



**Neville Bonner  
Primary School**  
Ngunawal Country  
10 June 2021  
**Newsletter-**  
**Term 2 Week 8**

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY REMINDER MONDAY 14 JUNE**

**QUEENS' BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

**SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON THIS DAY**

**School Photos – Dates for your calendar**



**Thursday 5 August 2021**

Years 1-6

**Monday 9 August 2021**

Preschool (Monday/Tuesday Groups) and  
Kindergarten

**Tuesday 10 August 2021**

Group and catch up Day

**NOTE:** If you have a child in Monday/Tuesday Preschool, siblings will be taking a photo with them on this day

**Thursday 12 August 2021**

Preschool (Thursday/Friday Groups)

**NOTE:** If you have a child in Thursday/Friday Preschool, siblings will be taking a photo with them on this day

**Dates to remember**

**JUNE**

- 14/6 Queens' Birthday Public Holiday
- 16/6 ACT Cross Country
- 22/6 Reports & Portfolios Home M/T Preschool
- 25/6 Reports & Portfolios Home T/F Preschool and K-6
- 25/6 Last day of Term 2

**JULY**

- 12/7 First day of Term 3

**Notes home**

- ⇒ District Cross Country Carnival

**SAS texts/emails home**

- ◆ Absences
- ◆ Assembly

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Dear Parents and Carers

Congratulations to all the children who so proudly represented Neville Bonner Primary School at the District Cross Country Carnival last Friday. They were outstanding ambassadors for our school, demonstrating respect, kindness and commitment to excellence in their talent for long distance running. Elsewhere in the Newsletter you can see the list of all those who participated. April (Year 5), Bella (Year 3) and Riley (Year 2) were selected to advance to the ACT Cross Country Carnival to be held on 16 June. We wish them all the best at this next level!

Congratulations are also in order for our talented dancers! Lilly (Year 4) recently placed 1st in the Australian Dance Crew Championships children's solo division, with Salina (Year 2) placing second and Telisia (Year 4) placing 4th. Lilly was also recognised as 'Best female dancer' overall on the day. The dancers will now head to the National competition in Sydney on September. What amazing talent we have at Neville Bonner Primary School!

I was telling the children last week about an important current display that I recently visited at Parliament House. Neville Bonner is being honoured in this display to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his election, as the first Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, to the Australian Parliament. I encourage you to take time over this long weekend and visit the display with your children. Due to COVID restrictions, you need to book to enter Parliament House, but this is easily done through the website. While you are there, check out the extraordinary Lego model of Parliament House!  
[Neville Bonner AO – Parliament of Australia \(aph.gov.au\)](http://Neville Bonner AO – Parliament of Australia (aph.gov.au))



You may have noticed that some of the excursions advertised in the Learning Overviews for this term have been postponed. The reason for the postponement is due to a new Excursion Policy released recently by the Education Directorate. The new policy requires some changes in terms of the planning of excursions. There has not been the time for teachers to make the required adjustment to be consistent with the new policy. The affected excursions will be re-scheduled. We are delighted, however, to have welcomed Kenny Koala's programme to all Learning Groups, over this last week as well as the Rural Fire Brigade to Year 5 this week.

There will be enormous excitement next Tuesday morning! Another great talent amongst our students is the Hot Air Ballooning expertise of Hamish in Year 6. You may remember that Hamish organised a Hot Air Balloon spectacular for us all a few years ago. Now in his last year at Neville Bonner Primary, Hamish has kindly organised another opportunity for us to observe the inflating and tethered flying of balloons on our oval! Preschool will be able to watch from the school grounds and Kindergarten to Year 6 children will watch from the oval. Please make sure your child is at school by 8.55am on Tuesday (day after the long weekend) as we all need to go to the oval immediately after Yunggaballi. We will send a reminder text on Monday evening!

#### **A reminder about Semester One Student Reports, Portfolios and Three Way Yarns:**

On the last day of this term (Tuesday of the last week for Mon/Tues Preschool), you will receive your child's Semester One Report and Portfolio. Kindergarten to Year 6 Reports are provided by email. Preschool Reports will be in the children's Portfolios. All children will bring their Portfolios home with them for you to enjoy over the break. They are then brought back to school, ready for Semester Two.

In the third week of term 3 (week beginning 27 July), the children will be hosting their Three Way Yarns. At these Yarns, the teacher, child and parents/carers review the child's learning so far, and set goals for the next phase of learning. The children, with the support of the teacher, lead the Yarns. Preschool will also host Yarns in the following week as well. Our goal, in support of the children, is to have every family represented at the Yarns.

Attached to today's Newsletter you will find reminder notes about Stationery Contribution and Voluntary Contributions. With the busy-ness of the beginning of the year, you may have missed the original notes. Thank you if you have already made these contributions.

Don't forget that Monday is a Public Holiday – don't come to school!

Have a restful weekend with your family.

Fran

## Preschool

This fortnight in Preschool we have been exploring tasting fresh foods. Some foods the children have eaten before and some foods are new to them. The educators encourage the Preschool children try each food. Some comments during tasting have included,

"Oh! That lemon is very sour."

"Yummy, I like that one "

"I didn't like kiwifruit yesterday, now it is delicious."

"Can I have some more please?"

We look forward to the rest of the term with more tastings each week.



## Kindergarten

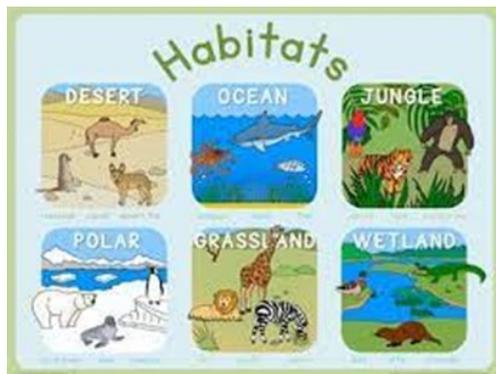
Kindergarten have had a great few weeks of learning! Constable Kenny Koala visited the children and presented information about how we can stay safe on the road. Children learnt to make sure they always wear a seatbelt and to look both ways for cars and hold an adults' hand when crossing the road. We have been busy planting our own garden in the kindergarten playground. We have recycled old car tyres and Bunnings has donated a mixture of vegetables and flowers which the children have enjoyed planting and are now caring for. This is part of our integrated unit of as we monitor and learn about the weather and seasons and consider how different types of weather affect our garden. Each Learning Group has been walking to the oval and exploring the different types of trees we can see and observing the changes in the colour of the leaves and how the trees have been losing their leaves as it gets colder. All of the kindergarten children have created artworks in preparation for our 'Seasons Art Gallery'. Families are invited to visit the Kindergarten Season Art Gallery on Tuesday 22 June between 8.30 and 8.50 am (before Yungabali) or between 9.10am and 9.30am to walk through to view the children's art.

## Year 1

This week we welcomed Kenny Koala to our year group! Kenny taught us about 'Stay OK on the road' and 'People I trust in the community'. If we are feeling unsafe or lost we can go to a familiar adult, another adult with children, a shopkeeper or people in uniform such as a police officer or a fire officer and they will help us.



Year One are learning to research and write about animals and their habitat. Students have looked at what animals need to survive (air, water, sun, food and shelter) and how animals protect themselves from predators. We have learnt that animals live in a habitat that is perfect for them – an animal with lots of fur will live in a cold environment!



## Year 2

Wow! Can you believe it is Week 8! We have been super busy, creating and writing engaging narratives to share with our peers and teachers. We have been using Story graphs to help us write stories that include sizzling starts, character and setting descriptions, a series of problems, solutions to resolve the problems and exciting endings. We have also been using alliteration, onomatopoeia, describing words and character dialogue to make our stories even better.

Look at some of the amazing ideas we have come up with:

Boom! Bam! Pow! There's a new superhero in town and his name is Iru the Inventor. – Iru

"I will use my sunflower beam" said Sunflower Soleil. Zoom! Zaam! Zing! She beamed the bad guys. – Soleil

"ARGHHHH! M...m...m My ball! Why? Why me?" – Fula

"ARRRRRGH! I'm so scared. I screamed." – Jeronimo

Yesterday I discovered my power. I was a fairy, and I could fly. – Abigail

Brrring! I answered the phone. – Arunigha

Splash! The seas splashed the rock. – Danuli

Ooof! My sister pushed me in the pool. – Yasmin

One scary day, a witch was fighting with a dragon. Dragon called the friends and trapped the witch. – Kalp  
Wa Wa! Baby was sick. – Sahbella-Jean  
Hiss! It's a creeper. – Dewansh

## Year 3

This week Year Three were excited to have Kenny Koala visit the school. Kenny talked about 'Staying Safe Online.' Some key points Kenny raised were:

- ◆ Only 'friend' or add people you know in real life
- ◆ Stay close to an adult when online
- ◆ Ask before you download, install, or buy anything
- ◆ Keep your personal information to yourself



Great job to Pippa who represented Year Three in the Rostrum speeches.



## Year 4

Year 4 have also enjoyed a visit from Kenny Koala, we learnt about road safety and cyber safety. We had so many questions, luckily Kenny Koala had all the answers.

We are continuing our journey across the continents of the world, we are currently exploring the continent of Africa. Our project is to research a country of our choice from the continent and create a power point presentation. We are learning lots of interesting facts. Did you know that the Nile River is the longest river on the continent?

We have been enjoying finalising and presenting our Readers Theatre performances.



## Year 6

Year 6 are very excited about the start of choir last week. All students had a trial of a choir lesson and now have been able to opt in if they wish to continue. We all had a lot of fun with students learning the notes 'doh', 'ray', 'me', 'so' and playing some musical elimination games.

We are also looking forward to a visit from Kenny Koala this week. Kenny is visiting all the Learning Groups in the school and we are lucky enough to be able to see him on Wednesday.

As a part of our Science unit on natural disasters students have been exploring the phenomenon of cyclones; how they form, why they are named, the category rating scale and how they are different to tornadoes. We will be conducting a 'cyclone in a bottle' experiment, looking at the structure of a cyclone.



## Year 5

This term, the Year 5 Learning Groups have been investigating the impact that natural disasters, in particular flood and fire, have on society.

Did you know that fire travels 9 times faster up a hill?

Did you know that a rural fire brigade truck carries almost 3000L of water?

Did you know that during the cooler months like now, the Rural Fire Brigade are still active? They are working to prevent fires in the summer.



These are just some of the interesting things we learnt this week when volunteers from the Rural Fire Brigade, Gungahlin Division visited us. We were presented with a very informative talk, we asked lots of questions and the best part of all, was the fire truck! Thank you Kirstin, Firefighters Ian, Tony, Jake, Seb and Anthony for coming to visit.

Mohamed, from the Productive Pioneers, summed up how we were feeling by the end of the visit when he said, "I never got to meet any fire fighters after the last lot of big fires (2019-2020). I just want to say, thank you."



## North Canberra/Gungahlin District Cross

### Country Carnival

Thank you Bella, April, Ariya, Habibah, April, Abby, Stella, Sahana, Willow, Sahbella, Fraya, Athieng, Xandra, Sameen, Lian, Isabella, Ella, Savannah, Vedanti, Madison, Addie, Aaryan, Osel, Flynn, Mason, Jake, Ayo, Akira, Jalen, Riley, Jackson, Hunter, Harry, Will, Sean, Noah, Nicholas, Rhys and Hasan for representing our school at the District Cross Country Carnival. We are all very proud of you. April, Bella and Riley have qualified for the ACT cross country carnival and will be representing the school and the district in races next week. Congratulations everyone!

## Literacy and Numeracy

Don't forget to logon on to Reading Eggs and Mathletics. These are both fantastic resources to review concepts covered in the Learning Group. Reading Eggs also has a section titled "Reading Eggspress" that has an online library of books suitable for students in Kindergarten to Year 6. The library includes fiction and non-fiction sections such as 'Fairytails and Myths', 'Mystery', 'Adventure' and 'Poetry'



## Parents' and Citizen Association

### Book Fair

We will be running our annual book fair early in Term 3. If you have good quality books you no longer want, we would love to accept your donation in the collection tubs in the front office, or contact us via [nevillebonnerps.pandc@gmail.com](mailto:nevillebonnerps.pandc@gmail.com) if you have a large amount to donate! With the weather cooling, another long weekend upon us, and then school holidays, now is the perfect time to sort through those books and donate! We will also have a 'donation station' set up in the Mabo Blvd car-park from 12pm to 4pm on Sunday, 20th June!

### Canteen

Open for lunch Mon-Fri. Order on Flexischools or by cash to the canteen between 8.30am and 9am. Over the counter sales on Thursday afternoons for Years K-2, Fridays for Years 3-6.

### Second Hand Uniform Shop

Open Wednesdays 8.30am-9.30am near the canteen, **CASH ONLY**. We also take donations of good quality, second hand uniforms.

### 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). Orders must be placed one week in advance.

### Entertainment Memberships

Entertainment memberships are available. If you would like to support Canberra businesses and get a discount, check out the latest entertainment memberships at [www.entbook.com.au/2787i1](http://www.entbook.com.au/2787i1). **Extended until 14th of June**, you can buy a \$69.99 Single City Membership and be upgraded to a Multi City Membership valued at \$119.99 for FREE! That's a \$50 saving and access to over 10,000 offers!!!

### Book Club

If you have not received an order, please check with the class teacher, and contact the P&C via [nevillebonnerps.pandc@gmail.com](mailto:nevillebonnerps.pandc@gmail.com) if it is missing. Issue 4 orders are due by Friday 11 June, and can be placed online or with correct money to the front office.



# Spelling at Neville Bonner Primary School Term 2 – Weeks 9 & 10

Student Access Codes for Soundwaves on-line were sent home to families in term one, as part of our Home Learning roll-out.

The children can use their code to access [www.soundwaveskids.com.au](http://www.soundwaveskids.com.au) for the following activities.

- **Practise pronunciation:** Watch the Pronunciation and Chant and Action videos in the Sound Info Kit available within every Sound Unit. These videos are great for modelling and practising the correct pronunciation of a focus sound.
- **Sing along to all 43 sounds:** Also available within the Sound Info Kit are two video clips of songs that feature all of the 43 sounds – great for a singalong.
- **Play the interactive games:** Games such as Match Up, Unjumbler, Grapheme Trek and Grapheme Sort are available in every Sound Unit and are a fun and engaging way to work with the week’s List Words.

Spelling – Weeks 9 and 10 Areas of Focus			
Year Level	Sound Unit - Week 9	Sound Unit - Week 10	Focus Concepts
Kindergarten	  umbrella      balloon	Revise Sound Units and Focus Concepts learned throughout the term	Revising chants and actions daily Brainstorming words that begin with the focus sounds
Years 1 – 3	 Unit 16 	Revise Sound Units and Focus Concepts learned throughout the term	<b>Year 1</b> Capital letters Adding ed Adding ing
			<b>Year 2</b> Adding s or es Adding ing
Years 4 – 6	 Unit 16 	Revise Sound Units and Focus Concepts learned throughout the term	<b>Year 3</b> Adding ed Adding ing Adding s or es, Alphabetical order Prefixes: mid, mis Compound words: homemade, campsite, sometimes, mouthwash, minefield, mailbox
			<b>Year 4</b> Rhyming Homophones: meet/meat, male/ mail, maid/ made, mind/mined Verb tense (present and past) Suffix: ment
			<b>Year 5</b> Singular and plural Prefix: com Compound words: thumbtack, motorcycle, meanwhile, honeycomb, chimneysweep, lemongrass Synonyms: crucial/important, unite/combine, tradition/custom, recall/remember, tower/column, visitors/company, assure/promise
			<b>Year 6</b> Alphabetical order Greek and Latin roots: magnus, manus, memor, migro, Synonyms: cloth/material, escorted/accompanied, extraordinarily/ extreme, unspoiled/ undamaged, inspect/examine, zoo/menagerie, introductory/preliminary,



**In Year 3 we have been learning about the Earth, Sun, Moon and other space facts in Science.**

“Science isn't just about experiments it's about learning experiences.” - Pippa

“I learnt that the Earth is tiny compared to the Sun.” – Aarav P

“I want to learn more about possible space junk collisions.” – Andrej

“We have learnt about how the Earth is rotating on its axis.” – Hajrah

“Earth is small compared to the Sun and other planets.” – Jackson

“The moon takes on average 27 days to orbit Earth.” – Andrej

“It takes the Earth 365 days to orbit the sun.”– Lachlan

“It takes 24 hours for the Earth to rotate on itself.” – Ali

“We have seasons because sometimes our half of the Earth is facing the Sun.”– Akil

“If it is summer in Australia, it is winter in America.” – Emily D

“Shadows are made when rays of light are blocked.” – Rayan

“The Sun rises in the East and sets in the West.”– Athieng

“We have four seasons.” – Aarav B

“If it is morning in Australia it is night-time in other places because of where the Sun is.” – Emily W

“If there was no Sun, there would be no light and all of the planets will collapse.” – Maryam

“The Earth spins on itself and around the Sun at the same time.” – Ubaidah

“There was a launch pad stuck in space not long ago from a rocket from China.” – Nayaab

“Mars has the biggest mountain the Solar System.” – Aleena

“All of the planets in the Solar System orbit the Sun.” - April

“The days are longer in Summer than Winter.” – Tejas



# What is *Learning for Life*?

*Learning for Life* provides families with opportunities to increase their children's success at school.

The *Learning for Life* program helps each child to reach their potential by supporting their education from primary through to post-school studies.



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## Learning for Life provides:



## Am I eligible for *Learning for Life*?

To be eligible, you must:

- ✓ Have a child/ children in Kindergarten/ Prep/ Reception to Year 6, who attend a school that we work with
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pension Concession Card
- ✓ Demonstrate a strong commitment to education through regular school attendance



## What else do I need to know?

*Learning for Life* is a partnership between your family and The Smith Family.

As a parent/guardian or caregiver, you will be committing to:

- Your children attending school regularly
- Providing a school report yearly for each child
- Returning a yearly progress report for each child
- Maintaining contact with The Smith Family



## How do I apply for *Learning for Life*?

If you meet all of the above criteria and would like to apply for the *Learning for Life* program, please complete the referral form provided and return to your school.

For further information, please contact the Family Partnership Coordinator:

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### FUN WITH FRIENDS THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

Communities@Work July School Holiday Programs are open for bookings. The **Daily Highlights** (program calendars) with a list of activities for each program location will be available in the table below. The programs will be running weekdays over the July school holidays from 7.30 am to 6 pm every day and focus on fun.

Expect lots of fun incursions, activities, and excursions these holidays, including trips to the movies, an artificial intelligence workshop, active sports and play... and more!

Communities@Work continue to ensure the safety of your child is paramount with increased hygiene and cleaning protocols, guided by the latest advice from the ACT Government and ACT Health.

Visit [www.commsatwork.org/shp](http://www.commsatwork.org/shp) for details of program locations, dates, activity list, enrolment information and more.

WEEK 1		WEEK 2	 <b>NEVILLE BONNER PRIMARY SCHOOL</b> A new adventure every day!  Please bring morning tea, lunch, a hat and a drink bottle.
<b>MON</b>	<b>Our Senses   28 June</b> Have you ever considered which sense you could live without if you had to? Bring your suggestions for ways we can test our senses today. Perhaps a game of eye spy, an obstacle course, or a taste testing competition... so many possibilities! In-Service   All Day	<b>Artificial Intelligence   5 July</b> This is your chance to learn about artificial intelligence, explore how it works, and apply it in action! Appropriate for all ages, this workshop includes the latest cutting-edge AI technology, discusses its implications and applications, and encourages children to brainstorm the next wave of AI implementations. Incursion   10am	
<b>TUE</b>	<b>Cool Kids First Aid   29 June</b> Come along to this age-appropriate, fun and interactive workshop by Cool Kids First Aid to learn basic essential first-aid skills. Everything from introduction to using a defibrillator to snake and spider first-aid treatment will be covered. After all, anyone can help to save a life! Incursion   10am	<b>Space Explorations   6 July</b> Help us explore the wonders of the universe from the comfort of service. You'll learn about different stars, create your own aliens, or pretend to be astronauts. The sky is the limit today so get ready to venture into space... right from the earth! In-Service   All Day	
<b>WED</b>	<b>Woodwork for Kids   30 June</b> Enjoy a unique hands-on experience engaging in this entry-level workshop designed to give you a taste of woodworking (with a high level of safety). From measuring and hammering to drilling and screwing, children will actively participate in building. Don't forget to bring your enclosed shoes so that you can make something special to display at your service or take home! Incursion   1:30pm	<b>Creative Groundz   7 July</b> Learn the importance of inclusivity and embracing each other through this visit by Creative Groundz and their collection of stitches characters. Each character has their own story, which celebrates how great it is to be different. The stitches collection is a unique series of trademarked therapy dolls. Each character is looking for a friend to love and hug! Incursion   1:30pm	
<b>THU</b>	<b>Hoyts: Spirit Untamed   1 July</b> Join us at Hoyts for this untamed adventure... Lucky Prescott's life is changed forever when she moves from her home in the city to a small frontier town and befriends a wild mustang named Spirit. Excursion   9am	<b>National Film and Sound Archive   8 July</b> Did someone say rewind? This excursion to the National Film and Sound Archive will teach us all about the world of TV and Movies and take us through a journey back in time... showing us some incredible old footage and a glimpse into how the cinematic universe has changed over the years! Excursion   1:30pm	
<b>FRI</b>	<b>Inflatable World   2 July</b> Get ready to bounce, jump, and slide as we visit the inflatable world in Kambah! There are obstacle courses, battle arenas, and slides galore... so much fun to be had! Remember, no socks, no play, so make sure to bring your socks to avoid disappointment! Excursion   8am	<b>Hoyts: Cranston Academy   9 July</b> Today at Hoyts, we'll see Cranston Academy: Monster Zone. When a genius high school student is transferred to a secret boarding school, he opens a portal of monsters from the fifth dimension, and all havoc breaks loose! Excursion   9am	

Please note that activities are subject to change, based on the latest COVID-19 health advice from the ACT Government.

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