



## The Ainslie School Newsletter

Monday, 12 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

Tuesday, 20 July	Jamie Pearlman Basketball Cup (Belconnen) - details to come
Wednesday, 21 July	Athletics Carnival (on site) - details to come
Thursday, 29 July	School Board Meeting @ 7.30am
Thursday, 5 August	Sue Geh Basketball Cup Belconnen) - details to come

## From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

How nice it was to welcome our new and returning students this morning. Six families will be commencing the start of their school journey at Ainslie in the coming weeks and I thank the teachers and new friends who are supporting their positive start. With the recently extended Priority Enrolment Area, we are looking forward to sharing how people, places and programs come together at Ainslie on a number of tours this week.

Greetings in the foyer this morning were made all the more special amongst displays reflecting NAIDOC Week. Please remember to follow class SeeSaw pages as we share work that ensures our students build knowledge, attitudes and values that support cultural integrity and acknowledgement of past and continuing contributions of the Ngunawal People .

### COVID-19 UPDATE

There are some minor changes to school operations for ACT public schools as we continue to adapt to living with the COVID-19 pandemic. They relate to the use of the Check in CBR app and interstate excursions.

The Chief Health Officer is now strongly encouraging all adult visitors to schools, including parents and carers dropping off children, to use the Check In CBR app.

We are asking adults – staff, parents, carers and visitors to use the Check In CBR app when they enter school grounds. The general rule is that if parents and carers leave their vehicle and enter school grounds, find a QR code and check in.

People can also check in using the unique six-digit code for their school by selecting the “Enter code manually” option in the Check in CBR app. The code is located on the QR poster.

Although schools do have sign-in requirements via their front offices, not all visitors to schools enter through the front office – for example, parents and carers dropping off or picking up their children from playgrounds. Taking a moment to check in will make contact tracing far easier if we have a confirmed case at a school.

Most interstate excursions for ACT schools won't proceed at this time, given the recent outbreaks in Australia and the risk posed by travel. However, lower risk camps and excursions to the local area can still go ahead. This includes neighbouring Local Government Areas in South East NSW including Yass Valley, Goulburn Mulwaree, Queanbeyan-Palerang, Snowy Monaro, Snowy Valley, Eurobodalla, Bega Valley and Shoalhaven.

While staff and students may be disappointed not to go further afield, this will mean some excursions can proceed because the destinations are lower risk and geographically closer and groups can return quickly by road if needed. The recent cases across Australia are a reminder of the importance of this.

## From our Principal continued ...

Members of our school community have been keen to clarify whether staff and students will need to wear masks when they return to school. Masks are not required to be worn by students and staff in school, including in before and after school care.

However, anyone is free to wear a mask to school if they choose. If heading offsite, staff, parent volunteers and students aged 13 and above are encouraged to wear masks where physical distancing isn't possible. This includes on public transport and in crowded indoor venues. The Education Directorate has provided an allocation of 1000 masks to every ACT Public School so that teachers can access masks if they need to wear them, for example, on excursions to crowded indoor venues.

Staff and students who are subject to NSW Stay at Home orders will still be required to wear a mask when they leave home. Stay at Home orders require any person aged over 12 years to wear a mask at all times upon leaving their premises for the approved reasons – including to attend work or school. More information is available on the ACT Government's COVID-19 website.

Tighter restrictions are now in place for ACT residents who leave Greater Sydney, Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Wollongong and Shellharbour. These new restrictions mean that anyone who entered the ACT from these areas after 11.59pm on Friday, 9 July 2021, will be required to quarantine for 14 days.

Staff who have travelled interstate during the school holidays should check the ACT Government's COVID-19 website and follow the health advice if you have been in any of the exposure locations listed.

It is also important to remember that everyone in the ACT should be following COVID Safe practices. If you are unwell, you need to stay home and get tested with even mild symptoms.

You can find updated questions and answers and our revised ACT public schools COVID-19 document on the COVID-19 school arrangements page on the ACT Government website.

We understand that this is a challenging time for the community and our children may bring a range of responses and needs. It's important we all take time to focus on the wellbeing of our families during this time. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak with your child's teacher or our office team. We thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to ensure our school is a safe place for us all.

### **STAFFING NEWS**

The term has brought some new and returning faces to the staff team at Ainslie.

Sophie Bissell's secondment to the Education Directorate's School Improvement Branch has been extended, so we begin the term with Carolyn Macleod continuing in the Deputy Principal role. Ms Chantelle Bush has returned from parenting leave and will be working alongside Judy Farrell with 1/2CM. Carolyn's immediate executive responsibilities remain with our junior primary classes and this will ensure continuity of learning for this group.

Janelle Jack will continue to lead the Early Years team from her Kindergarten classroom as we commence the term, and we welcome the return of Chris Lloyd to support Janelle and our Kinder students.

We are delighted to have Ms Sarah-Jane Brown back with the executive team, with a focus on the 3/4 cohort. We congratulate Sarah on completing her post graduate studies during her time away from school.

Angel Braithwaite joins our team this term, to support classroom programs and an inquiry into some of the feedback we received through our Mid Year Parent Satisfaction Survey. We will keep you posted on this work and ways to engage with it through the Altiora in the coming weeks.

### **TERM BREAK ACTIVITY**

The term break brought staff, school partners and neighbours together around programs and initiatives that are supporting great learning at Ainslie. Team planning sessions were enriched by the contributions of experts in fields including science, mathematics and the arts, and a range of professional development experiences for staff.

Once again we were very proud of the showcase of Ainslie School practice at the Australian Literacy Educators Association (ALEA) National Conference. We thank Louise Coombes and Naomi Zouwer for holding our work out for scrutiny and critique from educators from across the country through their online presentation.

## From our Principal continued ...

Work on the Goodwin Library during the break has set the scene for a special term and we thank Gemma Lockton for turning vision into action. You will find an update from Gemma in this newsletter. We can't wait to see families making use of this very special resource throughout the term.

We thank Ainslie's Business Manager, Stavroula Lourandos and Building Services Officer, Paul Wilcott for their tireless work during the break, to make sure our facilities are well maintained. Their work this term has supported improvements to heating, action on our technology strategy and progress on capital works projects.

All the best for the week ahead.

**Wendy Cave**  
Principal

## CONGRATULATIONS ...

... to Mia (5/6S) who joined the Canberra Youth Theatre cast for the Good Room production 'I've Been Meaning to Ask You' during the school holidays.

## PLEASE WELCOME ...

... Azeem (KSC) and Razi (3/4W) to Ainslie School.

## NOTES HOME

EVENT DETAILS	YR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
2021 Voluntary Contribution	All families	Voluntary contribution
2021 Curriculum Resources	All families	Voluntary contribution

## LIBRARY NEWS

The Goodwin Library has been enjoying a makeover during the past 3 weeks and we hope that you are able to venture our way to delve into some of the exciting new books, displays and upcoming events in the weeks to come.

We thank Stephen James from Fraser Primary School for guiding us through the maze of cataloguing, artistic arrangements and the heavy lifting that it takes to manage a wonderful collection such as ours. He has opened our eyes to the joy of celebrating books and creating an inviting space for children, their families and the wider community.

During Term 3 we will be enjoying festivities around Book Week that include the Scholastic Book Fair and the much-loved Reading Hour in the Library. We will also be hosting other events that will be advertised soon.

To help our Library continue to grow and stay in shape, we would dearly love volunteers to help with book covering. Please contact me through the Front Office if you have an hour or two to spare. All supplies and guidance will be provided (tea and coffee too).

**Gemma Lockton**  
Library Services

## P&C GENERAL MEETING

The next GM for the Ainslie P&C will take place during Term 3 (week of **26-30 JULY**)

The topic for discussion will be a proposed change in OSHC provider

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## WE SAY GOODBYE TO JUICIES AND HELLO SMOOTHIES

In line with Oishii's sustainability values and timed with the ACT's single use plastics ban, we have decided to say goodbye to juicies and flavoured milk for good. For those who may not be familiar with juicies, it is a frozen juice cup and is one of the most popular items in the canteen. You probably see them littering the school and even if the packaging goes in the right bins, they still create a lot of waste. We will be introducing some exciting new items to our menu including smoothies, so watch this space.

## PLASTICS FREE JULY CHALLENGE

Plastic Free July is a global movement that helps millions of people become part of the solution to plastic pollution, so we can have cleaner streets, oceans and beautiful communities. The Oishii Canteen invites families and staff to participate in this challenge by holding a "Plastic Free Lunch" during July. Please encourage your children to show us their plastic free lunch for an opportunity to be featured on our wall of fame. Visit us for plastic free lunch inspiration. Together, small changes can make

# 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?

**national science week**  
**14-22 AUGUST 2021**  
[scienceweek.net.au](http://scienceweek.net.au) #scienceweek

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### BRADDON TENNIS CLUB

#### SPRING JUNIOR GREEN BALL LEAGUE

The Junior League will continue its current form for this season. Three player teams (male, female or mixed) with each player to play 1 set of singles and 2 sets of doubles. Players must be financial members of a Tennis ACT affiliated club. The competition will run on a home and away structure.

**Dates:** 29 Aug - 24 Oct  
**Entries Close:** 30 July  
**No Play Dates:** 19, 26 Sep, 3 Oct  
**Times:** 3 Timeslots (8:30, 10:30 & 12:30)  
Time slots may vary each week and will be published on draws.

#### SPRING JUNIOR YELLOW BALL LEAGUE

The Junior League will continue its current form for this season. Three player teams (male, female or mixed) with each player to play 1 set of singles and 2 sets of doubles. Players must be financial members of a Tennis ACT affiliated club. The competition will run on a home and away structure.

**Dates:** 29 Aug - 28 Nov  
**Entries Close:** 30 July  
**No Play Dates:** 19, 26 Sep, 3 Oct, 7 Nov  
**Times:** 2 timeslots (Sunday 8:30am & 11am)  
Time slots may vary each week, and will be published on draws.

If you have any questions, please email Myles or Jason at [info@ActiveTennisCoaching.com.au](mailto:info@ActiveTennisCoaching.com.au).



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