



# Neville Bonner Primary School

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2019

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## IMPORTANT DATES 2020

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

<b>Monday 3 February</b>	Preschool, Kindergarten and all new students begin
<b>Tuesday 4 February</b>	All continuing students return (Yrs 1—6)
<b>Thursday 6 February</b>	Thursday/Friday Preschool groups begin
<b>Thursday 13 February</b>	Family Fun and Community BBQ 4.30pm—5.30pm Information Evening 5.45pm
<b>Monday 17 February - Friday 28 February</b>	“Get To Know You” Yarns with Learning Group teacher
<b>Monday 17 February</b>	Parents and Citizens’ Association Annual General Meeting 6.30pm

## ACT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2020

New Year’s Day	Wednesday 1 January 2020
Australia Day	Sunday 26 January (holiday is <b>Monday 27 January 2020</b> )
Canberra Day	Monday 9 March 2020
Good Friday	Friday 10 April 2020
Easter Monday	Monday 13 April 2020
ANZAC Day	Saturday 25 April 2020
Reconciliation Day	Monday 1 June 2020
Queen’s Birthday	Monday 8 June 2020
Labour Day	Monday 5 October 2020
Christmas Day	Friday 25 December 2020
Boxing Day	Saturday 26 December 2020 (holiday is Monday 28 December 2020)

## 2020 Term Dates

Term 1	Monday 3 February 2020	Friday 9 April 2020
Term 2	Tuesday 28 April 2020	Friday 3 July 2020
Term 3	Monday 10 July 2020	Friday 25 September 2020
Term 4	Monday 12 October 2020	Friday 18 December 2020

## Dates to remember

### DECEMBER

18/12	Year 6 Graduation Assembly 12pm
19/12	Year 6 Fun Day
19/12	Last day of Term 4 (Thursday)

### FEBRUARY

3/2	M/T Preschool, Kindergarten and all new children begin
4/2	All continuing students return
6/2	Th/F Preschool groups begin

## Notes home

- ⇒ Year 4/3 Wizard of Oz movie
- ⇒ Holiday Happenings

## SMS texts home

- ◆ Absence notification

## School contacts

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Board Chair: Amani Kerr

## SCHOOL BOARD

### *Neville Bonner Primary School Vacant Positions 2020*

The following positions will become vacant in 2020:

- One Parent & Citizens member positions for 24 months
- One staff member position

Nominations open 11am Monday 3 February and close Monday 17 February 2020

Voting opens 11am Monday 24 February 2020

Voting closes 11am on Monday 2 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

The children's Semester 2 Reports and Portfolios were sent home to families last week. I do hope you enjoyed going through the Portfolio with your child. The children tell me they love their Portfolios because, when they go back over the years, they are reminded of all the fun things they did, as well as the friendships they made.

### Important Dates for 2020

Please see the important dates for the beginning of the 2020 school year – on the front page of this Newsletter. During January, keep an eye on the school website as well as your emails, for any updates or further information about the new school year.

**Tuesday 4 February 2020 is the first day of school for all children continuing on into Year 1-6.**

All Kindergarten, Monday/Tuesday Preschool and new Yr 1-6 children begin on Monday 3 February.

For administrative and carparking reasons, we have staggered starting times on Monday 3 February:

Kindergarten arrive between 8.45am and 9am  
Preschool arrive at: 9.15am and 9.30am  
**New** Year 1-6 students arrive at 10am

### Voluntary Contributions and Stationery Contributions

Attached to this Newsletter are the Voluntary Contributions and Stationery Contributions information for 2020. These are provided for your convenience in preparation for the new school year.

### Building Works

During the break, the new permanent building will be near completion. We expect to start to occupy that building during term 1. The new play area will see the delivery of its final piece of play equipment – a surprise! The grassed area in front of Yuyu building will be replaced with artificial turf. With the completion of these projects, the many years of construction at Neville Bonner Primary will come to an end! The Education Directorate/ACT Government has provided us with wonderful facilities during this growth period – we are very appreciative of this commitment to our school.

### Security

Please keep an eye on our school during the break. If you notice anything of concern, please contact the police - phone 11444. Our school is a valued community facility in the suburb – so please have a watchful eye when you are out for a walk or driving past!

### Uniforms

When purchasing uniform items for 2020, we ask that you do this at Lowes. All items with school logo are available there. The royal blue shorts, trackies, skorts, hats etc can be purchased at a range of department stores. However, Lowes is the only shop in Gungahlin authorised to sell the parts of our uniform with the logo. You may notice these in other stores, but the colour is incorrect. If you require financial assistance to purchase uniforms please do not hesitate to contact me.

### Year 6 Graduation

As I write this on Tuesday, I am looking forward to our Year 6 Graduation Assembly tomorrow. We are especially excited about the 2019 Graduation, as this year's Year 6 were our very first Kindergarten! I remember them well, as they arrived on their first day, where have those years gone? We have watched their growth over the last seven years, and have valued the addition of many more children who joined this Year 6 cohort over the last couple of years. We are proud of their achievements, and I know the staff will have a few tears at the children's special celebration tomorrow. Year 6 traditionally have a fun day out together on that last day of school, arriving back to be farewelled by all the children in the afternoon. It is with a touch of sadness, but with great pride that we bid farewell to this wonderful group of children. We are also excited for them as they begin the next steps in their educational journey.

A significant part of the Year 6 Graduation Assembly is the formal handing over to Year 5 of the Neville Bonner Leadership Boomerang. This special boomerang was a gift to our school from Neville Bonner's family. It was presented to us by Neville Bonner's niece at the official opening of our school in 2013. Each year, our Year 6 leaders pass the boomerang on to the new leaders for the following year, as a symbol of leadership and respect.

### Staff 2020

As the year comes to a close, we bid farewell to some staff members and welcome others. Angie D, Kylie, Courtney H, Danielle, Letichia, Fiona, Tash, Whitney, Sam, Taryn, Rob, Georgie and Kim are moving to other teaching positions and opportunities in the ACT.

I know you join me in thanking all our staff for their outstanding contribution to Neville Bonner Primary during 2019. A very special thank you to our fabulous Reception staff – definitely three cheers! Marijana, Freyja, Vanessa and Robyn are the ‘face’ of our school – the first people you meet upon arrival. They make us all feel welcome and are always ready to help with everything from lost jumpers or a sandwich when lunch was left at home, through to assisting families with enrolment processes and all the day to day matters of school life. We also thank our Business Managers Jill and Sharon for their professionalism and talent in keeping the facility and business aspects of our school humming along. Thank you also to Rob and Dave who have shared the load as our Building Services Officers throughout the year.

On behalf of our community, I would like to say a very special thank you to our community leaders, Kylie (P&C President) and Amani (School Board Chair). They volunteer many, many hours of their time in support of our school. Kylie and the P&C team provide outstanding services to our community through the Canteen, Book Club, School Banking as well as organising community events, such as the DISCO, for the children. I know you all join me in a very special thanks to Carolin and the canteen team for the outstanding lunch/canteen services they provide for the children and families.

We, the staff of Neville Bonner Primary School, extends our gratitude to all parents and carers for your support and feedback throughout the year. Thank you for sharing your children with us! It is our great honour to work with your children every day. We value your partnership and the trust that you place in us to share in the education of your children with you.

This year, we bid farewell to a longstanding member of staff, who has been with us since before the school opened! Our beloved Deputy Principal, Amy C will be leaving us to further her career as Deputy Principal at Florey Primary School in Belconnen. Whilst I am excited for Amy, as she makes this important move, I know that she will be deeply missed at Neville Bonner Primary School. Personally, I have valued her support wisdom and professionalism in her role as deputy to the principal and will miss her enormously. Amy’s contributions to our school are too many to itemise! Amy established our preschool and oversaw its growth from four sessions to ten sessions per week. She led our preschool to achieve an Outstanding rating in all areas of the National Quality Standards. Amy has provided leadership in teaching and learning across Preschool to Year 1 and has established many practices that have contributed to school/family partnerships. She established and ‘grew’ the very complex process of Reporting on student achievement and has guided, contributed to and led a range of initiatives as our school enrolment increased from two hundred to almost nine hundred in seven short

years. Thank you to Amy for all she has contributed to our school. I know you join me in wishing her all the very best for her future as an educational leader!

I wish you all a very happy holiday and Xmas period. Have a rest and enjoy every second with you children! I look forward to seeing you all in 2020. Happy New Year!

Fran

## Preschool

As the year comes to a close, the Preschool children are busily engaged in thinking about what this means for them. Our Term 4 Unit of Inquiry has focused on ‘Change and Transitions’, which has invited us all to reflect on how much we’ve grown and changed over the year, and what we think is waiting for us next year! Here’s a some of the things the children have said they are looking forward to in Kindergarten:

“Making new friends and having a new teacher.”

“Doing science experiments.”

“Learning about maths and numbers.”

“I hope I get to read heaps of books, like Zac Power.”

The children are also getting involved in the important process of packing up at the end of the year, helping to take care of our furniture, learning materials and learning areas. We all work together to clean and refresh our spaces, ready for the new year.

Thank you everyone for joining us this year, we hope you have a happy and safe holiday!

## Kindergarten

We can’t believe it’s the last week of Kindergarten! All the teachers are so proud to see how far our students have come and we are all very excited (and a little sad) to watch them move onto Year 1.

We had so much fun performing at the Concert and I’m sure you’ll agree that we have some rising stars in our Kindergarten cohort! Well done to everyone who performed and for all the hard work you put in to get your performance up to the standard that it was.

Our Maths sessions have included positional language and directions. We are having fun guiding each other around using words like left, right, forward and backwards.

It has been wonderful to see students come so far in their reading this year. Please make sure you continue to read with your child over the break to help foster a lifelong love of reading!

## Year 1

What a busy, yet fantastic couple of weeks we have had! It all started with practise, practise, practise for our sensational Concert items. It was a lot of work and energy, but didn't it pay off? We presented two fantastic Concerts, and were so excited to see so many of our families and friends there to support us.

We have been finishing up our units of work and starting to get ready for the coming break. Many of us have been looking at what it would take to organise an end of year celebration, discussing decorations, food, activities and gifts as part of our celebrations unit of inquiry. We have been reviewing areas of maths that we have covered over the year including numbers, skip counting and shape. In English we have been writing letters about ourselves to our teachers next year. We have also been discussing and writing about our favourite or most exciting events of Year 1.

It has been an exciting and busy time, but we are so looking forward to moving up to Year 2 and all the wonderful experiences it will bring.

From all the children and teachers in Year 1, we wish you a very merry holiday, please stay safe and well and our best wishes for the new year.

## Year 2

Can you believe we are now in our last week of school for 2019! What a wonderful year the children have had. Year two children have been had a great time preparing for and then performing in our school Concert. We hope you enjoyed watching our dancing. Thank you all for your support over this busy time. As our year draws to a close, the year two children have reflected on some of their favourite year two experiences. These have included our visit to the Reptile Museum excursion, Swim School, Waterwatch visit, flying kites at the National Museum, Art with Mell, Drama with Georgie and learning AFL. With the approach of the holidays and New Year, children have also engaged in rich discussions about the celebrations we share with our families and friends. Children have discussed Chinese New Year, Christmas, Eid, Ramadan, Diwali, ANZAC Day, birthdays and weddings. Children will be coming home with their school work books and belongings over the

next few days. On behalf of the year two team we would like to thank all parents and carers for their ongoing support in 2019.

It has been a privilege to work with your children and we look forward to seeing everyone in 2020.

## Year 4/3

Wow, what an amazing year of learning we have had this year in Year 4/3! These last few weeks have been very busy, with a highlight being the end of year concert. The children worked very hard and enjoyed sharing their performances with you last week. These performances were made up of songs, dances and movement pieces to represent the themes of 'Dreaming Big'.

In English we have continued producing creative and entertaining poems using a variety of language devices, such as 'alliteration', 'onomatopoeia' and 'rhyme'. The children have been very brave and have been presenting their poems to their Learning Group.

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

The Year 4/3 teaching team wishes all of the children and their families a safe and happy holiday period.

## Year 6/5

Wow! What an end to 2019. The senior students have been extremely busy preparing for our Year 6 Graduation on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of December. We can't wait for our adults to see our students participate in their last Neville Bonner Primary assembly! As our Year 6 students have been practising their performance, the Year 5 students are also very busy learning the leadership oath.

As the end of term nears, we have prepared and presented our poems, pitched our idea to the 'Sharks' during our 'Shark Tank' unit of work and continued learning about mass during mathematics lessons. We have also been reflecting on all our wonderful learning throughout the year and we are all very proud of the progress of our seniors.

From all the Year 6/5 teachers, have a safe and happy school holiday.

## Thanks from the P&C

Thank you to everyone who has supported the P&C this year - together we have achieved some great things! We are looking forward to another great year in 2020 and would like to encourage anyone who would like to get more involved in the school community to join us. To find out more come along to our AGM in Week 3 of Term 1, look out for your copy of our annual report (attached to the newsletter early in Term 1) or email us for more details at [nevillebonnerps.pandc@gmail.com](mailto:nevillebonnerps.pandc@gmail.com).

## Second Hand Uniform and Book Donations

If you have good quality school uniforms you no longer need, the P&C will gratefully accept your donation to our second hand uniform stall. We also collect books for our book fair all year round. Donations can be dropped in to the tubs in the front office, or email us at [nevillebonnerps.pandc@gmail.com](mailto:nevillebonnerps.pandc@gmail.com).

## 'Stuck on You' Label Fundraiser

We are hosting a label fundraiser through Stuck On You. Perfect to buy now and get ready for the new year, or save the link to your favourites to buy in the new year! Head to <https://www.stuckonyou.com.au/affiliate/fundraiser/NBPSPC> to see the range of labels available (as well as backpacks, lunchboxes and drink bottles), or use the code **NBPSPC** at checkout! Order will be sent directly to you!



## Last Day of School

*Extra Special*

## over the counter sales

Thursday 19 December

This year school finishes on Thursday, but don't worry! you won't miss out on coming to the canteen for late snack in week 10 week because we're moving it from Friday to Thursday.



Well, what a musical Semester!

As I reflect on the children's learning, I am particularly proud of the learning groups that have absorbed new songs, chants and musical terms so readily in such a short amount of time.

All groups of Kindergarten engaged in a term of Music this year where they learnt about keeping in time (keeping the beat), learnt over fifteen new songs, explored high and low and took turns with hand-held percussion. It is richly rewarding to hear the difference in the sound that they can create from the first to the last lesson - a staggering difference. I hope they sing and teach you their songs over the holidays!

All Year 1 children came along in leaps and bounds in their units this semester. In addition to doing all the content that Kindergarten children have learnt (important revision and consolidation), we have been exploring Art Music through movement and active music listening. Following my time in Hungary I have been particularly passionate about this aspect of music learning, and some of the movement work children have created with just fingers, upper body, scarves and then their whole body has been both intelligent and beautiful. These children are so switched on, ready and open to listening to all kinds of music, from piano pieces to string orchestras and beyond. I hope you will get to do some listening in the holidays together!

Year 6/5 have had a term of folk music from different countries, becoming experts at drumming as a whole ensemble and in different parts as well as problem solving in groups. They came up with creative solutions to incorporate specific rhythms, percussion and drumming together. We have been discussing layering sounds, repetition, and textural variety. They have also been keen to try and show improvisation and prepared performances at the piano. Some children come before and after school to practise in the Music Room. With one lesson to go, I will dearly miss the fabulous Year 6 students. I wish them well on their musical journeys in high school!

In Term 3 the Year 6/5 Chamber Choir performed wonderfully at the Eisteddfod and this term I was delighted by the progress of The Year 4 Choir. This choir consisted of over 50 children who nominated to join in this special project. We learnt vocal warm-ups, short songs and after just seven rehearsals presented 'Never Never' by Stephen Leek and 'My House' by Tim Minchen at the End of School Concert last week. I am looking forward to what 2020 holds for choirs at our school!

Kimberly  
Music Teacher



Year 4 Choir at the End of Year Concert

# Year 1 H-Alliance

## Collecting and Interpreting Data

In H-Alliance we have been busily collecting data about our Learning Group's favourite Pokemon. Students chose between 'Pikachu', 'Marowak', 'Jiggly Puff', 'Charmander', 'Eevee' or 'other' if our favourite Pokemon was not a choice. We asked the question "What is your favourite Pokemon?" and recorded our responses using a tally. Here are some of our responses describing the data we collected!



Pikachu		Marowak		Eevee	
Charmander		Jiggly Puff		Other	



Ben: Pikachu is the most popular.	Simrat: Jiggly Puff was the least popular Pokemon.	Abigail: Pikachu is the most popular Pokemon.
Jane: Jiggly Puff is one of the least popular Pokemon.	Maryam: Our Learning Group like Marowak, Jiggly Puff and Charmander the least.	Frankie: The Pokemon with zero votes are the least popular.
Leilani: I think Eevee is the second most popular Pokemon.	Daniel: Pikachu is our Learning Group's favourite Pokemon.	James: Pikachu is the most popular Pokemon in H-Alliance
Ruby: Most people in H-Alliance like Pikachu the most.	Rohan: Marowak is the least favourite because no one voted for it.	Rewina: Marowak has the least amount of votes so he is not popular.
Aaryan: Marowak, Jiggly Puff and Charmander are the least popular Pokemon because no one voted for them.	Ali: Pikachu is a lightening Pokemon and he has a thunder bolt. I think that is why he's the most popular Pokemon.	Kashmala: Pikachu was the most popular Pokemon because it had seven people who liked it.
April: Marowak, Charmander and Jiggly puff are the least popular because no one voted for them.	Saanvi: Jiggly Puff is the least favourite Pokemon because no one voted for it.	Charvi: Marowak is the least favourite because nobody voted for it.

The Year 4/3 Resourceful Kryptons have been working on poetry in class. The children enjoyed creating Bio-Poems about themselves. Each of the poems are ten lines long and gives the reader more information about the student and what they enjoy, their fears and what they would like to see.

<p>Abhay Creative, active, cool, awesome Son of Gagan and Rajni Who loves to do some gaming Who fears no games Who needs his family and friends Who gives care to people Who would like to see Anime in real life Resident of galaxies</p>	<p>Khadeeja Creative, fun, weird, crazy Daughter of a Mother and Father Who loves sketching on the floor Who fears being alone in the dark Who needs warm hugs to cheer her up Who gives out little presents to her friends Who would like to see the future Resident of Canberra</p>	<p>Hannah Creative, thoughtful, brave, crazy Daughter of Han and Thai Who loves drawing, dancing Who fears spiders and mystery with the future Who needs support and family Who gives warm hugs and smiles Who would like to see a palace Resident of Neville Bonner</p>	<p>Srikar Cool, sporty, creative, fun Son of Sekhar and Sridevi Who loves partying Who fears spiders and ghosts Who needs a useful education Who gives cool presents Who would like to see the Statue of Liberty Resident of Moubourne Street</p>
<p>Scully Funny, crazy, lazy, fun Daughter of Dean and Sophie Who loves eating Who fears awkward interactions Who needs a therapist Who gives compliments Who would like to see a dinosaur Resident of green and blue planet</p>	<p>Hamza Joyful, kind, naughty, crazy Son of Farooq and Maria Who loves sport, Who fears the dark Who needs a PS4 Who gives a good heart Who would like to see the Pakistan cricket team Resident of Bonner</p>	<p>Soraya Kind, helpful, caring, funny Daughter of Shawwaal and Ami-ena Who loves her family Who fears clowns and heights Who needs kind friends Who gives kindness Who would like to see my family happy Resident of ACT Canberra</p>	<p>Akuot Creative, funny, kind, joyful Daughter of Margaret and Mavin Who loves drawing, anime, gymnastics Who fears snakes and garbage Who gives family and friends kindness Who would like to see grandmother and father Resident of Bonner ACT</p>
<p>Angelica Lazy, fun, creative, weird Daughter of Richard and Eva Who loves Anime, drawing, laying in bed Who fears spiders and heights Who needs help with Maths Who gives joy and happiness Who would like to see more cats Resident of Canberra</p>		<p>Cooper Angry, naughty, fun, crazy Son of Melissa Who loves to draw and do art Who fears spiders and darkness Who needs money Who gives Pokemon Who would like to go Go-karting Resident of Bonner ACT</p>	<p>Lev Funny, kind, creative, sarcastic Son of Dmitry and Tatyana Who loves being sarcastic Who fears being in trouble Who needs money Who gives trouble Who would like to see Japan Resident of Australia</p>
<p>Zarah Kind, crazy, naughty, joyful, Daughter of Ashley and Simon Who loves making things Who fears spiders Who needs glasses Who gives presents Who would like to see Soraya Resident of Bonner Canberra</p>	<p>Senuk Fun, playful, lazy Son of Indika and Ravini Who loves cooking, shopping and hugging Who fears no games Who gives care for my friends Who would like to see Avro Resident of the galaxy</p>	<p>Amy Juliana Happy, athletic, strong, kind Daughter of Nestor Julian and Anamaria Who loves mum, dad and dogs Who fears maths, heights Who needs family Who gives love to my family Who would like to see family Resident of the universe</p>	<p>Saad Cool active, helpful, kind, Son of Mr Shahzard and Mrs Misbha Who loves cricket, hockey, family Who fears haunted houses Who gives surprises and presents Who would like to see Pakistan cricket team Resident of ACT</p>
<p>Alisha Kind, respectful, smart, brave Daughter of Rajesh and Sonia Who loves school and family Who fears spiders Who needs family, friends and education Who gives their full attention Who would like to see Japan Resident of Canberra</p>	<p>Harerta Kind, crazy, naughty, cheeky Daughter of Brish and Reem Who loves making stuff Who fears ghosts Who needs hugs Who gives candy Who would like to see mum Resident of Bonner</p>		<p>Amad Gaming, fun, funny, fast Son of Fatmata and Yusuf Who loves Sonic Who fears gigantic spiders Who needs privacy Who gives chocolate Who would like to see my friend Resident of my home</p>
	<p>Bryson Son of Adam and Nicole Who loves playing Minecraft Who fears awkward interactions Who needs sleep Who gives massive Yeets Who would like to see a volcano Resident of Bonner</p>	<p>Ayden Kind, gaming, energetic, happy Son of Rachel and Josh Who loves his brother Who fears spiders Who needs his family Who gives help to others Who would like to see his friends Resident of Bonner</p>	<p>Oliver Creative, smart, kind, sneaky Son of Justin and Sarah Who loves drawing, writing and AFL Who fears spiders Who needs to be smart Who gives presents Who would like to see Ireland Resident of Murrumbateman NSW</p>