

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing this on Wednesday evening, having just returned from the 2018 Bandstravaganza at Llewellyn Hall, School of Music at the Australian National University. Our Year 6 Band combined with five other Gungahlin schools to perform an outstanding range of pieces that they have been studying over the last year. It never ceases to amaze me that only after less than two years of learning in the Instrumental Music Programme (IMP), the children are capable of such a high standard of performance. We were also treated to performances by elite Band ensembles from across the ACT public education system. The talent amongst children in our schools is stunning. Bandstravaganza also provides our Year 6 children the opportunity to set goals and dream about being a member of the Jazz Band or the Senior Concert Band in their later years in high school.

Participation in music education is so important in the growth of all children as learners, and the bonus is that it brings such joy! Congratulations to our Yr 6 Band! Our thanks go to Ian and Melissa for leading the Band programme at our school and providing the opportunities for the children. We also thank Shoshanna Honey-Erlandson, our itinerant teacher from IMP, who has guided and mentored the children and teachers.

Children currently in Year 4 will have the opportunity to be selected for the Year 5 Band in 2019.

Here are some thoughts about Bandstravaganza from our Year 6 Band!

"Watching the year 9-12 was cool!"

"Best concert ever!"

"It grew my passion for music!"

"Listening to and playing with all those amazing musicians was fun."

"Good way to end the year."

"It was amazing!"



Dates to remember

NOVEMBER

23/11	Th/Fri Preschool Jump Rope for Heart Day
23/11	Yr 1 Science Show
28/11	Preschool Orientation
29/11	Kindergarten Orientation (new students)
29/11	Preschool Orientation
30/11	Yr 6 Fundraising Crazy Colours Day

DECEMBER

4/12	Yr 4/3 Kenny Koala
6/12	Jam on Toast
6/12	P&C Meeting
11/12	Volunteers Morning Tea
11/12	Mon/Tues Preschool Report and Portfolios
13/12	End of Year Concert
14/12	Reports and Portfolio
20/12	Yr 6 Graduation Ceremony
21/12	Last Day of Term 4

Notes home

- ➡ Year 6 Graduation Ceremony
- ➡ Crazy Colours Day

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Traffic Management Plan

Attached to today's Newsletter, is a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) designed specifically for Neville Bonner Primary School. Over the course of 2018 our school and Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) have been active in working with Transport Canberra to address parking and traffic matters around our school. The resolution of most matters is directly linked to driver behaviour. I encourage you to carefully read the TMP, which also outlines the types and amounts of fines that can be incurred. Examples include: parking on the verge and footpaths (fines from \$120), parking in a bus zone (fines from \$162) and parking in a mobility(disabled) space (fines from \$600). The TMP also provides advice about parking locations and guidelines for using cars around our school. Please be aware that parking enforcement officers will be visiting our school on a regular basis. I encourage you to take particular care when parking in the carpark behind the school (opposite Woolworths) – ensure you park in designated spaces only.

I would like to extend my thanks to the P&C Association for their leadership of, and commitment to this community concern. If we all take responsibility for our individual driver behaviour, we can make a huge difference together!

Important dates for the rest of the year – put them in your diary!

- 11 December** Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea
- 13 December** Concert
- 14 December** Student Reports and Portfolios sent home
- 20 December** Year 6 Graduation
- 21 December** Last day of term

I am trying not to remember that December is only one week away! Have a restful weekend
Fran

Preschool

It's been a massive two weeks in Preschool with our excursions to the National Gallery of Australia, the 'One Walk' and 'Jump Rope for Heart'.

We thoroughly enjoyed our excursion to the National Gallery as we were able to view artworks from various artists we had explored throughout Term 2 and the various types of art that were on display, such as paintings, sculptures and wooden artefacts.

On top of our excursions and whole school events we have enjoyed spending time in the Kindergarten learning areas during our Kindergarten Orientations. The Kindergarten teachers have made us feel welcomed and have engaged us in activities about books- our favourite! We have also had a

few visits to the Kindergarten playground to ensure that the Pre-schoolers become confident and comfortable when it is their turn to become Kindy kids!

Kindergarten

In Kindy we are in high spirits, participating in many different exciting events and sharing our learning with each other.

Over the last few weeks, we have been sharing stories about experiences from our past, such as what we have been doing before school, times we have been on fun adventures to places like 'Flip Out' and the Zoo as well as telling stories from when we were in preschool. This has prepared us for sharing stories about our artefacts that we have brought in from home. Using these artefacts we have created mini museums and are sharing them with people visiting our rooms.

On the 16th of November, we were lucky enough to have the firefighters visit us. We have heard the sirens a few times this year while practising how to safely evacuate the school and we loved meeting some of the people who help to make sure we are safe. We learned and practised to 'get down low and go, go, go!' if we are inside a building with a fire and to 'Stop, drop and roll' if the fire is on our clothes.





We also know that the best way to stay safe when there is a fire is to move away from the area to somewhere safe, like we do in fire evacuations. The firefighters told us to pull on a firefighter's sleeves as they crawl past us to tell them that we are there if we are in a fire.



As it is getting warmer we are really enjoying our time outside in the sunshine, reminding our friends to wear hats and sunscreen when we go outside. We are also appreciating the breeze when it blows on the hotter days and we do enjoy a big drink of water before and after being outside.



Year 1

Year One have been very busy! We have continued to look at a variety of poems in English including haikus, acrostic poems and colour poems. During Maths lessons we have been practising reading time to the hour and half hour as well as extending our understanding through looking at fractions, for example, halves and quarters. In Unit of Inquiry we have been exploring a variety of celebrations that are important to our community and families, such as, Diwali and Children's Day. Meanwhile, in Science we are very excited for our upcoming Science Show which will be exploring all areas of science through the use of experiments. Finally, we have all been enjoying getting to know each other in Year One Master Classes on a Tuesday afternoon. Some of the activities we have been enjoying include music, science, soccer, art, technology and writing.

Year 2

Year 2 have become poets these past few weeks! We have been looking at a range of poems including acrostic poems and haikus. In Maths, we have continued to focus on money. We are getting pretty clever at working out how much change we should get when we buy something. Next time at the shops you might be able to test us out! In Science, we've been looking at and even making a variety of different mixtures. Slime seems to be the most popular one! Last week we enjoyed practising our skipping skills on Thursday for Jump Rope for Heart. We also found it interesting learning about Type 1 Diabetes on Wednesday and taking part in the rescheduled One Walk. Finally, we are all getting prepared for the End of Year Concert and learning a little bit about the culture that our piece comes from.

Year 4/3

In English, we have been exploring different poetic devices, such as 'onomatopoeia', 'alliteration' and 'rhyme'. We have also created different poems, including 'Monster alliteration poems' and funny limericks. Our students are looking forward to creating more personalised poems.

In Mathematics, we have finished up our fractions unit and will be continuing to develop our understanding of them in our chance and probability work, showing how a result can be presented in a variety of ways including fractions. We have been conducting chance experiments and recording our results.

In Science, we have been conducting some exciting experiments where we are exploring the relationship between objects when they are melted, put in the fridge and

when they are frozen. We have been recording our results and discussing the similarities and differences.

Year 6/5

The Year 6/5 children and teachers are continually working hard in our learning spaces in preparation for the end of the year.

In Science, the children have been examining whether gases have mass like solids and liquids. The students had fun conducting their own experiments, and the teachers loved hearing all about their findings.

It has been exciting to see our students design and produce their own three-dimensional shape houses. They have shown a lot of enthusiasm during both the design and construction phase of this Mathematics/Design unit.

The Year 6's had fun at their last combined band practice. It was really rewarding to see our students represent Neville Bonner in an exemplary manner. They made teachers and students from other schools feel very welcome!

Jump Rope for Heart was a massive success. The students demonstrated their leadership skills, encouraging and guiding our Year 1 children through a variety of fun activities. It was pleasing to see our students handle the role of being our leaders beautifully.



One Walk was another thing to add to our busy schedule. The students walked around the school, raising funds for Type 1 diabetes. The students really enjoyed walking around the school and supporting a great cause!

Preparations have started for our End of Year Concert. Students have been making props and practising songs that will be performed at the End of Year Concert.

Spring Soiree

On Tuesday 13 November, Neville Bonner Primary School held the 2018 Spring Soiree and we watched as many of our students shared their talents on stage. It was a wonderful evening and we thank the adults for supporting the children in attending the event and encouraging their creativity. Thank you also to Fran, whose continued support of the arts makes opportunities like this possible, and to the generous teachers who worked behind the scenes to make the event happen: Tash, Anya, Casey and Angie. On behalf of the committee, I'd like to congratulate all of the performers. We look forward to seeing what talents are shared next year at our Winter Soiree!

Georgie

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.





Canberra
Symphony
Orchestra

Come along to Shell Prom, Summer and Song

Welcome the start of summer with Canberra Symphony Orchestra on Saturday 1 December for *Shell Prom, Summer and Song*.

Held on the lawns of Government House in Yarralumla, this evening concert will feature Mendelssohn, Puccini, Bernstein, Gershwin and Tchaikovsky classics and more. There are many favourites, familiar to everyone, including *Midsummer Night's Dream*, the *Nutcracker* and *Summertime* from Porgy and Bess.

Guests can pack a picnic or purchase food and beverages from a variety of vendors, stretch out under the trees and enjoy beautiful music in a relaxed, family-friendly environment. There is plenty of room for children to play and outdoor activities are welcome. For the full program, please [click here](#).

Tickets for student, group of 10 or more (\$20 each) and family passes (two adults and all your children under 15) are available for \$70. For more pricing, event information and ticket purchase, please visit our website at cso.org.au or call us on 02 6262 6772.

Patrons are welcome to bring their own food, tableware, seating and activities. Water filling stations will be available onsite. Please allow time for bags to be checked on entry. For more information on what is and is not allowed on the premises, please [click here](#) or see our website.

Gates open at 4:45pm with the concert starting at 6pm. Parking is available off Dunrossil Drive. For disability-parking (accessible off Lady Denham Drive), please call us on 6262 6772 before Wednesday 21 November to secure your permit.

Launch your summer season in style with Canberra Symphony Orchestra!



Indigenous Scholarships Available



Would you like your children to learn how to run, jump and throw in a fun and safe environment? Thanks to the support of the ACT Government Little Athletics ACT, have a number of Indigenous scholarships available for the 2018/2019 season.

The mission of Little Athletics is to develop children of all abilities by promoting positive attitudes and a healthy lifestyle through family and community involvement in athletic activities. Our centres provide opportunities for children aged between five and sixteen to make friends outside of school in a positive environment. Parents and carers can make new friends at Little A's too. Volunteering to help rake the long jump pit or time-keep running events is a great ice-breaker that can help create long lasting friendships for you and your family.

Scholarships are available for those who live in the ACT, Braidwood, Cooma, Queanbeyan, Murrumbateman and Yass. For further details please contact Malcolm Lavender on (02) 6247 1296- Option 3 or development@actlaa.org.au.



Birrigai Year 4/3 Day Camp

It was so exciting to hear about all the interesting and exciting things that the students did whilst at Birrigai.

Below are some quotes from the students and teachers and photos from the day.



I learned how the Elders of the Ngunnawal people used this land – Aarya

My first bushwalking in Canberra. What a GREAT EXPERIENCE!!!- Mary

The experience at Birrigai was fantastic. I especially liked the cookie- Moukthika

The campfire because we made yummy food- Javden

Everything!!- Rosa

I liked learning making the campfires- Meerat

The educators were great, they taught us through giving us a chance to have a go - Tristan

Cooking the damper was great, I am going to teach my family- Hunter



Laura Jean Portrait Fundraiser

We are hosting a Laura Jean Portrait Fundraiser on Sunday, November 25th. For just \$20, families can get a 15 minute sitting, and a 10x13" professional family portrait and key ring, with the option to purchase additional images. **ONLY A COUPLE OF SPOTS LEFT!** For bookings, visit www.trybooking.com/437733



Gingerbread House Fundraiser

We are organising the always popular Gingerbread House fundraiser. Information about this is coming home to each family today, and next Tuesday for beginning of the week preschool groups. Gingerbread houses come in original, chocolate and gluten free options. All kits are free of nut, dairy, egg, palm oil, preservatives, added colours and are also kosher. Kits are \$30 each. **ORDERS ARE DUE BY MONDAY, 26th NOVEMBER!**

End of Year Concert BBQ

We are looking for volunteers to help out with the end of year concert BBQ, to be held on Thursday, 13th December. We need people from around 3.30pm to help with set up, and then to cook and clean up after the concert. Please note, we stop cooking/serving food before the concert starts, so you won't miss anything! If you can help at all, even just for a little while, please contact us!

More information?

Want to know more about the P&C or the above activities? Email us at nevillebonnerps.pandc@gmail.com, or find us on FB!

Christmas @ Forde

24th November 2018
10am - 1pm
Heritage Park
Cnr of Francis Forde Blvd & Zakharov Ave, Forde

Bush Blitz
is coming to the ACT!

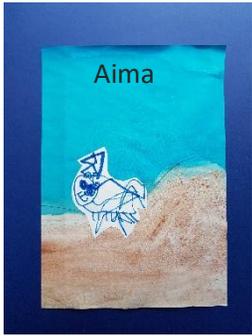
Discover what lives at the
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS
10am–3pm Sunday 2 December

Join Bush Blitz scientists (including spider expert Dr Robert Raven) on their search for species, learn how to identify the amazing plants and animals that call the Australian Capital Territory home... and SO MUCH MORE!

Visit bushblitz.org.au for details

Save the Date!

The Year 6 Graduation Ceremony 2018
will be held on
Thursday 20 December



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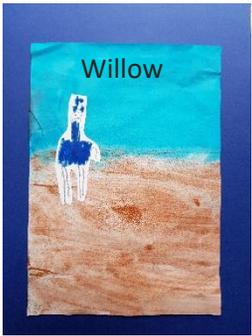
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Glowlastics Preschool Group

‘A Surprise for Dingo’ is a story in which the reader is led to believe that all the animals in dingo’s path were running away from him in fright. We find out that the animals were actually planning a surprise birthday party for their dingo friend.

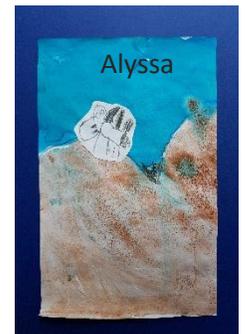
After listening to the story, the children in the Glowlastics preschool group were invited to draw an animal they would like to bring to dingo’s party. Many children chose Australian animals, including owls, kangaroos, echidnas, and snakes. Others chose their pet dog or cat from home. The animals were added to a background the children created by drawing a horizon line on paper, then painting blue above the line, and a reddish-brown desert colour below the line.



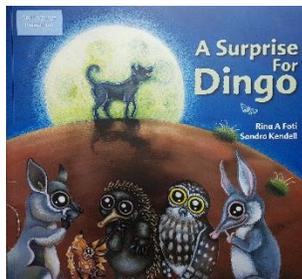
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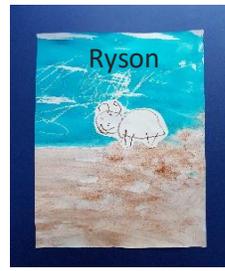
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Alyssa



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Julian



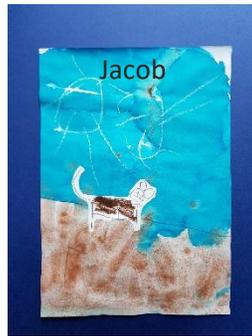
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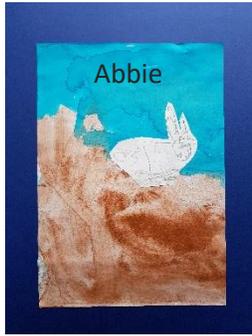
Jacob



Aidan



Ivy



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