

## Getting to Know You Yarns

A note will have come home today with your child about our **Getting to Know You Yarns** held in Week 3 (19-23 February) for Kindergarten to Year 6 children and Weeks 3 and 4 (19 February-2 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.

Please see below for details on how to book in your Yarn through our online booking system. Please note the booking system will not be open for bookings until **4pm Friday 16 February**.

### Please access the PTO system as follows:

- Go to the school's home page <http://www.nevillebonnerps.act.edu.au/>
- Click the PTO icon as shown here ...
- Click on 'Obtain PIN/Password'. This will send your log in details to the **email address** the school has on file
- Use the details emailed to log in



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to all those who were able to come to the **Information Evening** on Tuesday night and the Family BBQ last Thursday. The teachers greatly valued your attendance and they enjoyed meeting so many parents and carers. Elsewhere in this Newsletter is the link to the Australian Curriculum parent/carer information section, which teachers spoke about at the Information Evening. This is relevant for children in Kindergarten to Year 6.

Year 6 students were the stars at yesterday's first Assembly of the year! All Year 6 were presented with their individual Student Leader badges. They renewed their leadership pledge and committed to their important role as school student leaders for 2018. We are indeed fortunate to have such a wonderful group of role models for our school.

Next week, the **Getting to Know You Yarns** begin. These *Yarns* provide an opportunity for parents/carers to share relevant information about their children, which will help teachers as they plan the learning programmes for the year. At the *Yarns*, teachers will be the listeners! At this time of year, teachers are unable to give feedback about progress as they are still learning about your child! As mentioned at the Information Evening, you are welcome to make an appointment to see your child's teacher at any time throughout the year. If you would like a more detailed discussion following the *Yarn*, please schedule a time with your child's teacher.

A detailed note about the *Yarns* will accompany today's Newsletter. The letter invites you to log-on to a link in order to book your *Get To Know You Yarn* time. We hope that every child's parent or carer will attend the *Yarns*. If for any reason, you are unable to book your time in one of the allocated options, please let your child's teacher know and she/he will be happy to make an alternate time with you.

## Dates to remember

### FEBRUARY

19-23	Getting to Know You Yarns (K-Year 6)
19 Feb-2 Mar	Getting to Know You Yarns (Preschool)
21	K-Year 6 Swimming Carnival Dickson Pool
22	P&C Annual General Meeting
28	Home Reading Workshop

## Notes home

- Information sessions
- Parent/Carer Online Booking Instructions for Getting to Know You Yarns

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## SCHOOL BOARD

### Neville Bonner Primary School Vacant Positions 2018

The following positions will become vacant in 2018:

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

Nominations open 11am Monday 5 February and close Monday 19 February 2018.  
Nomination forms available at Reception.

Voting opens 11am Monday 26 February 2018.  
Voting closes 11am on Monday 5 March 2018.

Children in Kindergarten to Year 6 are excited about the up-coming **Swimming Carnival** to be held next Wednesday 21 February. It is always a most enjoyable day with many fun-filled land and water activities for all the children. The competitive races are an important section of the day. Children who are eight years and over have the opportunity to compete in a range of races, and depending on their times may progress to the District level and possibly state and national levels! Parents and carers are most welcome to join us at the pool! The Preschoolers will mind the school for us while all of Kinder to Year 6 have SCHOOL AT THE POOL!

#### **A few reminders:**

**Newsletter** is the school's main form of communication to families. Newsletter is emailed every Thursday – please let us know if you require a hard copy. On even weeks, Newsletter will contain a range of contributions, including from Learning Teams and from the children. The 'odd' week Newsletter is an 'information only' edition. **Please read Newsletter every week!**

**'Notes home' days are Tuesdays and Thursdays** – please check your child's bag on these days. These notes might be about up-coming events and excursions, or other important school related matters.

Does your child have **sunscreen** (labelled with name) and a **sun hat** at school?

**Assemblies:** The children host Assemblies every week. Whole school Assemblies alternate with Pre-Yr 1 and Yr 2-6 Assemblies. Whole School Assemblies commence at 9.20am. Preschool –Yr 1 Assemblies commence at 9.20am and Yr 2-6 Assemblies commence at 9.55am. (Please note that Preschool begin coming to Assemblies in Term 2). One of the important aspects of Assemblies is the celebration of children's achievements. At whole school Assemblies, Certificates for commitment to our school community through practising respectful relationships are awarded. At the Preschool-Yr 1 and Yr 2-Yr 6 Assemblies, we celebrate and acknowledge academic achievements.

Family members are warmly invited to attend Assemblies. Your child's teacher will 'secretly' phone you in the week prior to your child receiving an Award, in order to give you time to organise to attend Assembly. The look of joy on children's faces to see their family member present for their Award presentation is always a delight to behold!

The schedule for Assemblies for Semester One will be published in next week's Newsletter. There will be no Assemblies next week, as it is Swimming Carnival day.

One last reminder – in the interests of the health of staff, students and community members, we ask you to keep your child at home when she/he is sick, and only return to school when symptoms have ceased. We love to share at Neville Bonner – but not so our illnesses!

I wish you all a restful weekend

Fran



### **Australian Curriculum Information Link**

Please find below the link to the Australian Curriculum website mentioned at the information sessions held on Tuesday 13 February. This section of the website provides information for families about their children and the Australian Curriculum.

<https://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/parent-information/>



### **What is the P&C?**

The Neville Bonner Primary School P&C Association operates to support the educational and social needs of our students. It provides a means for parents, carers, families and local citizens to be a part of the school community, through fundraising, events and regular meetings. Being a part of the P&C, either as a committee member or volunteer, is a fantastic way to help support your children, and to meet new people. You can commit to as much or as little as you want, it's up to you!

### **P&C 'Meet and Greet' and Annual General Meeting**

Come along to our P&C 'Meet and Greet', to be held at 7pm on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February in the staff lounge. It's a great opportunity to meet the P&C Team! Following this, our AGM and General Committee Meeting will commence at 7.30pm. Please mark the date in your diary and come along. It's a great opportunity to see what we have planned for 2018! Kids are welcome!

## 2018 School Fete

Unfortunately we've had to postpone the date of our school fete to Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> of May. If you'd like to be a part of the organising committee, please contact the P&C, or come along to our next meeting! We are also looking for businesses and organisations willing to donate prizes for a raffle or showbags! Contact us if you'd like more information.

## Canteen

Our school canteen is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday for lunch, as well as Monday and Friday afternoons for over the counter sales. Details on how to order or volunteer, and our menu, are attached with this newsletter, perfect for sticking on the fridge! Flexischools is now ready for you to submit orders, you'll just need to ensure your children's teacher is updated.

## Facebook

We have a Facebook page, where you can find out more about what the P&C is doing and keep up to date with events and P&C happenings! Find us at <https://www.facebook.com/NBPS.PandC/>. If you already like our page, please invite other families that aren't following us!

## 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.

## Coles - 'Sports for Schools'



It is now time to collect the Coles 'Sports for Schools' Vouchers!

One voucher can be collected for every \$10.00 spent at Coles supermarkets (please ask for assistance if you use the self-serve checkout). Every voucher our school collects can be redeemed for quality sports resources for our school.

Please ask your family, neighbours, colleagues and friends to collect vouchers for us! This is a fantastic opportunity to receive free resources for our children.

This initiative started on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February. A collection box will be available in Reception as well as at Amaroo Coles.



If you have any questions, please contact me via Reception. Thank you in advance for the support.

Danielle

## A Day at the Lake 2018 - Sunday 4 March

Presented by Icon Water, is going to be so much fun!

The perfect opportunity for Canberrans to learn about the little things we can all do to stay safe while we're recreating in and around the water. *Royal Life Saving believes everyone can be a Lifesaver.* So come and let us show you how!

A Day at the Lake will offer:

- Live Entertainment with local band The Sacred Cow
- Face painting, jumping castles and surf n slide
- Interactive water safety demonstrations for the whole family
- Local Swim schools water activities and supervised free swim
- BBQ Lunch and coffee and more onsite
- Free CPR Awareness training
- Backyard Lifeguard – information and tips for home pool owners
- Water Play zone
- Lake "AQUA" aerobics
- Prizes and Giveaways
- Returning for a second year, The Royal Life Saving ACT DUCK DERBY!
- Much, much more!

Royal Life Saving ACT DUCK DERBY Tickets will be on sale through our local supporting partners, come along to A Day at the Lake to see if you WIN!!

Bring your swimmers, towel and all the family for a fun filled day at the Lake!

**Free Admission!** We hope to see you there

For more information visit: [www.RLSSA.org](http://www.RLSSA.org)