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The Ainslie School Newsletter



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2018 Dates to Remember

Mon 14 May	8:55-9:10	Monday lines (junior playground)
	8:15 am	Running club training @ Ainslie School Oval
Tues 15 May		NAPLAN
	8:15 am	Running club training @ Ainslie School Oval
Wed 16 May		NAPLAN
Thurs 17 May		NAPLAN
	8:15 am	Running club training @ Ainslie School Oval
	9:45am	Year 5 & 6 Cross country
Mon 21 May	8:55-9:10am	Monday lines (junior playground)
	9:30am	Rostrum Finals in the hall
Tue 22 May		Year 6 Combined Band Rehearsal
Wed 23 May	8:00am	Year 5 Camp Cooba depart
Thurs 24 May		Year 4 Dr Karl Incursion
		Year 5 at Camp Cooba
Fri 25 May		Whole School Assembly
		Canberra Symphony Orchestra Performance
	3:45pm	Year 5 return from Camp Cooba

Dear Families and Friends

What fun it was to be part of Ainslie's Trivia Night on Friday. We thank our energetic P&C for their work in the lead up to the evening. Our Yerra building made the perfect venue on a very cold Canberra evening, and we thank students and staff of Ainslie Afters for adjusting their Friday routine.

It is a pleasure to be part of a strongly connected community who bring such commitment to supporting quality education at Ainslie. If you would like further information about Ainslie's P&C, please don't hesitate to contact our President, Mr Damien Ellwood. Our school office team will be able to assist.

Staffing Update

Many students and families across the school have had the opportunity to connect with Ms Trish Ghiradello during the past few months. We are delighted that Trish is continuing her work at Ainslie this term, shifting her focus from a review of our school's delivery of curriculum to leadership of the Year 1/2 team. Trish is looking forward to team teaching with Sergine Zeferino and Cathy Dee, as she replaces Anne Westerman in this role during the next few weeks.

I am sure that students and families of our junior classes will be pleased to know that Anne won't be far away – she will be guiding preparations for the external school review process, which will culminate with a Review Panel visit in August.

Meanwhile, Anne will be shifting her leadership focus to the Early Years (Preschool and Kindergarten) team, as Catherine Dillon continues her period of leave.

Cross Country Carnival

Congratulations to our students, staff and families for making Thursday's carnival a tremendous success. The level of student participation was notably high, and I suspect the brisk conditions contributed to some very fast times. We thank carnival coordinators Laurence Mandapat and Rohan Hyslop, our University of Canberra Pre-service teachers, and the large community cheer squad for ensuring seamless operation on the day.

Sleet and showers ahead of the final races brought the carnival to a sudden end. These races were postponed and we hope our spectators are able to return to the oval on Thursday morning from 9:15am to support our year 5/6 athletes.

We extend our gratitude to Craig Honeybrook for providing his knowledge, skills and motivational impact to Ainslie's early morning Running Club in the lead up to our carnival.

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 at Ainslie and around Australia will be participating in the *National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy* this week. The assessment tasks provide a snapshot of student performance that is used by the school and the directorate in analysing performance trends, programs and resourcing across the school and system. Families receive individual reports about their children's performance on the test later in the year.

NAPLAN tasks will be conducted this Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning and we thank families, in anticipation, for helping our students arrive at school well rested, with energy from a nourishing breakfast, and on time to support their smooth participation.

If you would like to know more about the upcoming assessments, please don't hesitate to contact our NAPLAN coordinators, Greg Taylor and Sarah-Jane Brown.

Music News

While our newly formed Year 5 strings and ukulele ensembles have made an impressive start, our Instrumental Music Program (IMP) Brass Band musicians are also hard at work. Next Tuesday, 22 May, the Year 6 IMP band will combine with neighbouring schools for a Combined Band rehearsal. We look forward to hosting students and staff from Majura, Lyneham and North Ainslie, and hope families and friends are able to be part of the audience for a short concert at 12:00pm in the hall.

Library Connections

Our Goodwin Library is a very special part of the Ainslie school. It was named after Colonel J.T.H Goodwin who was an early president of our P&C, and is recognised far and wide for its heritage significance. Given the size and age of our collection, there are many treasures to be found on our library's shelves.

Late last term, we were delighted to be able to donate a book to the National Centre for Australian Children's Literature. Dr Belle Alderman, Emeritus Professor of Children's Literature enjoyed her visit to our library, and meeting the group of students who presented her with a particular publication of *Storm Boy* by Colin Thiele. Rest assured we have plenty of copies of this beautiful sample of Australian literature, and I do hope you find a chance to share this story one day with your family. Our librarian extraordinaire, Anney Medhurst would be delighted to help you track a copy down.

You will find a letter of thanks from Dr Alderman AM attached. We look forward to continuing to connect with her!

All the best for the week ahead,

Wendy Cave



Congratulations:

to ACT Primary Concert Choir members Amelia Bobbin, Mia Cooper, Gabrielle Dahms, Christopher Frugtniet, Sascha Pettit, Elise Robertson and Paige von Berger who performed at the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the opening of Parliament House last Wednesday. Serving politicians and the Governor General were in the audience and from all reports they were suitably impressed!

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

Evan	KC	Reading with accuracy and for meaning
Alice	2ZW	Learning and performing Hot Cross Buns on the recorder
Julian	2LR	Showing great self-management on Wednesday
Hanako	2ZW	Courageously welcoming Ifu to Ainslie at the Week 2 assembly
Cheryl	1/2DW	Working hard at home to improve her spelling
Maia	1/2DW	Producing beautiful illustrations and artworks

Reminders:

As an ACT Government facility, families and friends are reminded that Ainslie Primary School is a no-smoking site. We thank our community for considering the health and wellbeing of our community and acknowledging this requirement.

All the best for the week ahead,

Wendy Cave



Gymnastics Clinics for K-3

Launchpad is the name for Gymnastics Australia's junior recreational gymnastics programs. On Thursday this week, students from Kindergarten to Year 3 will commence a four week program run by Canberra City Gymnastics. The LaunchPad program is all about teaching children the fundamental movement skills they need to lead an active and healthy life full of sport and recreation. Designed to give children the opportunity to practice, develop and enjoy moving through a wide-range of activities, the LaunchPad program will help them to develop physically, socially and cognitively. LaunchPad relies on safe and enjoyable activities that challenge participants relative to their abilities and stage of development. Many of the games and activities in LaunchPad are based on what gymnastics coaches around the world have been delivering for years. Importantly, research tells us that children who have these fundamental skills are far more likely to participate in sport and recreation throughout life. Fundamental Movement Skill activities benefit children through providing a foundation for lifelong participation in sport and recreation; a foundation for future participation in gymnastics; and optimised activities for brain and body development. This program has been funded through the Australian Government's Sporting Schools' Program.

This Week's Notes

- **Girls Choir to be returned to school by Friday 25 May**
- **Arboretum Excursion for Kindergarten due back by 5 June**
- **Magic Words Performances – 6 May for Kindy to Year 6 & 7 May for Yrs3-6 due back 1 June**
- **Year 5 & 6 Band and Captains' photo orders are due back by Friday 18 May**



NAPLAN will commence on **15 May 2018.**



Visit www.nap.edu.au to access parent/carer information about NAPLAN and NAPLAN Online, including:

- student participation
- privacy information
- how NAPLAN results are used

We encourage all eligible students to participate in NAPLAN.

Year 2

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who were able to attend our assembly last Friday. We thoroughly enjoyed having our pre-service teachers for the past two weeks and wish them well with their studies and next placements. This week we are continuing with writing procedural texts. On Thursday we will have our first of four gymnastics clinics with coaches from Canberra City Gymnastics. We will continue with using the Chromebooks and iPads for Media Arts and other activities. Please ensure jumpers, fleecies and hats are clearly labelled to ensure belongings are returned quickly.

Cathy, Trish, Sergine, Joanne and Emily.

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.

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

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.

Secure belongings

Please be mindful of taking your belongings with you when dropping off and picking children up from school as incidents have been reported from ACT policing regarding cars being broken into at these times.

Lost Property

Please label your children's clothing. Our clothing bins are overflowing with lost property.

Flu Season

The habit of handwashing helps minimise the spread of winter coughs and colds. Remember to cover your mouth when you cough, sneeze or yawn, and to wash your hands afterwards!



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Being a parent is the hardest job we'll ever have. All parents at some time experience difficulties and stress.

Parentline ACT

is a confidential and free telephone and face-to-face counselling and information service.

Phone Parentline if you would you like:

- To talk with someone about those parenting issues.
- Help with some ideas on raising children.
- Support in the important job you are doing.
- To know what is available for parents, teenagers and children.
- To build better relationships in your family.
- Help to understand your child or teenager's behaviour.
- Make an appointment for a counselling session.

Parentline ACT.

Monday to Friday (except on public holidays), 9am to 5pm.

Phone: 6287 3833



2 May 2018

Ms Wendy Cave
Principal
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Dear Ms Cave

I am very pleased to write this thank you letter to you and to all the children at Ainslie School. Here at the National Centre for Australian Children's Literature, we try to collect every different edition or copy of Australian children's books. Because so many of the books are older and very difficult to find, we have put wish lists up on our website. The wish lists let everyone know which books we are missing in our collection.

Just imagine how excited we were to have an email from Anney Medhurst, a teacher at Ainslie Primary, letting us know you had one of the books on our Colin Thiele wish list! We are very grateful that you were willing to part with this book.

I was delighted to come visit Ainslie School, meet with you and to receive this very special book presented by the children at your school.

Without your help, we may have never have found this particular book. It will have a treasured spot within our collection of 40 different copies of *Storm Boy* books. Some of these are translated into other languages, such as Chinese, Dutch, Finnish, French, German and Russian. Below are the details of the book you have donated to the Centre.

Thiele, Colin *Storm boy and other stories* (pb)

Thank you again for your generosity, which we greatly appreciate.

Yours sincerely

Dr Belle Alderman AM
Emeritus Professor of Children's Literature
Director, National Centre for Australian Children's Literature Inc

Jackie French AM, Ambassador
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Term 2 Calendar 2018

Term 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 April/May	30 Monday Lines 8:55-9:10	1	2	3	4
Week 2 May	7 Monday Lines 8:55-9:10 ACT swim carnival	8	9	10 Ainslie Cross-Country	11 ASSEMBLY—K-6-hosted-by-year 2 Zone: carnival-ribbons Mathematics-Challenge for young-Australians
Week 3 May	14 Monday Lines 8:55-9:10	15 → NAPLAN Language-Conventions Writing 5:30 Board-Meeting	16 → NAPLAN Reading	17 → NAPLAN Numeracy	18-Mathematics-Challenge-for-young-Australians
Week 4 May	21 Monday Lines 8:55-9:10 Ainslie-Rostrum-Finals-in-halt	22-Year-6-IMP-Combined-Band-Rehearsal	23-Yr-5-Camp-Cooba Dr-Karl-incursion-year-4	24-Yr-5-Camp-Cooba	25-Yr-5-Camp-Cooba ASSEMBLY—K-6-hosted-by-yr6 Mathematics-Challenge-for-young-Australians CSO-performance
Week 5 May/June	28 RECONCILIATION-DAY	29-Tuesday-Lines-8:55-9:10 ICAS-Science-comp	30-Arborstrum-excursion-Kin-dy Zone-Cross-Country	31	1-Mathematics-Challenge-for-young-Australians Girls-Choir-Workshop
Week 6 June	4 Monday Lines 8:55-9:10 Year-5-IMP-Combined-Band-rehearsal	5	6-Magic-Words-Performance 1.45-K-2	7-Magic-Words-Performance 9.05-3-6	8-ASSEMBLY—K-6-hosted-by-Kindy
Week 7 June	11 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	12 Tuesday Lines 8:55-9:10	13-ICAS-Spelling-comp	14-ICAS-Writing-comp	15
Week 8 June	18 Monday Lines 8:55-9:10	19	20	21	22-ASSEMBLY—K-6-hosted-by-Mel-C/Japanese
Week 9 June	25 Monday Lines 8:55-9:10	26	27	28-Reports-home	
Week 10 July	2 Monday Lines 8:55-9:10 Parent-Interviews-(by-request)	3 Parent-Interviews-(by-request)	4 Parent-Interviews-(by-request)	5 Parent-Interviews-(by-request)	6-ASSEMBLY—K-6-hosted-by-yr-5-NAIDOC Parent-Interviews-(by-request)

Updated: 14 May 2018—Please watch the ~~calendar~~ for any updated information



Term 2 Donation Wishlist



- KC: Golden Syrup
 - KCS: Honey
 - KS: Maple Syrup
 - 1IS: Tinned Tomatoes
 - 1CS: Tinned Tomatoes
 - 1/2DW: Nori Seaweed
 - 2LR: Corn Puffs or Rice Puffs (health food aisle)
 - 2ZW: Corn Puffs or Rice Puffs (health food aisle)
 - 3CC: Cheerios
 - 3LC: Cocoa Powder
 - 4W: Tinned Chickpeas
 - 4A: Tinned Kidney Beans
 - 5SB: Gluten Free Flour
 - 5HS: Gluten Free Lasagne Sheets
 - 5JF: Gluten Free Spaghetti
 - 6M: Vanilla Essence or Vanilla Bean Paste *
 - 6H: Vanilla Essence or Vanilla Bean Paste *
- * No Imitation please



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