



# THE WODEN SCHOOL

*Independence & Responsibility*



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- Jenna Blake

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## School Psychologist

- Justine Rainey

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- Melinda Harrison
- Narelle Leonard
- Sandra Cusack

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## Principal's Report

Dear Parents/Carers  
Welcome to the first newsletter for 2018. Firstly I would like to extend another warm welcome to all our new students and families. The start of a new school year is always an exciting and sometimes unsettling time. This is particularly true for those students who are starting high school in a new setting. We work very closely with our new year 7s to make this transition as easy as possible.

I would also like to welcome our newest teachers – John Bowyer, Joanna Muller, Jason Vaggs, Kari Crofts, Liz Lipscombe and Carmel Blake. Tabatha will be acting in Penny's Deputy position during term 1 and Rowena will be acting for Tabatha in the College.

ILP meeting weeks are coming up. This is our opportunity to start or continue the partnership with you around your young person's education. These meetings and the ILPs that are generated are integral to the way we work with you and your young person. With the introduction of the Australian Curriculum and the work the teaching staff have done around the development of rigorous programs across all the subjects/learning areas the focus of the ILPs have shifted. The focus is now on the sharing of information about your

young person that we can use to support these programs. This includes their likes and dislikes, personal and social needs, physical and medical needs and any behavioural concerns. Transition discussions are also very important – talking about where you see your young person going once they leave school.

I am pleased to say the College building is coming along well. We hope to move in mid-year. There has also been some significant work done in other parts of the school to support the transition of students into the school.

Just a reminder - our 4 main priority areas for school improvement for the next 4 years will be:

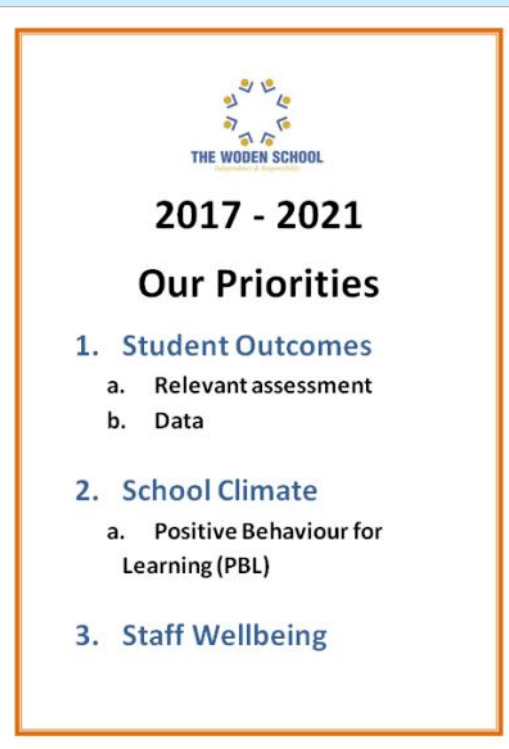
- Assessment and data collection – ensuring that we have good evidence that the teaching and learning programs are making a difference
- Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) – having an across the school, consistent way of teaching and supporting behavioural expectations
- Workforce planning – a strategic approach to employment, deployment and professional development and learning Staff Wellbeing – valuing and supporting staff across the school.

Kind regards

Ian

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

|                                               |                   |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>School Photos</b>                          | Wednesday<br>28/2 |
| <b>Assembly</b>                               | Wednesday<br>28/2 |
| <b>Moderation Day<br/>No College Students</b> | Tuesday<br>6/3    |
| <b>Canberra Day<br/>Public Holiday</b>        | Monday<br>12/3    |



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\\_1\\_canteen\\_menu.pdf](http://www.thewodens.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/406583/term_1_canteen_menu.pdf)

**Uniform Information:**

[http://www.thewodens.act.edu.au/information\\_for\\_parents/uniform](http://www.thewodens.act.edu.au/information_for_parents/uniform)

**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>

## School Visitor



Dr Mallika Nadda Vice Chairperson of Special Olympics Bharat and Ms Medha from Indian High Commission visited The Woden School on 20 February 2018. Special Olympics Bharat is a National Sports Federation that uses sports as a catalyst to transform the lives of children and adults with intellectual disability. It is accredited by Special Olympics Inc. USA to conduct its Sports programs all over India. It has 12,43,246 athletes with intellectual disabilities, 1,19,900 coaches ;6,162 trainers and participants from All states and Union Territories of India; 679 Districts 100,000 athletes. Dr Mallika was advocating the mission of Special Olympics Bharat by reaching out to entities from diverse fields to synergize and create an Inclusive Society through collaboration; to have the Athletes go well beyond sporting experience- **Transforming lives**. In relation to building partnerships Ranjeet Sahi was also invited to attend International Disability Day on 3 December 2017 in Hyderabad India, BRESH – Bhadrachalam Agency Rural Development, Rehabilitation and Educational Society for Handicapped. It runs classes from 1-10 under State Government recognition. The lady in green dress is a science teacher with cerebral palsy and the gentleman in red shirt is math teacher. They both were students in this school and now they are teaching in that school. Very inspiring!

Ranjeet Sahi



## School Board Position

# POSITIONS VACANT

Nominations have now closed.

Election packs will be sent home on in Week 4.

Please vote for a Parent to represent you on our School Board!

**COLLEGE TRANSITIONS - Current Year 10 Students**Important reminder about eligibility guidelines for students at The Woden School.

The Woden School enrolls students according to the ACT Disability Criteria for years 7 – 10. The ACT Disability Criteria for enrolment in the year 11 and 12 program at the Woden School is slightly different. Some students meet the criteria and elect to stay in the supported college program and many transition to other supported college programs at the end of year 10.

This reflects the transitions that other students make in our community. These are very supported and collaborative transitions. Students can elect to apply to any college in Canberra and a number of activities are organised by us to provide an orientation to college.

Transition activities usually involve Canberra College, Melba-Copeland, Lake Tuggeranong College and Dickson College. Students have the opportunity to meet with some students and staff to find out about college life and college routines. Visits are arranged to the colleges to support students to get a first-hand taste of daily college life. We really encourage students to participate and be part of this decision-making process. We also strongly recommend that families/carers take the opportunity to attend open nights at the colleges with your son or daughter in year 10. Many of our students have moved successfully on to college settings.

Our school counsellor, Justine Rainey will work with us to confirm/discuss eligibility, plan orientation visits and support you to consider your options. Further opportunities to support students in the decision-making about college placements can be organised.

**Moderation Day Tuesday March 6**

On Tuesday March 6 the year 11 and 12 college will be closed. All college teachers across the ACT attend a mandatory Moderation Day to ensure programs are consistent in all college settings. There will be no school for year and 11 and 12 students on Moderation Day. The 7-10 programs will run as usual.



# SCHOOL PHOTOS

Wednesday 28 February

Please remember to return your photo envelopes

Please remember to return your information check sheets and medical information sheet to ensure we have your correct details.

## ADVANCE NOTICE

### Woden School Parent/carer Information

#### **NAPLAN TESTING TERM 2 2018, 15–17 May 2018**

All students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 can participate in NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN tests provide information on how students are progressing against **their same age peers and national standards in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy.**

Many students with intellectual disabilities and/or those with significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests are **eligible to be exempt.**

Most students at The Woden School are eligible for exemption. Some students at The Woden School are not eligible for exemption but you can still elect to withdraw them from the tests.

To get a sense of the 'look and feel' of the tests and to understand what types of questions are asked you can go to the website.

**You must indicate your preferences in writing closer to the time OR at the Meet and Greet Picnic.**

Thank you,

Tabatha Kellett, Acting Deputy Principal



On Sale

2017 Year Books  
\$15each

### MYWAY Card

All students **MUST** have their own Myway card to travel on excursions.

Concession card holders can organise free travel through the school.



# HARMONY DAY

@ The Woden School

WEEK 7  
WED, 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH



**Wear the colour  
ORANGE to school  
OR any MULTICULTURAL clothing**

## NDIS BUDGET WORKSHOP: PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

### **Want to learn more about how to implement your NDIS plan?**

Feros Care ACT is running a workshop to provide you with more information about how to understand and implement your NDIS plan. Meet with other families and learn more about:

- **Understanding your plan and supports**
- **Budgeting funding allocated in your NDIS plan**
- **How to use the NDIS Price Guide**
- **Question and Answer time**

**Workshop held at  
The Woden School  
6:00pm – 7:30pm  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018.**

Feros Care is excited to be partnering with the NDIS to provide Local Area Coordination to help more people live healthy, fulfilling and connected lives.

As a NDIS LAC partner in the community, we will help you make the most out of the NDIS by finding out what's important to you and helping get the right services in place to support you.

**Please join us to have all your NDIS  
questions answered!**



## Woden School Canteen Menu Term 1 2018

Food freshly prepared by the student canteen work team.

### WEDNESDAYS

#### Recess only

|                                       |        |
|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Muffins/ slices/cakes                 | \$1.50 |
| Biscuits                              | .50c   |
| Mini sausage roll / Spinach feta roll | \$2.00 |
| Vegetable hot chips                   | \$2.00 |
| Bliss Balls                           | .50c   |
| Mini quiche                           | \$1.50 |

#### Drinks - lunch and recess

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|-----------------------------------------|--------|
| Water 350mL                             | \$1.50 |
| Juices - apple, orange                  | \$2.00 |
| Flavoured milk - chocolate, strawberry  | \$2.50 |
| Dairy free fruit smoothies - made fresh | \$3.00 |

#### Lunch only

##### Sandwiches

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| Vegemite            | \$3.00 |
| Meat, Cheese, Salad | \$4.00 |

##### Wraps

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| Ham, Chicken, Cheese, Tomato, Salad (lettuce, Tomato, red onion, cucumber, Carrot) and mayonnaise<br>Toasted | \$4.50<br>\$0.50 |
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##### Salad Box

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| Warm Roast pumpkin or beetroot Salad (lettuce, tomato, red onion, feta, dressing) | \$6.00 |
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| Jumbo Spinach and Feta roll | \$4.00 |
| Jumbo Sausage roll          | \$4.00 |

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| Fruit salad | \$3.00 |
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*Gluten free, lactose free and vegetarian alternatives provided.  
It is important that you indicate food allergies when ordering.*



#### How to Order

Orders must be placed in the bucket at the front office on Wednesday mornings. Clearly write on a paper bag: name, year, lunch order with amount included.  
If purchasing a weekly special, please state your preference for meat or vegetarian option.

#### WEEKLY SPECIALS

**\$6.00**

##### Week 1 - Canteen Closed

Week 2 - Soft shell tacos – beef or tofu

Week 3 – Pasta bake – chicken or mushroom

Week 4 – Burgers – beef or veg

Week 5 - Kebab wraps – Chicken or Felafel

Week 6 - Pizza – supreme or veg

Week 7 – Stir fry noodles – chicken or tofu with veg

Week 8 - Pasties – mince or veg

Week 9 - Burritos - chicken or bean

Week 10 – Fish and chips with Greek salad





### Semester 1

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.

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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](mailto: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 2018 – clearly labelled**

**With**

**4 Lead Pencils,**

**Coloured Pencils**

**Eraser and sharpener, Glue stick**

**Plastic or Wooden Ruler**