



THE WODEN SCHOOL

Independence & Responsibility



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Term I, Issue I

Principal's Report

16 March 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2017. 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. I am very pleased to say that the introduction to 2017 has been quite smooth. We work very closely with our new year 7s to make this transition as easy as possible

As a result of the external review of the school that happened last year we have developed a new strategic plan for 2017- 2021. This was endorsed at the first meeting of the School Board this year. Our 4 main priority areas for the next 5 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.

We will, of course continue our high quality work in the areas of curriculum, teaching practice and

community engagement

ILP meeting weeks are progressing well. 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. We will be inviting students to ILP meetings.

Communication with you is very important to us. All students have a personal diary that can be used to communicate between home and school on a regular basis. Emails are another excellent and quick way of sharing information. If you have not done so can you please provide your child's PC teacher with an email address. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for up to date information on up coming events (<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=the%20woden%20school>). If you want to talk to your PC teacher please make an appointment. Penny and I and all executive staff are also available for meetings and discussions as needed.

Finally, I look forward to seeing everyone at Bricks @ The Woden School this weekend. It should be another great event. The raffle prizes are looking amazing (<https://www.facebook.com/wodenbricks/>)

Warmest regards
Ian

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Sat & Sun 18 - 19 March | Bricks Expo |
| Tuesday 21 March | Harmony Day |
| Tuesday 28 March | Assembly |
| Thurs & Fri 30-31 March | Outdoor Ed camp |
| Thursday 6 April | Wheelie Fun Day |
| Friday 7 April | Last Day of Term 1 |



Our Priorities

- 1. Curriculum**
 - a. Australian Curriculum
 - b. BSSS, ASDAN
- 2. Pedagogy**
 - a. Quality Teaching
- 3. Community Engagement**
 - a. Parents/Carers
 - b. Post school options
 - c. Community

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/0010/382375/TWS_Canteen_menu_T1_2017.pdf

Uniform Information:

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

Calendar:

http://www.thewodens.act.edu.au/about_our_school/calendar1

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>

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 normal transitions that other students make in our community. These are very supported and collaborative transitions. Students can elect to apply to enroll any college in Canberra and a number of activities are organised by us to provide a general 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 you 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.

Pastoral Care & Youth Support

This year Jake Naylor has taken on the role of Pastoral Care Coordinator. Jake has been teaching at the Woden School since 2010 working as the school's Health and Physical Education Coordinator. Working alongside Jake is the new Youth Support Worker, Luke Ferguson. Luke joined the Woden school community in 2015 as a LSA.

Starting the year with the bang Jake and Luke revamped the old office into a student drop in centre. This space is now a friendly and visually pleasing environment, with abstract art feature walls, comfy lounges, magnetic dart boards, Legos and comics available for students to access. Video and music editing facilities are also available for students to record their own songs and gain experience with mixing beats. Technology is available for student to refine their skills in graphic design by creating their own posters and flyer for school event.

The plan is to continue to grow the resources in this space over the coming weeks to include a Television and a selection of video games. Both Jake and Luke would like to thank Ranjeet Sahi who kindly donated a Nintendo Wii console and a large number of games.



Hayley and Miles adding their hand prints to the drop in centre walls



Junior school students playing games in the drop in centre

ADVANCE NOTICE

Woden School Parent/carer information

NAPLAN TESTING TERM 2 2017

9 - 11 May

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,
Penny Mims, Deputy Principal

**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION**

Notification of any change to afternoon travel arrangements

Please advise Special Needs Transport on 6205 9196 and the Woden School by phone 61420200.

Every time you make a change to your child's afternoon bus/Taxi/Pick up, both organisations must be told.

We CAN NOT let your child go home on a bus/Taxi/ afterschool care/pick up unless the school has been advised by a parent or carer.

BRICKS

@ The Woden School

Brick Expo supporting students with special needs.

SAT 18 & SUN 19 MARCH 2017
9AM-4PM

127 Denison St Deakin

Entry: \$3.00/child, \$5.00/adult or \$10.00/family

For details go to

<http://www.thewodens.act.edu.au>

This is a Canberra Brick Expo event organised in association with the Canberra Lego User Group and the Woden School Parents & Citizens Assoc.

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Students with Disability Survey

The Education Directorate is currently undertaking an evaluation of support for students with disability in Canberra public schools. To inform this work we are seeking a wide variety of views on how we best support both students and schools.

The Directorate is consulting with students, families, school staff, peak bodies and leading practitioners to ensure a wide variety of views are considered.

We would like to invite the Canberra community to contribute to the review process by completing a short survey or providing a written submission. Information on how to contribute is at http://www.education.act.gov.au/school_education/students-with-disability-review.

This is an important review and your contribution is greatly appreciated.



Oval resurfacing begun

During the December- January Holiday's the school oval has been sprayed, blown, reseeded and watered. The work begun straight away, still continuing with another reseed and mowing. BorHur horticulturists and Waterland Irrigation have done an amazing job contending with the extreme conditions over the summer break.

All students have a lush grass soccer field to play on and enjoy due to the hard work of the Parents and Citizens, Staff and Students at the 2016 Bricks Expo and the very generous donation from the CLUG (Canberra Lego Users Group) who's amazing Lego creations are what we all come to see.



ACTIVITY: in2Cricket All Ability Program **AGE:** 7-14 years of age

CLUB/CENTRE: The Woden School

ADDRESS: 127 Denison Street, Deakin

22/2, 1/3, 8/3, 15/3, 22/3 and 29/3

DATE: Wednesday's **TIME:** 3:30pm - 4:30pm

CONTACT: Kris Britt
kris.britt@cricketact.com.au or 0412 837 781

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- ✓ All equipment supplied, including soft ball
- ✓ Sessions last up to 60 minutes
- ✓ Inclusive of all abilities, skill levels and children with a disability
- ✓ Kids receive a BONUS player pack upon registration

Visit PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU/IN2CRICKET to find out more

2017 FEVER FOOTBALLATHON

Come and experience all abilities and parafootball with some of the ACT's finest para players. Including Pararoo Cam Gudgeon.

Open to people of all ages, including those with Cerebral Palsy, Acquired Brain Injury or Stroke-Related Impairments.

The **FEVER FOOTBALLATHON** runs from 10.00 to 3.00, Saturday 1 April 2017.

Where: Tuggeranong United Grounds, Hyland Place, Wanniasso, ACT
Games: Half Field, 2 x 10 minute halves

FREE

Football for **EVERY**one, or **FEVER**, is an annual event that helps raise awareness of disability inclusion in football. It is open to anyone who wants to play, regardless of skill, age, or ability. **FEVER** is a number of shortened community football games that occur throughout the day.

For registration enquiries contact Ashleigh Sykes ashleigh.sykes@capitalfootball.com.au
For general enquiries contact eyesofadreamer@optusnet.com.au or on twitter @F_E_V_E_R

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SHANNONS INSURANCE, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, CAPITAL FOOTBALL, FEDERAL FEDERATION AUSTRALIA, ALL BIDS BY 10:00 AM

Sharing Places Variety Market & Show & Shine

Where: Vikings Park in Erindale

When: March 26, 2017
10.00am until 3.00pm
Entry \$2 donation

Stalls
Second hand books
Plants

Sausage Sizzle & Food Stalls
Car Show & Shine
Entertainment

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nest ADVISORY GROUP

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.

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

Dental program

Dear Parents,

Our names are Carolyn Stroud and Kaye Evans and we work in the A.C.T. Dental Health Program. We see many children with special needs at the Tuggeranong Health Centre Dental Clinic. In 2015, we began a project to specifically suit children with special needs, the teachers, carers and families. We have had the pleasure of visiting Woden School over several occasions in the past two years and we are delighted to inform you that we will be returning to the school next term.



We will be visiting the school on several occasions to give a dental talk to the classes and give dental assessments for students. Our aim is to teach them the importance of dental care, build their confidence and tolerance of someone looking in their mouth whilst in the familiarity of their school environment.

The child can sit on a chair/wheelchair in an area in the classroom. Disposable battery dental mirror lights are used to check the mouth for any signs of dental disease. A written consent from a parent or guardian is required if you would like your child's mouth checked. Consent forms will be sent out shortly. Following the dental screen, a letter will be sent home to parents with the results and followed up with a phone call. I will provide information on where to obtain dental care both in the public or private areas. Some students may be existing clients within A.C.T Health or the special needs paediatric dentist.



For the dental lesson, I cover topics such as:

- the names/function/eruption of teeth
- toothbrushing/cleaning aids and gum disease
- tooth friendly foods and foods that cause tooth decay
- visiting the dental clinic

We look forward to visiting your school and meeting your children and staff.



Yours sincerely,

Carolyn Stroud & Kaye Evans
Dental Therapist & Dental Assistant
Tuggeranong Health Centre.
Ph: 62053255 (M,W,F)





The Woden School



Sexual Health and Family Planning ACT SHFPACT



Free parent and carer workshop

Thursday 23 March 5 - 6.30pm

Patricia Jones

The Woden School library

ALL WELCOME

SHFPACT supports teachers, LSAs, parents and carers through developing and delivering education programs about relationships, sexuality, reproductive and sexual health, and social safety so that knowledge and skills can be reinforced holistically in sexuality and relationships, sexual health and development, and social safety education.



<http://www.shfpact.org.au/>

SHFPACT affirms that individuals with a disability are sexual beings, with the same sexual feelings, needs, and identities shared by all people in the community. All people have the fundamental rights to privacy; to love and be loved; develop friendships and emotional relationships; learn about sex, sexual exploitation, sexual abuse, safe sex and other issues regarding sexuality; exercise their rights and responsibilities in regard to privacy and sexual expression and the rights of others; marry and make informed decisions concerning having children; and develop expressions of sexuality reflective of age, social development, cultural values and social responsibility.

SHFPACT have been providing services for people with disabilities relating to sexuality, relationships, sexual and reproductive health and rights for more than 20 years to support informed and positive choices about sexual and reproductive health and wellbeing and to support those who care for and work with them to better facilitate the choices, goals and desires of individuals.

Come and talk about these issues and more.....



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Carers ACT offers a wide range of events and activities covering a variety of information topics, physical and social activities. These activities aim to connect carers to becoming active social community members.

Some activities are offered on a weekly basis, such as yoga and t'ai chi; others monthly and some for a specific period. To find out more on all our current activities, please click [here](#).

You are invited to attend our free upcoming Information session as detailed below:

Wills, Power of Attorney, Trusts Information Session - Friday 17 March 2017, 11.00am - 1.00pm, Carers ACT, Holt - This session will be provided by the Public Trustee and Guardian. *Dependent on interest, this session may be repeated on Wednesday 12 April, from 6.00pm to 8.00pm on the Southside (venue TBC) . For this to proceed, please register at RSVP@carersact.org.au before 31 March 2017.*

Workforce Re-Entry Session - Tuesday 4 April 2017, 11.00am - 1.00pm at the National Portrait Gallery - Need some help to navigate changes in the workforce whilst you have been caring? Join us with Face@Face Recruitment to find out about the new trends in the job market. The session will also include how to match your skills in the new job market (including your carer skills); where to look for work; the way forward with resumes and how to match language to potential employers. Following this session, there will be two smaller practical workshops for carers ready to take the next steps necessary (dates TBC).

Finances Workshop – Wednesday 5 April 2017, 10.00am – 11.30am, Carers ACT - Do your finances need a 'make over'? Or is this a task on your 'to do' list. Then come along to this talk, provided by Care Inc., who offers a range of financial services. Knowing how to manage money is one of the most important aspects of everyday life and in today's society, it is even more challenging with lots of choices in the market place on consumer and financial products. The talk will include tips, tools and resources on how to save you money!

If you are interested in these, please RSVP - Email RSVP@carersact.org.au with the workshop name in the subject line or call 6296 9987.

WEB | FACEBOOK | TWITTER

Carer Information and Advice **1800 242 636 (ACT residents)**

Carer Respite and Assistance **1800 052 222**

Carers ACT Disability Services **1800 272 624**

Carers ACT Reception **(02) 6296 9900**

Do not touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms!

Death Cap mushrooms are one of the world's deadliest mushrooms and can be found across the Canberra region, usually in late summer and autumn. There have been four deaths and many poisonings in the ACT in the past 15 years due to Death Cap mushrooms.

In Canberra, Death Cap mushrooms often grow near established oak trees in mild, moist weather. Death Cap mushrooms have been found growing on school grounds in the ACT.

Parents and teachers are asked to remind children **not to touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms**.

As the Death Cap mushroom can easily be confused with edible varieties, adults are also strongly advised not to touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms. It is difficult, even for experienced collectors, to tell the difference between the Death Cap mushroom and edible wild mushrooms.

All parts of the Death Cap mushroom are poisonous and eating even a small amount of

the mushroom can be fatal. Cooking the Death Cap mushroom does not make it safe.

If you suspect that you or one of your family members might have eaten Death Cap mushrooms, you should seek urgent medical attention at a hospital emergency department.

If you believe you have spotted a Death Cap mushroom, do not touch the mushroom with your bare skin. If it is in your own yard, the best option is to leave it be and make sure others stay away from the area. The mushroom will die in a few days.

If you believe you have spotted a Death Cap mushroom growing in a public area, please contact Access Canberra on 13 22 81.

For further information on Death Cap mushrooms, download the fact sheet online from ACT Health:

http://www.health.act.gov.au/datapublications/fact-sheets/environmental-health#Death_Cap_Mushrooms

Free workshop for
parents & carers of
young people on the
autism spectrum!

Canberra - 2 May

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Contact Kathleen Watson
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