



On Tuesday the 8th of May the Monday/Tuesday Preschool Learning Groups participated in their Cross Country carnival. We started our morning by welcoming everyone and having morning tea together. We also had parents, carers and Year 6 leaders join us. After morning tea, it was time for races. Each Learning Group had a chance to run around the designated area, while other children and adults cheered on. Once the children got to the finish line they ran through a red paper ribbon. We had a blast!

Thank you to the parents, carers and Year 6 leaders for coming to cheer on and help make this day special for the children.



Dates to remember

MAY

- 10 Thurs/Fri Preschool and K-6 Cross Country
- 11 Deputy Director General Visit (Deb)
- 15 Deputy Director Visit (Meg)
- 15-25 NAPLAN Yr 3 and 5
- 17 P&C Meeting (Guest speaker from ACT Traffic)
- 22-23 Yr 1 Excursion
- 23 Board Meeting
- 23 National Simultaneous Story Time (11am)
- 24-25 Kindergarten Excursion

JUNE

- 16 Neville Bonner Primary School Fair

Notes home

- ➡ Cross County Reminder

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to term 2! Last week, Y4/3 *Potassium Power* hosted our annual **ANZAC Assembly**. As seen in the photos in last Thursday's "Update", each Learning Group collaboratively designed and made a red poppy wreath too lay on the stage during Assembly. The wreaths are now on display in the Reception area for the children and community to share. We thank Sarah and the *Potassium Power* children for

organising such a memorable Assembly for all of us. Today we all enjoyed our **Cross Country Carnival** (Mon/Tues Preschool were early starters, holding theirs last Tuesday!). Although the weather had turned a little, we had a fun morning of running and activities. The younger children's running course was on the oval, whilst the older groups also utilised the pathways around the school. Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to attend and a very special thank you to all those who assisted. I think the Preschoolers stole the limelight – what an awesome team of runners!



This week, teachers in Preschool to Year 2 participated in part two of their very powerful literacy **professional learning** opportunity, which began in term 1. Ms Christine Tofler, internationally renowned literacy teaching/learning expert, spent Monday in our school working with groups of teachers and the leadership team. Their study focussed on the essential components of high quality literacy teaching and learning. The day was an outstanding opportunity for our staff to reflect deeply on their practice as well as to develop and enhance the strategies they are using to help our children be the best possible learners in literacy. Over the course of this term, we will share some ideas that you may also find useful when working with your children at home.

As you know, our staff has also had the unparalleled chance to work with maths education guru, Anita Chin, this year. Her sessions are always energetic and filled with ideas to challenge and make us re-think approaches to teaching mathematics! If you have not yet registered for the **Parent/Carer maths evening** on 31 May, please do so – you will have a great evening of learning – and your child will be amazed by your maths expertise!

Next week marks the beginning of **NAPLAN** – an Australia wide assessment programme in Literacy and Numeracy. Students in Yr 3, 5, 7 and 9 across the country participate

in the assessment, with reports being provided to parents/carers later in the year. This year is the first year that NAPLAN is undertaken 'on-line' and over a three week period.

Neville Bonner Primary Fair

Please support our P&C Association with your donations of books (tubs for book 'deposits' are in all buildings and at Reception) and with offers of help on the day of the Fair on the 16th of June. If every member of our community was able to give even fifteen minutes of their time to support this wonderful day, imagine the outcome for our children!! Please consider assisting though donation of books or for the various stalls, or through the generosity of your time on the day.

Safety Reminder - Munni Place - use path!

As the winter approaches, the ground is damp and possibly icy in the mornings. The artificial grass on **Munni Place** can become slippery, especially on the sloped edges. If you are entering the school through the back gates, near the bike racks, please make sure you **walk on the path to the playground and not across the artificial grass**.

Emailing of Newsletter and other school correspondence

With the assistance of Directorate staff, our school has recently undertaken an update of our data base. One of the outcomes of this is that the electronic Newsletter and emails from the school will be sent to only one email address per family group. If both you and your partner were previously receiving the Newsletter, for example, you will notice that now only one family email address will receive Newsletter. This is because the updated database only accepts one email address per family group. The person who receives the email could simply forward it to the other person. If your child lives in more than one household, an email address for each household will be maintained.

If you are experiencing any difficulties, or there has been an unintended error in our data base upgrade, please contact Reception so we can assist.

I hope you can make it along to next week's **P&C meeting (Thursday 17 May 7pm)** – Andrew Crichton from Transport Canberra will speak about traffic matters around schools (see the P&C section of this Newsletter for more information).

In the coming week we are looking forward to both Deputy Directors -General of the Education Directorate visiting our school. Tomorrow Ms Deb Efthymiades will tour our school and early next week, Ms Meg Brighton will join us. The leaders in our Directorate greatly value the opportunity to

visit schools as often as they can to meet children and staff and to learn about the important aspects of school life – perhaps from a different perspective!

Today we also welcome members of the Amaroo School staff who will be meeting the Yr 6 students as part of their transition programme to high school in 2019.

Have a relaxing weekend! Enjoy the cold outdoors if your children have started their winter sports!

Happy Mothers' Day!

Fran

Preschool

This term the Preschool Unit of Inquiry focus is all about 'Healthy me!' Following on from our exciting Nutrition Magician performance last term, the Preschool children are engaging in conversations around 'Everyday' and 'Sometimes' foods. Many discussions are being had about different foods we eat, ways we can keep healthy and what we do in our Preschool environment to stay happy, safe and healthy. In the coming weeks we will be learning about 'Glow', 'Grow', and 'Go' foods and their purpose in terms of being healthy.

Across our Learning Groups, there have been similarities in interests, with many Preschoolers engaging in photography sessions. Through these experiences the children are using the iPads to take photos and capturing the learning taking place within our environments.

'The Arts' is another common thread of interest across our Learning Groups with many of the Preschoolers fascinated with music, whether that be with musical instruments or through our music wall in our outdoor learning environment. The music wall has been a real hit with children banging on pots and pans and making different sounds. Children have been using the painting easels to create artworks using natural materials.

We are excited for Term 2 and the many wonderful explorations and investigations we will be engaging in.



Kindergarten

Children in Kindergarten have dived back into their learning, starting Term 2 with a splash. In Science we have been busy investigating the different types of weather and the specific features of each type of weather. We can't

wait to see what weather we will have here in Canberra this coming winter!

One of the highlights of this week was learning about ANZAC day, and the significance of red poppies and what they represent. Each Learning Group collaboratively created red poppy wreaths to show our respect to our ANZACS during our school assembly.

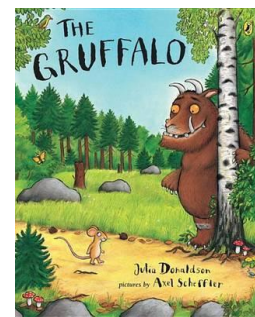
In Mathematics, we have been learning new strategies for counting; in particular we have been using the 'touch and scoot' method to make our counting more accurate. We have enjoyed experimenting with different concrete materials to assist our learning.

Year 1

Welcome back to Term Two! The Year One children have been revising nouns, verbs and adjectives in English as we begin our new unit on Narratives.

We have been reading one of our favourite books 'The Gruffalo' and discussing the importance of characters within a story.

In Maths we have begun exploring data and recording what our favourite colours are using bar graphs. The children are very excited to be learning all about animals and their habitats this term in Science. We have been talking about a range of animals and their features, for example, scaly, fur, four legs and so on. We are very much looking forward to a wonderful term of learning!



Year 2

After a well-earned break students are back and ready for a big Term 2. In literacy we will be exploring procedure writing and its different structural components, as well as specific language components such as verbs.

In Maths we will be investigating telling time to both the hour and the half hour as well as the relationship between addition and subtraction.

Our unit of Inquiry we teach us about how technology has changed over the last 100 years. We will be exploring how it has made our lives easier and where technology will be going in the future.

We have also spent time learning about the ANZACs and the sacrifices they made for our country; we were able to pay our respects at our ANZAC ceremony on Wednesday.

Finally, we will be preparing for our Cross Country Carnival on Thursday. We have been training hard every day and can't wait to do our best. Later in the term we also have our school Athletics carnival. We are so excited to have the

students back and can't wait for another fun and exciting term of learning.

Year 4/3

The Year 4/3 students have been very busy during week one of term 2! We have completed our beautiful ANZAC Day inspired artworks to present at the ANZAC Day assembly. We used a combination of line art techniques to create our artworks and they look fantastic! Did you get to see them? Thank you to those families who were able to attend the Assembly and participate in their child's 'living the learning' experience.



We have been practising our running in preparation for the Cross Country carnival being held on Thursday. We are focussing on stamina and endurance, as the race is long! Some of us will need to complete two or three laps of the oval, while the older students in our year levels will need to run two laps of the oval **and** the school. Don't forget that we can earn house points by cheering on our house members and by participating in the races. Everyone can help!

In Mathematics, we have been identifying the steps needed to solve a range of word problems, including one, two and three step problems! Can you identify and underline the important information in the following word problem?

"In Sarah's classroom there are red chairs, yellow chairs, and blue chairs. There are 8 red chairs. There are 2 times as many yellow chairs as red chairs, and there are 7 fewer blue chairs than yellow chairs. How many chairs are there in Sarah's classroom?"

We are looking forward to a fun and thought filled rest of term 2!

Have a great week,

The 4/3 Team.

(The answer to the maths word problem is 33 chairs)

Year 6/5

Learning is well underway. Children are investigating natural disasters, specifically floods and bushfires. These investigations will involve tasks during English, Technology and Geography lessons. The combined learning will lead to the researching and writing of information texts about a selected disaster. Children will then consider the implications, emotional and physical, on individuals and communities and the actions that can be taken to reduce

the impact of natural disasters. As a way of viewing an event from a different point of view and empathising with others, children will prepare and share oral recounts in the first and third person as if they had been involved in the selected disaster.

Science lessons will be all about 'Adaptations'. Children will investigate how animals and plants adapt, to surviving in varying habitats across the world. Children will have the opportunity to select a particular animal which they will then study in greater detail and share with others in their Learning Groups.

During Maths lessons, over a series of activities, children will get the opportunity to collect and record data in various graphs. Data collection will include surveys, observations and tally charts. Different types of graphs, such as pie charts, column and line graphs and digitally generated pictographs will be used to reflect the collected data.

This term promises to be a term filled with fun, effective learning and exciting opportunities for families to join us.



Anita Chin Parent/Carer Workshop- Practical Ways to Support your Child at Home with Mathematics

Thursday 31 May 6.30-7.30pm

Places are limited so please remember to return your RSVP slip by Friday 11 May

(Notes were sent home last week)

Anita Chin: Inspired Mathematics Teaching







We are very lucky to have Anita Chin, a leading expert in Australian primary mathematics education, coming to our school to provide a hands-on Mathematics workshop for all parents/ carers!

An experienced K-12 mathematics educator and contributing consultant to the NSW Mathematics K-6 Syllabus for the Australian Curriculum, Anita has a uniquely animated and enjoyable teaching style and shares her content knowledge in ways teachers and parents/carers can understand and relate to.



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Year 7 2019

An Information session for prospective year 7 students and their parents will be held on Wednesday 16 May 2018, 6pm

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Online enrolments open Monday 30 April and closes 4 June 2018.

http://www.det.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school



Neville Bonner Primary School Markets and Book Fair

We are seeking donations and volunteers for the Neville Bonner Primary School Markets and Book Fair (being held on **Saturday 16 June from 1100-1500**). If you have books, plants or a just an hour of your time then we would love to hear from you. **Tubs for book collection are now available around the school**, and more information on how each year group is participating can be found on our Facebook page. We need your support to make this event successful!

You can contact us via:

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Teacher: Give your contact details to your child's teacher and someone from the P&C will contact you

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P&C Meeting and Guest Speaker

Our next meeting will be held next **Thursday, 17th of May starting at 7pm**. We are very lucky to have a **guest speaker**, with **Andrew Crichton from Transport Canberra** coming to talk to us about traffic matters around schools. Please RSVP via our email or our Facebook event. If you have any matters you would like to raise, we request that these be passed to us prior to the meeting.

Canteen

BIG NEWS! Our canteen is now also open on Thursdays for lunch, with a special meal deal: 4 chicken nuggets, a fruit cup and 2 pikelets for \$6.00!

Our school canteen is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for lunch, as well as Monday and Friday afternoons for over the counter sales. All orders are due either direct to the canteen (cash only) or via Flexischools by 9am on the morning required. No cancellations after this time. A reminder that Preschoolers can order! Their lunches will be delivered to their classroom by the canteen staff! We have a great variety of food available, including GF, DF, vegetarian and halal options. Check out our menu on Facebook or at the canteen.

School Banking

School banking is on Wednesdays! For more information pick up a brochure from reception or contact Elisha via our email.

Entertainment Books

18/19 Entertainment Books are now available! To purchase, go to <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2787i1> or contact Nat via our email. If you would like to order a hard copy book, please select pick up and it will be delivered to the school office for you to collect. Ask your family and friends to support us as well!

Second-hand uniform shop

Our second-hand uniform shop operates out of the canteen (cash only) from 8.45am to 11.30am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. If you have any unwanted uniforms (quality donations only please), we love to take them off your hands.

Facebook and Email

We have a Facebook page, where you can find out more about what the P&C is doing and keep up to date with P&C events and happenings! Find us at <https://www.facebook.com/NBPS.PandC/>. If you'd like to contact us, please message through Facebook, or email nevillebonnerps.pandc@gmail.com.



Arisha
Happy



Bianca
Smart



Chace
Funny



Cooper
Nice



Elijah
Good



Ethan
Handsome



Fatima
Perfect



Jack
'Short' hair



Jake
Clever



Lamisa
Active

Year One Food Detectives

In the Food Detectives we have been learning that adjectives are words that describe nouns. We have created self-portraits and chosen one adjective to describe ourselves.



Mamajan
Helpful



Ria
Fabulous



Ryan
Fast



Sasha
Helpful



Seleen
Beautiful



Sienna
Kind



Tiana
Pretty



Tom
Tall



Vinudini
Stylish



Yuvon
Creative

Yr 4/3 Lettuce Learn

As part of our History Unit of Inquiry, Lettuce Learn studied a range of different types of cultural and historical celebrations and commemorations. In Visual Art, Lettuce Learn have analysed the visual element of 'line' and how artists use line patterns to create artworks. Bringing these two curriculum areas together, Lettuce Learn created line artworks to commemorate the experience of the ANZACs.

