

School Photos – Dates for your calendar

Thursday 15 August 2019

Years 1-6

Friday 16 August 2019

Preschool (Thursday/Friday Groups) and Kindergarten

Tuesday 20 August 2019

Preschool (Monday/Tuesday Groups) and Sibling

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



Thursday 22 August 2019

Catch up Day and Sibling

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

Term 3 begins on Monday 22 July

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are at the end of our first semester! It is amazing how quickly the weeks go by. The term has ended with some special events this week. Yesterday, Yr 6/5 led our annual **NAIDOC Assembly** and shared stories of some of Australia's significant and influential Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders, including sports people, activists and artists. On Tuesday, we were all treated to the spectacular inflation of a **hot air balloon** on our oval. We watched in awe as the balloon rose up with Fiona, Kerry and Angie on board for a tethered ride! It was a perfect clear blue sky - crisp, beautiful Canberra winter's morning –ideal for hot air balloons! The children's learning day was filled with activities about ballooning – science, writing, art, maths. We are so grateful to Hamish from year 4 who organised this memorable event for our whole school. He has enriched our learning and given us a gift that we will never forget! I have no doubt that your children shared their stories with you on Tuesday evening!

Tomorrow you (K-6 and Thursday/Friday Preschool) will receive your children's

Semester One Report and Portfolio. Monday/Tuesday Preschool families received theirs on Tuesday. We hope you enjoy looking through the Portfolios with your children, and reading the Report in conjunction with the Portfolio. The federal government requires that all children in Years 1 to 6 also receive an 'A-E' Report .

Dates to remember

JULY

5	Reports and Portfolios home (K-6 and Preschool Th/F)
5	Last day of Term 2
22	First day of Term 3
24	100 days of Kindy
30	School Athletics Carnival

Notes home

- ⌚ Athletics carnival
- ⌚ Reports and Portfolios

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This year, you will find your child's A-E Report in the Portfolio with the school Report (previously we have posted these).

Early next term, all families will be invited to participate in a **Three Way Yarn**. This Yarn is led by the children who share their learning evidence with their parents/carers and together with the teacher and you, decide on the next set of learning goals. Three Way Yarns are not 'interviews'. If you would like a separate interview to discuss your child's learning, please contact your child's teacher. You are encouraged to seek appointments with your child's teacher at any time throughout the year to discuss learning progress.

Last Wednesday evening, our 2019-2020 **School Board** held its first meeting. Congratulations to Amani Kerr who was elected Board Chair, and Andrew Braddock -Deputy Board Chair. The members of the School Board are:

Parent and Citizens representatives: Amani Kerr, Andrew Braddock, Anna Kitson

Staff representatives: Kylie Robertson, Ian Blackwell

Principal: Fran Dawning

Agendas and Minutes of our Board meetings will be available in Reception and we will keep you informed through the Newsletter.

Below is a message to the community from our 'retiring' Board Chair, Paul Costanzo:

To the Neville Bonner Primary School family. I have earlier this year retired as the School Board Chairperson and I wish to send my regards to you all. What a fabulous school we have, with an extraordinary leader and school culture. It has been an incredible honour for me to be part of the school and I encourage you all to get to know the new Board and Chairperson as I'm sure they will find meeting and knowing you a pleasure as I have done.

To the new Board and Chair, I send my best wishes for you knowing that you will continue to provide your utmost support for Fran and all the staff.

Paul Costanzo

Elsewhere in today's Newsletter, you will find information provided by our Education Directorate concerning **children's safety**. Please take the time to read it and talk with your children. There are links to useful websites also. I wish you all a relaxing break. I hope you do get some quality time with your children, in amongst the busy-ness of your world.

Fran

Preschool

The start of the week Preschool children had a fantastic day on Tuesday with their end of term pyjama day. Children and adults looked very cosy as they snuggled down together eating popcorn and watching 'Ratatouille'- a fun way to mark the end of our Unit of Inquiry – 'Healthy

Me'. The end of the week Preschool are looking forward to wearing their pyjamas to school tomorrow.

Last week we visited other Preschool Learning Group areas. We explored a variety of activities that our friends have been learning about. We had fun learning Yoga, making food people, tasting vegetable sticks with hummus and making fruit kababs. We finished our rotations by having a picnic together, with all four Learning Groups, outside for fruit time.

The sunny crisp days this fortnight has seen us outside investigating bugs in the garden, climbing, bike riding, wearing the dress ups and creating extravagant cubby houses using tables, chairs, sheets, blankets and pegs. It is delightful to see children's learning progress through play in such a fun and creative way.

Have a safe holiday, be kind, slow everything down and simply enjoy being with each other.

Kindergarten

Kindergarten children enjoyed their Special Places excursion, learning about a variety of places and what makes them special. Our favourite part was going to



Telstra Tower because of how tall it is. We would like to thank all the adults who came to help us!

We have been working extremely hard as we near the end of the term. We loved our Hot Air Balloon experience and discussed how hot air makes things rise. Kindergarten children used these discussions to create drawings and

engaged in some independent writing about the experience.

We are preparing for our athletics carnival. The children have been practicing some games and races that require cooperation and team spirit. Super excited for Term 3!

Year 1

Wow! What a wonderful time we've had this term! Year One have been reflecting on all the lovely learning and exciting events in Term Two.

We learned about worms and frogs in science and became experts at writing information reports. Our excursion in week 9 linked to our Science and English unit by allowing

us to see animals in their habitats and how a zoo cares for the different needs of each animal. The students had a fantastic time and were full of enthusiasm throughout their time at the Reptile Zoo. The show had audience participation and many of our students knew interesting facts about the different animals, such as “the frog is an amphibian” and the blue tongue lizard has a blue tongue “to protect it from the sun”. It was amazing to see how much our students know about the needs and characteristics of the animals.

In maths we have been learning about directions such as left, right, up, down, clockwise and anticlockwise through physical education lessons and in class. In our last two weeks of term we have been combining History and English to write information reports on how family roles have changed over time. We have had a wonderful term in Term 2 and are thoroughly looking forward to a rich and exciting term in Term 3.

Year 2

The roving reporters from the Mendeleev’s Marvels interviewed the Year 2 Learning Groups to find out about their exciting learnings from Term 2. The CO2 Photosynthestudents have learnt that Africa is dusty, has lots of trees and that there are different houses. Brooklyn, the mathematical whiz, is now an expert at subtraction. The NaCl Crystals found out that South Korea is part of the continent of Asia. An interesting fact is that Mount Everest, the tallest mountain in the world is found in Nepal. At play breaks students from Year 2 play in different areas. Arisha likes to play on the equipment on Torres Strait, Isabella likes to play gymnastics and Lois likes to play soccer. Adam and Zayd from the Boron Bones researched that it didn’t rain for millions of years in Antarctica. Antimony Allstars are the people to see if you want to learn about all the continents. For the Mendeleev’s Marvels our highlights have been our Dr Seuss Assembly item, the introduction of the loose parts play area and writing reports about the continent that has the largest rainforest and second largest river in the world. Do you know what continent we are talking about?

That’s correct! It is the continent of South America and the rainforest is the Amazon Rainforest and the river is the Amazon River.

This report was written by Yr 2 Mendeleev’s Marvels’ roving reporters on behalf of Dionne, Angie, Sobia, Ann-Marie, Jonathan and Belle

Year 4/3

Do you remember the time we had a hot air balloon at school? We do! We’ll never forget the roar of the burners as the balloon filled up and the awed silence of the crowd

as it lifted into the air. What an amazing way to finish off Term 2?! It has been such an incredibly jam-packed term. In English, students have been analysing travel brochures to identify the emotive language that is used to persuade tourists to travel. We have then been using our knowledge from our units on the South American and African continents to create travel brochures and posters about a country of our choice. Don’t be surprised if we come home with the travel bug. In science, we have been exploring a range of different forces and have been applying this knowledge to design, make and appraise our own inventions, including magnetic cars, marble runs and hand parachutes.

Year 6/5

This fortnight included a massive surprise for Neville Bonner students! After Yungaballi on Tuesday morning the 2nd of July, the whole School walked to the oval to see a Hot Air Balloon display organised and co-led by Year 4/3 student Hamish. We observed the envelope of the balloon inflate with both cold and hot air. The Year 6/5 students were so excited to see Angie, Kerry and Fiona fly above the oval. Some of the Learning Groups integrated this experience with our English unit – writing to socialise - and created a blog entry to communicate the events that occurred. We have published this using digital technologies. Other Learning Groups adapted their experience and developed their own narrative to entertain and engage a reader. In Mathematics, we have been using directional language to identify and navigate between points on a grid. We have also constructed our own path which outlines the directions from one location of our school to another. As the end of term approaches, we wish all students and their families a safe and happy holiday. We look forward to seeing you in Term 3!

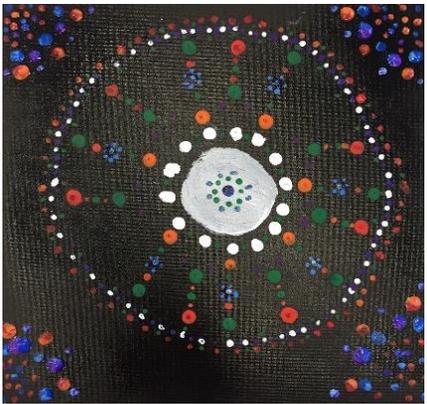
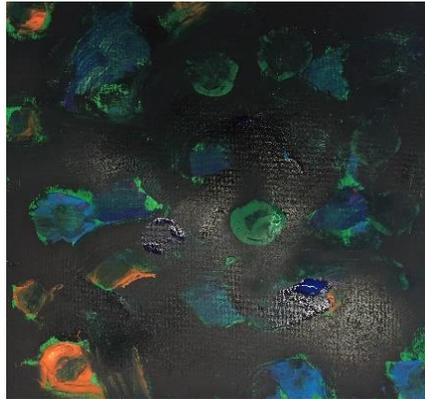
Drama and Art

Improvisation has been the theme in Drama of late. Some of our Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6/5 groups have been experimenting and developing their quick thinking skills with activities such as ‘One Word Story’ and ‘Location Location’. Year 6/5 have also been delving deeper into the world of group work with devised performances inspired by the poem, *The Caged Bird* by Maya Angelou, while also creating skits based on witty sentence starters.

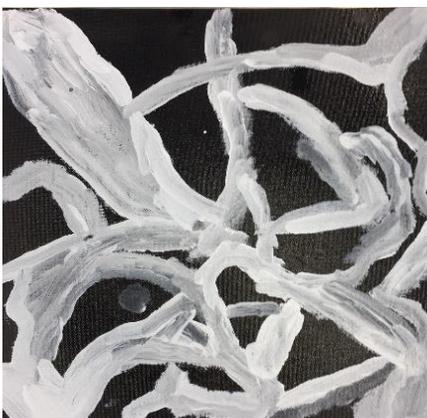
On Friday last week, some of our students from K-6 took part in an art workshop. Their works will be exhibited at the NAIDOC in the NORTH community event on Sat 13 July 2019. The children are very excited to have their voices

represented as part of this exhibition and are proud of the artworks they created.

Until next time, Georgie



On display at
NAIDOC in the
NORTH
community
event
Saturday
13th July



CHILDREN'S SAFETY REMINDER

Parents and Carers

You may see some media coverage regarding recent incidents where children were approached by a man they did not know. This occurred in the suburbs of Isaacs and Monash. You can access the ACT Policing media release on their website: <https://policenews.act.gov.au/news/media-releases/call-witnesses-following-two-child-approaches-0>.

This is a good reminder to help our children understand the importance of stranger safety and the need to report any unusual incidents or approaches to staff immediately.

As the school holidays will begin soon, we encourage you to have conversations with your children about moving safely in and around the community and what to do if they ever feel unsafe. Doing so will help children understand the importance of stranger safety in and out of school hours, and also the importance of reporting any unusual incidents or approaches to parents/carers or school staff immediately.

Police encourage parents, guardians and teachers to make sure children understand how to keep themselves safe, particularly when walking to and from school, and to teach children about stranger safety. Information on ways to help children to stay safe is available on the <http://www.constablekenny.org.au/>. In addition, the [Safety4Kids](#) is a non-government website that has useful information and links.

If you become aware of an incident, or notice anyone acting suspiciously around a school or child, contact police immediately on 131 444 or in the case of an emergency call 000. The quicker police can respond and attend to an incident of this nature, the quicker they can target the area and surrounds.

(ACT Department of Education and Training Directorate)



NAIDOC
in the
NORTH

Voice. Treaty. Truth.

11AM-2PM SATURDAY 13 JULY 2019
Gungahlin Town Square

CULTURE / ARTS / CEREMONY / FOOD / MUSIC / STORIES

FREE FAMILY FUN!

BELCONNEN ARTS CENTRE
belconnenartscentre.com.au/naidoc



Nominate the next ACT Australian of the Year

It's up to you to nominate our next ACT Australian of the Year.

Someone who goes above and beyond, demonstrating our great Australian spirit. They could be a quiet achiever, a leader in their field, a household name or an unknown hero.

You know great people. You know their stories.

Be great and nominate at australianoftheyear.org.au

Nominations close 31 July 2019.

Parents' and Citizen Association

Canteen

Now that the weather is colder, don't forget we have a huge range of hot lunches, such as pies, sausages rolls, pizzas, nachos and nuggets! And, everyday there is a different meal deal! Try something new [today!](#)

Also, this Friday at over the counter sales, look out for something special!

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Open on Wednesday and Friday mornings. We have lots of jackets available for winter!

Book Fair Donations

We will be running our annual second hand book fair in term three. With the school holidays starting at the end of this week it is a perfect opportunity to sort through your books and offload any you no longer want! We will gratefully accept donations of good quality second hand books, puzzles, cds, dvds etc! You can drop them off to the front office or the box in your learning area. There will be more information about the book fair in the next newsletter so stay tuned!

Entertainment Book

The 2018/19 book has expired! Head to www.entbook.com.au/2787j to buy the new version now! It will be perfect for the school holidays ie. flip out, zoo, questacon not to mention KFC, subway, wok it up!

Contact us

If you'd like to know more about who we are and what we do, email us at nevillebonnerps.pandc@gmail.com, or search for Neville Bonner Primary School P&C Association on Facebook.



Winter Soiree

WOW

Big congratulations to all the children who performed at the Winter Soiree last week. Every child performed with great enthusiasm and focus, demonstrating their dedication to the performance.

Thank you to the adults who supported their children by helping to organize their music, encourage rehearsing at home and coming out on the cold night – we had a wonderful audience.

Thank you also to the teachers who volunteered their time to make it possible.

We very much look forward to the Spring Soiree and can't wait to see Neville Bonner students' talents continue to shine.

The Soiree Team ☺

Save ^{the} Date

Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day 2019

Monday 21 October

*(For Kindergarten to Year 6 including Monday/Tuesday
Preschool Learning Groups)*

Thursday 24 October

(For Thursday/Friday Preschool Learning Groups)

*We know how special this day is to our community, so we are
sending the dates out early.*

More information to come soon!

YEAR 2 XENON LIGHTS



LEARNING SPACE NEWS



This week in mathematics, the Xenon Lights are learning about the topic 'location and transformation'. We began our first lesson by exploring the differences of a flip, slide and turn. This is to extend our understanding that objects can be moved but changing position does not alter an object's size or features. For this reason, we used an outline of our hands to demonstrate the difference of a flip, slide and turn.

'I like the part we outlined our hands'.
- ZACH

'At the beginning, I found it confusing but not anymore'.
- LULU & LEVI

'I liked turning the hands in different positions'.
- SARAH & IBRAHIM

'These were fun to make because they help people understand the difference'.
- LAMESA & ETHAN

'It was good to remember the names and what they do'.
- OMAR

'I was confused at first, but with practice, I got it!'
- ALYSSA

'I thought the flipping was cool'
- BIEBER & ABDULLAH

'I like learning about them'.
- ART

'It was fun to learn about'.
- SALIHA & ARYA



'I found sliding and turning the easiest'.
- MARLEY & SASHA

'I enjoyed it'.
- SHAWAY & ARISHA





Some thoughts from the spectators.

Hamish, you are the best pilot in the world! Thank you for teaching us about hot air balloons!

Mehtab and Ollie

We loved the hot air balloon and liked the hot air balloon flight!

Osel and Jodh

Hot air balloons bob around in the winter sky, with the clouds up so high, with the birds in the sky.

Ava

Balloons are fun but they are never done. If you want one, just come and have some fun.

Zayd

The hot air balloon was a great experience for people to see. It was enjoyable to watch.

Zainab and Charlie

“Did you see the balloon? It was so big!”

Zander



Hamish is not only a hot air balloon enthusiast, we consider him to be an expert as well.

On Tuesday Hamish organised pilots Jared and Jacob to inflate a hot air balloon on the oval.

It was a perfect day.

We watched the fascinating spectacle and we learnt a lot too.

Angie, Fiona and Kerry were lucky enough to have a tethered flight.

Thank you Hamish for sharing your knowledge with us.

We can't wait for the day when you will be the pilot!

