



# Neville Bonner Primary School

## 14 March 2018

### Newsletter-Term 1 Week 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone had a relaxing and fun-filled Canberra Day long weekend! Hopefully the children have shared with you some of the learning they have been doing around this special day. For example, did you know that the Ngunnawal people, the original inhabitants of modern-day Canberra are thought to have occupied the area for around 21,000 years? Did you also know Canberra Day is held on the second Monday in March each year to celebrate the official naming of Canberra? Canberra was named at a ceremony on 12 March 1913 by Lady Denman, the wife of the then Governor-General Lord Denman.

#### Construction Update

We are very excited that construction of the covered walkways extending from the 'river' site to Dyulang will be commencing shortly! Over the weekend and early next week construction fences will be erected for this work to begin. These fences will start under the hall and extend across the side of the basketball courts up to the ramp to Dyulang.

#### National Day of Action Against Violence

The school is very excited to join 5664 other schools across Australia in participating in the National Day of Action Against Violence on the 15 March. Our amazing committee of teachers have organised a range of activities over the next few weeks for the children and the community. Please read further on in the Newsletter for more details!

#### Questacon Science Circus

The children in Years 3-6 were very lucky to have the Questacon Science Circus visit our school to polish their presentation skills before they set off on a tour around Australia. Topics covered in the various shows included flight, sound, collisions, structures, bubbles and fluids. Here is what our Year 6 Events and Publication Leaders thought of the show...

- "I liked that everyone got to participate. Someone got to go in a bubble and there was also a paper plane tester." - Lily N
- "I liked the bubble show. There was a gigantic bubble!" - Ishaan

#### Dates to remember

##### MARCH

- 15/3 National Day of Action against Violence  
21/3 Harmony Day – Community Breakfast and Mindfulness morning 8-9:30am  
22/3 Helping your Anxious Child workshop 9:15-10am  
28/3 Neville Bonner's Birthday  
28/3 P&C Meeting 7pm  
30/3 Cuppa N' Chat with Fran and Kerry 9:30-10:15am

##### APRIL

- 3/4 Collaborating, Communicating and Celebrating – 7-8:30pm

#### Notes home

- ➡ Questacon Science Circus

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#### DON'T FORGET YOUR HAT

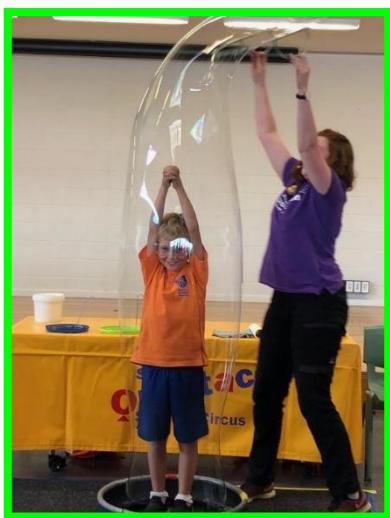
All children **must have their sun hats at school**. Hats must be worn every play break and for outside learning. Please ensure your children's hats are clearly labelled with their names.

- “I liked the water rocket. It went really fast and there was a big smoke cloud in the bottle.” - Ted

Hope everyone enjoys the rest of the short week!

Amy Czoban

Deputy Principal



## Preschool

The weather has been just perfect for outdoor exploring this week. The children are enjoying riding the bikes, climbing on the equipment, and playing and making cakes in the sandpit, using the herbs from the garden. The children have been delighted in discovering bugs in the garden and using the hose and watering cans to give the plants a drink. Reading books and writing has also been a favourite activity to do outside. The children have been enjoying learning about classifying when focusing on how to keep the preschool tidy and organized. For example, when packing away the sandpit toys we keep all the trucks together, all the spades together and all the cooking things together so it is easy to find what we need. We have been venturing out to the library, listening to stories and learning about how to care for our library books. The children have grown so much already in six weeks; it is a cherished time at the beginning of the year getting to know each other.

## Kindergarten

Can you believe we are half way through our first term of Kindergarten? The time has flown by! We have loved getting back into regular routine with our weekly visits to the Library and Assemblies. In Maths, we have been investigating patterns in the environment and creating our own patterns using a range of materials, such as unifix cubes, counters and body percussion. In acknowledgement of Canberra Day this week we discussed the importance of this special day and created an art piece that represents Canberra. We have been continuing our work on letters and sounds, the children have been enjoying going on letter/sound hunts in the environment and reading a range of fantastic (and funny) books, including ‘Ants in Your Pants’. A favourite activity amongst the Kindergarten children this term has been our Gross Motor sessions in the Hall. The children love balancing on the balance boards and walking along the wobbly stepping stones! A huge excitement last week was kick starting our Home Reading program, the children were really excited to take home their books and share them with you. We hope you have enjoyed reading with them just as much as we have!

## Year 1

Happy Birthday Canberra! Year One celebrated Canberra’s 106<sup>th</sup> birthday in a variety of ways including creating an artwork, playing party games such as ‘Balloon Bounce’ and even singing ‘Happy Birthday’ to Canberra. We were very surprised to find out that Canberra turned 100 in the same year that a lot of us were born!

It is COOL to be KIND! Did you know that each Learning Group is learning about all the different ways we can be kind to each other? We have been inquiring ‘How can we help the learning environment be a safe and active place?’ Some Learning Groups are doing ‘kindness challenges’ which include tucking in people’s chairs and holding the door open for people. We have also been chatting about kindness challenges we could do at home, including helping clean the house and giving our family members a hug. Keep an eye out for your child performing these kind acts and see how many acts of kindness you can perform back!

Soccer fever has officially hit Year One! We have enjoyed our soccer rotation at Gross Motor so much that we decided to explore the question ‘What is the best way to kick a soccer ball?’ Each lesson we are focusing on a special sentence that will help us be the best soccer players we can be. This week we have been learning to *‘keep our eyes focused on the ball throughout the kick’*. We have been focusing on a spot on the ball (like the logo) and then.. KICKING! It is safe to say that there are definitely some future *Ronaldos* and *Mbappes* in Year One!

## Year 2

Year 2 have now settled in and are enjoying a busy start to the year. Through research we have decided on Learning Group names, Mendeleev’s Marvels found out that Dmitri Ivanovich Mendeleev, a Russian chemist and inventor, formulated the periodic table of elements. He used it to correct the properties of some already discovered elements and to predict the properties of eight elements yet to be discovered. Through our learning about ‘Living Places Change’, we have been curiously watching the life cycle of our butter beans. We have been analysing beans as they grow and are hoping that our predictions, such as their lifespan, colour they will change into and what their beans will look like, will come true. Our Learning Groups have also been learning the importance of International Women’s Day and Canberra Day.

## Year 4/3

Our Learning Groups are well into the term now. Our seeds are sprouting for Science and we are making a record of their weekly growth. We have been exploring time, addition and subtraction for Maths and are looking forward to incorporating Mathletics into our learning time. In English, we have been concentrating on comprehension, spelling and persuasive writing. We are all enjoying being persuaded by the children about various topics.

Learning about the First Fleet has provided us with many stories and eye-opening facts about conditions in Australia and Britain in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. We have also been

exploring life in Australia both before and after the First Fleet arrived.

We have now completed our Physical Education unit on stamina and running and are moving on to developing our soccer skills.

Finally, in developing our learning agreements and class flowcharts, we have been discussing our definition of kindness and how it looks, sounds and feels in our daily life at school.

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

## Year 6/5

There has been lots happening up in Dyurra with 6/5 this term. In English, we have been working on improving the description in our sentences to make our creative writing more interesting to the reader. Students have been learning about and using a range of simple and complex sentences to help their writing flow. In Mathematics, we have been working problem solving into everything that we do, both single and multi step questions. We are using ‘Brain Breaks’ throughout the day to continue practising our skills in this area.

We are very excited to have our Leadership Groups up and running after receiving our badges at the Leadership Assembly on Wednesday 27 February. The groups are: Sports Leaders, Culture Leaders, Specialist Leaders, Student Wellbeing Leaders and Events and Publications Leaders. The Year 6 students will be working within these groups throughout the year, developing their leadership skills such as collaboration, communication and confidence.

Year 5 students completed their assessment for the Instrumental Music Program (band) last week. Year 6 band students were very excited to begin their lessons with David. Year 5 band will be up and running in the next couple of weeks. Students who are not participating in band will be offered an alternative Arts program in their Learning Groups.

Some of our Year 6 leaders have been working with Ian to replace some tubes and pump up the tyres of the school bikes. We are looking forward to begin working with these bikes in our Physical Education program this term. The school has a total of 15 bikes for student use. These include a mix of mountain bikes and BMX’s. Students are encouraged to ride their bikes to school daily and are welcome to use their own bikes and/or helmets during our lessons.

### Bulb Fundraiser

We are hosting a bulb fundraiser during Term 1, see in this newsletter for more info! All orders are due to the canteen by **Friday, 22nd of March!**

### General Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on 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. We know there have been some issues with ordering online (particularly on Fridays) over the past few weeks. Please note that Flexischools are looking into this. Thank you for your patience, and a reminder that cash orders can be dropped to the canteen by your child if you have any issues ordering through Flexischools!

### School Banking

School banking for 2019 is up and running! Drop your bank books off on Tuesday mornings! If you'd like 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](mailto:nevillebonnerps.pandc@gmail.com), or search for Neville Bonner Primary School P&C Association on Facebook!



## Neville Bonner Primary School Playgroup

### **Are you interested in a Playgroup for your child?**

We are looking for people who may be interested in joining us for playgroup. We are offering a Thursday session from 9.15-10.30am. Please note that you will be required to stay with your child for the entire session.

If you are interested in joining one of our playgroup sessions please contact me via Reception on 61421201.

Thank you,

Kathleen

Preschool Educator and Playgroup Coordinator

## **National Day of Action Against Violence**

At Neville Bonner Primary School, we take pride in our community's focus on Kindness and Respectful Relationships, and the work our families, children and staff all do to ensure a safe and supportive learning environment. Friday March 15 is the National Day of Action Against Violence, an initiative that aims to address ways we can support our community in continuing to build our range of skills and strategies for safe and respectful interactions.

Over the next few weeks, the children at Neville Bonner will be involved in conversations and activities that explore this thinking. Mindfulness, and peer support will be included in this, and we invite families to continue these conversations at home using the resources the children will bring with them. We also hope you can join us at some of the exciting community initiatives that will be happening at school. (see information about these events below)

We look forward to making a stand with our community and affirming our commitment to integrity, mindfulness, kindness, and Respectful Relationships.



Start the day in a mindful way

### **Harmony Day**

Week 7 Thursday 21 March

Yoga with Holly

8:20am-9:30am

On the River

Bring a towel or a yoga mat

Healthy refreshments provided for adults at

9am before you head off the day!



### **Collaborating, Communicating and Celebrating**



An opportunity to work together as a community to strengthen our safe and kind learning environment.

**Wednesday 3 April 7pm**

This is an evening designed for adults. An opportunity for parents and caregivers to work together to make our school a better place.

For planning purposes, please RSVP for this event via Reception on 6142 1201.

**RSVP required by Friday 29 March.**

## **SSACT 12&U Track and Field State Team Selection Trials**

The School Sport Australia 12&U Track and Field Championships will be taking place in Darwin, NT this year and due to their weather conditions, the event has moved to 18-23 September, from its traditional dates in December, requiring a much earlier selection process.

The State Team Selection Trial dates have been confirmed;

Wednesday 20 March - 4.30pm - 6.45pm, Woden Park

AND

Tuesday 26 March - 4.30pm - 6.45pm, Woden Park

The eligible events have been divided between the 2 dates in an effort to not disadvantage any one group of athletes.

A Program of Events, Qualifying Standards and Rules of Competition can be found on the Track and Field page of the SSACT website; <https://www.schoolsportact.asn.au/SportDetail/Index/21>

All students wishing to trial will be invited to register online sharing their events and performance details - the portal will be opened for registrations on Friday 22 February and close on Friday 15 March to allow time for Meet Manager processing. There is a small fee at the time of registration.

Note these trials are the selection vehicle for the State Team, there will be no selections made at the 10 September ACT Championships, this event will still be the culminating event for students from the four regional carnivals.

If you have any questions about the trials, please contact me via Reception.

Amy Czoban

Deputy Principal

**MELBA TENNIS CLUB**

**Free Community Fun Day**

**Saturday 16 March 1pm**  
Brownlee Place, Melba

- Free BBQ
- Free drinks
- Fun activities
- Join the club on day and receive 15 months membership for the price of 12 months (new members only)
- Come and have a try at your local tennis courts and our Hot Shot courts
- Meet the coaches

**On the Line TENNIS**

WHO WE ARE IS BUT A STEPPING STONE TO WHAT WE CAN BECOME  
- DEUS EX

**nab AFL Auskick**

**Auskick is coming to your school!**

NAB AFL Auskick is the best fun you can have being active! In weekly sessions, Auskickers explore the world of AFL, build football skills and play in a safe and super fun setting!

Kicking off  
Tuesday 19th March  
4 week program  
Tuesdays 3:30pm to 4:30pm

\$46 per student and get a kit with a footy, footy pump, bluetooth speaker, footy cards + trained by AFL coaches

**PROGRAM LEADER**  
James McCormack  
0487 549 624  
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**Register at [play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)**

## Kindergarten Hydrogen Suns - Patterns

The Hydrogen Suns have been investigating patterns during Maths. We started by talking about what a pattern is. Isabelle told us “A pattern is something that is repeated” and gave us the example of “Purple, green, purple, green.”

We have investigated patterns in many ways, we:

Copied them



Made them



Shivdesh and Lucy made a green, yellow pattern using the teddy bears.

Bentley and Tiva made a pattern using cubes, it goes green, red, orange.

Heath made pattern using only the blue vehicles, can you work out the pattern?

Yousef made two patterns using the different coloured vehicles.



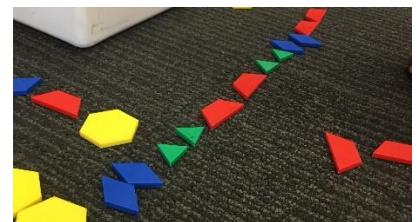
Venice and Asser made a very long pattern using the paddle pop sticks, can you work out the pattern?



Sofia made a pattern using the different colours of the beads.

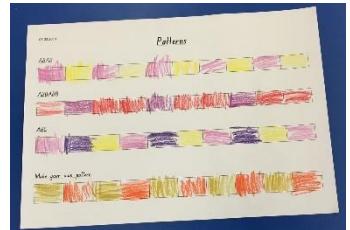
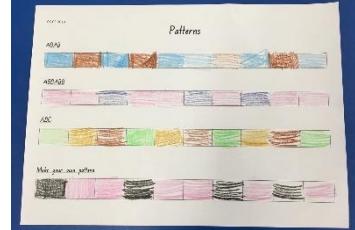
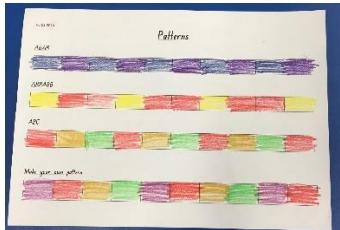
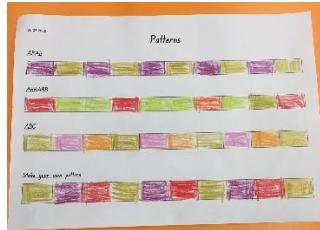


Arash made a pattern using the beads, it is blue, blue, blue, purple, purple, purple.



Rebecca, Eva and Issa made a pattern using different shapes, it goes, diamond, triangle, rhombus.

Learnt about the different types of patterns including ABAB, ABBABB and ABC



Erica, Nell, Arjun and Xandra all made different types of patterns by colouring boxes different colours.