



# Ainslie School

Donaldson Street  
BRADDON ACT 2612  
ABN 49 137 579 425

Tel: (02) 6142 3060  
[info@ainslies.act.edu.au](mailto:info@ainslies.act.edu.au)  
<http://www.ainslies.act.edu.au>



## What are we wondering about in Kindergarten? Term 4 - 2023

Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 4! Reflecting on the year that has gone by, it is hard to believe that we find ourselves here at the beginning of our last term together. We are so excited to jump straight back into learning routines.

### Academy of Future Skills

Every Monday, the Academy of Future Skills will be joining the Kindergarten classes to dive deeply into the Science curriculum. The students will observe and describe the behaviours and properties of everyday objects, materials and living things. They will explore change in the world around them, including changes that impact on us, and the impact it has. Students will learn that seeking answers to questions they pose and making observations is a core part of science, and use their senses to gather different types of information.



### Community Walks



The Kindergarten children will experience walking on Country. Our community walks will provide an opportunity to explore the local neighbourhood and bushlands, and as we walk, talk (or even sing and dance!) about what it means to walk on Nggunawal Country. As we allow Country to be our teacher, every experience is different. We'll notice the changes occurring on Country as we move through the seasons; we'll notice the birds and animals, the flora, how the urban setting affects and impacts the bushland; we learn how to care for Country and how to walk lightly upon it. Before we set out, we talk about leaving only footprints, and taking with us memories, or drawings in our journals. The children are continuing to foster self-management skills as they pack their backpacks, remembering to apply sunscreen and their hats.

### Fuel for Thought

Kindergarten students will continue working with specialists growing, cultivating and learning about food. They will strengthen their engagement with menu planning and cooking, serving and consuming healthy meals with their classmates. Please ensure your child's Fuel for Thought note is returned as soon as possible. We are always looking for volunteers in the kitchen, so let your child's teacher or Ari know if you are interested in sharing some time with us.



### Parent Forum

We hope families are able to join us for the Kindergarten Online Forum on **Tuesday 17th October 5:00pm**. The forum is an opportunity to hear more about the term ahead.

Please use the following link to access the forum <https://meet.google.com/jii-qsnz-tqg>

Don't forget to check in on our learning on the Seesaw digital platform



Seesaw

## Learning Assets

At Ainslie School, we support students in considering how they learn. In doing so, they develop skills and dispositions that are important assets - in school and beyond. We use the term “Learner Assets” to describe the broad skill sets that are commonly required of us as learners: *thinking, communicating, self-managing, researching and collaborating*. This term we will explore these dispositions and we encourage you to use this language with your child when discussing their learning experiences. We would love to hear and see examples of your child developing these skills outside of school hours.

Self Manager	Communicator	Researcher	Collaborator	Thinker
How does my thinking and behaviour effect others?	How can we show people we are listening carefully?	What can I do with my curiosity?	How do I know if I am working with someone effectively?	How can we reflect on how we feel and what we have learned?

Kindergarten Team

## Shared Inquiry Questions

<p><b>English</b>            What are the similarities and differences between text types?            What strategies can I use to read a book? How can rhyme, blending, familiar sounds and segmenting help me?            What do I need to include when I am writing a sentence?            How can I letter sounds to help me spell words?</p>	<p><b>Mathematics</b>            How can we measure things?            How can I explain the order and duration of events?            What strategies help me count to and from 20 and beyond?            What language can I use to describe my place in the world? How can I represent places on a map or model?</p>
<p><i><b>Why should we care for our Country and its living things?</b></i></p>	
<p><b>Science</b>            What are the properties of objects around me and how can they be grouped?            How does the environment affect me and other living things?            How can I gather, reflect and share observations I have made?</p>	<p><b>Technology</b>            How can we identify and describe needs, opportunities or problems in my world?</p>
<p><b>Health and Physical Education</b>            How can I keep myself healthy, safe and active?            What skills do I use when I move my body during games and activities?</p>	

## Upcoming Kinder Events

<b>Week 2</b>	Tuesday 17 October	Parent Forum - details above
<b>Week 2 &amp; 3</b>	Monday - Thursday	BASE Testing
<b>Week 8</b>	Wednesday 29 November Thursday 30 November	Student-Led Conference - details to follow
<b>Week 9</b>	Wednesday 6 December 2pm	Kindergarten Speech Day - details to follow

