



The Ainslie School Newsletter
Monday, 10 May 2021

Office Hours
Monday — Friday
8.30am — 3.30pm

2021 Dates to Remember

Monday, 10 May	Campbell High School Information Evening @ 5.30pm
Tuesday, 11 May	NAPLAN Testing window opens — see next page
Tues & Wed 11—12 May	Fuel for Thought (Year 3/4)
Thursday, 13 May	Year 6 Combined Band Practice @ 12.30pm
Friday, 14 May	National Walk or Ride to School Day
	Assembly @ 12.15pm Hosted by Year 1/2Z & 1/2CM
Monday, 17 May	IDAHOBIT Day including gathering @ 10.45am
Tuesday, 18 May	School Photo Day, including Baker Gardens Preschool
Wednesday, 19—Friday 21 May	Camp Cooba (Year 5/6)

From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Today was Cross Country Carnival day for 2021 and what excitement it brought. We thank our Junior Primary team for coordinating this year's event, with the advice and support of our house captains. Family cheer squads and courageous participants added to the fun.

You will find some images of highlights later in this newsletter and results will be shared during assembly this week.

SUPPORTING AND PROMOTING DIVERSITY

Whole school and community events at this time of year present rich opportunities for our students to explore and demonstrate the values that underpin our curriculum and culture.

Kindness
Respect
Responsibility
Community
Excellence

Diversity is a feature of Ainslie School, of which we are very proud. As Ainslie School's Safe and Supportive School Contact Officers (SASSCOs) Faith Bentley and Janelle Jack are trusted people to whom students and teachers can bring concerns about bullying, and racist, sexist and discriminatory behaviours which they have experienced or observed in the school. They work with our Student Support team to investigate complaints and problems, work with the involved students and monitor their progress.

Next Monday, we will be acknowledging IDAHOBIT - the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia. We look forward to celebrating the diversity that LGBTIQ+ people bring to our school neighbourhood and exploring ways in which we can all help stop discrimination in our community. As plans progress for the marking of IDAHOBIT, we continue to welcome input from families and local organisations including the team from ACT Sexual Health and Family Planning. Class Seesaw pages will keep you well informed about the IDAHOBIT inspired plans we are fine tuning throughout the week.

NATIONAL WALK OR RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

The National Walk or Ride to School initiative is once again in the spotlight and we encourage our children and families to connect on our Active Streets this Friday. As is our habit on this day, staff are looking forward to walking with groups from **Corroboree Park and Gorman Arts Centre at 8:40am**. In addition, we have identified a gathering spot at **Haig Park** this time, to support families who live beyond Elder Street. Each student will receive one house point for participating and go in the draw for a chance to win 1 of 3 Oishii lunch vouchers. We hope you can join us.

High vis fashion accessories and/or house colours are encouraged and we look forward to seeing this street fashion on parade from 9am on the playground.

From our Principal continued ...

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS: LEAF TOWERS

Observers of our playground may have noticed the addition of fenced areas adjoining our kitchen gardens. We are proud to be a site of an initiative of *Capital Scraps Composting*. CSC is working in partnership with the ACT Government and a team from Griffith University to improve our waterways by keeping autumn leaves out of them. Our leaf towers are temporary installations of picket and wire mesh which we will be filling with leaves for CSC to collect and use to compost food. They are expected to be in use for the next six months.

For further information about this special project, you may like to explore www.compost.org.au, or contact Brook Clinton, by email brook@compost.org

A CLOSE ENCOUNTER WITH AN ASTRONAUT

How excited we were to receive an invitation from Amazon Web Services to a speaking engagement with Alyssa Carson and how proud we were of our students who interviewed her. Alyssa is a 20 year old college student studying astrobiology who hopes to become a NASA astronaut and one of the first to visit Mars. Alyssa was the first person to complete all 7 of NASA's space camps, has obtained her pilot license and has received her certification in applied astronautics, which certifies her to participate in suborbital research for Project PoSSUM.

We thank Jarrah for representing Ainslie School and look forward to sharing the interview very soon. We also thank Ainslie dad, Joel Turner for sending this opportunity our way.

HAVE YOUR SAY: REVISIONS TO THE AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM

The *Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA)* has responsibility for the development of the curriculum that provides teachers with a clear understanding of what students should learn, regardless of where in Australia they live or which school they attend.

Last year, Australia's education ministers agreed it was timely to review the Foundation – Year 10 Australian Curriculum. The review looked to improve the Australian Curriculum by refining, realigning and decluttering the content so it focuses on the essential knowledge and skills students should learn and is clearer for teachers on what they need to teach.

ACARA has consulted widely with teachers, education stakeholders and curriculum experts, and feedback is now invited on proposed revisions to the Australian Curriculum. Responses will help ensure the Australian Curriculum continues to remain world-class and meets the needs of students.

The consultation period is from Thursday, 29 April — Thursday, 8 July and you will find more information at www.acara

Ainslie's education team is responding with a range of professional groups we belong to. Our School Board is also interested in contributing a response that reflects the voices and perspectives of the students, families and friends of Ainslie School. Janelle Jack will be guiding this work and we look forward to sharing our findings through the Altiora.

If you would like to be part of this conversation, please contact your child's teacher.

All the best for the week ahead.

Wendy Cave
Principal

PLEASE WELCOME ...

... Oliver (1/2CM) and Ryan (3/4BC) and their family to Ainslie School.

The Ainslie School Pledge

**I shall pass through this world but once
Any good deed therefore that I can do
Or any kindness that I can show,
Let me do it now.**

**Let me not put it off nor neglect it,
For I shall not pass this way again.**

Altiora Conde Tempora

NAPLAN TIMETABLE

	Tuesday 11/5	Wed 12/5	Thursday 13/5	Friday 14/5
Yr 3	Writing 9:20am start	Reading 9:20am start	Conventions of language 9:20am start	Maths 9:20am start
Yr 5	Writing 9:45am start	Reading 9:45am start	Conventions of language 9:45am start Maths 11:30am start	

YEAR 6 COMBINED BAND PRACTICE

(With North Ainslie Primary School)

12.30pm—2.00pm @ Ainslie School Hall

Parents welcome from 1.30pm

ROAD SAFELY — ELDER STREET

Users of Elder Street will notice cones blocking the driveway into the school carpark from 8.30am each morning and 2.30pm each afternoon. We thank you for helping support the safety of pedestrians around our school.

BOARD UPDATE

The newly formed board met on Thursday, 6 May at the new time of 7.30am. It was a fresh start for a refreshed board. We welcomed new parent representative Candice Cappe and new staff representative (and current Deputy Principal), Carolyn Macleod.

Stav shared the finance report and advised that the school is tracking well financially. The finance reporting has also been refreshed as a result of the new financial reporting system being rolled out and is in a format that is easier to read and use. Ainslie has been recognised as a University of Canberra full program affiliated school for its development of teaching and learning and has received a financial boost as a result. A combination of school funds and directorate support have been applied to maintenance work to upgrade the Reid Preschool bathroom and a bathroom upgrade is being planned for Baker Gardens Preschool site.

We were updated on the school's progress in the Positive Behaviours for Learning work. A team from the Directorate has looked at how the PBL framework has been implemented in the school and would like to work with the school community to develop tools to map this approach and assist others.

The next meeting will be held on 10 June.

Sarah Reid, on behalf of Ainslie Board

NOTES HOME

EVENT DETAILS	YR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
Photo envelope	Each student	Order online
2021 Curriculum Resources	All families	Voluntary contribution
Camp Cooba	Year 5/6	Notes and payment ASAP
T-Shirt	Year 6	Orders ASAP



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Ainslie School & Baker Gardens – Tuesday, 18 May
Reid Preschool – Thursday, 3 June

Students will receive an order form with their name and online shoot key printed on the top. Orders can be placed online directly with MSP Photography (**envelopes do not need to be returned to School unless cash is enclosed**).

Additional envelopes can be collected from the Front Office if required.

Sibling Photos

Ainslie School – Tuesday, 18 May

Envelopes for sibling photos can be collected from the Front Office. Parents can place cash, cheque or credit card details inside the envelope. Please return these envelopes to the photographer on the day.

Special Group Photos (Band, Year 6 Graduation Photo)

Ainslie School – Tuesday, 18 May

Special group photos will be available to order via the Front Office in June.

INTERVIEW WITH AN ASTRONAUT

On Tuesday morning Jarrah and I interviewed Alyssa Carson who is going to be an astronaut.

We walked with Wayde to a building in the city and we had some trouble finding it.

We went into a room with a big TV and asked Alyssa all of our questions and received very interesting and detailed answers.

For example, we asked her about the toilet system, the food and the suits that astronauts wear. Bread cannot be eaten in space because its crumbs could get into important hardware.

It turns out that Alyssa is hopefully going to go to Mars in twelve years!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

AUSTRALIAN FUTSAL ASSOCIATION (AFA)

Each year, The AFA runs a futsal competition in various locations around Australia. Students who wish to participate, form an Ainslie School team and compete against other schools.

School tournaments offer the chance for young and aspiring athletes to compete against other teams in a professionally run competition. AFA competitions give players a chance to develop their skills and strengthen relations with other players and schools.

The competition will be held at MPowerdome Stadium, Fadden on Monday, 7 June 2021. Parents are responsible for getting their child to and from the venue. Registration is \$15 per player.

If your child is interested, Claire Rummery and Mel Cummins will run training sessions each Wednesday during lunchtime from 1pm-1.30pm. **Training will commence this Wednesday, 12 May.** Please ensure they have the correct footwear, a sun-smart hat and drink bottle.

For further information please visit <https://www.austfutsal.com/schoolfutsal> or contact Mel at



WHAT IS INTERSCHOOLS?

The Interschool Snowsport Championships provides an opportunity for Australian school students of all ages to experience snowsport and to participate at either a recreational or competitive level. Students from Kindergarten—Year 12 compete for their school as part of a team or an individual in any of our nine discipline events.

Parents are responsible for all payments, transportation and supervision of their child.

Discipline Events: Alpine GS, Ski Cross, Freestyle Moguls, Snowboard GS, Snowboard Cross, Cross Country Freestyle, Cross Country Relay, Ski Slopestyle and Snowboard Slopestyle.

When: Tuesday, 20 July—Friday, 23 July at Perisher

Cost: There is a once-only annual registration fee of \$30 which is invoiced at the Regional Championships. The fee includes event insurance and administration costs to run the event. The registration fee is non-refundable. The 2021 race entry fees are \$49 per race, per competitor at each Championship. Please note that the entry fees do not include your lift ticket.

Please see the Interschools Snow Australia website

<https://www.interschools.com.au/home/>

If interested in registering, please contact Mel Cummins at Melanie.Cummins@ed.act.edu.au

HOW TO ENROL YOUR CHILD

Every four-year-old is guaranteed 15 hours of preschool.

There are four key steps to enrolling your child in an ACT public school:

1. **Determine your local school** by visiting our website at www.education.act.gov.au
2. **Find out about your local school** – visit their school website, contact the school, or attend a school information session.
3. **Apply to enrol** using the online form on our website.
4. **Wait to receive an offer** from the school you have applied for.

Apply before 4 June 2021 to get an offer from 26 July 2021.

Need more information? Visit www.education.act.gov.au or phone the Enrolments Telephone Service on 02 6205 5429.



EVERY ACT PUBLIC SCHOOL IS A GREAT SCHOOL

Enrolments now open - enrol for preschool in 2022 if your child turns four on or before 30 April 2022.