



Information Update No: 1 Wednesday 11th Feb 2015

Our Value this fortnight - All Values

<u>Dates to Remember</u>	
Wednesday 11 Feb **Tonight**	P & C Family Picnic and Parent Information Evening 5.30pm – 7pm
Friday 13 February	SRC/Leadership/Yellow Unit Assembly 11.30am
Friday 13 February	Material Resources Payment due (Bookpack/Internet \$80 per student)
Tuesday 17 February	P & C Association Meeting 7.30pm Senior Campus
Friday 27 February	Orange Unit Assembly 11.30am
Monday 2 – Friday 6 March	JC Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thursday 5 March	Swimming Carnival – Years 2 - 6
Monday 9 March	Canberra Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 11 March	Rugby League 7's
Friday 13 March	Blue Unit Assembly 11.30am

Welcome back to school all our continuing and new students. Our unit teachers are KG (Mrs Gough) and KGJ (Miss Gore-Johnson) in Red Unit, 1C (Miss Coutts) and 1E (Miss Eaton) in Green Unit, 2/3B (Mrs Bowman), 2/3H (Mrs Hanson) and 2/3JB (Mrs Booth) in Blue Unit, 4W (Miss Wilson) and 4/5E (Miss Ennis) in Orange Unit and 5P (Mr Pickering) and 6B (Mr Bond) in Yellow Unit. Ms Poulakis is teaching Japanese in Purple Unit, Mrs Byrne teacher/librarian and Mrs Harders teaching literacy groups. We also welcome Mr Justan Fuller to the executive team.

We welcome our new Dolphin, Penguin and Turtle preschool children with Karen Cooper and Virginia Fanning who have commenced full sessions this week.

<u>Notes Sent Home</u>	
Principal's Newsletter	Youngest
P&C Family Picnic JC Info Night	All Students
School Requisite/Internet Note	All Students
Canteen Menu	Youngest
Ganbra Smart Kids Program	Indigenous
School Banking Program	Youngest
Kinder Health Screening	Kinder
PIPS Information Brochure	Kinder

2015 Term Dates

Term 1	Monday 2 February to Friday 10 April
Term 2	Monday 27 April to Friday 3 July
Term 3	Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September
Term 4	Monday 12 October to Friday 18 December

Parent Information Evening

**** Tonight ****

Tonight is our information evening for K - 6 parents. The P & C is also holding a sausage sizzle to coincide with the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and see their classroom. It is important that at least a parent or a friend of each student attend, as issues such as class programs, homework and general expectations of the school will be covered.

Parent Contact Information Updates

Student information with parent contact details from our database have been sent home. Please make any amendments necessary and return as soon as possible. Even if details are correct and still current, please initial as such and return to the front office. We will also advise of any outstanding documentation required for your child, such as birth certificate, immunisation records, Code of Practice for computer/internet usage etc.

Stationery Requirements

It would be appreciated if parents could ensure that their children are equipped with all the necessary clearly labelled pencil case items as outlined on the stationery list. Just a reminder that Friday 13th February is the due date for payment of our school requisite bookpack and internet access.

Kindergarten Health Screening

The Child, Youth and Women's Health Program, ACT Health, 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 will be distributed. Please return this to your child's teacher before Monday 23rd February. The health check will take place at school on Thursday 14th May, 2015.

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.

Administration Matters

Junior Campus Front Office hours are 8.30am to 3.30pm.

Payments for excursions, bookpacks etc should be forwarded to the school in an envelope or clickseal bag with details of the students name, class, amount and purpose. Correct money is appreciated as banking is completed each day and the office does not carry change.

Notes and payments can be given to the class teacher to be forwarded to the front office for processing. Large cash payments may be handed directly to the front office upon arrival at school. Receipts are returned to the class to be sent home with the child.

Medication

If your child requires medication whilst at school please provide a statement/letter from the prescribing doctor and complete an 'authority to administer medication' form at the front office. Medication must be supplied in its original, labeled packet, box or bottle.

Office staff are not permitted to administer medication without authorisation from a parent/guardian and/or medical practitioner. This is in line with current departmental policy.

Student Supervision

Supervision is provided during the following times – before school 8:45am - 9:00am and after school 3:00pm - 3:15pm. Unless children have parental supervision, they are requested to arrive at school no earlier than 8.45am.

In terms of after school supervision it is important that all children have left the school premises by 3.15pm. After this time it is difficult to ensure appropriate supervision as teachers are required to attend regular meetings after school. If parents are running late please inform the front office so that your child does not become distressed.

Student Arrivals, Departures and School Visitors

Please ensure that you complete necessary details on the Student Movement Form when you are picking up or dropping off your child out of regular hours.

Students may enter or leave the school via the front office ONLY if accompanied by a parent or carer.

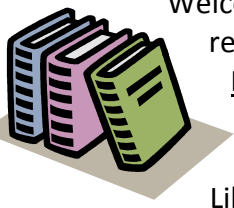
There is also a Visitors Sign In Form, which needs to be completed when parents or carers are doing any type of voluntary assistance within the school during school hours. These books are kept on the front office counter.

During any emergency situation, we need to be able to account for each and every person in the school.

Parents/carers are not permitted to visit teaching areas during school hours without appointments.

Any messages or personal items for students will be forwarded by office staff or your child will be asked to come to the front office to see you. Unannounced visitors to the classrooms are unsettling to students and teachers and also disruptive to learning time.

Library News



Welcome back everybody. I hope you all had a good holiday and read some great books! A few reminders for the beginning of the year...

Family borrowing – families are eligible for their own barcodes which allow you to borrow up to 30 resources at a time. If you don't have one already, please visit or phone the library to organise one.

Library Bags – every child from Kinder to Year 6 must have a library bag to be able to borrow books.

Not only do they protect our books but also usually prevent books from going missing!

Borrowing Limits – All resources may be borrowed for a period of up to 2 weeks. Students in Kinder can borrow one book at a time, years 1 and 2 can borrow 2 books, year 3 may borrow 3 books and years 4, 5 and 6 may borrow 4 books.

Book Club - The Scholastic Book Club happens twice a term and gives families a chance to purchase popular book titles, and other items, at very reasonable prices. Teachers and the school earn bonus coupons depending on the number of orders placed by students in each class. The school bonus coupons can be used to purchase books for our library. The more student orders, the more bonus points we earn. There are 6 regular book clubs:

Wombat (suitable for Preschool - K)

Lucky (suitable for Yrs 1 - 2)

Arrow (suitable for Yrs 3 - 4)

Star (suitable for Yrs 5, 6 and 7)

Special themed offers (suitable for all ages)

Payment can be made by sending to school the order form and cash (in a sealed envelope with child's name & class clearly marked), cheques (payable to Scholastic Australia), or by filling out a credit card receipt on the bottom of the order form.

With your support, we can make 2014 another bumper year for Book Club and our students' reading. Please contact me if you have any questions about Book Club.

Library Days

Red Unit – Tuesdays Blue Unit – Wednesdays

Green Unit – Thursdays Orange Unit – Thursdays Yellow Unit – Tuesdays

The library is open first half of lunch (1.10pm – 1.30pm) on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Head Lice

From time to time we may have children with head lice so we are asking parents that all children have their hair checked regularly and treated if necessary for the removal of lice and eggs. Please wash all brushes, combs and school hats in boiling water and disinfectant. If all children are treated, the reinfestation due to the transfer of lice from other class members should be minimised. Thank you for your assistance to keep this problem under control.



School Uniforms

Thank you for your assistance in our quest to have **ALL STUDENTS** wearing school uniform including the correct colour code. It is great to see a sea of blue at lines each morning. Keep it up!!

Each ACT Public School in conjunction with their school board develops and implements a school **Dress Standard and Colour Code** policy. Schools expect students to abide by a dress standard while attending school or official school activities. This dress standard includes colour code or school uniform.

School colour codes are chosen by a school board to represent the school on uniforms or dress standards and other items of identification.

Wanniassa School's colour code on the Junior Campus is sky blue and navy blue. Please consider this when purchasing clothing eg. coats, jackets, beanies that may be worn at school as well as at home.

Tuggeranong Hyperdome



Please remember to mention Wanniassa School when purchasing school wear from Lowes. We receive vouchers from accumulated points each year which allows us to replenish our emergency clothing pool.

Second Hand Uniforms

The second hand school clothing stall will be open during term 1 and is located outside the Parentlink near the entrance to the School.

Opening times: Thursday 12th and Friday 13th February (2.30-3.30pm)

Monday 15th to Friday 20th February (2.30-3.30pm)

After this, the stall will open on Thursday's and Friday's (2.30-3.30pm) through to the end of Term.

If you would like to visit any other time, please contact Jenny Dolan on 0447 298 173.

Our Clothes range in sizes from 4 - 16, including sports skirts, skorts, loads of shorts and hats. So please come have a look, and take advantage of good, cheap clean pre-loved school clothes!

We are always looking for more donations. So if you have any spare/outgrown items of clothing and coathangers, please drop them into the front office - we would love that...

Car Parking

For any parents new to the school and to all existing car travellers, our car parking arrangements are as follows.

There is a set down/pick up section which is for very short term use only. Please don't leave your car unattended while parked here. Buses regularly require this space and if parents have parked there it becomes a major safety issue and logistical nightmare.

In the afternoon, please DO NOT park at the end of the pathway entrance, where there is yellow paint marking on the kerb, as this is designated for After School Care to collect children.

An overflow carpark is available located adjacent to the school near the ovals.

We ask that you maintain a very slow speed when driving through the car park please and watch for young pedestrians.

Please be aware the disabled parking areas are designated for Disabled Parking Permit holders only. You will be asked to display your permit whilst parked in these places.

P & C News

Wanniassa School P & C Association - Annual General Meeting (AGM) & HELP NEEDED on P&C Committee

The Wanniassa School P&C committee is to hold its Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 17 March 2015** in the staff room on the Senior Campus.

All executive positions will be vacated and the following positions are available for filling in 2015:

President - chairs all meetings, provides leadership and acts as a spokesperson;

Vice President Junior Campus - assists President and Secretary as well as representative for Junior campus;

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Secretary - Records minutes of meetings, sets meeting agendas and attends to correspondence;

P&C Treasurer - Responsible for all funds received and expended on behalf of the P&C Committee, reports regularly to P&C meetings. Software package & training available. This is a vital role which the P&C can't function without.

Canteen Treasurer (Junior Campus) - Responsible for managing junior campus canteen accounts and payment of salaries to canteen staff as well as report regularly to P&C meetings. Software package and training available. This is a vital role which the P&C can't function without.

Canteen Treasurer (Senior Campus) - Responsible for managing senior campus canteen accounts and payment of salaries to canteen staff as well as report regularly to P&C meetings. Software package and training available. This is a vital role which the P&C can't function without.

P&C Council Delegate/s - Represent P&C at P&C Council meetings and report back to P&C meetings;

Public Officer - point of contact between Association and ACT Registrar General's Office (must be over 18 yrs and an ACT resident).

Fundraising Coordinator - As little or as much as you can or have time. The whole of the P&C committee has been taking responsibility over the last few years to assist with all fundraising as a team effort eg BBQ fundraisers, cake stall. If you would like to know more about any of these positions, please contact Lynette Sanchez, P&C Secretary on 0409 044 251 or lynettesanchez@grapevine.net.au For more information see the P&C Council Website - <http://www.actparents.org.au>

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.

Notification of Emergency Procedures (Fire drill, lockdown, OHS checks)

During the school year, each campus conducts practice fire drills, lockdowns, workplace safety checks etc, in accordance with departmental requirements. Please note the first of these will be held early this term.

School Banking

School Banking is held in the library every Friday morning from 8.45am. Any student with a Commonwealth Bank account is welcome to come and deposit money. You can open a new account at any Commonwealth Bank Branch, and continue to make deposits at the school.

Our school P & C receives a commission based on deposits received.

Canberra Physical Culture Club



Physie is for girls and ladies of all ages. Exercises and dance routines are all choreographed to music and are designed to enhance flexibility, strength, agility, poise and deportment.

Children especially benefit by improving their stamina, concentration, co-ordination and balance. We are an incorporated club and we try to keep costs low and offer 2 free lessons.

New members are always welcome to come along and see if they would like to join our club.

Classes are held here at Wanniasa School Junior Campus. Please call Maree 0411600658 or visit www.canberraphysicalculture.com

Action Tae Kwon Do

Wanniasa School Junior Campus Hall

Every Thursday Afternoon 3.15pm – 4.00pm

Children Only Classes For more information call Ben on 0498 638274 or visit

www.actiontaekwondo.com.au



2 Free Lessons

What is in the Parent Link?



The Parent Link is a space for parents and the community to use. It is your space and you are welcome to drop in and use the room between the hours of 9.00 and 3.00. If you would like to have regular coffee mornings with friends or maybe start an interest group (eg craft) please see Jenny Tatham on the JC. We always welcome your input into how to best use the room. It is located to the left of the front office.

Free tea and coffee

Great free resources

Information about services available in our community

Information on parenting and working with children

Books you can borrow on a variety of issues

Information on physical health and mental health





As we start a new school year, we would like to remind schools, parents and students about our bus services and how to best prepare for bus travel in the new year.

School Bus Services

Details of all school and regular bus services are now available for parents and students to begin planning their journeys. We ask that parents and students familiarise themselves with the most suitable route, times and stop locations. School bus services are available to school students only however, parents with young children may apply to travel on these services for a few weeks to help their child get used to bus travel. Please use the links below for further information on our bus services:

MyWay Cards

We are urging parents and students to check MyWay cards and top up if required. MyWay cards can be topped up automatically using the handy autoload service, online, over the phone via the ACTION and MyWay information line (13 17 10), or in person at Canberra Connect shopfronts and MyWay recharge agents.

Bus Fare Increase

A bus fare increase came into effect on 3 January 2015. Single trip school student MyWay fares are now \$1.10 and cash fares are now \$2.30. Parents and students can find more information on the Transport for Canberra website or by calling 13 17 10.

Network Changes

No significant changes have been made to the current schools network since the most recent changes on Monday 1 September 2014. Any changes are published on the School Services section of the ACTION website. All feedback received regarding the new network has been taken on board for future planning and scheduling.

New Student MyWay Card Holders

We would like to offer you free MyWay card holders and information guides for new school students, ideally those of primary school age who may be using the bus on their own for the first time. The card holder is designed to hold a MyWay card and has a secure clip device for attaching to a belt or bag. As a MyWay card can be of significant value, the MyWay card holder is a great way to keep students cards secure. Inside sits a MyWay information targeted at parents, which is a great introduction to MyWay and understanding the ticketing system. We can send you out a package consisting of the card holders, clips and MyWay information guide. If you are interested, please respond to actionmarketing@act.gov.au with the quantities required and the preferred contact and delivery details. We would appreciate your assistance in circulating this information to parents and students using your existing communications channels, such as school emails, newsletters or notices.

Working With Vulnerable People

Volunteers and other visitors to schools, unless they meet exemption criteria, are required to hold an appropriate Working With Vulnerable People registration with the Office of Regulatory Service to engage in activities involving contact with children.

Volunteers who regularly work with children in classrooms and other school activities will need to be registered. Parents and members of the community make a valuable contribution in a diversity of roles. Wanniasa School looks forward to your continued support in whatever capacity you choose. For more information and to download application/registration forms please visit www.ors.act.gov.au/community/working_with_vulnerable_people

What the Working With Vulnerable People Act means for parents who volunteer at school

Since the introduction of the Working With Vulnerable People Act, some parents and members of the Wanniasa School community have been expressing uncertainty about the need for volunteers to register with the Office of Regulatory Services to provide volunteer services to the school.

Volunteers who regularly work with children in classrooms or regularly make contact with children during other school activities will need to be registered. If you are unsure whether you need to be registered, please contact Karin Nagorcka on 62056200.

Some volunteers may choose not to register but to continue supporting the school by reducing the number of days on which they work so as to avoid exceeding statutory limits. There may also be opportunities for volunteers to participate in forms of work which are not considered education activities or involve contact with children and do not require volunteers to be registered.

Where this is not possible, it may be necessary to apply for a Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) card.

Working With Vulnerable People (Cont'd)

There is no cost for volunteers.

The Working With Vulnerable People scheme has meant that all volunteers will need to complete a new School Volunteer Nomination Form and to sign in each day they work at Wanniasa School.

We are strengthening protection for children, but we depend on our volunteers in a variety of ways and look forward to your continued support in whatever capacity you choose.

The school, its staff and the Territory are not aware of, and make no representation as to, the truth or accuracy of the information provided in advertisements appearing in this publication. Readers should make their own enquiries in relation to the information.

Homework at Wanniasa School Junior Campus for Years 1-6

The Wanniasa School Junior Campus Homework Policy was developed in consultation with parents through an online survey. Homework is a part of school life of which everyone seems to have a strong opinion. Education, when it is done well is a partnership between home and school where parents and teachers can support one another in a child's learning.

In our efforts to keep improving practice and to enhance your child's educational outcomes, we gave each family the opportunity to share their thoughts on homework. Our online survey gave parents and carers the opportunity to comment on what works well at Wanniasa, what could be improved and suggestions for improvement.

Some important findings

- *71% of parents believed that homework should be compulsory*
- *Respondents listed times in minutes from kindergarten to year 6. As a summary, most parents thought that a small amount of time eg. 10mins per day for kindergarten students was ok, gradually increasing to around 45 minutes to 60 minutes for year 5 and 6 students.*
- *Important areas to be included in Homework*

Reading:	100%
Spelling:	92%
Writing:	74%
Mathematics:	87%
Other:	16% (answers included: History, language learning, health and physical education, life skills, geography etc)
- *Other comments*
 - *Literacy and Numeracy (reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation as well as math's) activities should be the focus*
 - *Homework needs to relate to what is being done in class*
 - *Having homework marked is important*
 - *It is helpful to have the weekend to complete homework tasks*
 - *Homework should not be onerous, it should be able to be completed by the child without too much support from parents/carers*

Teachers at Wanniasa agree with parents and carers on the above points. Homework will be specifically focused on Literacy and Numeracy activities or other topics relating to what has been covered in class and the Australian Curriculum. It will go out on Fridays and be expected to be returned on Thursdays/Fridays depending on the year level.

Getting a high percentage of students returning homework to school is one aspect of homework that teachers find challenging. It is important to note here that homework is not compulsory; however, 71% of our survey respondents believe it should be. We also find generally students who complete homework and read at home achieve at a higher level.

Home Readers, M100Words, tables and Mental Computations should be part of everyday activities not only homework.

If you do not wish your child to take part in homework tasks, (Please note we still expect Home Readers to be part of the home program) please fill out the slip below and return it to the class teacher.

Students in Kindergarten will have a different format aligned with number, sounds and reading which is not part of the homework schedule.

Wanniasa Junior Campus 2015 Years 1 - 6

I do not wish my child _____ of class _____ to receive homework

from their class teacher in 2015. I understand that students who do not receive homework will be

completing class work independently while the rest of the class take part in homework instruction and marking tasks.

Name: _____ Signed: _____

Date: _____

If you're aged between 5 to 14 years old and want to play footy in 2015 then...



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In 2015 the Tuggeranong Lions continue our ongoing commitment to provide the boys and girls of Tuggeranong and surrounding areas with a family oriented, friendly, and fun Aussie Rules footy environment.

If you're looking for a great experience this winter, meeting new friends and learning new skills then visit our website.

For information on the 2015 season including registration, training times and fees visit our website or contact us.

web: www.tuggeranonglionsjafc.aflnswact.com.au

email: tuggeranonglionspresident@gmail.com

mob: 0437 470 582 (Sean)



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2015



Registration Days

The Tuggeranong Buffaloes would like to invite all players, new and old, from:

- **Baby Buffs (3-5 years old);**
- **Under 6's through to Under U16's;**
- **Under 17's Girls;**

to play with us for the 2015 Rugby League season.

Register online today @ the [Buffaloes Sporting Pulse](http://www.foxsportspulse.com) site

www.foxsportspulse.com, search for the Tuggeranong Buffaloes then select the register button (or click on the button now and it will take you there directly)

Click here to register online.

Then come along to one of our registration days between 10am and 2pm to say g'day and get all the info you need to play footy this year.

Sunday 1 Feb at McDonald's Tuggeranong

Sunday 8 February at IGA Kambah

Sunday 18 February at Kambah No 1 Ovals (Chirnside Cct Kambah)

If you have any questions regarding registrations please contact

Yvette Croft 0408 860 486 yvettcroft@bigpond.com

Tracy Kruska 0411 771 010 tracykruska152@gmail.com

Greg Bell 0432 681 119 grebell06@gmail.com

School Banking 2015 is ready for launch.



For over 80 years, the School Banking program has been teaching Australian children lifelong money skills. This year, your child is invited to join the Dollarsmites on an intergalactic mission to Planet Savings.

Information on how students can get on board with School Banking, including a Savings Tracker and a rewards redemption card, is available from your School Banking Co-ordinator.

Your school has received parent packs that include all the information you need to get on board. If you haven't received a parent pack yet, please ask your School Banking Co-ordinator.

Rewarding good savings habits with eight new items in 2015

The School Banking program encourages good savings habits by rewarding students with awesome reward items. For every 10 deposits made through the program, they can redeem a reward from our Outer Space Savers range, including ET DVDs, Planet Handballs, Invisible Ink Martian Pens, Intergalactic Rockets, Glow-in-the-Dark Solar Systems, Cosmic Light Beam Torches, Outer Space Savers Money Boxes and Lunar Light Bands.

You could win a family trip to Disneyland

In a School Banking first, students who make 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically receive one entry into the competition draw to win a family trip to California's Disneyland. The prize includes return airfares, five nights accommodation, transfers and three days park entry for up to two adults and two kids, plus AUD\$2,000 spending money.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Things to know before you can: Conditions apply. Promotion starts 9.00am AEST 27/1/15 and ends 11.59pm AEST 18/12/15. Entry is open to all YouthSaver account holders aged 5-13 years who participate in Commbank's School Banking program. Entrants under 18 must have parent/guardian consent. The draw will take place at 12.21pm AEST on 12/1/16 at the Promoter's office. The first valid entry drawn will win a family trip to California's Disneyland valued at \$2,245. The winner's name will be published in the public notices section of The Australian on 28/1/16. Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 43 122 122 124 of Level 2, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Full terms and conditions available at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking NSW Permit No 11795/14/06657, ACT Permit No TP14/04345, VIC Permit No 14/5906, SA Permit No 114/2227.

