



Information Update No: 3 Wednesday 8th April 2015

Our Value this fortnight - Responsibility (Sportsmanship)

<u>Dates to Remember</u>	
Thursday 9 April	JC Athletics Carnival - Postponed
Friday 10 April	Last Day Term 1
Monday 27 April	ACT Public Sector Holiday (in lieu of ANZAC Day) incl. all Public School Students
Tuesday 28 April	First Day Term 2
Tuesday 28 April	Online Preschool Enrolments Accepted
Friday 1 May	Junior Campus Cross Country
Thursday 14 May	Kinder Health Screening
Friday 15 May	Red Unit Assembly 11.30am
Monday 18 May	Open Day/Night *Preschool & JC 9.30am – 11am * *SC 5.30pm – 7pm*
Wednesday 20 – Friday 22 May	Camp Cooba – Years 5/6
Tuesday 12 – Thursday 14 May	NAPLAN Years 3/5

Dear Parents/Carers

I will be taking some long service leave starting day one term 2. I have been planning this for some time and had already decided on taking my leave before Mrs Nagorcka planned her retirement but I know we have a great staff at Wanniassa School who will continue on with all the fabulous things that happen here.

We do not know who our new whole school Principal we be yet but I have been told they will be in place for term 2. Jenny Tatham will act in my role with Mr Pickering joining Mr Fuller and Mrs Lord in the executive team.

Look out for the exciting art work happening around Red Unit and a few changes to the front entry.

Term 2 Commences – Tuesday 28 April 2015

On Monday 27 April 2015, there will be a day in lieu for ACT public servants, including teachers and other employees working in ACT public schools. This is due to ANZAC Day falling on a Saturday this year.

Term 2 for all ACT public schools will begin on Tuesday 28 April 2015. It is advised that families make necessary alternative arrangements for Monday 27 April 2015 as soon as possible, as all public schools will be closed.

Didgeridoo Group

Didgeridoo Group will start again in term 2 for any boys who are keen. Keep your eye out for a note from Mr Pickering. I have arranged for a young man who already works in another school to teach our boys.

Looks like we can start in week 2 and more than likely before school on Thursday morning again.

Margaret Taylor

Deputy Principal

National Assessment Program (Literacy and Numeracy) - NAPLAN

Testing will be taking place next term, Tuesday 12th – Thursday 14th May and will involve students in years 3 and 5 taking part in several assessment papers based around literacy and numeracy. Please ensure participating students have a nourishing breakfast on these days and have a water bottle with them.

If you wish to withdraw your child please speak with an executive teacher.

<u>Notes Sent Home</u>	
Wakakirri Info & Consent Note	Years 4/5/6
Anzac/Peace Ceremony Excursion	Year 6
Camp Cooba Notes	Years 5/6
Naplan Parent Information	Years 3/5
Holiday Happenings	All Students

Wanniassa School Hats

**** No Hat No Play****



Students are required to wear a hat during outdoor class activities and during recess and lunch. Due to health regulations, spare hats cannot be issued. School hats are \$7 each.

Kindergarten Health Screening

The Women, Youth and Children, Community Health Programs (WYCCHP) offers a health check for all Kindergarten children in the ACT. This health check is designed to identify health issues early, to allow for appropriate referral and intervention. The process of the health check requires completion of a questionnaire which has been distributed. Please return this to your child's teacher as soon as possible. The health check will take place at school on Thursday 14th May, 2015.

Camp Cooba Years 5/6



Medical and consent notes will be sent home this week for the year 5/6 camp next term. Please complete and return all coloured notes as soon as possible. Keep the payment option dates in mind to ensure full cost is paid by the due date, being Thursday 15th May. Camp is on Wednesday 20th to Friday 22nd May, 2015.



Canteen News

The canteen is open four days a week, Tuesday - Friday from 9am, with over the counter sales during recess 11 - 11.30am and lunch 1.10pm - 1.30pm.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to keeping our canteen open. Please continue to donate ingredients and groceries. Parents, grandparents or friends from the community are always welcome to assist in the canteen. If you have time to spare occasionally, please drop in or call Jody on 6231 2717.

Also, be reminded that the canteen is closed on Mondays.

Pencil case refills



During school holidays is an ideal time to check your child's pencil case and restock with any items that need to be replenished for the beginning of the new term. Pencils, glue sticks and other items will have been well utilised by now and may need replacing.

Indigenous Programs

We are looking for Indigenous artists to commission for a number of projects around the school:

- mentoring students working on Aboriginal art projects
- assist a group of primary students to paint the door to our Ganbra room/study centre during homework club on Wednesdays
- assist our hospitality teacher design and paint a mural with students in the cooking courtyard incorporating bush tucker and broader Australian cuisine

If you know anyone or could assist yourself, please contact Cara Shipp (Executive Teacher) on 6205 6298 or email Cara-jane.shipp@ed.act.edu.au

Police Appeal For Vigilance Over School Holidays



ACT Policing will be increasing pro-active patrols around schools during the holidays, but we are also asking you, the community, to assist us in ensuring our schools remain secure. Anyone who observes anti-social behaviour or suspicious activity around schools is urged to report this to police



immediately on **131444**. This includes suspicious persons or vehicles seen at odd hours of the night, and any signs of potential criminal activity such as the sound of breaking glass, spray cans or electrical equipment being used at odd hours. By working together with police you can help to ensure that our schools remain secure over the holidays.



Changes and additions to your Dedicated School Services from 18 May 2015

On Monday 18 May 2015, ACTION will be introducing a revised timetable for all normal weekday route services and some dedicated school services. This is part of our commitment to continually revising and improving our current timetable.

Since September 2014, we have been monitoring the network using performance data and identifying areas for improvement. We have been able to address issues such as on time running and service reliability.

Your current dedicated school services have been reviewed and improvements have been made. Affected routes include: Route/s 544, 665, 852, 536

In addition, the following service will begin servicing your school from 18 May 2015: Route/s 644

A detailed list of these changes, including maps and directions, will be available on the **ACTION website** from tomorrow, Thursday 2 April.

Students that use regular route services will need to check timetable information as many services in the regular weekday network have undergone timing adjustments. These will be available on the ACTION website tomorrow.

ACTION would appreciate your assistance in circulating this information to students and parents using your existing communications channels, such as school emails, newsletters or notices to start planning travel from Monday 18 May.

Should you have any queries regarding your school service please call 13 17 10.

Do not pick or eat any wild mushrooms!



ACT Chief Health Officer Dr Paul Kelly is reminding the community not to touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms found growing in and around the ACT. The Death Cap mushroom can easily be confused with edible wild mushrooms.

In Canberra, Death Cap mushrooms grow mainly near established oak trees in mild, moist weather typically observed in late summer and autumn.

All parts of the mushroom are poisonous and consuming even a small amount of the mushroom can be fatal. Cooking the mushroom does not make it safe to eat. Anyone who suspects that they may have eaten Death Cap mushrooms should seek urgent medical attention at a hospital emergency department.

It is advised that people remain vigilant and remind friends and family who are visiting or new to Canberra not to touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms. For safety, all mushrooms should be purchased from a reputable supplier.

If you see wild mushrooms in public areas, call Canberra Connect on 13 22 81.

A fact sheet providing information about the Death Cap mushroom is available online at <http://www.health.act.gov.au/datapublications/fact-sheets/environmental-health>.

Authorised by Paul Kelly Chief Health Officer, Population Health, Health Directorate

Please have your say – The new report structure is very different to the current end of year school report.



Public Consultation - draft *Reporting Student Achievement (Preschool to Year 12) Policy* and draft common report templates

Opening Date: Monday 23 March 2015

Closing Date: Friday 15 May 2015

The ACT Education and Training Directorate is seeking public comment on the draft *Reporting Student Achievement (Preschool to Year 12) Policy* and draft common report

templates for ACT public primary and high schools.

The draft Policy and draft common templates are designed to ensure parents receive consistent information about their child's achievement regardless of which ACT public school their child attends.

School communities can provide feedback through the ACT Education and Training Directorate website at www.det.act.gov.au and the ACT Government's Community Engagement 'Time to Talk' website at <http://timetotalk.act.gov.au/>

Wanniassa School

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT is on MONDAY 18 MAY 2015 5.30pm-7pm

Preschool and Primary opening morning is open MONDAY 18 MAY 2015 9.30am – 11am

WANNIASSA SCHOOL is a Preschool to year 10 public school located in Wanniassa. The Tuggeranong suburbs with priority enrolment for prospective year 7 students are Wanniassa, Oxley, Monash and Greenway.

Preschool and Primary enrolment areas are Wanniassa, Oxley and Greenway.

ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL STRENGTHS

- **Our NAPLAN results** comparative to similar schools
- **Enrichment programs** in Mathematics, Science and English
- **Big Picture Academy** for students in years 9 & 10
- **Trades Training in Hospitality and Furniture Construction**
- **Personalised programs for Learning Support students**

BREAKING NEWS

Wanniassa School has been selected to participate in **Space Camp in Huntsville Alabama** in July 2015. Two HS students and the deputy principal, a science teacher, have full sponsorship to attend.

SPORTING AND CULTURAL STRENGTHS

- **Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country Carnivals**
- **School, Zone, ACT and National representation for individuals and sport teams**
- **Performance Arts – Dance, Music, Drama and Visual Art programs**

PASTORAL CARE STRENGTHS and STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **Nationally accredited MindMatters school** (also Early Childhood KidsMatter & KidsMatter Primary)
- **Values-based, peer support, relational school**
- **Student leadership, volunteering and community service learning**
- **Year Camps, Interstate Excursions and Overseas Trips (World Challenges 2013 & 2015, Japan 2014, US Space Camp 2015)**

Web: www.wans.act.edu.au

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