



## The Ainslie School Newsletter

Monday, 1 March 2021

**Office Hours**  
Monday — Friday  
8.30am — 3.30pm

### 2021 Dates to Remember

Monday, 1—Friday, 5 March	Parent / Teacher Meetings continue: Aspirations & Goals
Wednesday, 3 March	Hinamatsuri (Dolls Day)
Monday, 8 March	Special lunch from Oiishi Canteen (by order only)
Friday, 12 March	School Board nominations close @ 11.00am
	Canberra Day Public Holiday (school closed)
	Assembly @ 12.15pm Hosted by 1/2AH & LC

## From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

Every day in classrooms at Ainslie students explore and develop values and capabilities that support learning and citizenship. We enjoy seeing our students demonstrate these in settings within and beyond school, and Friday's assembly was, once again, a time for acknowledging notable efforts of kindness, respect and responsibility. I thank our Year 3/4 assembly hosts for coordinating this gathering, and the families and friends who were able to join us.

As we support young people to develop empathy and care for others, the education team also supports our learners to care for places and belongings and to manage resources sustainably. For generations, students at Ainslie have grown up with artefacts, rituals and routines that promote these positive behaviours for learning. You will find a copy of our *School Pledge and Contemplation* later in this newsletter. I am quite sure your children will enjoy reciting them with you!

### START OF YEAR REFLECTIONS: TERM 1 SURVEY

The continuous improvement of Ainslie School is informed by a range of data. This includes student, staff and parent perspectives we gather through a survey each term. You will find a link to the Term 1 survey below and we thank you for taking some time to share your thoughts.

To engage with the survey, parents are invited to log into a google account. Alternatively, you can collect a hard copy from the school office.

Link to Survey <https://forms.gle/5uDVLdauE9n6BuGR7>

### VOLUNTEER UPDATE

With further easing of COVID restrictions for the ACT community, we are looking forward to the return of some more of our volunteers. Last Thursday we were delighted to introduce Barbara Bowen and Helen Wade to some of the students and spaces of Ainslie. They will be regular helpers in our Early Years and Junior Primary classrooms.

Volunteers are always welcome and if you would like to find out more about ways to support our young people and contribute to our programs, please don't hesitate to contact Sarah Sparks at the school office.



### STAFFING NEWS

We welcomed the return of Thomas Hopkins to Ainslie last week. Thomas is a familiar face to some, as he has been with us during his Initial Teacher Education program with the University of Canberra. This semester, Thomas will be joining our Administration and Support teams each Wednesday.

How proud we were to showcase the work of students and staff at the *Australian Literacy Educators Association's* mini conference for Canberra's teachers last Thursday afternoon. Louise Coombes, Dr Naomi Zouwer and Isobel Short (pictured top right) shared how Ainslie's students have used visual diaries to strengthen literacy learning. We congratulate these teachers and their students (pictured right) on their pioneering efforts.



## From our Principal continued ...

### JAPANESE NEWS

Amongst Ainslie's treasures is our Japanese program and we relish the special relationships we have with people from, and places within this beautiful part of the world. As Principal of Ainslie School, it is a privilege to have opportunities to connect with the staff of the Japanese Embassy. It was an honour to be invited to the birthday celebrations of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan at the Ambassador's residence last Thursday evening.

This Wednesday brings another important celebration on the Japanese calendar. Classes across the school will recognise **Hina Matusri**, Japan's celebration of women and girls. The Doll (or Girl) festival is a time when people across Japan pray for the happiness and healthy growth of girls. Just as families with young daughters mark this day by setting up a display of dolls inside their houses, Ainslie School acknowledges this special cultural event with our own doll display.

Ainslie's Japanese doll collection was a gift from the Soroptimist International of Nara-Heijo to mark the 40th anniversary of Soroptimist International of Canberra. Soroptimist clubs around the world work to further the advancement of women and girls and the Canberra group was founded in 1955.

When the Soroptimist International of Canberra received the original dolls, their first concern was their preservation and storage. Member Carol Grout-Smith, who was the Principal of Taylor Primary School at the time, knew of Ainslie's thriving Japanese program and suggested the dolls might find a home and special place here. They have been displayed on Girls Day and enriched the curriculum at Ainslie ever since.

I hope you find a chance to visit this exquisite collection just outside of the library this week. You'll find information about how classes are celebrating Hina Mutsuri on Seesaw pages.

### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Hina Matsuri provides a fitting prelude to International Women's Day, which is recognised around the world each year on 8 March. We encourage Ainslie School families to take a little time next Monday to reflect on and celebrate the social, cultural and political achievements of women in our community and around the world, and consider actions we can take to ensure the full participation of women and girls in all aspects of society.

In the lead up to this important day, staff and student representatives will be exploring opportunities to collaborate with *Global School Partners* on initiatives to support the access of girls to education in developing countries. You can find more information about this organisation at [www.globalschoolpartners.org.au](http://www.globalschoolpartners.org.au)

All the best for the week ahead.

**Wendy Cave**  
**Principal**

**This week we have seen examples of special effort from:**

Year 3/4 For showcasing their learning at last Friday's assembly

## ENROLMENTS 2022

A reminder to families that enrolments for 2022 open in Term 2.

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**DON'T FORGET TO ORDER FROM OUR SPECIAL MENU FOR HINAMATSURI DAY!  
WEDNESDAY, 3 MARCH**

We are excited to offer a special menu of Japanese treats (attached to this newsletter) to contribute to the celebrations on Wednesday this week. Don't miss out! We are making these items to order only. Remember to get your order in by Monday afternoon.



## A NOTE FROM OUR CAPTAINS

This week we have arranged to help Paul by collecting some helpers from Years 3—6 to sweep some of the acorns from our senior and junior playgrounds. Because of recent storms the acorns have gone everywhere and are a safety hazard. We hope to have more helpers than last week, so if you would like to come and help Paul and the school then please join us on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at recess.

Hope you can join us.

### The Captains



### PLEASE WELCOME ...

... Calypso (3/4W) and Moale (5/6M) who rejoined us and Bobby (5/6B) who joined us last Thursday.

### NOTES HOME

EVENT DETAILS	YR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
2021 Seesaw	All students	Perm note ASAP
Health Checks	Kindergarten	ASAP
PAT testing	Yrs 1—6	Perm note ASAP
Prodigy Online		
Mathematics	Yrs 3—6	Perm note ASAP
BUS Program	Yr 5	For information

## SAFETY REMINDER



Be COVID safe:

- wash your hands;
- remember physical distancing; and
- stay home if you are unwell.

### School Pledge

This is our school  
Let peace dwell here  
Let the school be full of contentment  
Let love abide here  
Love of one another  
Love of life itself  
For as many hands build a house  
So many hearts build a school  
Altiora Conde Tempa

### School Contemplation

I shall pass through this world but once  
Any good deeds 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

## Community Notices



Did you know that Parentline relies on the time of volunteers and successful fundraising to keep our doors open? You can support our free service that supports parents and carers of children of all ages through the Hands Up for CBR Giving Day on Tuesday March 9 Support our campaign at <https://giving.handsacrosscanberra.org.au/.../parentline-act> Call us on 6287 3833 for free counselling and support

## MUSIC LESSONS

My name is Maya, I am a first year university student studying at ANU this year. I have recently moved to Canberra and looking to privately tutor students in clarinet and saxophone. I have my Working With Vulnerable People card and can travel to you. I have completed my AMusA diploma in clarinet and would love to talk further with anyone who is interested!

*My email address is mayafelice02@gmail.com*

## CANBERRA RELIEF NETWORK

*Supporting our community's vulnerable*

The Canberra Relief Network supports the vulnerable in the community affected by the unprecedented health and economic crisis. It can support families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including casual workers, international students (especially those isolated due to COVID-19 infection), and carers of individuals with COVID-19, disability, health challenges or chronic illnesses.

For further information, please visit [Canberra Relief Network](#) or call 1800 43 11 33.