



**Neville Bonner  
Primary School**  
Ngunawal Country  
**11 February  
2021**  
**Newsletter-Term  
1 Week 2**



**ACT**  
Government  
Education

## REMINDER

### Information Evening Expo on TONIGHT! THURSDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2021 5:45pm—7:15pm

**'On-site' Information Evening:** (come anytime between 5:45 and 7pm; we estimate that your visit to each of your children's Information Expos will take about 15-20 minutes)

**Virtual Information Evening Expo:** accessible via the school website from Friday 12 February until the end of term 1 (see link in the note your child gave you earlier in the week and also in attachment with today's Newsletter)

## REMINDER YEAR 2-6 SWIMMING CARNIVAL TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY

The swimming carnival notes are **now due!**

If you have not handed your notes in, please ensure you do so, to Reception, by **9:15am FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY.**

## BASE – early years assessment program

Over the next fortnight, beginning Monday 15 February, all Kindergarten children will participate in the BASE early years assessment program. BASE is an assessment undertaken by all children in Kindergarten across the Australian Capital Territory. BASE provides information for our teachers about each child's knowledge in literacy and numeracy. A pamphlet with more detailed information from the ACT Education and Training Directorate will be sent home tomorrow.

## "GETTING TO KNOW YOU YARNS"

"Getting To Know You Yarns" will be held next week (and the following week for preschool families). **Today you will receive a text message** with a link to make a booking with your child's teacher. Please contact Reception on ph 61421201 if you do not receive the text.

A note explain the booking system is also attached to today's Newsletter. Our goal is that every child's parent/carer will attend "Getting To Know You Yarns" – so don't forget to book!

## Dates to remember

### FEB

- 11/2 Information Evening
- 12/2 Cuppa 'N Chat with Fran, Kerry and Viv—9.30am-10.15am
- 15/2-26/2 "Getting To Know You" Yarns with Learning Group Teacher
- 15/2 P&C Association Annual General Meeting 6.30pm
- 16/2 Swimming Carnival

### MAR

- 1/3—3/3 Year 6 Camp Cooba
- 8/3 Canberra Day public holiday

## Notes home

- ⇒ Information evening
- ⇒ Year 2-6 Swimming Carnival
- ⇒ Year 6 camp

## SMS texts home

- ◆ "Getting To Know You" Yarns booking link

## School contacts

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**Board Chair:** Amani Kerr

## SCHOOL BOARD

**Nominations for 2021 School Board  
are open now.**

**Nominations Close: 11am Monday 22  
February 2021**

**Voting opens: 11am Monday 1 March  
2021**

**Voting close 11 am Tuesday 9 March  
2021**

Dear Parents and Carers

The staff are looking forward to Information Evening tonight and “*Getting To Know You Yarns*” next week. Information Evening offers the opportunity for you to informally meet the teachers and learn about the children’s programmes and curriculum for the year ahead.

“*Getting To Know You Yarns*” are one to one meetings between you and your child’s teacher, with the sole purpose being for you to share your desires for your child this year, and information that you would like the teacher to know. Please note, this Yarn is for the adults only -children are not present for these. At this early stage of the year, teachers, of course, do not have sufficient knowledge of your child to provide feedback to you – they will be the ‘listeners’! You are always welcome to make another meeting time in a few weeks, or anytime throughout the year, if you would like to discuss your child’s learning.

## REMINDERS

**Car park:** this week’s carpark reminder is about the “Disability” spaces, which are clearly marked with signs. These car parking spaces are only available for drivers whose cars display the appropriate permit. DO NOT PARK in these spaces if you do not have a permit. We ask that all members of our community demonstrate respect and kindness in ensuring that these spaces remain available, at all times, for those who need them.

**Gates in the afternoon:** the gates open at 2.50pm in the afternoon. These gates are located at the front of the school (‘the red gates’), Mabo Blvd (near the traffic lights; this is also the entrance for all bikes/scooters) and Burnum Burnum Close.

**Driver behaviour:** police and parking rangers regularly visit the school at pick up and drop off times; please ensure that your driver behaviour is lawful and safe; in the past, parent/carers have experienced hefty fines! Best practice in the afternoon is to park in a designated car parking space (not in ‘Disability’ space if you do not have a permit displayed) or legal street parking, then walk to meet your child. A little bit of patience in conjunction with safe driver behaviour will not only make sure our children are safe, but will likely assist you to avoid a steep fine!

**Siblings at 3pm:** last year when we were operating under stricter COVID restrictions, siblings ended the day a little earlier and went to meet each other at the youngest child’s learning area, to make ‘pick up’ for parents/carers easier; this year, if you would like all your children to meet at one spot, for example, the youngest child’s learning area, please remind them to do so and they will walk there, as they did last year, but at 3pm.

**Early collection of children:** if you need to collect your child early (that is, any time prior to 3pm), please go to Reception to sign your child out.

**Chicken pox:** we do have some cases of chicken pox in school at the moment, so please be alert for symptoms

**Sick children:** children should be at home if they are unwell; in terms of COVID restrictions, children showing any symptoms of colds, runny noses etc, must not attend school.

We are currently upgrading parent/carer contact records for school emails, SMS etc. The Education Directorate is implementing a new data system and we are experiencing some difficulties with the transition. We appreciate your patience as the Directorate modifies the system.

The huge task of organising the **swimming carnival**, to be held next week on Tuesday 16 February, is well underway. Due to COVID and associated limits on numbers, this year’s Carnival will be only for Years 2-6. Neville Bonner Primary School Swimming Carnivals are lots of fun with water and land activities for everyone. Some children will be engaged in competitive races, while others will be enjoying rotational activities. Unfortunately, spectators are not permitted this year. Here’s hoping for a return to ‘normal’ next year!

SWIMMING CARNIVAL NOTES MUST BE RETURNED BY  
FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY

I look forward to seeing you all at Information Evening or *Getting To Know You Yarns* over the coming weeks!

Happy Lunar New Year – Friday 12 February!

Have a restful weekend

Fran



## Student Mobile Phones

If your child needs to bring a mobile phone to school, in order to call parent/carers for safety reasons after school, please remind her/him to take the phone to Reception as soon as they arrive at school. Collection of phones is at 3pm.

### CUPPA N' CHAT

**Friday 12 February 9.30am -10.15am**

Come along for a Cuppa 'N Chat on Friday 12 February 9.30am -10.15am. Join Fran, Kerry (Kitchen/Garden teacher and Community Outreach leader) and Viv (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Officer) for a chat. Meet other members of our community - great opportunity to make new friends!



## OUR PARTNERS THIS YEAR

SKIPPING JAZZY JUMPERS Canberra - Australia	ULTIMATE FRISBEE CANTERBURY Ultimate	NETBALL SOUTH GUNGAHLIN RAIDERS NETBALL CLUB	ACTION CALESTHENICS	VOLLEYBALL ACT DRAGONS EST. 2009	BASKETBALL BASKETBALL ACT
HOCKEY Hockey ACT	ATHLETICS North Canberra Gungahlin Athletics	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY SERVICE PRESENTS		GIRL GUIDES GIRL GUIDES AUSTRALIA NEW ACT NT	MOTHERS MEGA
MARTIAL ARTS ZANSHIN					RUGBY LEAGUE CR RUGBY
ACROBATICS Aerial SPORTS					FOOTY / NETBALL GUNGAHLIN JETS NETBALL CLUB
FIRST AID SAVING LIVES THROUGH ST JOHN First Aid	NETBALL EGMC EAST GUNGAHLIN NETBALL CLUB	BASKETBALL Gungahlin Flames	BASKETBALL N	RUGBY LEAGUE NRL	RUGBY LEAGUE Gungahlin Bulls
NETBALL	BASKETBALL	BASKETBALL	RUGBY LEAGUE	RUGBY LEAGUE	CYCLING BIKE LIBRARY
DRILL DANCE DrillDance Australia	DANCE Gungahlin Tapda	FOOTBALL GUNGAHLIN UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB	ORIENTEERING ORIENTEERING ACT	COMMUNITY SERVICE Capital Region Community Services	CHARITY The Smith Family everyone's family

\*SUBJECT TO LAST MINUTE CHANGES

### AGM / NBPS Parents and Citizens Association Committee and Volunteers

Our AGM will be held on **Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm** in the staff lounge. All of the committee positions, and several core volunteer positions will be open for nominations. If you have ever wanted to be a part of the team that makes things like the canteen, school disco, book club, school banking, second hand uniform shop and so much more possible, then now is the perfect time to get on board. See the attached position descriptions for more details.

#### Scholastic Book Club

Issue 1 is open now and a catalogue has come home with your child. Orders are due by Friday, 19th February and can be placed online through the book club loop section of this link <https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/> or by filling out the order form in the catalogue and delivering it in an envelope with correct cash to the canteen.

#### Second Hand Uniform Shop

Open Wednesdays 8.30am-9.30am near the canteen. If you have any good quality uniforms you no longer need, please consider dropping them at the front office as a donation to our second hand uniform shop.

#### Canteen

Open for lunch Mon-Fri. Order on Flexischools or by cash to the canteen between 8.30am and 9am. Please see the attached menu!

#### Birthday Catering

Orders can be placed at the canteen between 8.30am and 12pm, or via email [nevillebonnerps.pandc@gmail.com](mailto:nevillebonnerps.pandc@gmail.com). Cost is \$30 per class (cash only). Please see attached info sheet!

#### 'Stuck On You' Fundraiser

Need some new labels, backpacks, lunch boxes or Christmas gift ideas? We are running an end of year fundraiser with Stuck On You, head to <https://www.stuckonyou.com.au/affiliate/fundraiser/NBPSPC> to order, or enter the code NBPSPC at check-out. Orders are shipped straight to your address, so this is something you can share with friends and family across the country to help us fundraise!

