



**Neville Bonner  
Primary School**  
Ngunawal Country  
**17 December  
2020**  
**Newsletter-Term  
4 Week 10**



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## IMPORTANT DATES 2021

For your information and to assist with your organisation for the new school year, the following dates are provided for your diary!

<b>Monday 1 February</b>	Preschool, Kindergarten and all new students begin
<b>Tuesday 2 February</b>	All continuing students return (Yrs 1—6)
<b>Thursday 4 February</b>	Thursday/Friday Preschool groups begin
<b>Thursday 11 February</b>	Information Evening 5.45pm
<b>Monday 15—</b>	“Get To Know You” Yarns with
<b>Friday 26 February</b>	Learning Group teacher
<b>Monday 15 February</b>	Parents and Citizens’ Association Annual General Meeting 6.30pm

### ACT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2021

New Year’s Day	Friday 1 January 2021
Australia Day	Tuesday 26 January 2021
Canberra Day	Monday 8 March 2021
Good Friday	Friday 2 April 2021
Easter Monday	Monday 5 April 2021
ANZAC Day	Sunday 25 April 2021 (Public holiday Monday 26 April 2021)
Reconciliation Day	Monday 31 May 2021
Queen’s Birthday	Monday 14 June 2021
Labour Day	Monday 4 October 2021
Christmas Day	Saturday 25 December 2021 (Public holiday Monday 27 December 2021)
Boxing Day	Sunday 26 December 2021 (Public holiday is Tuesday 28 December 2021)

### 2021 Term Dates

Term 1	Monday 1 February 2021	Friday 2 April 2021
Term 2	Monday 19 April 2021	Friday 25 June 2021
Term 3	Monday 12 July 2021	Friday 17 September 2021
Term 4	Tuesday 5 October 2021	Friday 17 December 2021

## Dates to remember

### DEC

17	Year 6 Graduation
18	Year 6 Fun Day
18	Last day of Term 4

### FEB

1	First day of 2021 for new students , Kindergarten and Preschool Mon/Tues only
2	First day of 2021 for all on going students Year1-6
4	First day of 2021 for Preschool Thurs/Fri

## Notes home

⇒ 2021 Camp notes

## SMS texts home

- ◆ Absence notification
- ◆ Reminder about no confectionery

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## DON'T FORGET YOUR

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.

Dear Parents and Carers

I trust you have had time to read your child's Semester Two Report (*Reflection of Learning* for Preschool) and Portfolio. The new Reporting system created a few challenges at the school end, but I hope your child's Report (Kindergarten to Year 6) arrived successfully in your email account last Friday. Please contact Ian or Melissa via Reception (ph 61421201) if you have any questions or experienced any difficulty in accessing it.

### **Important Dates for 2021**

On the front page of today's Newsletter, is a list of important dates for the beginning of the 2021 school year. The ACT Public School term dates for the year are also listed. It is interesting to note that Term 1 is nine weeks long, whilst term 4 is eleven weeks, next year! Traditionally terms have all been ten weeks, but some adjustments have been needed for 2021, to ensure the correct number of annual schooling days is reached.

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**Tuesday 2 February 2021 is the first day for all students continuing on to Yrs 1-6**

The only children who attend on Monday 1 February are Preschool, Kindergarten and children who are new to our school in Years 1-6. For administrative and parking reasons, the starting times for the groups are staggered:

- Kindergarten children arrive between 8.45am and 9am
- Preschool children arrive between 9.15 and 9.30am
- **New** children to Yrs 1-6 arrive at 10am.

### **Mugga Mugga (snake) building**

This week, we say farewell to the Mugga Mugga building on Dyulang. This demountable double classroom is required at a Belconnen school for the start of the new school year. We look forward to a new nature play area, to be known as Mugga Mugga, being established in the building's place.

### **Financial Contributions for 2021**

For your convenience, the information and payment details for:

2021 Stationery Financial contribution and  
2021 Voluntary Financial Contributions  
are attached to today's Newsletter.

Your Voluntary Financial Contribution (set by our School Board at \$75 for one child or \$105 for a family) assists in purchasing learning resources for the children.

Your Stationery Financial Contribution (\$95 for preschool and \$80 for Kindergarten to Year 6) provides all the stationery items that your child will need for the 2021 learning year. Our school purchases all stationery items in bulk, making it a cost effective way to acquire the children's stationery needs.

Our goal is for families to make these two contributions as early as possible in the school year. Please see the attached notes for detailed information.

### **Year 6 Graduation**

We are excited about our Year 6 Graduation to be held this Thursday. The teachers have worked creatively to host the Graduation in a COVID safe way. This year, the Year 6 children will graduate in three separate sessions, to ensure that a limited number of family members is able to attend.

It is indeed a very special Graduation, as twenty eight of the children in the cohort were our very first Preschool group in 2013. These children are the first group to transition right through Neville Bonner Primary, Preschool to Year 6! They were so little...and now they are our school leaders, ready for high school!

Our community joins together in congratulating all our Year 6 students on this special day, and wishing them well for the future.

I was delighted to receive a card this week, from a former student, who is graduating from Year 12 this year. I was so impressed that she had taken the time to write to us, as she comes to the end of her schooling life. She wrote to thank all the teachers of Neville Bonner Primary for their significant contributions to her learning and for 'shaping her into the person she is today'. She expressed her deep gratitude for the role that Neville Bonner Primary has played in her life. We are very proud of her and of our school's impact on the young people we have the privilege of knowing and working with.

### **Thank you**

As the year draws to a close, I would like to thank you all for your support and friendship throughout 2020. What words could describe this unprecedented time? We have all experienced so much together and through the children. Thank you for working with us through Virtual School and through this time of 'distance'. We look forward to welcoming our community back 'on site' in the new year (COVID permitting). It will be such a celebration!

Thank you to our P&C, and Kylie's leadership, for their continued contributions to our school. A huge thank you to Carolin and Haenam for the brilliant Canteen service they provide for our community – so valued by all. Our School Board parent/carer members, Amani, Judi and Anna give willingly of their time to guide and support the work of the school – thank you!

It has been a huge year for our teaching staff and Learning Support Assistants, as they developed and delivered learning programmes in unexpected ways! We have all learnt so much. Without the 'administrative engine' of our school, of course we don't function! To Vanessa, Kelli, Marijana, Jill and Sharon – THANK YOU – you provide a warm and friendly service to our community– we are so grateful to you all.

To David, Tony, Lucky, as well as all our daily cleaning staff - we thank you for taking care of our school site, safety and health throughout a challenging year.

The end of the school year is also the time when staff transitions occur. We are looking forward to welcoming a number of new members of staff to our school in 2021. We also farewell staff who are transferring to other schools, taking new life directions and taking leave. Kimmel and Sarahan will soon be bringing new babies into the Neville Bonner staff family – we await their exciting news early in 2021. As they near the end of their designated time at Neville Bonner Primary, Tim, Casey, Holly, Sue and Rachel will be transferring to new positions at other ACT schools. Emily, Jonathon, Kylie and Kathryn will also be transferring to new schools. We thank Albert and wish him well as he moves in new life directions. Congratulations to Dionne, team leader of Year 2 who has won a position in the teaching and learning section of the Education Directorate's office. We look forward to working with Dionne, in her new capacity! Jill, one of our Business Managers is moving into retirement after many years of service to the ACT Education Directorate. Have fun, Jill – so much awaits you!

I know you join me in thanking these staff members for their many and significant contributions to the lives of the children at Neville Bonner Primary and to our school community. Good luck and best wishes from us all!

### **Security**

Please keep your eye on our school during the break. If you notice anything of concern, please contact the police on ph 11444. Our school is a valued community facility in the suburb, so we do appreciate everyone keeping a watchful eye!

I wish you all a happy holiday, Christmas and New Year. I hope you enjoy some rest and relaxation with your precious children.

Regards

Fran

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	
<b>MON</b>	<p><b>Bubbles Galore   4 JAN</b> Get ready for Ulah Bubble Girl today – nobody knows more about bubbles than her! Let's test our skills and imagination as this highly interactive workshop teaches us all the amazing things we can do with bubbles. <b>Incursion   1.30pm</b></p>	<p><b>Hoyts: The Croods – A New Age   11 JAN</b> Today we head off to Hoyts to see The Croods – A New Age. After leaving their cave in the first film, the Croods encounter their biggest threat yet, another family called the Bettermans, who claim to be better and more evolved. <b>Excursion   9.00am</b></p>	<p>Communities@Work</p> <p><b>SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS</b></p> <p>A new adventure every day!</p> <p><b>NEVILLE BONNER PRIMARY SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Please bring morning tea, lunch, a hat and a drink bottle.</p>
<b>TUE</b>	<p><b>Splash into Summer   5 JAN</b> Time to splash our way into the summer holidays. Our day will be filled with water activities of every kind to escape the heat and get excited for the weeks ahead. Don't forget to bring a change of clothes! <b>In-Service   All Day</b></p>	<p><b>Fancy Inflatables   12 JAN</b> It wouldn't be our summer holiday program without some wet and wacky inflatables! Jumping castles meet water slides today so remember to bring swimmers or a change of clothes. It's going to be a wild and bouncy day. <b>Incursion   10.00am</b></p>	
<b>WED</b>	<p><b>Hoyts: Dreambuilders   6 JAN</b> Come with us to Hoyts Cinemas today to see Dreambuilders. This is the colourful story of a girl who discovers she can control people's dreams, only to misuse her newfound ability to teach her new stepsister a lesson. <b>Excursion   9.00am</b></p>	<p><b>Water Wednesday   13 JAN</b> This Water Wednesday we're wondering what whacky water havoc we can wreak! Will you become a water warrior in a whacky war, or a water wizard doing sensory work? <b>In-Service   All Day</b></p>	
<b>THU</b>	<p><b>Wet and Wild Soccer   7 JAN</b> Join us for a cool and hilariously funny way to celebrate summer with a game of Wet and Wild Soccer. The rules are very simple. You play soccer, but the field just so happens to be a jumping castle that is wet and slippery. <b>Incursion   10.00am</b></p>	<p><b>Tales Short and Tall   14 JAN</b> We work on our story telling skills today as we are joined by Grant Hyde. Grant brings along amazing props to help us develop our own tales short and tall. Get ready to be silly and creative with this wonderfully funny incursion. <b>Incursion   10.00am</b></p>	
<b>FRI</b>	<p><b>Battle Games   8 JAN</b> Get out of the heat and into the mud as we head out to Battle Games this morning! Bring a change of clothes, a towel and your enthusiasm we will all enjoy a muddy obstacle course. <b>Excursion   8.45am</b></p>	<p><b>Backwards Day   15 JAN</b> Wear your clothes backwards and socks inside out because today everything we do is backwards. We're writing our names backwards and having breakfast for afternoon tea! <b>In-Service   All Day</b></p>	

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	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	
<b>MON</b>	<p><b>Surreal Racing   18 JAN</b> Battle your friends in one of the greatest arcade racing games of all time using the most popular kids' gaming console of our era. Take control of RC karts in augmented reality inside the inflatable track visiting today! <b>Incursion   1.30pm</b></p>	<p><b>We Are Australia   25 JAN</b> Let's explore all the amazing people and cultures who make up Australia today, and respect the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have lived here for more than 40,000 years before us. <b>In-Service   All Day</b></p>	<p>Communities@Work</p> <p><b>SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS</b></p> <p>A new adventure every day!</p> <p><b>NEVILLE BONNER PRIMARY SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Please bring morning tea, lunch, a hat and a drink bottle.</p>
<b>TUE</b>	<p><b>Hoyts: The War With Grandpa   19 JAN</b> If you enjoy a good prank war, join us at Hoyts Cinemas today to see The War With Grandpa. Upset that he has to share the room he loves with his grandfather, Peter decides to declare war in an attempt to get it back. <b>Excursion   9.00am</b></p>	<p><b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY   26 JAN</b></p>	
<b>WED</b>	<p><b>Raptor Reptiles   20 JAN</b> A visit from Raptor Reptiles is going to give you a sneak peek into the lives of spectacular wildlife today. They have over 50 animals, scaly and creepy. Join us to see which ones they bring along for us to meet. <b>Incursion   10.00am</b></p>	<p><b>The Rufftrack Challenge   27 JAN</b> Today we embark on an awesome learning adventure about Australian culture through fun and games. The Rufftrack crew will teach us about their tribal past and some awesome team games we've never done before. <b>Incursion   1.30pm</b></p>	
<b>THU</b>	<p><b>A Day at the Beach   21 JAN</b> Let's transform our service into a beach oasis. Bring a beach towel and your sun hat as we spend the entire day engaging in beach themed sports, crafts, science and food. <b>In-Service   All Day</b></p>	<p><b>Summer Science   28 JAN</b> We're summer scientists today as we explore the fastest way to melt ice cubes, what items will sink or float, and how we can make stunning works of art with just water and materials around the service. <b>In-Service   All Day</b></p>	
<b>FRI</b>	<p><b>Canberra Aqua Park   22 JAN</b> Get ready to have an awesome day at Lake Burley Griffin as we climb, splash, slip and slide through a giant inflatable obstacle course. Everyone will be provided properly fitted life jackets but remember to bring your towel! <b>Excursion   9.00am</b></p>	<p><b>Illuminata Circus Dance Party   29 JAN</b> Turn up the music and turn down the lights as we have heaps of colourful fun with the Illuminata Circus Dance Party today! We will learn how to use amazing light up LED circus props in this crazy day of circus fun. <b>Incursion   10.00am</b></p>	

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