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The Ainslie School Newsletter



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2018 Dates to Remember

4 Dec	9:30-11:30	Aspire Leadership
5 Dec	5:30-7:00	Twilight concert – all welcome – please see the poster
6 Dec		Kindergarten Information Night in the Kindy room
7 Dec	11:30-12pm	Voices performance @ Parliament House
10 Dec	9-3pm	Preschool Interviews @ Baker Gardens
11 Dec	9-3pm	Preschool Interviews @ Baker Gardens
12 Dec	11:30- 1pm	Speech day
	5-6:30pm	Preschool end of year dinner @ Baker Gardens
	6:30-8pm	Community Conversation 2019 Class Structures in Yerra Building
13 Dec	9-3	Preschool Interviews @ Reid
		Reports home
14 Dec	9-3pm	Preschool interviews @ Reid
		Reid and Baker Gardens
		Whole school Outdoor Fun day
		Christmas in the City performance by the Ainslie band & strings

Coming up

Interviews regarding 2019 class Placements – by request

Graduation day for year 6 and the 5&6 dinner & disco

Last day of term

Dear Families and Friends,

How nice it was to spend time with families, friends and advisors in a busy week at Ainslie. The end of year *Thank You* morning tea, November P&C meeting and Thursday's *Birds and the Bees* workshop brought many members of our community together. The contributions of people who bring longstanding and more recent histories with Ainslie School are broad ranging, and opportunities such as these enable us to recognise and strengthen connections. There is no doubt that our school holds a very special place in the hearts of many, and we value the diverse interests and perspectives that support Ainslie School's continuous development.

We look forward to connecting some more at the Twilight Concert on Wednesday evening. Families who are unable to make the evening event may like to join us for the technical rehearsal during the morning from 11:30am. We'd be grateful for any value you'd like to add!

2019 School Captain Selection

We congratulate the 40 nominees for School and House Captains on the delivery of some impressive speeches. Students from Kindergarten to Year 5 experienced the challenge of selecting from such a quality field. [As the following people take on formal leadership roles, I know we can expect quality leadership](#) from our entire senior cohort in 2019. They have much to offer.

School Captain	School Captain	School Vice-Captain	School Vice-Captain
Alicia King	Max Ai	Sky Whitney-Nash	Josh Priddle
		Amelia Bobbin	
Rupert-Smith Captain	Rupert-Smith Captain	Rupert-Smith Vice	Rupert Smith Vice
Mia Cooper	Alejandro Fisher	Clare Russell	Kaylani Bailey
		Lucinda Hendry Mulcahy	
Goodwin Captain	Goodwin Captain	Goodwin Vice	Goodwin Vice
Elsie Lawson	Jamie Austin	Milly Lambert	Arham Chaudry
		Taeva Trans	
Griffith Captain	Griffith Captain	Griffith Vice Captain	Griffith Vice Captain
Zoe Honeybrook	Dylan Divett	Asha Moore	Gabi Cleary
Gillard Captain	Gillard Captain	Gillard Vice Captain	Gillard Vice Captain
Abi Potter	Oscar Lee	Sofia Szymanski	Alex Baker

Enabling student leadership of learning and the community is an intentional element of our practice. It is apparent as students set goals and determine pathways for personalised and shared inquiry, from their earliest days in preschool. Throughout the year, students hone skills required for informed and active citizenship as we explicitly model, build and reflect on skills of research, collaboration and communication. The confidence that results holds our students in good stead to make a positive impact on life within and beyond the classroom. Increasingly, as students develop and reflect on understandings about the world, they recognise ways to take action to make a difference. At present, students across the school are leading action in areas including

- an analysis of gender representations in our literature collection
- the design and delivery of lessons for this week's Hour of Coding
- the coordination and management of the Twilight Concert.

We are grateful and proud!

2019 Planning

Ainslie's education team is well engaged in the careful consideration of arrangements that will support the social and academic success of our students next year. We are currently analysing the benefits and relative merits of a range of models of class structures ahead of finalising our decisions. Teaching teams are also being identified with staffing arrangements all but confirmed. We will be sharing updates during the next 3 weeks. A community conversation on Wednesday 12 December will be a further opportunity to build shared understanding about the research and thought that is informing our decisions.

Planning of class structures and placements in the ACT's system of Public Schools is a dynamic process with families moving into and from our community over the summer holiday period. Please

remember to contact the front office team if your family is moving from our community next year, or if you are aware of others who may be joining us.

We value your support as partners in your child's learning, and your confidence in Ainslie's teachers and education support team who are committed to designing learning structures and programs that will enable our students to thrive.

All the best for the week ahead.

Wendy Cave

This week we have seen examples of special effort from

Theo K Drawing and labelling a picture of a robot

Alvanka KC Writing about a hat

Mariia KC Writing prolifically

Nara I/2 DW Using compound words to create a nonsense story

Hour of Coding Creators: Arham, Gabi, Lyam, Alicia, Rashmi, Max, Oscar, Taeva, Josh, Akira and Connor

Classes for 2019

Families are welcome to contribute to the process of determining class placements. Please feel free to arrange a conversation through our school office team if you would like to share your thinking. Alternatively, feel free to send an email to Wendy.cave@ed.act.edu.au or Sophie.bissell@ed.act.edu.au

**12 Dec 6:30-8pm Community Conversation 2019 Class Structures
in the Yerra Building**

This Week's Notes

- Voices performance at Parliament house 6 Dec
- Christmas in the City 5&6 Bands & 5 strings 10 Dec
- Curriculum resources for 2019 14 Dec
- 2018 Voluntary Contributions 14 Dec

School Board Update

The School Board meeting was primarily focused on the school budget. There will be an increase in expenditure for next year's budget and this is being aligned with the school action plan. We discussed possible measures to be used to evaluate this spending including progress in NAPLAN results, attendance rates, reporting of incidents and feedback in satisfaction surveys. We will be meeting with a representative from the Directorate to discuss the data available to review progress on the school's strategic plan and also how we are tracking on recommendations coming out of the school review process. This is information we will be reporting back on throughout next year.

Sarah Reid (chair), Chris Price, Mel McDonald.

Housekeeping

Lost Property

Our lost property bins are over-flowing again. Please take the time to check them for any lost items and remember to label belongings that come to school.

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.

Community Musicians

We are enjoying the impact of the baby grand piano in the school entry hall. Students have been entertaining us throughout the day, and our skilled performers are beginning to inspire dancers and singers.

Please contact our school office team if you would be interested in coming along to play for us. You are very welcome to extend the invitation to neighbours and friends.



Library Stocktake is continuing

All borrowed books and library share bags have a return date of Friday 7th December.

Thank you Anney 😊



Old newspapers wanted

Our school hens need your newspapers to keep their hen house clean.

Newspapers such as The Chronicle which is delivered free each week, can be dropped off in the labelled box at the front office by Friday 23 November 2018. It would be great if any glossy inserts or plastic coverings could be removed.

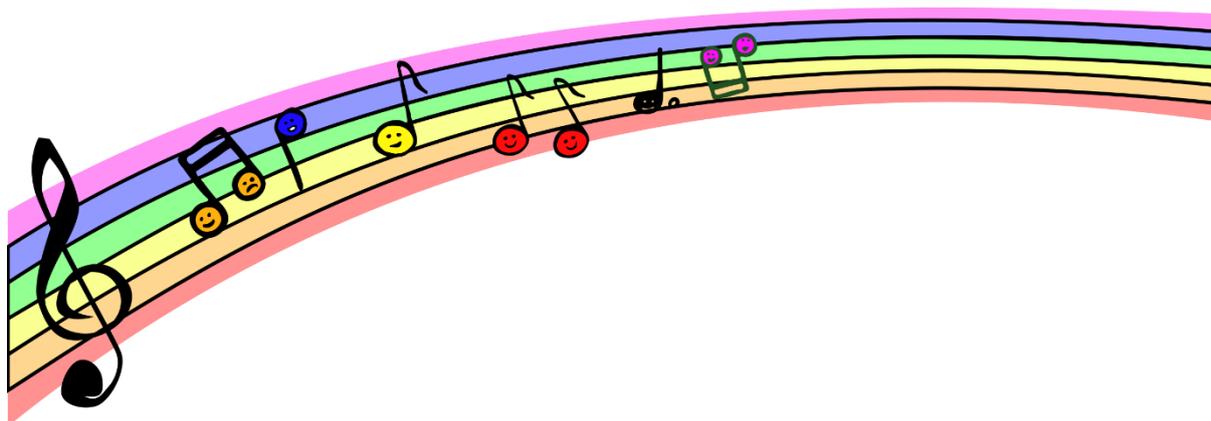
Twilight concert

Wednesday 5 December 2018

5:30-7:00 pm

Ainslie School Grounds

Ainslie COLOURS



You are invited to attend our twilight concert to enjoy performances by Ainslie Students, choirs and bands.

This event will be held outdoors in the junior playground
Enjoy a sausage sizzle and get to know the Ainslie community

Please arrive by 5:25 pm for a 5:30pm start

What will my child be doing? Picnicking with family and friends until their performance is called. Children are expected to stay with their families except when performing.

For costume information please see your class teacher.

If you are unable to attend the evening performance a technical/dress rehearsal will be held Wednesday 11:30 am on the outdoor stage (at the end of the music room). All families welcome

Twilight concert

The running order for the concert is below
Each group item is about 5 – 10 minutes long

Order	Class/Group
Opening	Brolgas
1	Year 4
2	Kinder
3	Year 3
4	Preschool
5	Voices and Prep Choir
6	Yr. 5 Limelight Dance Group
7	Year 6
8	Year 2
9	Year 5
10	Year 1
11	Ainslie Orchestra All Yr 3, 5 and Yr 6 Band
Finale	Whole School
Encore	Year 6

The P&C have advised that
the Lions Club will operate a BBQ Sausage sizzle,
Slyfox coffee cart
&
Baked goods
will all be available on the night.

Plant sale



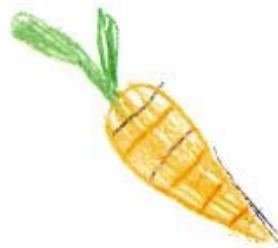
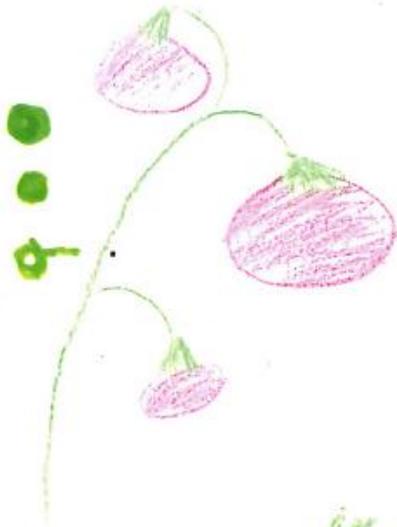
Outside the Canteen
\$2 small

\$3 large

3rd → 7th December

8:45am

3pm



Aok April and Maia

2019 ACT Secondary Bursary Scheme

The ACT Government's Secondary Bursary Scheme provides financial assistance to low-income families with student(s) in years 7 to 10 attending an ACT public, independent or Catholic school or are home schools. To be eligible, applicants must have a current Centrelink card or Healthcare card with means-tested payment codes. Each student's attendance is checked for unexplained absences. More than **five** unexplained absences per semester may result in the application being denied.

The ACT Secondary Bursary Scheme is an annual payment of \$750 per eligible student. To ensure eligible applicants receive payment in **February or March 2019**, applications must be lodged by **30 November 2018**. Applications received after this date will be processed as soon as possible after receipt.

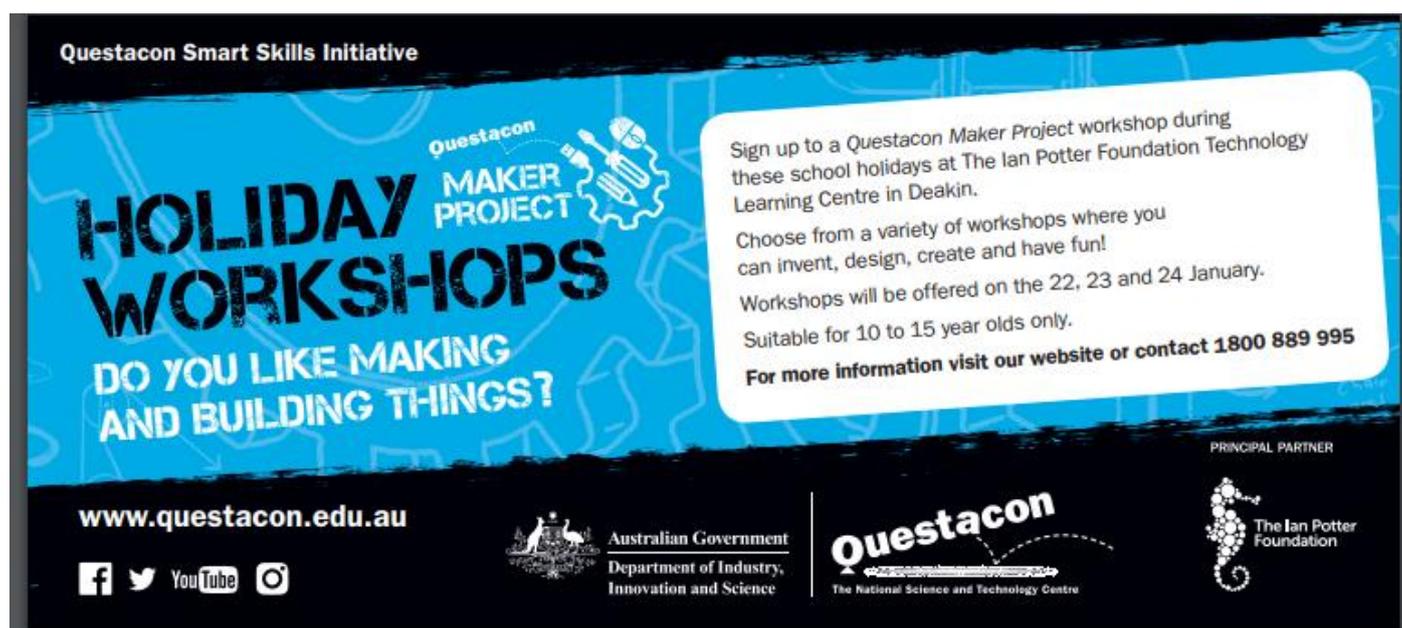
Applications received by 28 June 2019 may be eligible for a full year's payment. Applications received from 1 July 2019 to 25 October 2019 will be eligible for a half-year payment of \$375. No payments will be made for applications received after 25 October 2019.

The ACT Education Directorate will send out application forms to all current recipients and additional copies will be available from schools and Centrelink offices. Electronic copies can be found on the Directorate website at:

http://www.det.act.gov.au/school_education/starting_school/financial_assistance_for_families .

If you require further information, please call the Bursary Administrator on 6205 8262 or via email at ACTSecondaryBursary@act.gov.au.

2019 Application forms are available at the front office.



Questacon Smart Skills Initiative

HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

DO YOU LIKE MAKING AND BUILDING THINGS?

Questacon **MAKER PROJECT**

Sign up to a Questacon Maker Project workshop during these school holidays at The Ian Potter Foundation Technology Learning Centre in Deakin.

Choose from a variety of workshops where you can invent, design, create and have fun!

Workshops will be offered on the 22, 23 and 24 January.

Suitable for 10 to 15 year olds only.

For more information visit our website or contact 1800 889 995

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Made with ♥ by the Ainslie School community, Beeswax wraps and bags are made by infusing pieces of cotton with a mixture of food-grade beeswax, pine resin and oil. The waxy coating makes the cloth waterproof, but breathable.

One wrap, so many uses.

Available from **Oishi Canteen** for a limited time.



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canberra **speech** therapy

Canberra Speech Therapy provides mobile speech pathology services for children of all ages. We come to your home or school, making it easier for families to juggle the weekly demands of schooling, extracurricular activities, sport or work.

We help children who have difficulties with speech sounds, language, literacy and social skills. We also have a special area of interest working with children who stutter. If you are concerned your child may stutter, we can help with fun, evidenced based therapy.

Our Speech Pathologists have university qualifications recognised by Speech Pathology Australia, are members of Speech Pathology Australia and are Certified Practicing Speech Pathologists.

We are currently accepting referrals for children needing assessment and treatment for speech, language, literacy and stuttering difficulties. A doctor's referral is not necessary to access our services.

For more information, get in touch with us at www.canberraspeechtherapy.com.au



Indigenous Scholarships Available

Would you like your children to learn how to run, jump and throw in a fun and safe environment? Thanks to the support of the ACT Government Little Athletics ACT, have a number of Indigenous scholarships available for the 2018/2019 season.

The mission of Little Athletics is to develop children of all abilities by promoting positive attitudes and a healthy lifestyle through family and community involvement in athletic activities. Our centres provide opportunities for children aged between five and sixteen to make friends outside of school in a positive environment. Parents and carers can make new friends at Little A's too. Volunteering to help rake the long jump pit or time-keep running events is a great ice-breaker that can help create long lasting friendships for you and your family.

Scholarships are available for those who live in the ACT, Braidwood, Cooma, Queanbeyan, Murrumbateman and Yass. For further details please contact Malcolm Lavender on (02) 6247 1296- Option 3 or development@actlaa.org.au.