

Collaborating, Communicating and Celebrating



All parent and carers are invited to this workshop, providing an opportunity to work together as a community to strengthen our safe and kind learning environment.

DATE: Wednesday 3 April

TIME: 7pm - 8.30pm

WHERE: Library

This is an evening designed for adults. The evening will focus on how communities work together to foster safe, kind and respectful schools. To best plan for the evening and maximize productive time please RSVP to attend this event.

RSVP to Reception (ph 61421201) by 9am Tuesday 2 April.

Dates to remember

MARCH

- 28/3 Neville Bonner's Birthday
- 28/3 P&C Meeting 7pm
- 29/3 Cuppa N' Chat with Fran and Kerry 9:30-10:15am

APRIL

- 2/4 Yr 2 Reptile Zoo Excursion
- 3/4 Collaborating, Communicating and Celebrating – 7-8:30pm
- 8/4 District Swimming Carnival
- 9/4 Cross Country Carnival

Notes home

- ➔ District Swimming
- ➔ Cross Country Pre T/F
- ➔ Cross Country K-6
- ➔ P&C Entertainment book

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SCHOOL BOARD

**Neville Bonner Primary School
Board One Vacant Position 2019**

Nominations open 11am Friday
29 March 2019 and close 11am
Friday
12 April 2019

Voting opens 11am Monday
29 April 2019

Voting closes 11am on Monday
6 May 2019

Nomination forms are available at
Reception and can be emailed to
you on request.

Dear Parents and Carers

Neville Bonner's Birthday

Today we celebrate Neville Bonner's birthday. This afternoon we had some special time together as a school to remember his contribution to Australia and some of the values for which he stood: *empathy, equity, resilience, caring and tenacity*. Our Yr 6 Events and Publications Leadership Group prepared and shared a wonderful video about these values and used this as a stimulus to promote discussion amongst the children about kind and respectful ways of working with each other. Thank you to our Yr6 Leaders for their professional work! Parents and Carers will have the opportunity to view this video at the *Collaborating Communicating and Celebrating Workshop* next Wednesday evening.

Neville Bonner was born on Ukerebagh Island on the Tweed River (NSW) on 28 March 1922. He was the first Aboriginal member of the Australian Parliament. Happy Birthday Neville Bonner!

Flags at half Mast

Tomorrow, flags across Australia will be flown at half mast as a mark of mourning and respect for the victims of the Christchurch terrorist attack. At 10am (New Zealand time) on Friday 29 March, a National Remembrance Service will be held in New Zealand. Our thoughts are with all who are suffering and have been impacted by this terrible event. Our school flags will be at half mast.

Collaborating Communicating and Celebrating Workshop

We hope that many parents and carers will come along to our workshop next week (7pm 3 April). This workshop provides an opportunity to share ideas and learn about how we, as a community, can 'grow' together in fostering a safe, kind and respectful school for us all. I look forward to seeing you there – don't forget to RSVP to Reception!

School Board Elections

Congratulations to Anna Kitson, who has been elected unopposed to one of the parent positions on our School Board. A new election will be held shortly to fill the second position. Please see information elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Have a relaxing weekend

Fran

Preschool

This fortnight the pre-schoolers have continued to explore and investigate their Learning Groups' names through scientific experiments or information books and videos. Through these research processes the pre-schoolers have gained further insight into and understanding of elements

on the periodic table relating to their Learning Group name and how they are used, found and in some cases harvested, for example, what machines are used to mine copper.

With Harmony Day and Neville Bonner's birthday falling within the same fortnight, many conversations and reflections took place regarding our school community, the identity of our school, and how our feelings and actions can create and maintain kind and accepting environments. These conversations also linked to many of our Learning Group Agreements and provided an opportunity to touch on our Ripple Kindness program which we will be exploring in depth over the next coming weeks.

Kindergarten

What an exciting two weeks we have had in Kindergarten!

We have discovered some amazing things in our Science topic about how living things grow and change. Now we know all that growing things need to live and reproduce – just ask us! This has led us to lots of interesting books!

During our Maths lessons we read Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, which helped us to learn the names and order of the days of the week, as well as finding out about the life cycle of a butterfly.

Our letter sound focus work has included reading some informative books, such as *Growing Frogs*, in which we learned all about the life cycle of frog, while finding a whole range of words that begin with the letter 'f'.

We took some time during Week 7 to discuss and celebrate Harmony Day. We discussed the importance of harmony among all people in our community and how we can celebrate our differences while making everyone feel included; because as we all know – "Kindness Matters!"

Year 1

It's been such an exciting week in Year 1! We have been learning lots about using nouns, verbs and adjectives within our writing. One of our favourite activities has been playing charades to act out and guess a variety of verbs such as running, jumping, giggling, swimming and juggling. We've also noticed that we come across nouns, verbs and adjectives in almost everything that we do! This includes all the actions and movements during our sport programs!

We also had the opportunity to participate in the National Action Against Violence Day by raising awareness about the positive impact being kind has on everyone. This was evident in the responses from students during discussions about the elements that make Neville Bonner Primary School the BEST! We also got to make handy bookmarks and take home our special packs with all the information about

the National Action Against Violence Day, as well as information about the Ripples Kindness Program that is embedded as part of our learning programs.

Last week we celebrated and participated in Harmony Week. It was so amazing to see how many people were wearing orange and attending the early morning yoga session! Each Learning Group participated in a variety of activities to promote inclusion, acceptance and mindfulness. We were lucky enough to do some yoga workshops and mindfulness colouring. Some classes even explored daily meditation!

Stikeez are all the craze at the moment! It's been fantastic to see so many students discussing and promoting the positive benefits of eating fruits and vegetables as well as teaching a few of us teachers on play support about the names of some of the vegetables that are not as commonly known!

Year 2

How tall would butter bean grow, if a butter bean could butter beans?

Our seeds have sprouted into thriving plants and are ready for transplanting to more permanent homes. Students have started to discuss ways that they can incorporate different features, such as art, food sources, shelter and living things (including their butter bean) into to their 'Special Place' terrariums. Some students have drawn from their studies of Aboriginal culture and are planning to incorporate rock art and grinding stones. Thank you to those who have already sent in washed plastic milk bottles. However, we still require more so keep them coming in. Mendeleev's Marvels and Xenon Lights have been starting each morning developing their mental computation strategies through a range of game-based activities and we have already observed students move from 'counting on by ones' to using the more efficient strategy of 'skip counting'. Some students have even been grouping numbers into 'friends of ten' and 'doubles' to increase their speed of adding up to eight numbers at one time. The other Year 2 Learning Groups will be coming on board with this program before the end of the term. To assist in our administration planning, please remember to return permission notes for our excursions to the Reptile Zoo (2 April 2019) and Term 2 Aquasafe swimming program (permission notes will be sent home tomorrow. The cost for Aquasafe is \$50)

Dionne, Ann-Maree, Belle, Sobia, Jonathan and Angie

Year 4/3

Years 4/3 have continued their investigations into the Journey of the First Fleet and life in the convict settlement

at Sydney Cove. We have shared convict stories and written journal entries from the perspective of a convicts.

We have begun a Geography unit, looking at the importance of natural environments and we have explored how vegetation has an important role in sustaining the environment and peoples' connection to the land.

In Mathematics, the children have begun investigating the features of two-dimensional shapes and three-dimensional objects. In the coming days the children will design and construct three-dimensional objects, using a variety of materials. The children have continued to explore and analyse the relationship between multiplication and division and applying these skills to solve mathematical word problems.

During Physical Education lessons the children have been using AFL and soccer balls to experiment with different kicking techniques. They have learnt how to pass a soccer ball along the ground and in the air. We have also discovered that pointing our toe up and down when kicking an AFL ball will change the trajectory of the ball.

Fiona, Gen, Greg, Kate, Mihalis, Rebecca, Sue and Tim

Year 6/5

The Year 6 Leaders spent a day with Fran last week undertaking a Symposium which focused on kindness and diversity. They discussed what kindness looks like at our school and ways to promote a culture of kindness. This will be a focus for our seniors throughout the year, continuously reiterating our school focus of 'Kindness Matters'.

As part of our Science unit on Natural Disasters, some of our seniors have explored the devastation of tsunamis in a hands on way. Check out the Learning Page from The Carbon Cosmic Rays to see what they created!

This week some of our senior classes have started their lessons on bike safety. We are using the ABC TIGHT checklist first to make sure our bikes are ready to ride; checking the Air, Brakes, Chain, and making sure everything is tight. We are also learning to check our helmets to make sure they are keeping us safe.



In Library this term, Year 4/3 students have been researching an author of children/or young adult books. They have been given questions to use as a guideline for their research such as “What makes a good author?” and “What inspired the author to write?” Students have also been finding out some interesting facts that they may not have known previously about their author.

Did you know that:

Belinda Murrell loves riding horses. (Ragabi)

Andy Griffiths started writing when he was 6. (Suri)

Sally Rippin is Australia’s highest selling female author. (Sienna L.)

Daniel Handler wrote ‘*A series of unfortunate Events*’, under the pseudonym of Lemony Snicket. (Yuvani)

Julia Donaldson is very old. (Aya)

J.K Rowling’s name is Joanne. (Mille, Harmony and April)

Jane – Library Teacher

Bulb Fundraiser

Thanks to all who ordered some bulbs. These will be available for pick up next week, see info attached to the newsletter!

Entertainment Books

Now available for 2019-20! Order yours today through www.entbook.com.au/2787i. If you order a hard copy book, remember that we can arrange for you to pick them up from school reception to save you paying the delivery fee! The link can also be shared with your family and friends, and is on our FB page if you'd like to share that way!

General Meeting

Our next meeting will be held **TONIGHT**, Thursday, March 28th at 7pm, see you there!

Canteen

We are now open for lunch **five days a week**, and for over the counter sales on Mondays and Fridays. All students from P-6 can order, either via cash to the canteen or through Flexischools, due by 9am on the day of ordering. Don't forget we have a huge range of food and drinks available, including some delicious meal deals!

School Banking

Drop your bank books off on Tuesday mornings! if you'd to know more, there are information packs available in the front office.

Mailing List

We have an information/volunteer mailing list, if you'd like to be added, just let us know!

Contact us!

If you'd like to know about who we are and what we do, email us at nevillebonnerps.pandc@gmail.com, or search for Neville Bonner Primary School P&C Association on Facebook!



School Sport ACT (SSACT)

School Sport ACT (SSACT) is responsible for the oversight of school sport as it relates to the School Sport Australia representative pathway. SSACT supports all ACT schools wishing to participate and actively promotes sport for all ACT school students through:

- **Participation** - all students are encouraged to be active
- **Potential** - athletes have the chance to develop their potential and compete at their chosen level
- **Pathways** - students are encouraged to participate in community sport as well as school sport to develop lifelong habits, and therefore increase their health and well being

Throughout the year there will be trials for ACT representative teams for a range of sports that your child may want to participate in. These trials will be promoted at Yungaballi and through the Newsletter. Registration happens through an online process. If you have any questions or require any assistance with registration, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Amy Czoban

Deputy Principal

ACT 12&U Boys Basketball Trials

Open Trial 1: Monday 1 April 6.00 - 7.30pm Radford College Gymnasium

Open Trial 2: Thursday 4 April **6.30 - 8.00pm** Radford College Gymnasium

Open Trial 3: Monday 8 April 6.00 - 7.30pm Radford College Gymnasium

Selective Invitational Trial: Tuesday 9 April 6.00 - 7.30pm Radford College Gymnasium

Requirements: Appropriate shoes, clothing and drink bottle. Bring a light or dark top.

Eligibility: Students turning 11-12 years old this year who play/played Div 1 or 2 competition and/or involved in BACT High Performance Program. Students turning 13 years old from the 1st of July to 31st of December 2006 are invited based on our age dispensation granted by School Sport Australia.

School Sport Australia Championship: 10/8/19 - 16/8/19 in Bendigo, Victoria

Further information: Robert.day@ed.act.edu.au

Registration for these trials are online at:

<https://www.schoolsportact.asn.au/Trial/Index/301>

Cuppa 'N Chat

Come along to a **Cuppa 'N Chat** with Fran and Kerry tomorrow **FRIDAY 29 March, at 9:30-10:15am**. This is a terrific opportunity to learn more about our school, ask questions, share ideas, meet other parents/carers and make new friends!



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.



What do you think will change or not change?

"I think the marigold seeds will grow because they are seeds out of a packet and they do grow." Elisabeth

"The zoob and ping pong ball are not going to grow, but everything else will because they are natural." Ziad

"I think the marigold seeds will change because they will grow." Evie

"Everything is going to grow because they are all things." Thomas

"The moonrock definitely won't change because it is a rock." Emily

"Everything except the ping pong ball and zoob will change because they are from nature." Lincoln

"The marigold will change the most because if we add water and seeds, they will grow." Israa

"The cabbage seeds will change because they are seeds." Phoebe

"The pea seeds will change because the pea seeds are natural and not man made." Omar

"The ping pong ball won't change because it is a toy." Nalah

"All the seeds will grow because they are natural." Sampprejit

"Everything is going to grow because when we plant things, they grow." Aryana

"The zoob is definitely not going to grow because it is man-made and only natural things grow." Yogadeep

"The moon rock is not going to change because the rock is made of glass." Ruhani

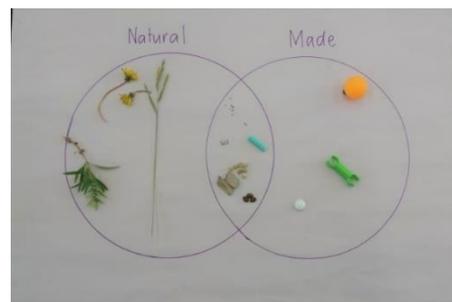
"The pea seeds will definitely grow because they are real seeds." Liam

"The chalk will not grow because it is rough and it cannot grow into a plant." Dania

"The unknown seeds, the cabbage and marigold seeds will grow because they can get planted and they can grow." Ali

"The ping pong ball is not going to change because it can't grow." Joshua

"The zoob will not grow because of what it is made of." Zayan

Year 1 – Silver Sonics

Item planted	Change?	No Change?
moon rock	##	## ##
Cabbage Seeds	## ## ##	
ping pong ball	##	## ##
Zoob	##	## ##
chalk	## ##	##
marigold seeds	## ## ##	
pea seeds	## ## ##	
fresh grass seeds	## ## ##	
flowers	##	## ##
branch	## ##	##
unknown seeds	## ## ##	
bark		## ## ##

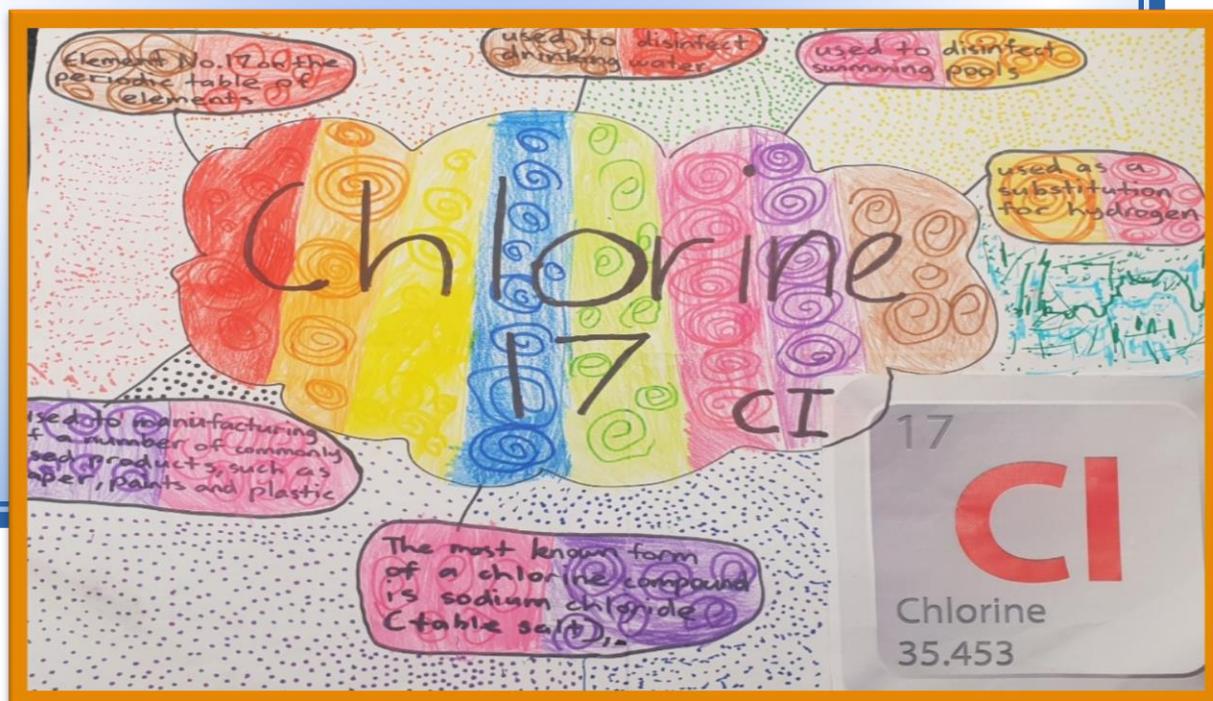
During Science, the Silver Sonics have been exploring the idea of "Change over Time". We have been identifying and discussing if items are natural or made; and making predictions about what were to happen if we planted a range of natural or made objects that we had found in our school environment.



Year 4/3 - Chlorine 17

It has been a great start to the year for the Chlorine 17's. This year is the 'International Year of the Periodic Table of Chemical Elements'. After much discussion, we decided to name our Learning Group Chlorine 17, as chlorine's atomic number is 17 on the periodic table. We also learned about compounds, which are elements combined to make a new material and decided that together with our adjoining learning group (Sodium Scientists), we would be Sodium Chloride. As a Learning Group, we researched the uses of chlorine to find out more about our element. Here are responses from the Chlorine 17's.

- Charlie:** Chlorine is used in swimming pools
Ayesha: Chlorine can be harmful to the human body
Hayden: Chlorine is used to disinfect pool water
Mariah V: Chlorine is used to disinfect pool water
Naru: Chlorine is used to disinfect water
Ayaan Q: Chlorine is very useful and can be used to disinfect water
Noah: Chlorine is used to disinfect water
Isabella: Chlorine is the 17th item on the periodic table
Mariah V: Chlorine is used to disinfect water
Aidan: Chlorine is used to remove germs in water
Ymmanuel: Chlorine can be used in different materials, such as paper and plastic
Evey-Rose: Chlorine is used to clean germs
Jalan: Used to disinfect swimming pools
Abigail: Chlorine can be a compound with sodium to make sodium chloride
Ayaan H: Chlorine can be harmful for the inside of your body
Aryan: Chlorine is a toxic gas
Lauren: If you inhale chlorine, it will cause health problems
Leola: Chlorine is used to disinfect swimming pools
Daisy: Chlorine is used as a replacement for hydrogen
Alwin: Chlorine is used to disinfect pool water and can be dangerous to your health
Prithish: Chlorine can be a compound with sodium to make sodium chloride
Marcus: Chlorine can be used to remove germs
Rayyan: Chlorine is used to disinfect swimming pools
Mariah N: Chlorine can be bad for your skin
Ethan: Chlorine is the 17th element of the periodic table



**Our Learning
Group Mind
Map**

Year 6/5

The Carbon Cosmic Rays have been looking into the effects of natural disasters on people and the environment. We wanted to determine if it was possible to make a house that could withstand a tsunami. This question guided us into creating our own homes to test in a fake tsunami simulator.

We found that houses with strong structures, protective environmental designs, and reinforced walls and windows suffered the least damage in our tsunami simulator. However, almost all of the houses were destroyed.

We are still wondering...

- 1) If a houseboat would have withstood the tsunami?
- 2) Is it possible to modify the environment to protect towns from tsunamis.



Is it possible to make a house that can withstand a tsunami?

