



The Ainslie School Newsletter  
Monday, 19 July 2021

### Office Hours

Monday — Friday  
8.30am — 3.30pm

### Library

Open for families  
Each weekday  
8.30am — 9am  
3—3.30pm

### 2021 Dates to Remember

Monday, 19 July	Term Letters Home
Tuesday, 20 July	Adam Shipp visiting Year 1/2 classes @ 9—11am Year 5/6 boys @ Jamie Pearlman Cup Basketball @ 9am—3pm (Belconnen) Human Library @ 2—3pm Rostrum Quarter Final (on site) @ 6.30—8pm
Wednesday, 21 July	Athletics Carnival (on site) @ 9.15am—2.30pm
Thursday, 22 July	Human Library @ 11.30am—12.30pm Year 1/2 Forum @ 6.30—7pm ( <a href="https://meet.google.com/piz-ezbn-omd">https://meet.google.com/piz-ezbn-omd</a> ) Year 5/6 Forum @ 7.30—8pm ( <a href="https://meet.google.com/ahs-utgx-ore">https://meet.google.com/ahs-utgx-ore</a> )
Friday, 23 July	Assembly @ 12.15pm <i>hosted by the Captains</i> Human Library @ 2—3pm
Tuesday, 27 July	Year 6 Combined Band Practice @ 9.45—11am Year 3/4 Forum @ 7—7.30pm (Link to come)
Thursday, 29 July	School Board Meeting @ 7.30am P&C Meeting @ 6—7pm Kindergarten Forum @ 7.30—8pm (Link to come)

## From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

As the term started for me with a (negative) COVID Test and a week at home, I was reminded of how adaptable we have grown in the last 18 months. Technology supported my connection with our school and its people in ways unimaginable when my career in education began.

Emails, mobile phone contact, virtual meetings and video footage are playing an increasingly important part in the communication landscape between home and school.

Ainslie families and friends took time to share feedback with us through many modes during Term 2. Day to day interactions at school, parent meetings that followed the distribution of Semester 1 reports, and our Mid Year Satisfaction Surveys provided rich data that has informed Term 3 planning.

Multiple sources of information reflect:

- an increasing understanding of how we work with students to meet their individual social, emotional and academic needs at Ainslie School. Personalised learning, purposeful play and the use of authentic contexts are principles that underpin our playful and sophisticated approach;
- strong teamwork between our staff and collaboration with community groups; and
- experiences of agency and influence for students, staff and families.

## From our Principal continued ...

Data indicates improvement in whole school, team and classroom communication, although feedback from our surveys indicates that communicating information to parents about the goals and progress of individual children remains a relative weakness. Given the robust body of research reflecting the importance of parent engagement in children's learning and growth, cultivating community connections continues to be a sharp focus for us. As first and continuing educators of children, we value the knowledge our families bring about children's interests, life experiences and learning preferences. This supports the education team to maximise the impact of each child's time at school.

Next week's School Board meeting will explore the findings of our inquiry into the current picture of routine and systematic communication, to inform our next steps. Please feel free to contact our research partner, Angel Braithwaite (Angel.Braithwaite@ed.act.edu.au) if you would like to share your experience and thoughts on this aspect of Ainslie School's continuous improvement.

Providing outstanding education for the young people of Ainslie continues to be our priority and we thank you for your work in the important partnership we share.

### TERM PLANS

Families will receive the Term 3 Letter from class teachers this afternoon. These documents provide an overview of concepts and key questions that will guide shared inquiries across the curriculum, along with information about routines that will support each child's access to learning.

Term Letters are complemented by online forums in the early weeks of term. You'll find details in the dates to remember, and our teams look forward to this conversation about goals, approaches and anticipated activities with your families, from the comfort of your own home!

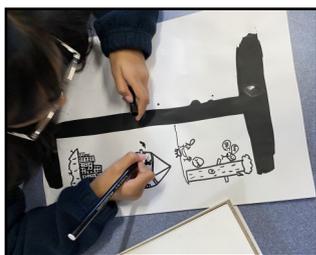
### INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY

Inclusion is core to the philosophy and practice of the ACT's system of public schools. At Ainslie, we know that no two learners are exactly the same and we strive to personalise learning pathways.

The early weeks of Term 3 signals the *Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)*. This process provides teachers with an opportunity to reflect and share the accommodations they design to enable each student to access and participate in challenging learning programs.

Last Wednesday, the Hands On Exhibition provided a backdrop for this conversation. We thank Tony Oates, curator of the Drill Hall Gallery, and the Hands On team for embarking on a special collaboration with our students and staff this year.

The Hands On artists will be joining Year 3/4 students once again this week, as they inquire into how communities work.



### MASTERPLAN UPDATE

*Connected Community Conversations* about the Masterplan for Ainslie School have brought together parents, staff, students, neighbours, program collaborators and ED colleagues during the past three years. These gatherings provide space for us to share perspectives, build understanding, and generate ideas that are influencing ongoing improvements to the special place in which we connect, grow and play. The community conversation continues in Week 5, on Wednesday, 11 August in the beautiful Goodwin Library. We look forward to sharing work that is supporting community access to this resource of great significance.

Please don't hesitate to contact our school office team if you would like further information.

### THE HUMAN LIBRARY

The Goodwin Library takes centre stage at this time of year and Book Week preparation is underway. While we love our collection of children's literature immensely, we recognise that stories are told and knowledge is shared in many forms throughout the world. Our Cultural Integrity lens and the intergenerational initiatives our students enjoy are ever present reminders of the significance of the oral tradition.

## From our Principal continued ...

We have been inspired by the concept of the Human Library, which was introduced to the Year 5/6 students last week, and we've decided to create one. This week, human books will be coming to share their stories and offer knowledge to contribute to our own.

We thank Jess Copeman for stacking our shelves with our initial collection and welcome families to drop in on borrowing sessions during the times below.

2—3pm Tuesday, 20 July

- Pat Chapman (Director Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education, ACTED)
- Andy Ivens (Senior IT Consultant)

11:30am—12:30pm Thursday, 22 July

- Srey Tith Hac (Cambodian Refugee)
- Dr Maxine Cooper (formerly ACT Auditor General and Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment)

2—3pm Friday, 23 July

- Carolyn Macleod (of the Ainslie School Executive Team)

### PLANNING FOR 2021

Second semester signals the start of forward planning each year. Enrolment Census data is being collected to support projections and planning and 2022 Preschool enrolment offers will be posted next week.

This is a particularly interesting period for us, given the residential development progressing throughout the neighbourhood and the expansion of Ainslie School's priority enrolment area. We thank you for keeping us clued in to the local population and demographic activity.

Please contact our office team if you know you will be moving from the Ainslie School community in 2022. We'd also be interested to know of any families you know of who may be moving in or returning to us.

All the best for the week ahead.

**Wendy Cave**  
Principal



### SAFETY REMINDER

Be Covid Safe

- Wash your hands
- Keep physically distant
- Stay home if you are unwell
- Use the Check in CBR App on arrival at Ainslie School

## P&C GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 29 July

6 - 7 PM

Ainslie School

Pizzas and kids' entertainment  
will be provided



@ainsliepandcassociation

The next Ainslie School P&C General Meeting will discuss options for providing Out of School Hours Care services from January 2022 onwards. No decisions will be taken at this meeting, but it's an opportunity to have your say.

### PLEASE WELCOME ...

... Raeka (1/2Z), Pranathi (3/4L), Dhanush (5/6M) and Rhea (5/6S) and their families to Ainslie School.

### Reminder

Please take care as you move around our grounds on these cold winter days. Frost patches can be slippery and they are sometimes hard to see.

### MANAGING STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Please remember to communicate with us when your child is absent. We ask parents to make contact with the office team by phone (6142 3060) or email ([info@ainslies.act.edu.au](mailto:info@ainslies.act.edu.au)) on the day of the absence.

### NOTES HOME

EVENT DETAILS	YR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
Term letters	K—Year 6	For information
Drill Hall Gallery	Yr 3/4	Perm note by 23 July
Sue Geh Cup	Yr 5/6 girls	Perm note & payment 2 Aug
2021 Voluntary Contribution	All families	Voluntary contribution
2021 Curriculum Resources	All families	Voluntary contribution

# Ainslie School's Meet-a-Scientist Nano-Conference

Tuesday, 17 August, 2021

Are you a scientist who would be prepared to speak with Ainslie students about why you chose a career in science and why your work excites you?

If you would like to know more, please contact me at:

[rebecca.palethorpe@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:rebecca.palethorpe@ed.act.edu.au).

I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

## How will you science this National Science Week?



### COMMUNITY NOTICES



### 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SCHOOLS PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The competition has returned for 2021 and there are cash prizes for students and schools. Individual entries from students will be accepted.

Details can be found at:

[https://www.friendsanbg.org.au/activities\\_schoolsphotocomp](https://www.friendsanbg.org.au/activities_schoolsphotocomp)

If you need any further information, you can email:

[schoolphoto@friendsanbg.org.au](mailto:schoolphoto@friendsanbg.org.au) or see the Ainslie School Front Office for an entry form.

Please note that bookings are essential for group excursions to the ANBG. No charges apply.

Email: [education@anbg.gov.au](mailto:education@anbg.gov.au)

Ph: 6250 9408

## FREE parenting help for working women or those returning to work



Parentline ACT has a new service to help with the issues, stress and realities of being a working Mum.

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- phone counselling,
- to book a free face-to-face/zoom session or
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