



**Neville Bonner
Primary School**

**21 November
2019**

**Newsletter-Term
4 Week 6**



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BUSHFIRE FUNDRAISER

Thank you for all the support for the fundraiser for the Bush Fires in Northern NSW. I am excited to let you know that the Neville Bonner Primary School Community raised a breathtaking amount! We raised \$1112.55.

This money is all being provided to the Salvation Army NSW Bushfire Appeal.

Aydan - Year 5

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a fantastic week in the celebration of the Arts in education this week! On Tuesday night the children showcased their talent and joy for performance at the annual Neville Bonner Primary **Spring Soiree**. The audience was treated to an array of styles in dance, song, story telling, magic, and instrumental music. The children performed so confidently and with such flair! Thank you to Kimberley and the staff team who organised the evening and a very special thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to support the Australian talent of the future!

Last night, our Year 6 Band performed as part of the combined Gungahlin public schools' woodwind and brass band. **Bandstravaganza** is the culmination of the Year 6's two years of learning in the Instrumental Music Programme (IMP). Llewellyn Hall at the ANU School of Music was filled with excited parents and families, ready to experience this extraordinary event. The quality of the performance was outstanding – we were so proud of our Year 6 Band! The audience was also treated to performances by the selective Concert Bands, which incorporate students up to Year 12. The primary school IMP programme is the beginning of the pathway for the children to participate in Bands throughout their education in ACT public schools, and it was a great opportunity for our students to see the possibilities ahead of them. At the beginning of 2020, Year 5 students will participate in the selection process for the Band – so if your child is in Year 4 this year, it is a good time to start talking with them and encouraging them to think about becoming part of the Instrumental Music Programme.

Dates to remember

DECEMBER

5/12	End of Year Concert 10am and 6pm
10/12	M/T Preschool reports and portfolios home
12/12	Volunteers Morning Tea 9.30am
13/12	Reports and portfolios home (Th/F Preschool and Kindergarten—Year 6)
18/12	Year 6 Graduation Assembly
19/12	Year 6 Fun Day
19/12	Last day of Term 4

Notes home

- ⇒ End of Year Concert
- ⇒ Bushfire Fundraiser

SMS texts home

- ◆ Absence notification

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DON'T FORGET YOUR HAT

All children **must have their sun hats at school**. Hats must be worn every play break and for outside learning. Please ensure your children's hats are clearly labelled with their names.

Our final Arts performance this year will be the **School Concert** on 5 December. All children are required at both the Matinee and Evening Performances (Monday/ Tuesday preschool children are most welcome to come to the Matinee with an adult, but we do understand that it will be tricky for these children to attend the Matinee). The Parents and Citizens Association are kindly hosting a BBQ between 4.30 and 5.30pm – so come along early for the Evening Performance and have an easy dinner!

Reminders:

ARRIVALS AT OR AFTER 9.15am: Please make sure that if your children arrive at school at or after 9.15am, they come to Reception to receive a late note. The gates will be locked by 9.15am each day. All children arriving after that time will need to come to the William Cooper Ave entrance - the back area of the school will not be accessible. This is important, as rolls are checked early and we know how worrying it is for parents/carers to receive an SMS saying that their child is not at school, when in fact they may have arrived late and were not signed in. Your assistance in this is appreciated. We do apologise for some inaccurate messages that have occurred. There are still experiencing some teething issues that we are working on.

STATIONERY FOR 2020: we are currently working with our supplier in relation to the purchasing of stationery for the children in 2020. You will shortly receive advice about how to place your stationery order.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2020:

All preschool and kindergarten children begin on **Monday 3 February**.

All continuing students return on **Tuesday 4 February**. If you know that your child may be having a delayed start to the new school year, please ensure you have completed the appropriate form at Reception. This is essential for our planning purposes.

Today we have had our break period inside, due to extreme heat. I hope the weekend is a little cooler!

Have a restful weekend

Fran

Preschool

Term Four is buzzing along merrily and so are the Preschool children. We have been enjoying the warmer

weather and spending time exploring and investigating outside. The children are fascinated with little creatures in the garden and have been searching for worms, snails and bugs. There are so many tiny lady beetles that have been carefully collected by children. The children are delighted when the lady beetles crawl all over them and are keen to share and talk about the beetles with other children.

All Preschool Learning Groups have been to the Botanic Gardens last week. The excursion included wandering around the gardens, seeing, smelling and touching many different plants. We were lucky enough to then plant seeds together to take back to Preschool with us. We all had a wonderful adventure.

Kindergarten

During our Unit of Inquiry over the past few weeks we have been learning about the past and present and identifying artefacts and significant events. The children have been sharing memories and exploring how objects have changed over time.

Last week Kindergarten celebrated the conclusion of this unit by going to the National Dinosaur Museum. The children made fossil imprints in clay to create their own replicas. Kindergarten children had lots of fun walking around the Museum and learning about all the different Dinosaurs and artefacts.



Year 1

Year 1 have become dancing and singing superstars this fortnight! We've been working hard for our End of Year Concert items, making sure we are following the beat and singing with our loudest voices. In Maths we've been learning to round to the nearest 10, and using hundreds charts to help us. Our English lessons have been focused on poetry. We've created poems that include rhyme and alliteration, plus made shape poems based on umbrellas and hearts. We have some very creative writers in Year One! In Science we made string cup telephones so that we could investigate how sound can travel, it was so much fun! Just a reminder to keep sending in home readers on their return day.

Year 2

Year 2 are eagerly preparing for the End of Year Concert that will be happening in week 8. All classes have been engaging in choreographing and practising their performance and are excited to share these with families on December 5. Performances like these, provide children with the perfect opportunity to engage with our Dramatic Arts program. If you would like to support your child in preparation for their performance, please invite them to practise their dancing or singing at home with family members as their audience.

On the 12th November we welcomed Water Watch, an educational program for schools to learn about the importance of water quality in our Wetlands. Bruno and Martin from Water Watch, brought in tubs of Wetlands water from Yerrabi Ponds and the children were invited to collect and analyse the water bugs they found in this water. We learnt that different types of bugs were able to survive in accordance to the health of the water. For example, 'soft' or sensitive bugs could only survive if the water quality was good, so if we found these bugs, we knew that the water was not polluted.

Here are some comments from the children.

"A red worm in the water is a blood worm, and a seed looking thing is a seed shrimp." Yuvon

"I learnt about different bugs. I learnt we look at bugs for water quality. Tough bugs survive in good and bad water, but soft bugs only survive in good water." Liam

"The water snails are tough bugs and they can live in almost any water." Takuma

"I liked learning how to suck up the bugs and put them in the bug hotels. We got to discover bugs like blood worms, leeches and water mites." Arya

"I really enjoyed picking up the different bugs with the spoon and sucking them up and watching them move around really quickly in the water." Zayd

"I liked it when we got to see all the bugs and got to catch them in our groups. I learnt that some bugs want to hide in algae." Telesia

Over the next few weeks Year Two teachers will be asking families to let us know the different celebrations you share throughout the year. We will begin a unit of inquiry into 'Celebrations' and different cultures. Please encourage your child to share these with their teacher.



Year 4/3

Wow, what a fantastic few weeks it's been! In Mathematics, we have been creating and exploring simple maps and conducting chance experiments. In Literacy, we have been having lots of fun creating different styles of poems. It has been fantastic to see so many creative minds at work.

In Unit of Inquiry, we have been thinking about the difference between rules and laws, who makes them, who enforces them and how and when they can change. In Science, we have looking at the how the Earth's surface changes through erosion, including some hands-on creation of sedimentary and metamorphic rocks.

All of the Learning Groups have been working on their End of Year Concert presentation with their partnered Learning Groups. There has been lots of singing, dancing and prop making in our learning spaces and out on the River.

All of the children have enjoyed participating in their elective Short Courses. This Friday will be the conclusion of the Short Courses and the children will celebrate their learning achievements by either creating or performing their masterpieces.

Lastly, our excursion to the CSIRO Discovery Centre was "Epic!" Students conducted a QR Code Scavenger Hunt that covered many different scientific disciplines. We learned that Wi-fi is an Australian invention and were excited to see the Hydropower turbines in action!



Year 6/5

The senior students have been busy preparing for our End of Year Concert and it is looking good! We will be singing and dancing up a storm. We can't wait for our adults to see it, especially the Year 6 students for whom this will be their last Neville Bonner Primary End of Year Concert!

In Science, we have been studying microorganisms. A student from Tarun's group really went above and beyond to prepare for a lesson on mould with a forgotten sandwich in his bag from Term 2. It was a very interesting specimen. Our maths has been focused on chance, using words like 'likely', 'unlikely', 'certain' and 'impossible' to predict events. It is 'certain' that our end of year concert performance is going to be fantastic!

Our English has been focused on poetry, exploring a range of different types of poems and language features. Here are a couple of examples of limericks:

*There once was a man from Leeds
Who swallowed a packet of seeds
It soon came to pass
He was covered with grass
But he has all the tomatoes he needs.*

Abdurrahman

*There once was a boy named Joe
He was male but still wore a bow
People would stare because they're mean
Joe would just reply "it's 2019"
Then he continued on walking slow
Zoe*

We have started our Business and Economics unit, 'Shark Tank' and have started to think about our own ideas or inventions which we can pitch to the 'Sharks'. Our creative, entrepreneurial minds will be busy!

2019 Semester Two School Reports

Teachers are currently preparing Semester Two student reports which will be sent home along with student Portfolios on Tuesday 10 December for Preschool M/T Learning Groups and Friday 13 December for all K-6 and Preschool Th/F Learning Groups. Neville Bonner Primary School reports provide families with detailed information on the achievement levels of students in a range of curriculum areas. A-E grade reports (Years 1-6) will also be available to families as part of this process. If you do not wish your child to receive an A-E grade report (Years 1-6), please fill out the slip below and return to Reception by Friday 6 December.

We are currently also seeking information from families who have not previously notified us that they will require an additional copy of the school report (for example, for families where children live in shared households). If you require an additional copy, please indicate on the slip below and return to **Reception by Friday 6 December**.

OPTIONAL Additional Copies of Documentation Request

- I would like an additional copy of the school report sent home with my child
 I would like the additional copy posted to the address below

(Please print clearly)

Parent/Carer's Name

Child/ren's name

Postal Address

OPTIONAL Opt Out of A-E Grades

- I do not wish to receive a Semester Two 2019 A-E grade report for my child/ren

(Please print clearly)

Parent/Carer's Name

Child/ren's name

End of Year Concert

The end of year concert is on Thursday, 5th of December and the P&C will be selling food before the performance starts. We are looking for volunteers to help out between 4.00pm and 5.30pm. If you can help out, please email neville-bonnerps.pandc@gmail.com.

Entertainment Book

We have been given details of a special deal for Christmas! See the attached flyer for details.

Public Education Priorities - Parent and Carer Ideas

The ACT Council of P&C Associations is collecting feedback from parents and carers around public education priorities for the next few years. If you have anything you'd like put forward, please email nevillebonnerps.pandc@gmail.com.



Library

Dear Families,

It is that time of year where we need to ensure all the library books are back in the library for end of year procedures. Borrowing will cease on Friday the 29th November and all books are due back to the library by Friday the 6th of December. A reminder note will be sent home next week followed by a list of books that your child may still have out on loan.

Remember to keep reading over the holidays!

Thank you for your co-operation,

Jane Hellyar



Volunteer's Morning

Tea 2019

Hosted by the staff and children at Neville Bonner Primary School

We would like to openly invite all of our families, friends and community members who have volunteered their time to support the children during whole school events, excursions and many other events throughout the year. Our very special Volunteer's Morning Tea will be held on **Thursday 12 December at 9:30 – 10:15** in the staff lounge. We look forward to seeing you all then.

Please R.S.V.P by calling Reception on 6142 1201 by Monday 9 December.



Save the Date!

2019 End of Year Concert

Thursday 5th December



The 'End of Year Concert' is fast approaching! As per tradition, the concert will be held outdoors on 'The River', with the Bonner mountains providing the perfect backdrop. Children have been practising hard and will be required to perform at both matinee and evening performances on Thursday 5th December. There will be some whole school performances on the night including 'Dream Big', an original song written by our talented teachers Georgie and Kimberly. Children will be required to wear a plain black top and plain black pants/shorts, as this will be part of the costume. Watch this space for more information to come!

Canberra Symphony Orchestra presents family picnic concert on Government House lawns

CSO Shell Prom

Saturday 30 November, 6pm – 8pm Gates open 4.45pm*

Lawns of Government House Dunrossil Drive, Yarralumla

The Canberra Symphony Orchestra presents a program of musical theatre and film favourites for the Shell Prom picnic concert, from *My Fair Lady* to *Frozen*. Guest vocalists Simon Gleeson and Genevieve Kingsford join the orchestra onstage, under the baton of acclaimed conductor Geoffrey Castles.

An annual favourite on Canberra’s musical calendar, the Shell Prom is an opportunity to enjoy a live orchestra in a relaxed, family friendly environment.

Pack a picnic or grab dinner from the Lions Club sausage sizzle on the night.

Tickets \$20-\$30. *Group and family discounts available.*

Book online at cso.org.au/prom or call CSO Direct on 02 6262 6772.

**Please allow time for bags to be security checked*

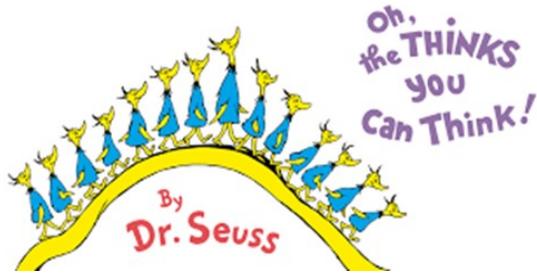
Canberra Symphony Orchestra

SHELL PROM MUSIC FAMILY FOOD FUN PICNIC MUSIC SUMMER FUN SHELL PROM 6PM ON THE LAWN OF GOV'MENT HOUSE NOVEMBER 30 2019 GATES OPEN AT 4.45 CSO SEASON 2019 =)

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November 30, 6pm
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Kindergarten

Precious Metals

Poetry

We loved the book *Oh the Thinks you can Think!* by Dr Seuss. It is filled with lots of nonsense words and rhymes, so we had a go at making our own nonsense rhymes!

<p>You can think about mice You can think about moo You can think about nice You can think about blue</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Shyanne</p>	<p>You can think about house You can think about pop You can think about mouse You can think about stop</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Zali</p>	<p>You can think about ice You can think about blue You can think about mice You can think about moo</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Zara</p>
<p>You can think about ice You can think about red You can think about mice You can think about bed</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Khadijah</p>	<p>You can think about red You can think about blue You can think about dead You can think about moo</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Arjun</p>	<p>You can think about lice You can think about stop You can think about ice You can think about pop</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Girish</p>
<p>You can think about led You can think about link You can think about head You can think about pink</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Iru</p>	<p>You can think about bed You can think about mouse You can think about head You can think about house</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Abdul</p>	<p>You can think about red You can think about ice You can think about dead You can think about mice</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ahmad</p>
<p>You can think about nice You can think about pop You can think about ice You can think about stop</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Demi</p>	<p>You can think about ring You can think about tick You can think about ping You can think about lick</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mackayla</p>	<p>You can think about bed You can think about lip You can think about red You can think about rip</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Avish</p>
<p>You can think about dog You can think about cat You can think about log You can think about mat</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kaelynn</p>	<p>You can think about think You can think about stop You can think about pink You can think about pop</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jacob</p>	<p>You can think about ice You can think about bed You can think about mice You can think about red</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Navira</p>
<p>You can think about a mouse You can think about pop You can think about a house You can think about stop</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ayaan</p>		
<p>... Oh the Thinks you can Think!</p>		

Year 1—Immovable Iron



Year 1 'Immovable Iron' have been learning about Light and Sound for our Science unit. This is what we have learnt so far:

Daniel- sound travels through vibration

Hunter T- light comes from the sun, it is a natural source of light

Leon- Light is bright

Athieng- Light comes from the sun, the moon reflects the sun's light

Andrej- Sound travels by vibrations

Dani- The sun makes bright light

Tatyana- You can use a torch to see in the dark.

Rayan- Light travels in waves

Krishav- Light is faster than sound

Jayda- Snakes, rain going drip, drop, drip and people plashing in mud all make sounds

Nishtha- A vacuum cleaner makes a loud sound

Lucas- A wolf makes a howling sound. A light switch makes a sound when you turn it off or on.

Sreehaas- When light goes onto a mirror, the mirror reflects the light

Agamveer- The moon reflects light from the sun, the moon doesn't make its own light.

Hunter G- The wind can push sound further, light reflects off spoons and water

Hannah- opaque is something that doesn't let any light through, like the walls. Translucent lets some light through. Transparent lets all the light through.

Nina- Light looks very light to your eyes and sound is loud to your ears

Nikisha- Light is made from electricity, or the sun.

Ajang- You see light through a telescope. Sound gives you headaches.