



THE WODEN SCHOOL

Independence & Responsibility



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Principal's Report

October 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to term 4. I write on behalf of Ian who is on Long Service Leave for 2 weeks. We are beginning the lead up to a busy and potentially stressful time of the year when financial demands and extended school holidays can put extra pressure on relationships. Community supports are available at our school and beyond and we are always available to listen and help identify options if you or your family members require it.

A highlight of recent activities was the 2017 Wodenstock event. From the student dyed Tshirts to the freestyle student rap performances, this was a day for the students, by the students and of the students. A huge thank you to Jake Naylor and Luke Ferguson for their tireless leadership and management of this huge event. It is a prime example of students, staff and the broader community working together to produce a memorable and awesome day.

The construction of the new college building has begun with the continuation of our staged masterplan building work in a fenced off area at the Denison Street end of the playground. We are very thankful for the

influx central funding that is enabling these works to be undertaken without impacting on the school budget.

We are planning for the placement of our 7/8, 9/10 and 11/12 student groups to accommodate the inevitable disruptions. Some classrooms offer a great view of the progress and already students have made connections between the building activities and their science curriculum studies about 'Changing Ecosystems'. An 'artist impression' of the building placement is in this newsletter. We are prioritising our efforts to reduce routine changes as we continue to deliver quality learning experiences.

No term is complete without staff changes. School teams are made up of staff who are permanent, contract, casual, volunteers, Australian School Based Apprentices, Trainees, Return to Work placements, pre-service teachers, work experience students, student mentors and more. Without these wonderful people the richness of programs would not be possible. For a range of reasons people take leave or move to other places and our staffing officer has the enormous task of ensuring that classes are covered. Like any workplace the reasons for leave are diverse.

Our main task is to ensure that we continue to deliver quality learning experiences. The relief staff who come at short notice are absolute gold to us.

This is the time of year that we publicly celebrate the success of our students and farewell our year 12s and some year 10s. The year 10 and the year 12 formals will both be on Tuesday 28 November. The combined Alfred Deakin High School formal at the Arboretum continues to be an eagerly anticipated event for year 10 students. The year 12 formal will be at the Southern Cross Club. The year 10 and 12 graduation and general school presentation be happier and ceremony will again be held at the Canberra College Performing Art Centre at Canberra College on Thursday 7 December. **All students in years 10 and 12** and their families/carers are warmly invited to attend. Some students in other year groups will be recognised and you will be notified about this.

College visits continue for Year 10 students who are graduating at the end of this year. 2018 Year 7 students have a schedule of visits and it is great to meet some of the new students, parents and carers.

We continue to take seriously our role in ensuring that this school community is free from racial taunting and actions. We work hard to support students to understand this and we always appreciate and welcome your support. We expect all students to act in a way that contributes to a safe and positive environment at school. This includes 'bystander' behavior. We urge you to help us by reporting to us any concerns.

Many of you have completed your NDIS planning and we have a large number of therapists working in our school. Therapists work collaboratively with us to ensure that suggested strategies are incorporated into teaching and learning throughout the school. It has been very positive and a great learning opportunity for us all.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this year's school satisfaction surveys. This data collection tool really helps us to confirm strategic priorities and actions. Recent reflection on our progress against this year's annual action plan shows that we are on track to deliver major actions as detailed in our strategic plan.

We have also just received the 2017 Australian School Climate and School Identification Measurement Tool (ASCSIMT) report prepared by the ACT Government Education Directorate in partnership with the Australian National University. Research indicates that when a school has a positive and supportive climate students, staff, and parents/carers feel connected. Students are more likely to be happier and have better learning achievement and attendance. Staff are likely to communicate more effectively, be more productive and to feel more satisfaction in their work. Parents and carers are more likely to support student learning at home and actively participate in school life. In this year's report, longitudinal data has been included to compare our outcomes in 2017 with those reported in 2014, 2015 and 2016. Analysing and interpreting the individual results will be an ongoing focus for us but it was pleasing and to see that 91% of parents reported Adequate or Excellent levels of School and Family Connections and the Staff response to the item "Staff take pride in their work." was most strongly endorsed.

I warmly farewell Cindy Treverrow and welcome Sasha Matanalailai who is the new acting Executive Teacher in charge of the year 9/10 students and staff.

Kind regards,
Penny Mims

The Woden Senior School new location



2018 Special Needs Transport Applications

2018 Special Needs Transport Applications Close on 17 November 2017

The Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate (TCCS) has mailed out the 2018 Special Needs Transport (SNT) application form, guidelines and NDIS questions to families of students currently accessing the program. Applications for the 2018 Program close on Friday 17 November 2017. Please note: late applications may be placed on a waiting list. Students must be NDIS participants before their application for SNT can be processed. For any further information please contact the Special Needs Transport Coordinator on [62059196](tel:62059196).

Any new students coming to your school in 2018 who you may think are eligible can find the application, guidelines and NDIS questions on the TCCS Directorate's website at the following link <https://www.transport.act.gov.au/getting-around/bus-services/school-services/special-needs-transport-program>

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Christmas is fast approaching & now is the time to get orders in for custom made goods including; dribble bibs (reversible bandanas), clothing protectors (teen/ custom sizes & fabrics), custom fabric backpacks, Xmas stockings with names, custom pillowcases & grocery bags & much more ! Please do not hesitate to enquire about any items above or any alterations / custom made pieces you may want made. Please note for orders to be ready by Xmas please get requests to me ASAP! Email - janapavlich@gmail.com or speak to Suzanne LSA at school.

Thanks Jana

DATES TO REMEMBER

Assembly	Wednesday 1 Nov 10am
Year 7 Immunisations	Thursday 2 Nov
Assembly	Wednesday 15 Nov 10am
Kayaking Camp	Thurs-Friday 23-24 Nov

**2017 - 2021****Our Priorities**

1. **Student Outcomes**
 - a. Relevant assessment
 - b. Data
2. **School Climate**
 - a. Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)
3. **Staff Wellbeing**

Useful links to our web page

Ctrl key and double click on
the blue text**Canteen Menu:**

http://www.thewodens.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/406583/term_4_canteen_menu.pdf

Uniform Information:

http://www.thewodens.act.edu.au/information_for_parents/uniform

Calendar:

http://www.thewodens.act.edu.au/about_our_school/calendar2

Special Needs Transport:

<http://www.transport.act.gov.au/getting-around/bus-services/school-services/special-needs-transport-program>

NDIS:

<https://www.ndis.gov.au/about-us/our-sites/ACT.html>

Awards night

The Woden School 2017 Graduation & Awards night

Date: Thursday 7 December 2017

Time: 5.45 for 6:00pm start

Location: Canberra College Performing Arts
Centre
(CPAC)

Rear of the large car park 2 Launceston Street
Phillip

RSVP on 61420200
Friday 1 December 2017



Dear Parents and Carers

Please note the date for this important event. All year 10 and 12 students will receive their Portfolios and recognition for their achievements at this school. Other presentations for students in other year groups will also be awarded and you will be notified nearer the date about these.

Penny

Walk-in Centres in the ACT



Have you heard of Canberra's Walk-in Centres?

Walk-in Centres provide free and efficient access to treatment and health advice for one-off minor injury and illness on a no appointment basis.

Walk-in Centres are open from 7.30am to 10.00pm 7 days a week, including public holidays, and are located at:

Belconnen Community Health Centre, on the corner of Lathlain and Cohen St, and

Tuggeranong Community Health Centre, on the corner of Anketell and Pittman St.

Walk-in Centres provide free one-off treatment for less serious conditions, particularly after-hours when there are limited options available.

Walk-in Centres are staffed by a team of highly skilled Registered Nurses and Nurse Practitioners who have extensive experience in treating people.

Walk-in Centres offer a range of services and treatments. Visit our website

www.walkincentre.act.gov.au to see what's offered.

2017

2 November Year 7 Immunisations

9 November ACT Public Education Awards Night

23/24 November Outdoor Education Kayaking Camp

28 November FORMALS

Year 10 @ Arboretum

Year 12 @ Southern Cross Club

1 December International Day of People with a disability
- TWS Athletics Carnival

5 December Arts Showcase event

7 December Graduation and Presentation
@ CPAC Canberra College 6 pm start

14 December 2017 Swimming Carnival - CISAC

15 December Last day of term

2018

5 February 2018 School Starts for new Year 7 students

6 February 2018 School starts for all other students

22 February Meet & Greet Picnic/BBQ

28 February School Photos for all Students

Community Carols



Our **Community Carols** are just around the corner and we'd love to see you on **Tuesday 5 December 6.30-8pm!** Bring a picnic and enjoy music from Sing Australia, Merici and Marist, along with entertainment for the kids and photos with Santa. This event brings together our local community to celebrate the joy of Christmas and you are encouraged to donate a small gift for families who are struggling during this festive season. Please share this event through your networks and like our event page at <http://tinyurl.com/yaqv99ag>



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Woollies, Earn & Learn



Woollies earn and learn is over for 2017. I would like to thank all the parents, staff, students, family and friends who have collected and placed their earn and learn stickers in the boxes. The school got 8760 points to spend. Below are some is a picture of the items that have been purchased with the points. These items should arrive at the school early 2018.

Again **THANKYOU!!!**
From the Woden School staff and students.





We did it!

Our super star dancers shone brightly at the AIS Arena for the Limelight Gala Showcase. From the moment the music started they had the audience captivated. We had a huge turn out from parents and staff who came to watch and cheer us on. A special thank you to one of our dancers—Genevieve Searson (year 8) who was our resident hairdresser and created beautiful hair-styles for all female performers. Woden School students... you have done it again! Congratulations! We are so proud of each one of you!





Science Educators' Association of the Australian Capital Territory

The Year 7&8 Sub School Scientists entered their projects in the Science Educators' Association of the Australian Capital Territory (SEAACT) Science and Engineering Fair. All winners were invited to the CSIRO Discovery Centre, at Black Mountain on Friday 20 October 2017 to receive their awards. The Woden School won the prestigious 2017 SEAACT Science Fair Special Education Shield and \$130 in prize money. The following students / classes gained a winning place in this year's Science and Engineering Fair.

Congratulations to all participants and award winners!

Name of Project	Award Winner	Theme	Award
A Force To Be Reckoned With	Class Project Cooper Burton Braythan Core Jaz Costuna Kara Hayes Liam Peachey	Physics	1 st Place \$80 Prize Money for the school
CD Hovercraft	Joshua Keft Miles Johnstone	Physics	2 nd Place \$50 Prize money for the school
The Colourful Flower Experiment	Gabriella De Angelis	Chemistry	Highly Commended
Lava Lamp	Haylee Simpson Bianca Goodchild	Chemistry	Highly Commended
Crawling Colours	Genevieve Searson	Chemistry	Highly Commended
Earthquake in Legoland	Ryan Ball	Engineering	Highly Commended
Exploring Forces That Move Objects	Class Project Charlotte Browne Kim Caetan Anirudha Chintamani Emily Fitzgibbins Martin Luzardo Matthew McHarry Jessica McIntosh Balsam Yahea	Physics	Highly Commended





Dear Parents

Re: New After School Club at Woden School

Carers ACT provides a range of services that aim to support family carers in their caring role through the provision of high quality services to the people they care for. One of the suite of programs we offer through our Disability Services is our After School Club which has been operating at the Woden School for the past 2 years. The aim of our after school program has been to enable parents to maintain employment while knowing their child is being cared for by qualified and experienced staff in a safe and engaging environment.

The After School Club is offered at the school from 3pm to 6pm on school days and aims to provide stimulating activities that enhance the participants social, communication, coping and life skills. We achieve this by offering an engaging, fun schedule of activities developed through consultation with participants, carers and the school that are responsive to the goals and outcome identified in the participants NDIA plan. Trained and experienced staff deliver the program and we maintain a ratio of 1 staff member to every 2 or 3 participants (depending upon support needs of the participants). We aim to maintain regular staff within the program to provide stability and enable the implementation of effective and consistent interactions.

Carers ACT is an NDIS registered provider of supports and has negotiated with the NDIA to charge for after school care through NDIS plans. Currently after school care is not an identified line of support in NDIS plans (so there is no specifically identified support code for this) however the NDIA has accepted our quote to provide this service at a cost of \$105 per person per each 3-hour session. To be eligible to obtain after school care for your child you will need to contact your NDIA planner and request that this item is added to the child's NDIS plan. Please feel free to contact Carers ACT Disability Services team on 1800 272 624 or via email to disability@carers.org.au if you require assistance with this process.

If you would like to book you child into the Carers ACT After School Club for 2017, or you would like more information, please contact the Carers ACT Disability Services team on 1800 272 624 or via email to disability@cares.org.au.

Carers ACT also provides a range of other supports under NDIS including Care Coordination and Connection. Please contact us if you would like more information on the supports we provide.

Regards
Helen Malcomess
Manager of Operations
Carers ACT

Second hand Uniforms

FOR SALE

We have a large range of second hand T-Shirts and Jumpers, in various sizes and in good condition.

T-shirts \$10

Jumpers \$15

Please contact the front office with any inquiries



Feros Care is a NDIS partner delivering NDIS in your community.

Feros Care Local Area Coordinators will be available to answer any questions about the NDIS. Children under adult supervision are welcome.

Drop-In LAC Support Sessions

Need help with the NDIS? Let us answer your questions!

Feros Care Local Area Coordinators (LACs) will be available at various locations across Canberra to assist you with information about the NDIS. Meet with an LAC for information and support regarding:

- Accessing the Participant Portal
- Choosing and working with a provider
- Community and mainstream information and linkage
- General NDIS information and support
- Friday 20th October from 1 to 3pm at Gungahlin Library, Cnr Hibberson and Gozzard Streets, Gungahlin
- Monday 23rd October from 9 to 11am at Tuggeranong Library, 175/245 Cowlishaw Street, Greenway
- Wednesday 25th October from 1 to 3pm at Civic Library, Civic Square, London Circuit, Canberra City
- Friday 27th October from 10am to 12pm at Gungahlin Library, Cnr Hibberson and Gozzard Streets, Gungahlin
- Monday 30th October from 1 to 3pm at Tuggeranong Library, 175/245 Cowlishaw Street, Greenway

Know Your Rights NDIS Service Agreements

Want to learn about your rights and NDIS Service Agreements?

Feros Care ACT is running workshops to provide you with more information about your rights and NDIS Service Agreements. Meet with other families and learn more about:

- How to create your own NDIS Service Agreement?
- Rights of the NDIS participant and provider
- Where to go for help with Service Agreements concerns
- Questions and answer time on getting the best out of NDIS Service Agreements

Navigating the MyPlace Participant Portal

Want to learn how to use your NDIS myPlace Participant Portal?

Feros Care ACT is running workshops to provide you with more information about how to understand and navigate the myPlace participant portal. Meet with other families and learn more about:

- Logging onto the myPlace Participant Portal
- How to locate NDIS Registered Service Provider information
- Question and Answer time on getting the best out of myPlace Participant Portal

Call Feros Care Today to find out more on 1300 986 970 or visit our website: www.feroscare.com.au/ndis

Semester 2

Voluntary Contributions and Subject Contributions **are now due.**

Please make payment to the front office, via the website or direct debit.

Voluntary Contributions —
\$100 per student/per year

Subject Contributions —
\$60 per student/per year

Second Hand Uniforms

We have started a second hand uniform pool.

These items are sold at a discounted price.

Feel free to come and have a look through.

Donations of old uniforms are appreciated.



If you would like to book you child into the Carers ACT After School Club for 2017, or you would like more information, please contact the Carers ACT Disability Services team on 1800 272 624 or via email to disability@cares.org.au

Uniforms

IN STOCK!

School Hoodies and the new Zip up hoodies are in stock and ready for sale

\$40 each

Please see the front office.



All Students need a pencil case in 2017 – clearly labelled

With

4 Lead Pencils,

Coloured Pencils

Eraser and sharpener, Glue stick

Plastic or Wooden Ruler