference to our performance. 10 minutes practise, 3 times a week is all that is asked.

Please remember that Strings sessions are:

2:15- 3pm Wednesdays & Fridays

8:30 am Thursday before school

and

Ukulele Sessions are:

2:15 – 3pm Wednesday & Friday

If you know of any members of our community who have a talent for playing these instruments and would like to support teachers and students during these times, we would love to hear from you. Any support/assistance is greatly appreciated.

We thank you for your support with this valuable program.

Sarah-Jane

Housekeeping

Hats On

It's time to start wearing hats again when outdoors. Ultraviolet (uv) levels start to climb above acceptable levels (UV Level of 3 and over) during August. Please remember to send your child with an appropriate hat. Remember to check lost property if your hat is lost.

Before School Library Session

The Goodwin Library will be open from 8:40-9:00am. Our Librarian Anney Medhurst welcomes the assistance of any parents who wish to help facilitate this opportunity.

Canteen

If any mums, dads or grandparents have some spare time the canteen would love to have some helping hands. It's guaranteed to put a smile on your child's face to see you helping out. Drop in and see Ari or Clair or phone the front office to let them know your availability.

Update your Contact information

Our 2018 School Satisfaction survey was sent to all parents last Wednesday.

If you recently changed your address, email or any of your contact phone numbers please inform the office team. Keeping your details up to date and accurate will ensure that in the event an emergency or a medical incident we can quickly reach you.

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property bins are currently overflowing with named and unnamed clothing, lunchboxes and personal items. Please take the time to check for your children's belongings. We send large quantities of unclaimed clothing every year to charities.

This Week's Notes

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| ➤ Limelight | ASAP |
| ➤ Year 5 Excursion to Parliament House | 21 August |
| ➤ Book week Treasure hunt | 24 August |
| ➤ North Zone Athletics Carnival | 29 August |
| ➤ 2018 Voluntary Family Contribution P to year 6 | |



LET'S EAT CAKE!

Help Us Raise Money For The Drought

Join us on the 22nd of August at the Senior Oval, where
we will be selling a range of

CAKES

(And lollipops)

We are hoping to raise money for drought relief through
selling sweets and cakes

Here's what we are selling...

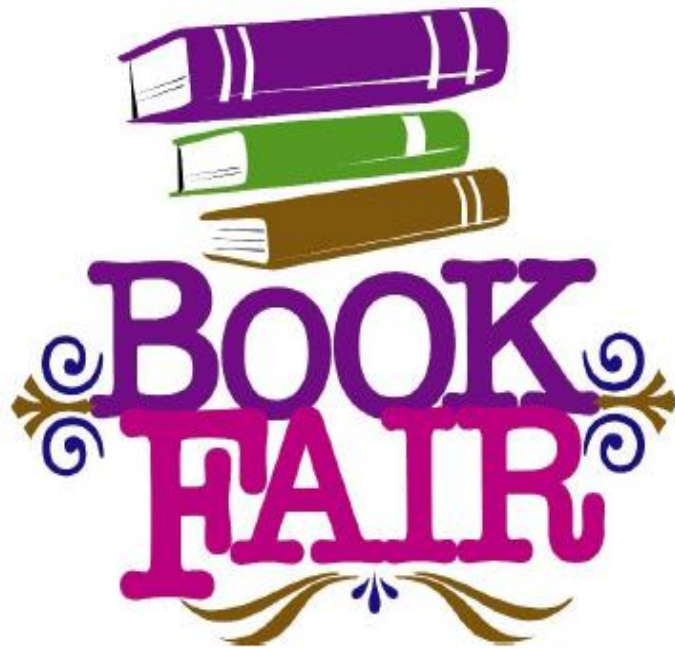
Cupcakes - \$1

Lollipops - 50 ¢

Guess How Many Lollies Are In The Jar

50 ¢ per guess

If you have any spare bags of flour, icing sugar or
cupcake mix, we would absolutely love donations!



The Ainslie School Book Fair will be held in September.

To help make it successful, we need donations of books - readers, fiction, young adult, non-fiction and picture books.

Please leave donations in the tubs in the main foyer.

For further information, please contact Mel (mel@meltin.net) or Vicky Harrington (5H)

Money raised from the book fair contributes to the purchase of books given to students at the end of the year.

The date for this event is 11 SEPT 2018

(please change the date on your calendars as the date was incorrect)

find your... @ **TREASURE**
CBCA Children's Book Week
18 - 24 AUGUST 2018



Goodwin Library this week...

It's nearly here –

BOOK WEEK 2018

Our three up coming
Community events are;

**The inaugural “Reading Hour” Goodwin Library
Saturday 18 August 2018 6-7pm All welcome**

A time to introduce Book Week to Ainslie children and the people in their lives. A time to gather together for an hour of reading and enjoying literature. Browse or borrow from our catalogue. Bring your own book or reading device. Come and join us. (Pyjamas optional!)

Our Annual Book Week Character Parade

Friday 24 August 2018 School Hall
9:15 – 9:45 am All Welcome

Come and see the students show off their favourite character costumes in a parade. Not only for children – parade your own!

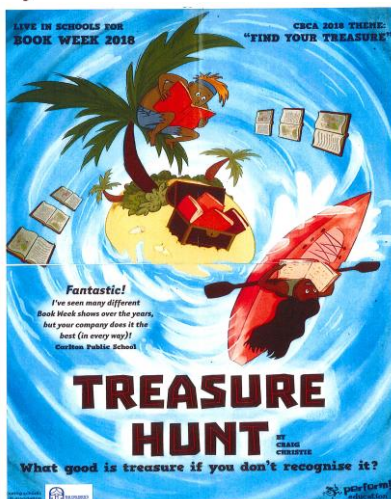
Performance: “Treasure Hunt”

School Hall

Permission notes with session times

Have been sent home for return

By Friday 24 August 2018





AINSLIE P&C GENERAL MEETING

JOIN THE CONVERSATION...

SCHOOL REPORT

**School review, vision for change, policies & plans
under development**

MEET THE ARTIST

Proposal for artist in residence

P&C PRIORITIES

Current and future focus of the P&C going forward

UPCOMING P&C EVENTS

Exciting opportunities and how you can help

ALL WELCOME!

WHEN: 7PM, 5 SEPTEMBER 2018

WHERE: GOODWIN LIBRARY



AINSLIE SCHOOL FETE

SATURDAY 3 NOVEMBER

10AM - 2PM

Gourmet food, cakes & coffee
Jumping castle * Petting zoo * Face painting
Fairy floss * Tombola stall
Plants & preserves * Handmade items
Preloved books, bikes, children's clothes & toys



PARENTS & CARERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE
ACT P&C COUNCIL'S PARENT GROUP MEETINGS ON:

**THE PARENT SUPPORT GROUP
ON VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS
7PM, MONDAY 20 AUGUST**

**THE GIFTED & TALENTED
STUDENTS WORKING GROUP
7PM, WEDNESDAY 22 AUGUST**

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