

Dear Parents and Carers

What a fantastic day we had on Saturday at the Markets and Book Fair! A large number of families and residents came along throughout the day – it was a happy community atmosphere with music, dance, yummy food, carnival activities and lots of chatter and laughs! How do we begin to thank our amazing P&C, led by the inimitable Kylie? Her attention to detail and seamless organisation in conjunction with her leadership of such a dedicated and ingenious team ensured a wonderful event for us all. On behalf of our community, we thank the P&C and the many volunteers who gave so selflessly of their time - we were all so proud of Neville Bonner Primary!



We are looking forward to an enjoyable day tomorrow at the school's annual Athletics Carnival. All the children will participate in a day of physical education activities, which include athletics events and games. The children will be active the whole day and will also have brief opportunities to cheer on those involved in races. The carnival is at Amaroo Oval and we welcome all families to come along and share in the day. Don't forget your coat and gloves!

Some of the children have asked why we hold the carnival at this time of year. I have explained to them that our Carnival dates (also for Cross Country and Swimming carnivals) are dictated by the District and ACT carnivals, which in turn are dictated in terms of timing, by the national competition. It is a 'flow down' effect which impacts on when schools need to hold the events. We are so lucky that these pathway opportunities are available to the children – children's sporting talents are recognised at the school level with some of them progressing to national competitions. Many elite athletes had their beginnings in the school sports programmes!



On Monday evening this week, I was delighted to be able to watch Sohil (Yr 6) compete in the Rostrum quarter finals. Though he did not win, he was an outstanding contender and a truly amazing representative of Neville Bonner Primary School. Congratulations Sohil!

Dates to remember

JUNE

21	P&C meeting 7:00pm
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ATHLETICS CARNIVAL FRIDAY 22 JUNE



Over the last week, all Learning Groups have talked with their teachers about the importance of safety around strangers. The key messages that have been discussed are:

What is a stranger?

Someone that you and your family don't know.

What are strangers like?

Strangers might be nice, strangers might be mean.

What you should do if you are approached by a stranger.

Yell! Run! Tell!

Key Reminders

- Never go anywhere with a stranger.
- Never get in a car with a stranger.
- If a stranger offers you a present, yell "No!" very loudly.

Recommendations

It is recommended that children know the names of their adults and at least one phone number.

You may find this language and messaging useful in your discussions with your children. It is recommended that all families re-iterate these important safety messages.

Last week, many of our children and their families celebrated Eid al-Fitr, to mark the end of Ramadan. We hope you had a joyous celebration!

I look forward to seeing you at the Athletics Carnival tomorrow – if you can make it!

Have a restful weekend

Fran

Preschool

During our Unit of Inquiry learning, 'Being-Healthy Me!' the children have had an opportunity to attend an excursion to the National Botanic Gardens last week. When we arrived, the children had the chance to go on guided tours to look at Aboriginal artefacts, plants and trees that could be used for medicine, everyday living and food. We walked past the paper trees. We learnt that it be used to make baskets, lemon myrtle that is used for a range of purposes including cleaning, tea and many more, bottle brush stems that can be used as a hair brush and some more exciting things.

Children have also been interested in making food using playdough, cooking in the sandpit and collecting herbs from the garden to make soups. We have been tasting different fruits and vegetables during our fresh tastes

learning. Pineapple, kiwi fruit, carrots and watermelon were some of the favourites.

'Living the Learning' is on Tuesday 26 and Thursday 28 June. Parents and carers are invited to come in and experience, with their child together, some of the learning that has been occurring throughout the term. Spare notes are available in your child's learning space. We are looking for donations of chickpeas and corn spears to make a special treat with your child for you on the day.

Kindergarten

Over the last week the Kindergarten children have been learning about positional language in Mathematics. We have been using words, such as 'next to', 'under' and 'on top of' to describe the position of objects. We have been asking questions, such as, "Is the red cube on top of the blue cube in your tower?" and "Can we put all of our towers next to each other to build a city?" We have also been using our positional language to give our peers instructions to get from one place to another place. We are working on being 'Bucket fillers' and have discussed what we can do to fill someone else's bucket. We came up with ideas, such as being their friends, helping them up if they fall over, telling them stories and asking if they are okay if they are looking a bit sad. We are having lots of fun in literacy, making predictions about what might happen next in a story and visualising what we are hearing in stories. We have been focussing on the Read Aloud 'The Crazy Critters Cooking Convention' by Greg Banks, where we have found lots of words ending in '-ed'. We are excited for the athletics carnival that is coming up because we have been practising our running, jumping and throwing!

Year 1

Year 1 are very excited about this week's Athletics Carnival. We have been practising our running and relays as much as we can. Children have been writing and illustrating their narratives using the introduction, problem and conclusion to structure their work.

In our unit of inquiry we will continue to discuss family roles and how they change over time. In Science we are continuing to inquire about various animal habitats and how different animals and invertebrates adapt to their surrounds. Learning Groups will create their very own habitats for an animal of their choice.

Year 2

With the end of the term fast approaching, students and teachers have been very busy. In Literacy we have been

focusing on the structure of information reports. Meanwhile, in Maths students have been using arrays to solve multiplication problems. Throughout the term, Learning Groups have been exploring what life was like 100 years ago. This learning will continue next week when we visit Hall School Museum. We are all very excited about the Athletics Carnival on Friday and have been training hard for running events.

Year 4/3

It has been a busy time of learning in Dyulang for the Year 4/3 students in the past couple of weeks. We have been working hard and practising our skills in vertical leap and long jump in preparation for our Athletics Carnival. We have also been moving and grooving through our Dance unit where the theme is movement. The unit has shown us the different ways our bodies can create moves that can be used in various dance routines.

In Mathematics, we have been continuing with our graphing while also investigating different types of angles. We have created our own resources, such as angle testers with paper strips and split pins that allow students to create and identify different types of angles and their rotation.

The Year 4/3 students have been exploring the different climates in countries around the world. They have also learnt the link between the angle of the Earth's rotation and its orbit around the Sun and the way that this changes weather patterns.

Year 6/5

It has been another busy fortnight in 6/5. The Year 5 Band children participated in their first Combined Band rehearsal at Neville Bonner Primary School. The Year 6 students were also busy helping the P&C to pack showbags for the school Market and Book Fair

In English, we have been finishing off our information reports by researching and writing about a past Australian bushfire or flood. Students then worked collaboratively in small groups to produce a television news report describing the disaster from a victim, SES worker and news reporter perspective.

In Mathematics, the children have been looking at clocks and time, including calculating elapsed time and converting between 12 and 24 hour times.

In our 'Bushfires and Floods' Unit of Inquiry the children have continued to discuss the impact of natural disasters on communities and what the needs and wants for

communities would be during and after a bushfire or flood.

In Science, the children have begun to look at how science investigations are setup and what equipment and resources would be needed to complete a science investigation to collect information about a newly discovered animal.

In Physical Education, we have wrapped up our skipping unit. The children all had a great time learning different skipping styles, such as, long rope, single rope and double dutch. We have also been busy preparing for the Athletics Carnival this Friday by participating in running relays and practising our jumping and throwing skills.

We ask that all families please ensure that the children have their library books in their bags each Monday in preparation for library lessons. We would also appreciate it if adults could please check that the children in the Year 5 and Year 6 Band program pack their instrument and their music each Tuesday.

Year 6/5 children have been part of discussions about the book 'Flood' by Jackie French and Bruce Whatley. This book explores what happens when a river floods and how the community copes in the aftermath. Participating in our 'Read Aloud', was an opportunity for children to combine their factual knowledge of floods with their ability to interpret characters' responses and in so doing, bring this book to life. Observations and contributions made by children included:

- 'The colours in the picture 'feel' like the atmosphere of the story'
- 'It's like the dog is seeing the reality of what is happening'
- 'Words like 'savage' and 'slashed' make it feel dangerous.'

After reading this book the children were able to explain how the 'character' of the river changed from a 'friend' to an 'enemy', using rich descriptive language.

Next Meeting

Our next P&C General Meeting will be held TONIGHT (Thursday, 21 June) at 7pm in the staff lounge. Please come along!

School Banking

As of **term 3**, school banking will move to **Tuesdays**. Students can continue to hand their books to the front office before class. If your child has lost their book, they can bring their money to school in a sealed envelope with a note on the next school banking day. They will then be issued with a replacement book. If you would like to know more out the school banking program, pick up an info back from the front office, or visit www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking.

Entertainment Books

Get your 18/19 version now! To purchase, go to <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2787i1> or contact Nat via our email (nevillebonnerps.pandc@gmail.com). If you would like to order a hard copy book, please select pick up and it will be delivered to the school office for you to collect. Ask your family and friends to support us as well!

Canteen

Our school canteen is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for lunch, as well as Monday and Friday afternoons for over the counter sales. All orders are due either direct to the canteen (cash only) or via Flexischools by 9am on the morning required. No cancellations after this time. A reminder that Preschoolers can order! Their lunches will delivered to their classroom by the canteen staff! We have a great variety of food available, including GF, DF, vegetarian and halal options. Check out our menu on Facebook or at the canteen. If you'd like to volunteer to help, even just once a term, please let us know!

Thursday meal deal: 4 chicken nuggets, a fruit cup and 2 pikelets for \$6.00!

Monday meal deal: Mac and cheese, drink and a cookie for \$6.00! (GF option available!)

Yr 6/5 Band

Year 6/5 Band Invoices have been emailed (if your child is in the Year 6/5 Band and you have not received an invoice; please contact Reception on 6142 1201).



Light Rail Vehicles are now testing!

The first Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) to hit the tracks was towed out of the Depot in Mitchell on the evening of Monday 11 June and is undergoing low speed brake testing up to 20km/h. The project is now in the Testing and Commissioning phase which will ensure the operational readiness of both the LRVs and the route. Testing, between Mitchell and Gungahlin Place, will continue at night with the LRV operating at low speeds. This will progress into daytime testing in the coming months, which will see construction fencing and barriers being gradually removed and LRV movements becoming more frequent. The light rail corridor is rapidly taking shape and it is important for all of us to be Rail Ready and stay safe in this new environment.

Stay Safe!

Staying safe around light rail is simple. Keep these few tips in mind:

- Never attempt to access the light rail corridor during the construction and testing period. While light rail stops may look complete, the project is still a construction zone and LRVs will not transport passengers until commencement of services.
- Keep flying objects such as drones and kites well away from the overhead wire. The overhead wire is LIVE and carries 750 volts of power. Keep away!
- It is prohibited to drive, walk or cycle along rail tracks.

Regards,

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Waste

Help our worms and help our Earth 100kg of organic waste needed every week!



We invite you to add your own organic waste to the school worm farm. Simply bring food scraps to the bins at the end of the worm farm. We will do the rest. We only ask that NO meat is added to the organic matter. Worms are strictly vegetarian. Because our worm farm is so big it can tolerate citrus and potato peels.

You will be amazed at how much you can recycle and our worms will thank you!

THANK YOU FROM THE P&C!

WOW! What a fantastic day last Saturday! The Neville Bonner Market and Book Fair was a huge success, and we wanted to say thank you to everyone who was involved! If we miss anyone, we do apologise!

To Jen Ofiana, our poster designer, thank you for your fantastic creativity!

To our tireless volunteers, including those from Communities@Work, thank you for taking the time to assist, without you we would not have been able to make the day go ahead. There were so many of you and we really appreciate your help!

To our performers (Tim Hall, Jazzy Jumpers, Ana Fino, Ian Blackwell and Tim Staples), thank you for providing some fantastic entertainment.

To Emma and Luke from Canberra Snake Rescue and Relocation, thank you for bringing along all your wonderful animals, they were a real hit with kids of all ages!

Thank you to our stallholders for coming along and sharing your products with us: Arbonne, Tupperware, Carole's Fairies, Butterfly Wicks, The Healthy Mummy, Kahuna Slime, LJ Hooker, Avon, The Pizza Trailer, Mandy Southwell, Serene Within Designs, and Creative 7 Henna Studio.

Thank you to our sponsors (Fully Airconditioned, EB Games Gungahlin, Bunnings Gungahlin, Woolworths Bonner, Coffee Guru Bonner and Scissor and Comb Hairdressing), without your support we would not have been able to make the day as successful!

To Mel Charleston, Activities Coordinator from Bunnings Gungahlin, who donated her time and materials to spend time with the school preparing items for the garden stall, thank you.

To the St John Ambulance volunteers, we appreciate you coming along to provide support; thankfully the day was uneventful for you!

Thanks to Mathew Peters for bringing along the jumping castle, we will be donating all money raised from this to Ronald McDonald House!

To our School Fair Committee, in particular Jo Staples, Wendy Candlish, Tricia Mitchell and Stacey Naden, thanks for the support and assistance you provided in bringing all the components together, both before the event and on the day.

To our Canteen Manager Carolin Buljan, whose dedication and commitment to the school, not just in the canteen but in making and baking all the yummy treats the canteen sold on Saturday, as well as securing sponsors and raffle prizes, is something we are truly grateful for.

To the staff and teachers of Neville Bonner, in particular Fran and the school reception members, thank you for your ongoing help and support to make this event go ahead.

And finally to you, our students, parents and carers, thank you for coming along and making our first ever school fair a success! Here's to 2019!

Regards

Kylie O'Keeffe, Natalie Gray and Jayne Trustum (your P&C Executive Team)



The H₂O Investigators have revisited our Learning Agreement to determine whether we need to make changes, and to remind ourselves of what we chose to put into our Agreement and why. As a result we decided that 'kindness' was the major factor in making our Learning Agreement work for us. We therefore designed our own, individual 'kindness' posters to remind us all to be kind to others, our equipment and ourselves.



Dear Parent/Carer

Our school is holding a Carnival Book Fair soon and would like to invite you to join the fun. Carnival book Fairs provide quality books for us to display in the school at discounted prices. Every book you purchase helps us build resources for the children in our school.

Thank you for your support.

YOU ARE INVITED TO:
CarnivalFairs

Find your Treasure

BOOK FAIR

WHEN: Monday 25th -Friday 29th June

WHERE: Neville Bonner School Library

OPEN TIMES:
Monday: 8:30-9:30, 3:00-3:30
Tuesday: 8:30-9:30, 3:00-3:30
Wednesday: 8:30-9:30, 3:00-3:30
Thursday: 8:30-9:30, 3:00-6:30
Friday: 8:30-9:30.

Every Purchase Benefits Our School!

DON'T MISS OUT!
www.carnivalfairs.com.au

Rainbow Gardeners

Kindergarten

We have been using positional language to identify the location of objects!
Here is what we can tell you about the picture 'The Little Blue House':

Agam

"The grass is in the ground."

Hunter

"The blue house is near the flower."

Ali

"The fence is next to the house."

Felicia

"The rainbow is in the sky."

Baaba

"The butterfly is in front of the window."

Yogadeep

"The big flower is in front of the fence."

Francesca

"The clouds are on the ends of the rainbow."

Rohan

"The grass is in front of the tree."



This picture was sourced from: <http://www.kindergartenkindergarten.com>

Krishnaav

"The bird is on top of the house."

Ben

"The door is on the front side of the house."

Leilani

"The flower pot is in front of the window."

Isuru

"The house is next to the fence."

Nina

"The rainbow is in the sky."

Dani

"The ladybug is in the tree."

Nalah

"The tree is behind the fence."

Charlotte

"The window is behind the flower pot."

What is Tournament of Minds - TOM

TOM offers teams of students the opportunity to solve authentic, open-ended challenges that foster creative, divergent thinking whilst developing collaborative enterprise, excellence and teamwork.

Challenges are set in the following disciplines: The Arts, Language Literature, Social Sciences and STEM. Student teams compete against other teams from across Australia to solve the challenge. Students are required to work together to solve the problem, adult input is not allowed. Challenges are presented on tournament weekend.

Solutions are presented in the form of a dramatic response.

We would like to enter a team from Neville Bonner this year. If your child is in Year 3-6 and is interested, Melissa O and Kerry will be holding an information session next Thursday, second play break in the Round Room.

Please note that students will be required to commit to out of class participation, for example lunchtime and the tournament runs on a weekend so will require a family commitment of transportation to the event, 25th and 26th August.

Please feel free to visit the TOM website for further information

<https://www.tom.edu.au/Branch/act/>

Having been involved from a parent perspective Kerry can highly recommend this tournament as an exciting and worthwhile experience.

Semester One School Reports

Teachers are currently working hard preparing Semester One student reports which will be sent home on Friday 6 July with students' Portfolios. Neville Bonner Primary School reports provide families with detailed information on the achievement levels of students in a range of curriculum areas. A-E reports (Yrs 1-6) will also be available to families as part of this process. If you do not wish your child to receive an A-E grade (Years 1-6) report please fill out the slip below and return to Reception by 29 June.

We are currently also seeking information from families who have not previously notified us that they will require an additional copy of the school report (for example, for families where children live in shared households). If you require an additional copy please indicate on the slip below and return to Reception by 29 June.

OPTIONAL

Additional Copies of Documentation Request

- I would like an additional copy of the school report sent home with my child
- I would like the additional copy posted to the address below

(Please print clearly)

Parent/Carer's Name

Child/ren's name

Postal Address

OPTIONAL

Opt Out of A-E Grades

- I do not wish to receive an Semester One 2018 A-E grade report for my child/ren

(Please print clearly)

Parent/Carer's Name

Child/ren's name

Postal Address
