

Dear Parents and Carers

Today we are delighted to welcome Jamie Madsen of “Jam on Toast” fame. Jamie is a composer, performer and music educator – highly regarded across Australia for his outstanding contribution to music and the Arts. Each year since our school opened, Jamie has made a special visit to lead music education workshops for our children. His work is highly engaging, ensuring that all children are actively involved in learning that is also great fun! Jamie has a special place in the school’s heart as the composer of our school song, “Yunggaballi”. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their sessions today – don’t forget to ask them about it tonight!

Whilst we are very involved in all the activities that occur at the end of the school year, we are also gearing up for the start of the **2019** academic year. The following **dates** are important ones for the fridge door:

<b>Monday 4 February</b>	Mon/Tues Preschool (arrive 9.15am), Kindergarten (arrive 8.45-9am) and all children new (arrive 10am) to our school begin
<b>Tuesday 5 February</b>	All continuing students return (Community Yunggaballi at 8.45am)
<b>Thursday 7 February</b>	Thur/Fri Preschool groups begin
<b>Thursday 7 February</b>	Family Fun and Community BBQ 5.30-7pm
<b>Tuesday 12 February</b>	Information Evening
<b>Mon 18 Feb-Fri 1 March</b>	“Get To Know You’ Yarns
<b>Thursday 21 February</b>	Parents and Citizens Association Annual General meeting 7pm

*A reminder email about the beginning of the school year will be sent to families in late January.*

## Dates to remember

### DECEMBER

6/12	Jam on Toast
11/12	Volunteers Morning Tea
11/12	Mon/Tues Preschool Report and Portfolios sent home
13/12	End of Year Concert
14/12	Reports and Portfolios sent home
20/12	Yr 6 Graduation Ceremony
21/12	Last Day of Term 4

## Notes home

➔ Happy Happenings Holiday book

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### Stationery Packs for 2019

At Neville Bonner Primary, we order all student stationery in bulk. This provides the same quality materials for each child, and provides consistency across the teaching/learning programmes. Parents/Carers are asked to pay a set contribution to cover the costs of these essential items. The packs are delivered directly to the school and are ready for children to use from day one. For 2019, we have streamlined the packs and have reduced the cost. In 2019, the cost at each year level varies and directly reflects the content of each year level requirements. In order to balance the costs to the schools and the contributions from families, it is hoped that we achieve 100% contribution rate in 2019. Of course, if your family is under financial stress, please do not hesitate to contact me to arrange assistance and/or payment plans. We have endeavoured to keep the costs as low as possible.

The Preschool stationery pack contains a range of consumable learning resources, including craft/art materials, writing tools, EDUCA and Reading Eggs subscriptions. Kindergarten to Year 6 packs contain all exercise books, writing tools, Reading Eggs and Mathletics subscriptions. All packs include a ream of paper and a box of tissues. Next week, you will receive a note about the stationery packs and the contribution and payment details.

We ask that Stationery Contributions for 2019 are made as soon as possible and no later than the end of week 5 (8 March), 2019.

### Voluntary Contributions 2019

Attached to today's Newsletter, is information about Voluntary Contributions for 2019. The School Board has maintained the contribution at \$70 per child or \$100 per family. It would greatly assist the school if families were able to complete payment of this contribution before the end of March 2019.

### Reports and Portfolios

The children's Semester two Reports and Portfolios will be sent home on Friday 14 December. I am enjoying reading all the Reports and I am sure you will be proud of your child's achievements – as I am! Take the time to sit with your children and reflect on the work samples contained in their Portfolio. I know they will love sharing it with you!

At yesterday's Assembly, we were delighted to be presented with a cheque for \$2660 from the Parents and Citizens Association (P&C). The cheque represented the amount raised for the school through the **Scholastic Book Order** programme. We extend a huge thanks to the P&C, particularly Wendy who managed the massive task of Book

Orders throughout the year, in amongst looking after her family and having a brand new baby! We all love poring over the catalogue each term and are so grateful to the P&C for providing this service to our community.



### Construction Update

The construction work continues on Dyulang! Next week we expect the delivery of the new toilet block, with the new, eight classroom building being delivered in week 10. We also anticipate landscaping and covered walkways as part of this project. Elsewhere in Newsletter, for your interest, I have included a letter which was recently sent to the neighbours in the vicinity of our school and the new buildings.

### Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea

I look forward to seeing you at our Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea next Tuesday, 11 December at 9:30am in the Staff Lounge. The staff provide this morning tea - an annual event – to express their gratitude to the many volunteers who contribute in so many ways to support our school. Thank you to you all.

### End of Year Concert

The children have been practising and excitement abounds! The Matinee is on Thursday 13 December at 9:30am and the Evening Performance begins at 6:15pm on Thursday 13 December. **All children are required to participate in both performances** (except Mon/Tues Preschool at the Matinee). Come early and bring a picnic or buy dinner from the P&C bbq - relax and be entertained!

Have a restful weekend

Fran



### VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA

We will be holding a very special volunteer's morning tea on **Tuesday 11 December** to thank all of our families, friends and community members for volunteering their time to support the children during various events throughout the year. Invitations were sent home on Tuesday 4 December. Please RSVP as soon as you can by returning the slip on the invitation or calling reception on 6142 1201. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

## Preschool

It has been a wonderful week 8 for all of our Preschool children. We have all been involved in a variety of fun activities, including gross motor, practising for end of year concert, playing with water in the outdoor learning environment, making goop, slime and playdough and some of us have been making Anzac biscuits to achieve a learning goal. Our end of year concert practice has been amazing! We have been meeting up with the other Preschool Learning Groups and have been singing and dancing and having lots of fun together. We can't wait to perform for all of our family and friends.

It's a busy but also exciting time as we have been filling up our portfolios with the last parts of our learning and getting ready for the next chapter – Kindergarten! The children have had many opportunities to visit and explore the Kindergarten playground.

As part of our end of year clean-up we would love it if any of our families had a spare few minutes in their day to come and help wash some of our toys. Please come and see one of the educators for more information.

## Kindergarten

Lights, camera, action! Kindergarten have been hard at work preparing for their End of Year Concert items. We've been focusing on keeping in time and making sure we are in the correct position for our dances. We can't wait to show them to you next week. In maths, we have been looking at measurement and all the different ways we can determine an objects length. A fun activity we completed was measuring ourselves with string to see exactly how tall we were. During our literacy learning, we've been studying a range of fiction and non-fiction texts and creating artworks around the characters and information we found in the books. We are currently on the countdown to the last day of school and our last day of being Kindergarteners!

## Year 1

Over the past few weeks, Year One have been learning about different types of poems, including colour poems. Children have been asked to think about their five senses and to write a poem that describes what their chosen colour looks like, feels like, sounds like, smells like and tastes like. In maths, we have been consolidating what we have learnt throughout the year and using these skills and strategies to play



mathematical games, such as 'Around the World'. We are continuing our Celebrations unit of inquiry this term. The children have really enjoyed being able to share their knowledge and traditions of their personal celebrations. Over the next two weeks each Learning Group will be planning an end of year celebration. They will need to decide together what music they will listen to, what decorations they will put up and what games will be played. We have been very busy preparing for next week's End of Year Concert. We have worked together with our buddy classes to rehearse our performances and create a costume to wear over our black clothes.

## Year 2

The end of Year 2 is fast approaching. Our Learning Groups have been very busy practising for our end of year concert. Our dancing, acting and performing skills have been fine tuned and we are looking forward to performing for everyone. In mathematics we have been creating chance-based games for each other. In English we have continued our focus on poetry.

## Year 4/3

The Year 4/3 children have been working with a focus to complete activities with the end of term coming closer. They have also been practising hard for their Learning Group performances for the End of Year Concert, which they are very excited to about.

In Literacy, we have continued creating humorous poems using a variety of language devices, such as 'onomatopoeia', 'alliteration', and 'spoonerisms'.

In Mathematics, the children have been creating chance experiments and recording them in a variety of ways, including pie charts and column graphs.

In Science, we have been conducting experiments to identify what changes occur within a range of items when they are heated or cooled. Do you know what happens to sugar when heated over a candle?

## Year 6/5

We have had a busy fortnight of learning in Year 6/5. For Mathematic, children have been revising and applying written strategies to solve long multiplication and division problems. We have also been interpreting information from a variety of invoice accounts, for example, the information

presented graphically in electricity accounts. Children have been exploring various payment options for purchasing goods and services such as cash, debit card, credit card, direct debit and PayPal.

In English, children have been working on identifying the key features of advertising, marketing and social media which influence consumer decision making. They have also been creating poetry identifying the key features of various poetic styles, such as rhythm, rhyming patterns, use of figurative language and measured syllables.

The children have been identifying and exploring cause and effect relationships for Unit of Inquiry. They investigated a range of scenarios identifying the consequences of their actions in real life situations.

On Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> November, the children enjoyed participating in Year 6 fundraiser 'Crazy Colours day' and the Year 6 children have begun discussing their ideas in relation to their gift to the school.

The children have been busy rehearsing for end of year concert and will begin this week preparing their items for the Graduation performances.

Fun-day preparations for Year 6, are also underway. Notes will be sent home early next week.



Dear Neighbours

As a neighbour to Neville Bonner Primary School I am writing to inform you about some building works which will commence shortly.

Public school enrolments in the north of Canberra have grown by about 53 per cent over the past five years and the ACT Government is committed to investing in existing schools, so children can always find a place at a good local school close to home. This is an exciting time for our school, which has proved to be a popular schooling choice for parents in the area. As a result, student numbers have increased, and the school needs more learning spaces.

In the coming weeks you may notice the arrival of some transportable buildings at the school. This two-storey building will be ready for the start of the 2019 school year and provide eight new learning spaces for the school. Additional work including play areas, paths, and covered walkways will also be undertaken throughout the holiday period, to ensure comfort and safety for our children.

Planning has also commenced for the construction of further learning spaces at Neville Bonner Primary School to accommodate an additional 175 students and it is anticipated these permanent buildings will be ready for the start of the 2020 school year.

With any construction at a school, there may be an element of noise and disruption and we will endeavour to limit this impact to students, parent, staff and neighbours. Safety is a high priority for us and Work Health and Safety is a key focus on our building sites. All tradespeople are required to adhere to strict Work Health and Safety regulations and this will be no different at our school. As is always the case, if you see something you are concerned about, this should always be reported to a site supervisor or safety representative.

In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding this letter or the building works, please contact me on 6142 1201 (until 21 December 2018).

Kind regards

Fran Dawning  
Principal  
Neville Bonner Primary School  
4 December 2018



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

## P&C Meeting

Our final meeting for 2018 will be held **TONIGHT**, Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm in the staff lounge. Please come along!

## 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, 13<sup>th</sup> 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 (details below)!

Please see attached flyer for our BBQ menu and prices!

## Canteen

Our canteen is running as normal right up until the last day of school! Order lunch every day EXCEPT Tuesdays, and over the counter sales Mondays and Fridays.

## More information?

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



### Chief Minister's Canberra Gold Awards - Have you lived in Canberra for 50 years or more?

If you or someone you know has lived in Canberra for 50 years or more, then nominate now for a Chief Minister's Canberra Gold Award. The Awards recognise long-term residents, businesses and groups that have made an important contribution to shaping our city and community through their long-term commitment to the ACT.

Nominations close in 8 February 2019 and can be made online at [act.gov.au/cbrgold](http://act.gov.au/cbrgold)

### Canberra Citizen of the Year Award

Do you know someone who acts for the good of our community? Someone doing great things in their field, who is making a difference to the lives of Canberrans? Then nominate them for the 2019 Canberra Citizen of the Year Award.

The Canberra Citizen of the Year is someone who makes an outstanding contribution to our community without expectation of remuneration or reward. They could be a researcher, a business leader, a journalist, artist, educator, an advocate for others in our community, or a leader in their field.

Nominations close on Friday 11 January 2019 and can be made online at [act.gov.au/cbrcitizen](http://act.gov.au/cbrcitizen)

### Horse Park Drive Duplication

Southbound traffic on Horse Park Drive will be switched to the newly finished road between Jacka, opposite the Amaroo playing fields, and the intersection of Horse Park Drive and Mulligans Flat Road in Bonner during the week of 10 December 2018, weather permitting. Northbound traffic will continue to use the existing road which will be signposted and delineated as a single lane.

The intersection at Roden Cutler Drive will continue to function with its current signal operation. Motorists and pedestrians should be aware that the intersection has increased in size.

Motorists will no longer be able to turn right from Mornington Crescent onto Horse Park Drive. The left turn only onto Horse Park Drive is a permanent feature of the new road arrangement.

Roadside signage will alert road users to the changed traffic arrangements.

Your ongoing co-operation and patience is appreciated.

Regards  
Canberra Contractors

### Questacon Smart Skills Initiative

**HOLIDAY  
WORKSHOPS**  
DO YOU LIKE MAKING  
AND BUILDING THINGS?

Questacon  
MAKER  
PROJECT

Sign up to a Questacon Maker Project workshop during these school holidays at The Ian Potter Foundation Technology Learning Centre in Deakin.

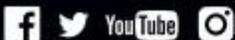
Choose from a variety of workshops where you can invent, design, create and have fun!

Workshops will be offered on the 22, 23 and 24 January.

Suitable for 10 to 15 year olds only.

For more information visit our website or contact 1800 889 995

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# TIPS TO BEAT THE HEAT!



ACT Health

## KEEP HYDRATED

DRINK MORE WATER



## LIMIT

Non-essential strenuous activity during the hottest parts of the day.



## SOAK

Take a cool shower or bath to help you cool down.



## AVOID

Alcohol and caffeine as they can make dehydration worse.



## REST

Make sure you get enough sleep, and rest if you feel tired.

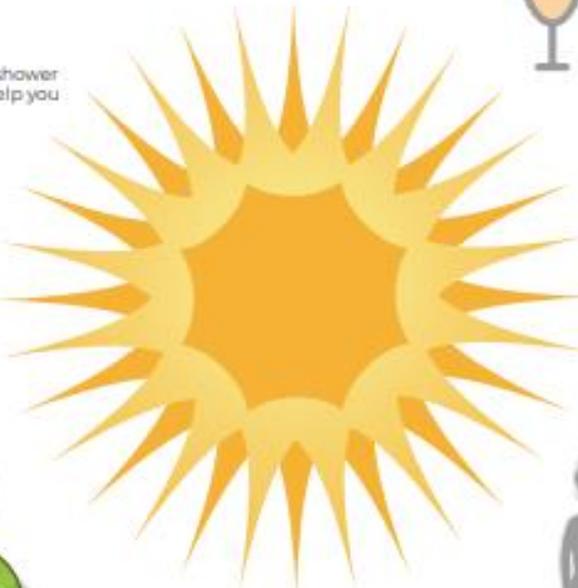


## BE COOL

Stay indoors and make use of fans or air-conditioners.

## EAT FRESH

Try eating cold foods such as salads or fruit.



## CHECK ON OTHERS

Including children, the elderly, people with medical conditions and don't forget your pets!



## SEEK SHADE

When outside.



## DRESS DOWN

Wear light weight clothing and be sun-smart.

## WATCH OUT

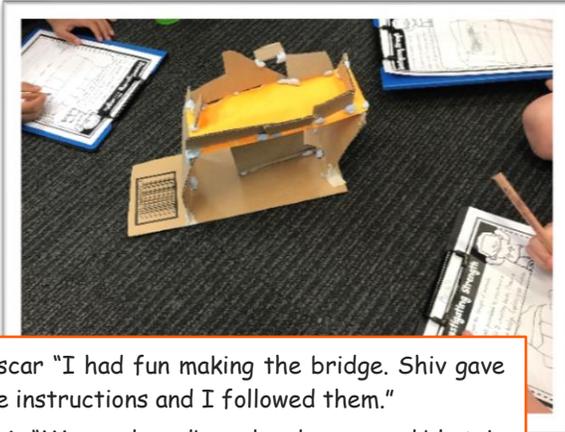
Know and be on the lookout for symptoms of heat related illness.

See your GP if you are unwell. In a medical emergency call 000.

For more information on extreme heat, visit: [health.act.gov.au/about-our-health-system/population-health/summer-safety](http://health.act.gov.au/about-our-health-system/population-health/summer-safety)

# The Healthy Heroes

During our Science unit this term, the Healthy Heroes have been investigating the properties of different materials, including strength. In groups, we designed bridges to hold teddy bears and considered the most suitable materials to use. We constructed our bridges using classroom items, and reviewed our designs with our groups.

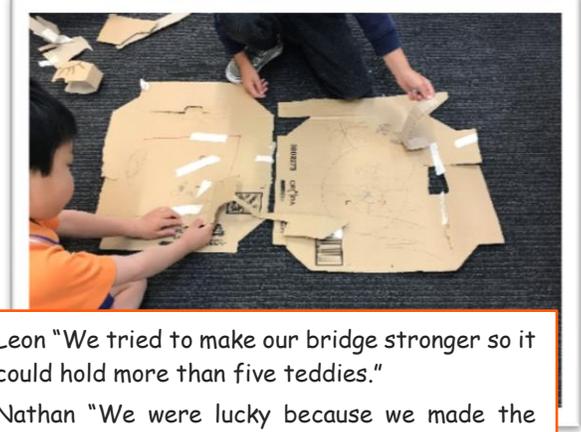


Oscar "I had fun making the bridge. Shiv gave me instructions and I followed them."

Shiv "We used cardboard and paper and blu tak. They helped to make our bridge strong."

Arlo "I liked helping Oscar."

Aaryan "I helped get the materials."

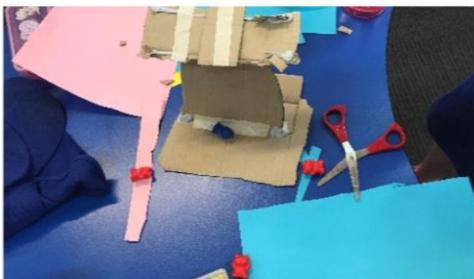


Leon "We tried to make our bridge stronger so it could hold more than five teddies."

Nathan "We were lucky because we made the biggest bridge! Next time we will make our bridge even stronger."

Joshua "We used blu tak."

Vaelua "We used team work!"



Ananya "We could make a slide next time."

Vinu "Maybe if we had sticky tape it would hold all the pieces of our bridge better."

Mia "Next time we could put steps on the bridge."

Kashmala "We had fun making our bridge!"



Ariya, "When we built our bridge, it was sturdy and strong!"

Dania "We put five teddies on the bridge, and then we put extra things on to see how much our bridge could hold."

Hajrah "We used blu tak and cardboard."



Aida "We enjoyed working together."

Amelia "We felt happy!"



Ranran "When we put teddies on the bridge it was not wobbly."

Jimmy "We put teddy bears in the middle of the bridge."