

Monday 4 February	Mon/Tues Preschool (arrive 9.15am), Kindergarten (arrive 8.45-9am) and all children new (arrive 10am) to our school begin
Tuesday 5 February	All continuing students return (Community Yungaballi at 8.45am)
Thursday 7 February	Thur/Fri Preschool groups begin
Thursday 7 February	Family Fun and Community BBQ 5.30-7pm
Tuesday 12 February	Information Evening
Mon 18 Feb-Fri 1 March	"Get To Know You' Yarns
Thursday 21 February	Parents and Citizens Association Annual General meeting 7pm

A reminder email about the beginning of the school year will be sent to families in late January.

Dear Parents and Carers

Here we are at the end of 2018! It is amazing how quickly a year can pass by. The children are a year older and ready for the next stage of their education. I hope you have enjoyed reading their Reports and Portfolios and have had the opportunity to reflect on the year of learning with your child.

Thank you to all who were able to attend the Concert on Tuesday. The children loved sharing their performances with you. We extend a huge thank you to our Parents and Citizens Association for providing a yummy bbq and canteen treats for morning tea. We also thank Georgie and her team for organising the Concert and leading the staff and children in preparing their performances.

Important Dates for 2019

Please see the important dates for the beginning of the 2019 school year –on the front page of this Newsletter. During January, keep an eye on the school website

Dates to remember

DECEMBER

20/12	Yr 6 Graduation Ceremony
21/12	Yr 6 End of Year Celebration
21/12	Last Day of Term 4

2019 See dates in Newsletter

Notes home

👉 End of Year Concert Reminder

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SCHOOL BOARD

Neville Bonner Primary School Vacant Positions 2019

The following positions will become vacant in 2019:

- Two Parent & Citizens member positions for 24 months
- One staff member position

Nominations open 11am Monday 4 February 2019 and close Monday 18 February 2019

Voting opens 11am Monday 25 February 2019

Voting closes 11am on Monday 4 March 2019

as well as your emails, for any updates or further information about the new school year.

Tuesday 5 February 2019 is the first day of school for all children continuing on into Year 1-6. On this day children and families are asked to meet on The River at 8:45am for our traditional flag raising ceremony to mark the beginning of the new academic year.

All 2019 Kindergarten children begin on Monday 4 February. For administrative and carparking reasons, we have staggered starting times **on Monday 4 February** for Preschool, Kindergarten and new students in Yr 1 -6:

Kindergarten arrive at: 8:45-9am
 Preschool arrive at: 9:15am
New Yr 1-6 students arrive at: 10am

Voluntary Contributions and Stationery Contributions

Attached to this Newsletter are the Voluntary Contributions and Stationery Contributions information for 2019. These are provided for your convenience in preparation for the new school year.

Building Works

During the break, you will notice the continuation of the building works at the rear of the school, on Dyulang. Eight extra learning areas are housed within the new two storey building. One of the buildings on Dyulang is also being converted into an administration and additional first aid area as well. These new amenities will be ready for the commencement of the new school year. Covered walkways will also be erected and we hope these will be finished during March.

Security

Please keep an eye on our school during the break. If you notice anything of concern, please contact the police. Our school is a valued community facility in the suburb – so please have a watchful eye when you are out for a walk or driving past!

Uniforms

When purchasing uniform items for 2018, we ask that you do this at MacDonald's Children Wear. All items with school logo are available there. The royal blue shorts, trackies, skorts, hats etc can be purchased at a range of department stores. However, MacDonaldis Children's Wear is the only shop in Gungahlin authorised to sell the parts of our uniform with the logo. You may notice these in other stores, but the

colour is incorrect. If you require financial assistance to purchase uniforms please do not hesitate to contact me.

Year 6 Graduation

As I write this on Wednesday evening, I am looking forward to our Year 6 Graduation Assembly tomorrow. Many of our Year 6 children have been with us since the school opened in 2013 – they were in Yr 1 that first year! We have watched their growth over the last six years, and have valued the addition of many more children who joined this Year 6 cohort over the last couple of years. We are proud of their achievements, and I know the staff will have a few tears at the children's special celebration tomorrow. Year 6 traditionally have a fun day out together on the last day of school, arriving back to be farewelled by all the children in the afternoon. It is with sadness that we bid farewell to this wonderful group of children, but we are also excited for them as they begin the next steps in their educational journey.

A significant part of the Year 6 Graduation Assembly, is the formal handing over to Year 5 of the Neville Bonner Leadership Boomerang. This special boomerang was a gift to our school from Neville Bonner's family. It was presented to us by Neville Bonner's niece at the official opening of our school. Each year, our Year 6 leaders pass the boomerang on to the new leaders for the following year, as a symbol of leadership and respect.

Staff 2018

As the year comes to a close, we bid farewell to some staff members and welcome others. Sarah, Elisha, Melissa (Yr 1), Alison, Mary, Anya and Erin will be transitioning to teaching positions in other schools. Grace, Jeremy and Learning Support Assistants' Sarah and Vanessa are also moving to other opportunities. We thank them all for their substantial contributions to the children and community of Neville Bonner Primary, and wish them well in their new endeavours.

As our school is growing, we will also be welcoming a number of new staff members to our team. It was wonderful to get to know a few of them when they shared afternoon tea with us earlier in the week. Others are still to arrive in Canberra and we look forward to meeting them over the coming weeks.

I know you join me in thanking all our staff for their outstanding contribution to Neville Bonner Primary during 2018. A very special thank you to our fabulous Reception staff – definitely three cheers! Marijana, Freyja, Grace and Maryam are the 'face' of our school – the first people you meet upon arrival. They make us all feel welcome and are

always ready to help with everything from lost jumpers or a sandwich when lunch was left at home, through to assisting families with enrolment processes and all the day to day matters of school life. We also thank our Business Managers Jill and Sharon for their professionalism and talent in keeping the facility and business aspects of our school humming along. Thank you also to Rob, Dave and Tony who have shared the load as our Building Services Officers throughout the year.

On behalf of our community, I would like to say a very special thank you to our community leaders, Kylie (P&C President) and Paul (School Board Chair). Kylie and Paul work tirelessly for our school, supporting the staff, children and community. Kylie leads an innovative and dedicated team of volunteers who have worked to fund raise and provide opportunities for our community to grow and share together. The wonderful services provided to children and families by the canteen has contributed enormously to our school! Thank you to Carolin, our canteen manager, and her team for their extraordinary work! Paul leads the School Board, providing a collegial and supportive framework to further the interests, goals and values of our school. Thank you to Natalie and Andrew, who volunteer their time and expertise as Board members.

We, the staff of Neville Bonner Primary School, extends our gratitude to all parents and carers for your support and feedback throughout the year. Thank you for sharing your children with us! It is our great honour to work with your children every day. We value your partnership and the trust that you place in us to share in the education of your children with you.

I wish you all a very happy holiday and Xmas period. Have a rest and enjoy every second with you children! I look forward to seeing you all in 2019. Happy New Year!

Fran

Preschool

As our school year comes to an end, we find ourselves reminiscing about the amazing experiences we've had here in Preschool. In Term 1 we had the Nutrition Magician give us a few fun facts about how to stay healthy. In Term 2, the Botanic Gardens welcomed us for a visit. Term 3 saw us travelling through the bus wash at the Belconnen Bus Depot. We also dressed up for Book Week, experienced the joys of spending money on Market Day and welcomed families to come and join us for a range of activities on Learning Journey day. In Term 4, we honed our observation skills while looking at various artworks at the National Art Gallery. We also got a taste of Kindergarten during our visits to the learning areas and playground. Thank you, families, for being a part of this amazing year. We couldn't do it without you or your

incredible children. The Preschool Team would like to wish you the very best for 2019.

Kindergarten

We sure have had a fabulous year in Kindergarten and the Kindergarten teachers are so proud of all the progress the students have made this year!

As we prepare for the end of the year, the learning has not stopped in Kindergarten! We are learning about Celebrations from all over the world. We are enjoying exploring cultural celebrations like Diwali, Eid, Christmas, Ramadan, Hanukkah and many more.

Kindergarten have been very excited to share their portfolios and all their fabulous learning with their families. We hope you enjoyed looking through them over the last week.

We hope that all of the families enjoyed watching our end of year concert as much as we enjoyed preparing and performing it for you. We loved singing, dancing and making costumes; but best of all showing our special performance to our families.

The Kindy team hope you all have a safe and happy holidays. Amy, Angie, Emily, Kimmel, Anya, Kate, Tessa and Hannah.

Year 1

It has been a very busy and fun end to 2018 for the Year Ones! The children had a lot of fun preparing their concert performances for our Around the World End of Year Concert. We have finalised our science and celebrations units, with the children eagerly creating and planning their own end of year celebration.

The children have been enjoying lots of hands on activities consolidating all our learning for the year. These activities have included creating 'elfies', making their props for the concert and solving a mystery about a missing Christmas pudding!

The arrival of the new buildings has also provided much excitement and learning activities, including playing 'sound bingo' and drawing pictures of the equipment needed to move buildings.

Year One has been an amazing year full of laughter, friendship and learning and on behalf of the Year One Team, we wish you happy holidays and thank you for allowing us to be part of your children's journey in 2018.

Year 2

We can't believe it is our last week of School for 2018! The children have been busy preparing for the School concert, we have been practising everyday and are very excited to share our performances with you. A major focus of our

learning over the past few weeks has been reflecting on our time in Year 2. The children have been sharing and writing about their favourite year two memories. Some of these include, the Hall School Museum Excursion, Swim School, Cooking with Kerry and going to the Senior Assemblies! With all of the crazy weather we have had recently it has been a great opportunity for us to apply what we have learnt in our Maths unit on Chance. We have been discussing the outcome of weather events, using language such as 'likely' and 'unlikely' and using the weather radar to make predictions about future forecasts. On behalf of the year two team we would like to thank all parents and carers for their ongoing support in 2018! It has been a privilege to work with your children and we look forward to seeing everyone in 2019!

Year 4/3

In Year 4/3 in English we have continued creating creative and entertaining poems using a variety of language devices, such as 'alliteration', 'onomatopoeia' and 'rhyme'. The students have been very brave and have been presenting their poems to other Learning Groups.

In Mathematics, the children have been continuing to create a range of chance experiments and to record them in a variety of ways, including pie charts and column graphs.

In Science, we have been using different materials, such as milk, honey and butter to conduct experiments. The students have been asked to discuss and identify the changes that can occur when a range of items are either heated or cooled. You might have seen little bags of butter melting from the sun's heat on the learning area verandahs as the students observed how a solid can change into a liquid.

In Health, we had a visit from Constable Kenny, where he talked all about being safe in our community. He spoke specifically about 'stranger safety', cyber safety and light rail safety. The students have certainly learnt a lot about safety and Kenny commented that the Year 4/3 students were one of the most engaged groups of students he has had the opportunity to work with!



Year 6/5

It's the last week of school, and what an exciting week it is! Today we had our School Concert, Thursday is the Year 6 Graduation Assembly and Friday is Year 6 Fun Day!

As part of the Graduation Assembly practice, the Year 5 children have been rehearsing the Leadership Oath and participating in discussions about what it means to be a Year 6 Leader at Neville Bonner Primary School. The Year 5 children have also been participating in Team Building and Problem-Solving tasks to help them strengthen their collaborative skills and relationships in preparation for their leadership role next year.

The Year 6 children have been busy preparing for their Graduation Assembly and the associated performances. The children have also been collaborating to discuss their 'gift to the school' for 2018, and the preparations for their Fun Day.

At this time, we wish to thank all of the families for their ongoing support throughout 2018. It has been a very busy year and we have enjoyed working with all of the Year 6/5 children and their families.

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday. For those of you leaving us to go to high school or move to other locations, we wish you well. For those returning, we can't wait to see you in 2019!

Dionne, Jeremy, Melissa and Tarun

Thank you from the P&C

We've made it to the end of another great year and we would like to say thank you to everyone who has supported the P&C – school staff, the volunteers, the people who participated in our fundraising activities, everyone who supports the canteen, book club and school banking.

We say farewell to one of our committee members, Tricia Mitchell. We wish you all the best at you new school (and perhaps your new P&C) and sincerely thank you for the work you have done for the P&C this year. You are a champion, and we will miss having you on our team.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to doing it all again in 2019.

Canteen

Our canteen is open as normal tomorrow, for both lunch and over the counter sales. And, we have big news... from day one of 2019, we will be open **EVERYDAY** for lunch! That's right, next year you can order your lunch five days a week! How exciting! Orders can be placed via Flexischools from day one (just make sure you have your child's year selected) or via cash to the canteen, prior to 9am.

Committee Positions

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on **Thursday, 21st of February 2019**. Please see the attached information on what positions form our committee, and descriptions of what the roles contain. We'd love to see some new faces on our committee for 2019. It's such a rewarding experience so please come along and join in the fun!





KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE THIS SUMMER.

The home swimming pool is the most common location for injury and drowning death for children under five. We can all work together to protect children in our community.

- Closely supervise kids at all times
- Learn how to resuscitate
- Check your pool barriers meet the current safety standards
- Keep your barriers clear of objects and plants that kids can use to climb into the pool area
- Teach your kids to swim and be safe around pools
- Ensure your pool gate is shut at all times



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HOW SAFE IS YOUR POOL?
Find out with our free pool barrier safety checklist. Pick up a copy from your local library or visit www.act.gov.au/backyardlifeguard

Do you have school uniforms you no longer need?

If you have good quality uniforms that you no longer need, the P&C would be grateful to receive your donation to our second hand uniform shop.

**We will be accepting donations on
Friday 21 Dec (Week 10)
from 8:30am – 9:15am
at the front of the school**

Please make sure your uniforms are
washed and in good condition

Proceeds from the shop are used to provide educational
resources, services and community activities for the
school.

Thank you 😊

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Building Bridges with the Garden Gurus

We had a challenge to build a bridge strong enough to carry 6 teddies. The problem was, we could only use toothpicks, cups and Blu Tack. It was much trickier than we first expected!

Evie and Zoe



We made our bridge using triangles. It has a ladder and a slide.

Marcus and Ayon



Our bridge took a long time to make. We made it out of pyramids. We love it!

Manny and Liam



It took so long to build because we had to do lots of triangles. We built it by ourselves.

Emily and Yoshita



Our bridge was nice because all of the teddies were sitting nicely. It was hard work!

Alicia and Robert



We used some triangles. Our teddy bears had a bit of trouble staying on.

Elisabeth and Urveesh



It took a little bit to make and decide how to do it. It kept breaking when we tried to make it stand.

Jayden and Mia



It was fun to put the toothpicks together. We liked when the teddy bears stayed on the bridge.

Luka and Beau



We had fun building our bridge. We had to try and made it strong so it wouldn't break and the teddy bears wouldn't fall.