



Narrabundah Early Childhood School

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Principal's Message

NECS is a very busy place at the moment. We are busy welcoming children and families that will join our community in 2021 and preparing our children transitioning to other schools to do so successfully and with confidence. Our collaboration with families is always a priority and we thank families for your willingness to work with us.

We are excited to share the news with you that Donna Seal, Community Coordinator, was recently nominated for an ACT Public Education Award in the category of Education Support Person of the Year. Donna has been a part of the NECS Community since the school opened its doors in 2009. As many of you are aware Donna works tirelessly to support children and families at Narrabundah. She is warm, approachable and always follows through. Donna is a valued member of our team and we are so proud to share the news that she was nominated in the category of Education Support Person of the Year. We know many of you will join us in congratulating and thanking Donna for all that she does to support the wider NECS community.



As the weather warms up we would like to remind all families to ensure your child comes to school each day with a

- Sun smart hat
- A drink bottle filled with water
- And clothes to keep your child cool

We are very lucky to have large areas of shade on our playground. Educators are setting up a range of play experiences under the trees to help keep the children out of the sun. We encourage all families to apply sun cream to your child prior to arriving at school each day.

Lastly you may have seen on Storypark that we currently have quite a large amount of lost property. We have hung up and displayed all lost property on clothes racks near the artificial turf in the K-2 yard and on the preschool verandahs. There are a large number of drink bottles, jumpers, socks and even a few pairs of shoes. We encourage all families to take the time to have a look at the racks and reclaim lost items. In week 8 we will distribute all uncollected items to either the first aid room,

the P&C second-hand clothing pool or they will be donated to a charity.



Warm Regards

Julie

Bettongs Classroom

It has certainly been a remarkably busy term. Some highlights to date include our book week parade. The children looked amazing in their costumes. Children's week saw the class participating in a range of activities with a favourite being the face painting.

Sandra has been exploring how food has changed over time. The children have experienced a range of food and water that were available to children way back in the 1800 until now. Making jelly using the old jelly molds and explaining how the brand "Aeroplane Jelly" has been around for a long time was a crowd pleaser along with making coffee. However, the stale mouldy bread and dirty drinking water was not high on the children's tasting requests.



It is hard to believe that in four weeks our Year 2 students will have their last day at NECS.

However, before then, they are participating in the Bouyed Up sailing program. Over five weeks the children experience a range of teambuilding activities whilst sailing on Lake Burley Griffin.



Communities at Work - Playschool Room

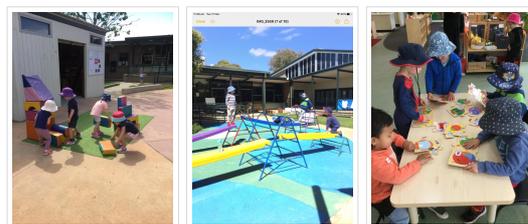
During our indoor learning experience time, our Playschool children expanded their problem-solving, visual scanning, fine motor, hands- eye coordination and caring abilities by

fixing puzzles, playing with dinosaurs and magnetic blocks construction.

On the other side of the room on the art table another group of children enjoyed craft work, which further enhanced their social, creativity and imagination skills.

When the children were out doors, they participated in a variety of experiences such as, climbing on the obstacle course, drawing on the floor using long paint brushes, playing in the sandpit. These all demonstrated their gross motor, body balancing, risk taking, imagination and creative skills.

The other side of the yard we saw few groups of children were enjoyed catching fish, painting and soft blocks construction. Throughout the above learning experiences, the children enhanced their hand-eye coordination, imagination, concentration and social skills.



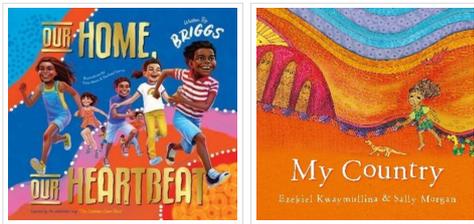
NAIDOC Week

NECS P-2 classes accessed a range of resources to acknowledge and celebrate NAIDOC Week 2020. SBS, was the official media and education partner of NAIDOC Week 2020, they produced teacher resources structured around the theme 'Always Was, Always Will Be'.

Throughout the week, P-2 children engaged in the reading of Indigenous stories, discussing messages, wonderings and thoughts. They explored the NECS outdoor environment artefacts which acknowledge and respect ATSI culture and histories.

Some of the texts read were:

- 'RESPECT' by Aunty Fay Muir
- 'Our Home, Our Heartbeat' by Briggs
- 'My Country' by Ezekiel Kwaymullina and Sally Morgan



Here are some resources you may wish to access and view at home as a family.

Acknowledgement of Country Play School: Acknowledgement of Country

Stories from Ngunnawal Country - Mt Ainslie - The Ngunnawal Peoples

Caring for Country with Richie Allan <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BLCJn02SHo4>

Adam Shipp and Richie Allan's Bush Tucker

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oYR1Cd0ekQU&t=434s>

Culture Club

As part of our NAIDOC celebrations Richie Allan was our special guest at Culture Club. Richie is a Ngunnawal man and performed 'Welcome to Country' for us. Richie shared with us artefacts through storytelling, teaching us the significance of and the story behind the artefacts (Rainbow Serpent, Bogon Moth, Goanna/lizard) and their name in Ngunnawal language.

Through the playing of the didgeridoo, children identified native Australian animals and how they are represented through the sounds they make (kookaburra) and the sound of their movement as in the kangaroo. Richie brought with him boomerangs for the children to paint. Everyone enjoyed painting their own boomerang as well as learning its Ngunnawal name, 'Berra'.

The school partners with Tuggeranong Child and Family Centre and Gugan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation sharing a commitment to ensuring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students preschool to Year 2 and their families continue to promote and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and culture. Indigenous students have opportunities to share their learning of Indigenous people and culture with their non-Indigenous peers.



We all had an enjoyable and wonderful session with Richie learning about Aboriginal culture and histories.

Did you know that Richie Allan and some family members have performed a song with, 'The Wiggles' titled 'Old Man Emu'? It is a fabulous song and I encourage you to share the viewing with your family. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LQcCp9cADg8>

Reconciliation Banner

As a part of our learning during Reconciliation Week, NECS school community worked collaboratively to produce a banner that represented our unity and commitment to working together as a community as a symbol that we are - 'In This Together'. We thank Uncle David for the painting of the artwork on our Reconciliation banner. ATSI children and grown ups are represented on the banner by handprints and non-indigenous educators and children by fingerprints. This banner will remind us that the NECS school community is stronger together.



We are looking for a community volunteer with sewing skills to help finish the banner, so we can hang it proudly in the foyer. The banner is double calico and requires hemming and a section for dowl to go through. Please contact the front office if you are able to assist with this.

NECS P&C

Families@NECS
Supporting our School

The P&C is pleased to announce that, following the recent out-of-session AGM, Polly Hemming, Andy Mison and Sophie Harper have been elected to the P&C Committee.

Thank you to everyone who participated.

Young Music Society Summer Music Program 2021

Canberra's national award-winning, non-profit, self-funded, community youth music organisation, the Young Music Society,

has been inspiring and engaging young people since 1969. Due to COVID19 restrictions the January school holiday program takes on a different form to previous years. The Primary Programs are being offered in two different locations – Northside (Macquarie Primary School) and Southside (Holy Family School, Gowrie). These programs, led by leading professional music teachers and practitioners, offer the children fun, engaging and educational activities in music and the arts that will enhance an appreciation and understanding of fundamental music skills and develop an artistic aesthetic. The programs run for either one week or two from January 11 to 22, 2021. There is also an After School Program for additional fees to assist working families.

www.youngmusicsociety.org.au for more information and registration.

Friends of Narrabundah Wetlands Planting Morning - Please come along

Narrabundah Wetlands Community Planting Day

The FRIENDS OF NARRABUNDAH WETLANDS would like to invite you to our first planting day at the newly made wetlands on

SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER, 2020

The planting will start at 9 AM and finish up by 12 PM in time for Sunday lunch. Drop by for a little while or enjoy the whole morning with us! We'd love for you to join us.

We'll be planting native plants into pre-dug holes with help from Landcare ACT, Gumnut Consulting and GreenEdge.

There will be light refreshments, sunscreen and water provided. Please bring along a hat, sturdy shoes, and a water bottle. If you have your own pair of gloves please bring them, otherwise some can be provided on the day.

This event is funded by a private donation in memory of a community member who loved the environment, and is being organised through Landcare ACT.

It's exciting to start revegetating this space and to once again become a part of the network of volunteers and neighbourhoods working along the Jerrabomberra Creek, Lake Burley Griffin and beyond to the mighty Murrumbidgee.

If you could RSVP before Sunday 15th November, that would give us a good idea of numbers. If you're unsure, you can just turn up on the day!
RSVP to Janie at Gumnut.Consulting@gmail.com



Head Lice

Please be advised that there have been reported cases of headlice in the school community.

We encourage all families to check your child's hair. More information can be found [here](#).



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