

REMINDER SWIMMING CARNIVAL MONDAY 18 FEBRUARY

The swimming carnival notes are **now due!**

If you have not handed your notes in, please ensure you do so, to Reception, by **9:15am FRIDAY 15 FEBRUARY.**

Monday is 'School at the Pool'. Preschool will not be attending the Carnival, but all other Learning Groups will be having 'School at the Pool'!

Dear Parent and Carers

Thank you to all those who attended the Information Evening on Tuesday this week! Our new format provided greater opportunities for parents/carers to interact with staff and seek information about learning that was relevant to their interests. We received very positive comments from families about the style of the evening!



We would appreciate your feedback on the Information Evening so that we can continue to improve this service to you. Follow this link to our survey!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSehjPA3I2PLBGgAGd00tQHWZRma1pEgkRurQc8idQ45dMV1A/viewform?usp=sf_link

Learning Group Names

Each year, the children work with their teachers to research a name for their Learning Group based on the overarching school theme. Our school generally uses the United Nations International Years as a guide for themes. In 2019, one of the UN themes is International Year of the Periodic Table. In keeping with the promotion of STEM (Science Technology Engineering Maths) in education, each of our Learning Groups are currently engaged in research and debate to determine their name and identity for the year. I am amazed at the discussion and learning that this research has generated amongst the children. Preschool conversations are stunning! The BIG REVEAL will appear in next week's Newsletter!

Wheels at School

It is heartening to see so many children riding or scooting to school (and plenty walking for exercise as well!). We would greatly appreciate your assistance in reminding the children that when they arrive at the school grounds, they need to **dismount and walk** their bikes or scooters immediately to the bike rack (either at the front or rear of the school). The children are unable to ride their bikes/scooters across the school yard as this poses a safety risk to those in the area. Do ensure your child has a well fitting helmet.

Dates to remember

FEBRUARY

14/2	Cuppa 'N Chat with Fran and Kerry 9:30-10am
18/2	Swimming Carnival
18/2	Getting To Know You – Yarn Week
21/2	P&C Meeting 7pm

Notes home

- ➔ Swimming Carnival
- ➔ Kindergarten PIPS Assessment
- ➔ 'Getting To Know You Yarns' appointment note

School contacts

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P&C President: Kylie O'Keeffe
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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

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

Parking

Please be aware that parking infringement officers and police frequently visit the school at drop-off and pick-up times. Recently some hefty fines have been received as a result of parking on the grass! Parking your car legally and walking just a little further could save you a large amount of money!

It is important to remember that when entering the carpark to drop-off or pick-up children, you need to park in a designated parking space before your children get into the car.

Adhering to respectful practice in the carpark areas benefits everyone.

Buildings

Next week, we are looking forward to taking up occupation of the top floor of our new building. Two Year 4/3 Learning Groups, who have been temporarily located in the library, will make the historic move! This move will coincide with the delivery of beautiful new furniture designed for flexible learning opportunities in our new area. We will shortly open an additional 'sick bay' facility on Duylang to reduce the distance for the children to access care when they are feeling unwell. This additional sick bay will be located in the Yu-yu building and will be known as Yu-yu sick bay.

Getting To Know You Yarns

Getting To Know You Yarns begin next week. Today, your child will bring home the instructions for making an on-line appointment. Our goal is that 100% of families will participate in this important opportunity to share thoughts and aspirations for children's learning in 2019. Please contact your child's teacher or Reception if you experience any difficulties with making an appointment. Do remember that these Yarns are for the specific purpose of parents/carers sharing information with teachers. Each Yarn is ten minutes. **Teachers will be 'listeners'**. If you would like to make an appointment to discuss other aspects of your child's learning, let the teacher know and she/he will contact you at a later time to make a longer appointment.

Elsewhere in today's Newsletter is a full staff list for your interest and information.

Don't forget the Multicultural Festival in Civic this weekend! Have a restful weekend.

Fran

Administration staff Sharon (Business Manager) Jill (Business Manager) Marijana Grace Freyja Rob Matthew	Preschool Kathleen Rachel Hayden Kim Rebecca C Brittney Mita (LSA) Kelli (LSA) Jalpa (LSA) Wendy (LSA) Anagha (LSA) Anamika (LSA) Shub (LSA)	Year 2 Johnathon Dionne Belle Angie M Ann-Marie Sobia	Specialist teachers Kerry Danielle Liam Jane Carla Courtney H Carly Claudia Kevin Kathryn
Learning Support Assistants (K-Yr 6) Rachel Haydn Jo Tom	Kindergarten Kimmel Madeeha Holly Tash Emily Hannah Whitney Kate T	Year 4/3 Mihalis Sue Fiona Tim Kate P Rebecca B Gen Greg	Leadership Team Fran (Principal) Amy C (Deputy Principal) Ian (Deputy Principal) Sharon (Business Manager) Jill (Business Manager) Amber (Inclusion, Enrichment and Strategic Support) Belinda (Preschool Team Leader) Tessa (Kindergarten Team Leader) Mellissa (Year 1 Team Leader) Dionne (Year 2 Team Leader) Melissa (Year 4/3 Team Leader) Amy W (Year 6/5 Team Leader) Charissa (Disability Education) Kerry (Community Connections) Hayden (LSA Team Leader and Play Project Co-ordinator)
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Education Officer Viv	Year 1 Tayla Keshia Sarah Angie D Casey Letichia Taryn Petra	Year 6/5 Amy W Tarun Nicole K Sam Courtney B	School Psychologists David Helen

Getting to Know You Yarns

A note will have come home today with your child about our **'Getting to Know You Yarns'** which will be held in Week 3 (18-22 February) for Kindergarten to Year 6 children and Weeks 3 and 4 (18 February - 1 March) for Preschool children. The purpose of **Getting to Know You Yarns** is for parents and carers to share information about children's strengths, interests, talents and areas for learning focus.

In 2019, we are using a different booking system.

Please ensure you read the note and log in as soon as possible to make your appointment.

For your convenience, we have also attached the booking information note to your newsletter email. (Please note, Kathleen's Preschool group has a separate note)

Annual General Meeting

Our first committee meeting for 2019, and our AGM, will be held on Thursday, 21st of February at 7pm in the staff lounge. We've love to see some new faces for 2019 - you don't have to commit to being an executive member, just come along, share some ideas and meet some new parents! If we are lucky, our canteen manager Carolin might just bring along one of her delicious slices!

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! Please see attached info sheet and menu for more!

School Banking

School banking for 2019 will be starting again in **March**. Keep an eye on the newsletter for more information soon!

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!




East Gungahlin Netball Club 2019 Grading

New and returning players are invited to attend the 2019 club grading

Venue: Harrison School Gym

Tuesday 5th and 12th of February (boys and girls)

6 to 10 years: 3.30 to 4.30 pm

10 to 12 years: 4.30 to 5.30 pm

Friday 8th and 15th of February

13 to 18 years: 4.30 to 5.30 pm

For further information please contact the club

Email: egnetball@gmail.com

Facebook: [facebook.com/egnetball](https://www.facebook.com/egnetball)

Phone: 0456 397 847

WODEN VALLEY YOUTH CHOIR

Woden Valley Youth Choir has provided a music education to hundreds of ACT and Queanbeyan schoolchildren for 50 years, since February 1969. WVYC offers a dynamic choral programme for young people aged 8 to 21 and we are proud to provide so many positive benefits to our members: the value of learning to sing with confidence, positive self-esteem, and performance skills, which will hold them in good stead for the rest of their lives. WVYC is a not-for-profit community choir with a strong music education programme and one of our staff has just received accreditation for the Australian Kodály Certificate. We don't just sing – we become musicians.

AUDITIONS

Auditions for young people from year 3 to university age wishing to join the choir in 2019 will be held on Saturday 23 February. We have a small number of vacancies in our two primary aged choirs and about a dozen places in our high school/university age treble voice choir and our new choir "Centauri Voices" for young men with changing/changed voices. For more information please go to <http://wvyc.org.au> and download an application form or email info.wvyc@gmail.com or phone 1300 599 655

ROTARY CLUB OF HALL INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP

WVYC is pleased to announce that scholarship(s) to the value of \$1,000 have been generously provided by the Rotary Club of Hall to enable indigenous Canberra young people to have access to the choir. Applicants should follow the application process for an audition and also contact the administrator on info.wvyc@gmail.com for scholarship guidelines.

We have had a busy start to the 2019 School Year. Some of the children shared their thoughts about school so far.

Here is what they shared...

Preschool	
Ava	School is fun because I like to do everything. Drawing is my favourite. I like to draw wavy lines.
Tilly	School is good because I get to see my teacher.
Pietra	School is good because I can draw. I like to draw my Mummy and Daddy.
Jamie	School is awesome because I love it! I love climbing on the park.
Kindergarten	
Nell	School is fun because you get to do cool stuff, like counting.
Sahbella	School is fun because I like playing with toys and planting flowers.
Zahli	School is good because I am learning to read and write.
Shrita	School is fun because I like to play with my friends. I enjoy time with them.
Year 1	
Francesca	School is playing with my friends.
Jerzy	School is learning.
Sampprejit and Thomas	We have fish in our class and we like feeding them.
Year 2	
Sonny-James	School is about learning and making friends. I love being back at school and seeing my friends again.
Levi	School means respecting other people, sharing and making friends.
Year 4/3	
Arav	School is about seeing all of my friends and playing with them, having fun and learning.
Saavni	School means learning new things every day.
Years 6/5	
Angelina	School is exciting, fun and interesting, but I'm ready for the journey.
Poe	School is a fun place because I get to play with my friends and I am not bored at school.
Rohandeep	School is fun because I get to play handball with my friends.
Ashmeen	School is a fun and exciting. School is about learning and making the most of opportunities.
Children new to Neville Bonner Primary in 2019	
Zayd (Year 2)	When it's your first day you could be a bit shy, but I made friends on the very first day of year 2.
Selena Rose (Year 6/5)	School is fun.
Zara (Year 4/3)	School is about learning but still having fun.