



The Ainslie School Newsletter
Monday, 23 August 2021

Office Hours
Monday — Friday
8.30am — 3.30pm

2021 Dates to Remember

Thursday, 2 September Canberra lockdown extended until 5pm

From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

As we head into the second week of lockdown across the ACT, I thank the Ainslie School community for the immense commitment you continue to make to the ongoing safety of Canberrans.

Behind the scenes Ainslie's education and administration teams are following public health messages and working from home as much as possible. Their flexibility and professionalism has enabled a quick and effective move to deliver education services to our families, whilst working under lockdown arrangements. It is an extraordinary experience for us all.

It was warming to see so many families last Thursday evening during online forums as we launched this period of remote learning. All together we had 264 connections with families across 5 presentations.

Our aim was to help build shared understandings of the road ahead as we continue to provide education that is as rigorous and playful as the school based experience. We trust the description of programs and an indicative day plan for students was a helpful starting point and look forward to ongoing communication with families throughout the coming weeks. Wellbeing and learning progress will continue to be our priorities.

We value your input towards continuous improvement as we deliver education remotely. Watch Seesaw pages for opportunities for community connections where your feedback will be welcome.

SUPPORTING STUDENT SAFETY

As you are aware from our previous correspondence, families have been asked to keep their children at home during this time if they can. All ACT public schools will remain open for vulnerable children and for children whose parents cannot work from home.

We understand learning from home is not possible for all families for a range of reasons. If you require your child to attend school during this time, please contact the school office team by phoning 6142 3060, or email info@ainslies.act.edu.au. Our administration team will assist you to complete a registration form which will support us to ensure we have appropriate levels of supervision in place.

FOOD DELIVERY

We understand that with a growing number of people in quarantine or isolation, some households are finding it difficult to get groceries delivered in a timely manner due to demand.

From our Principal continued ...

While families and friends may be responding in generous ways, if you need to order home delivery, there are a range of options to consider. Major supermarkets and a number of grocers and independent stores are offering services that may be of interest. For further information go to:

<https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/community/access-help#Grocery-delivery-options>

BOOK WEEK 2021

The community of Ainslie School has always valued children's literature and the important place reading has in the world of young people. Book Week celebrations have brought delight to our students for many decades and this year staff are bringing creativity to the challenge of honouring this special week remotely.

Book Week is brought to us by the Children's Book Council of Australia, an organisation which aims to engage the community with literature for young Australians. The CBCA presents annual awards to books of literary merit, for outstanding contribution to Australian children's literature. You will find this year's prize winning and short listed books on the Children's Book Council of Australia website, at www.cba.org.au.

As we get some fun underway, we hope you enjoy our Book Week slideshow, courtesy of Ms Hannah Lutz and Ms Louise Coombes via Seesaw pages. Remember to make use of the ebook library this week!

Wishing you all the best for the week ahead.

Wendy Cave
Principal

Science Week 2021
Activities postponed

School Satisfaction Surveys
Parent surveys suspended until further notice

REMINDERS

Teachers will be recording student attendance following their morning check in sessions each day. We thank families for supporting this connection with school.

SUSPENSION OF COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

As a result of the three-week lockdown, all community use of school facilities has been suspended.