



THE WODEN SCHOOL

Independence & Responsibility



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Principal's Report



Term 1 has absolutely flown by, and it is hard to believe that Easter is upon us. New students in 2021 have settled in well, and things are ticking along nicely at the Woden School. It has been lovely to be out and about in classrooms this week and seeing students excited by a range of Easter activities.

There have been many highlights this term. The swimming programmes in all levels of the school have been going ahead and it has been great to see students learning about water safety. We have also had a number of school activities including the meet and greet in week 3, and a very successful Harmony Day in week 7.



It was my absolute pleasure to attend the Capital Chemist awards on March 11. At this event three of our students Sam, Isaac and Kara were awarded significant scholarship awards for their ongoing commitment and contribution to The Woden School Community. A huge congratulations to these students, their teachers and families.



I am also very pleased to announce the appointment of the new Deputy Principal, Laura Simsen. Laura has a range of leadership experience in educational settings and joins us most recently from Stromlo High School. I am sure you will get to know Laura in the coming weeks.

Finally, I am very excited to be working with the P&C to plan for what will be my very Bricks experience. I have heard wonderful things about this event and cannot wait to see it in full swing on the weekend of the 22-23rd May.

As always, please feel free to contact myself or a member of the leadership team at any time if you have any questions regarding The Woden School, or your child's education.

Happy and safe holidays, James Malone

**Issue 2
Term 1
2021**

Principal

James Malone

**Deputy
Principal**
Vacant

**Business
Manager**

Jenna Blake

**Executive
Teachers**

Janelle Munson
Moira Beverley
Alice Ziolo

Pastoral Care

Lionel Saddler
Peta Milne
Natasha Sparks

**School
Psychologist**

Justine Rainey

Front Office

Melinda Harrison
Narelle Leonard
Sandra Cusack

UPCOMING Events

Last day of Term1	Thursday 1 April
First day of Term 2	Monday 19 April

NEW HEN HOUSE

Over the last year John Bowyer and Sandy Beggs have been building a chicken coop with the assistance of some of our students. It has taken quite a while to build the chicken palace. It is now home to 5 chickens. Thanks to everyone including the Ross family, Bunnings and MA Steel, Yass for your support.



2017 - 2021

Our Priorities

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

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Front office:

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<http://>

www.thewodens.act.edu.au

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Special Needs

Transport: 6205 3555

<https://>

[www.transport.act.gov.au/
about-us/accessible-travel/
special-needs-transport-for-
students](https://www.transport.act.gov.au/about-us/accessible-travel/special-needs-transport-for-students)

Q City: 6128 9313

<https://>

www.qcitytransit.com.au/

Communities @ work

After School Contact

0417 043 761

<https://commsatwork.org/>

Nutrition Australia:

6162 2583

<https://>

www.nutritionaustralia.org/

Youth Activities & Programs

at The Woden School



Young Women's Circle is a group run by Peta Milne and Natasha Sparke, every Friday 9 - 11am. It has started up for the first time this term and so far our students have been enjoying the chance to connect with different students, access the local community, and learn about topics relevant to each group (such as online safety). This program runs in 4 week blocks, cycling through each of the sub-schools so that all identifying young women have a chance to participate.

Movie making and media runs on Mondays 12:30 - 1:30pm with Lionel Saddler and Natasha Sparke. These students worked hard this term to create an episode of 'The Woden School News', which was shown in assembly this term. They are now working on their next creative project to be shown in assembly. On top of this they are creating ideas for the Focus on Ability Film Festival 2021 - shining light on people with disabilities' abilities. If you think your young person may be interested please contact the school via email and they can pass this on.



Coffee mornings are running Mondays 9 - 11am. A small cohort are learning how to take orders and money, make a variety of different coffees and hot drinks, and deliver these orders. Our students this term have shown great drive towards this and have gotten more comfortable with skills such as: knowing how to make foam and when to do so, what elements each drink needs, and that soy has a faster burn rate than cow's milk. There will be an addition of a POS system into the school later this year, which will upskill these students even more. If you think your young person may be interested in this in the future please email the school.

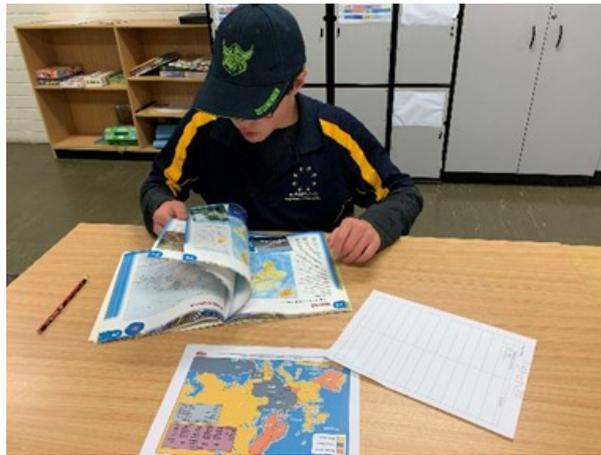
Boys Club is running again this year with Lionel Saddler and provides an opportunity for the male identifying students to form some connections, learn about appropriate social behaviours, and access the local community. Lionel will be running this program in cycles of 4 week blocks; similar to Young Women's Circle. Lionel is cycling through each sub-school to give each identifying student a chance to participate.



Mandatory sign in at schools

The Education Directorate has asked for all visitors to ACT government schools to sign in using the "Check in Canberra" app

Room 17 Middle School



Room 17 in Middle School are honing their skills of exploring atlas activities. They are studying WW1 in History but also improving their Geography literacy. The focus and engagement is praiseworthy. They learnt how to go Index, then locate the country and its capital. Just in two weeks students can do with proficiency.

Managing hazardous materials in The Woden School

The ACT Government is committed to ensuring all public school buildings are safe and have the infrastructure to support high-quality education.

Most ACT public schools were built at a time when asbestos and lead paint were widely used in the building industry. As [a recently published list of schools shows](#), 76 of our 89 schools have lead paint and/or asbestos. Nearly all asbestos in ACT public schools is non-friable, also known as bonded or sheet asbestos.

The Woden School was opened in 1974 and both lead paint and asbestos are present at our school.

We know where these materials exist, or are likely to exist, we monitor the locations regularly and we have a management strategy in place to keep our school community safe. Detailed reports are kept at the front office in a Hazardous Materials Register which you are welcome to view.

If you have any general questions about how we manage hazardous materials drop by the front office, or come along to an information night at Canberra College on Tuesday 11 May from 6-8pm.

The session will include members of the Education Directorate's Hazardous Materials Taskforce, and lead paint expert Professor Mark Taylor. He is one of the specialists guiding hazardous materials work in ACT public schools ensuring our management is informed by international best practice.

The ACT Government has committed \$15 million to remove hazardous materials from public schools during the next four years. This is in addition to a school upgrade budget of \$99 million which will also help manage lead paint and asbestos.

You can learn more about how hazardous materials are safely managed in our public schools [on the Education Directorate's website](#). It has a fact sheet about lead paint, details about the Directorate's commitment and approach to managing hazardous materials, and it links to a new [ACT Health fact sheet about lead exposure and your health](#).

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THE WODEN SCHOOL

Supporting Students With Special Needs

Saturday 22 May 2021 9am-4pm

Sunday 23 May 2021 9am - 3pm

127 Denison Street, Deakin

Entry: \$5 Child | \$10 Adult | \$20 Family

LEGO displays | Competitions / Raffles | Sausage
Sizzle BBQ | Stalls | Face Painting

facebook.com/wodenbricks

This event has been organised in association with the Canberra
Lego User Group and The Woden School Parents and Citizens
Association

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The Modified Rugby Program (MRP) is returning to Tuggeranong Vikings Rugby Union Club



JOIN US AT TUGGERANONG VIKINGS RUGBY UNION CLUB IN 2021!

The Modified Rugby Program (MRP) is a world-first, touch-only, modified form of rugby union where girls, boys and young adults with Autism, Aspergers or other learning and perceptual disabilities can play rugby at their local club.

Let's get our young people with a disability off the sidelines and into the main game.

JOIN THE GINGERCLOUD MRP COMMUNITY

Players: 7 - 13 years, PlayerMentors: 14 - 18 years
Division Available: MRP Junior

Each division is specifically modified - mymrp.org/mrp-rules-and-modifications



PLAY RUGBY. MAKE FRIENDS. HAVE FUN!
MRP 2021 SEASON DATES
Viking Park, 4 Amsinck St Wanniasa ACT 2903

Pre-Season. Come & Try:
Tuesday 23rd, 30th March
1 session a week only

Season Dates:
Week of the 19th April - Week of the 21st June
1 Weekly Training Session & Saturday morning games



For more information, please contact GCSupport@gingercloud.org or call 07 3547 9090



GingerCloud Foundation's Modified Rugby Program (MRP) 17 Clubs from North Queensland to the ACT

What is the MRP?

GingerCloud's MRP divisions have been specifically designed for girls, boys and young adults between 7 and 22 years with Autism, Aspergers or other learning and perceptual disabilities (MRP Player) to have fun playing rugby at their local club (for more information on divisions: mymrp.org/mrp-rules-and-modifications). The magic of the MRP is the support provided by on-field PlayerMentors.

How is the MRP modified?

- MRP Junior and MRP Colts Players are individually matched with a PlayerMentor for support, guidance and friendship on the rugby field and beyond.
- MRP 7s and MRP 7s Plus Players are supported by PlayerMentors as a team, with no specific MRP Player having their own PlayerMentor.
- Within each division, there are specific structural, Allied Health and coaching modifications based on the varying needs of MRP Players both on and off the field.

Learning and Perceptual Modifications

The MRP has been developed taking into account the following specific areas.

- The MRP Players'
 - 5 senses of sight, hearing, touch, taste and smell
 - Attention
 - Communication
 - Social skills
 - Proprioceptive and Vestibular development
- MRP teams train and play prior to the start of other divisions to reduce sensory impacts.
- Each MRP team is supported by a Team Manager, Team Coach, Assistant Coach and on-field PlayerMentors.

PlayerMentors: Leaders of the Future

At GingerCloud Foundation, we want to remove the barriers experienced by our young people with Autism, Aspergers and other learning and perceptual disabilities, focusing on their greatness and not their limitations. GingerCloud encourages and supports the PlayerMentors to become a future generation of leaders for whom disability is normalised. We do this through our developing Disability Inclusion Leadership Program.

The outcomes and key benefits of GingerCloud's Disability Inclusion Leadership Program include:

- Nurturing a new generation of Disability Inclusion Leaders in schools and universities (3 year progression style program)
- Delivering ongoing PlayerMentor Training both on and off the field
 - Additional Leadership training and support through the involvement of MRP Ambassadors Nathan Sharpe, Tim Horan AM, Stephen Moore and Andrew Ready
- Encouraging and supporting the retention of PlayerMentors to become MRP Coaches when appropriate.



For more information gingercloud.org

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS™



The next Holiday Happenings edition is now available online.

To see the *Programs, Activities & Events* happening these holidays go to:

www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet

Woden School Canteen Menu Term 2 2021

Food freshly prepared by the student canteen work team.



WEDNESDAYS

Recess only

- Muffins/ slices/cakes
- Biscuits
- Mini sausage roll / Spinach feta roll
- Vegetable hot chips
- Bliss Balls
- Mini quiche
- Fruit salad
- Pie
- Mini Hot dog

Drinks - lunch and recess

- Juices - apple, orange
- Flavored milk – chocolate, strawberry
- Dairy free fruit smoothies - made fresh
- Chill Drink 100% natural fruit sparking drink

Lunch only

Sandwiches

- Vegemite or cheese or chicken
- Meat + Cheese + Salad

Wraps

- Ham, Chicken, Cheese, Tomato, Salad (lettuce, Tomato, red onion, cucumber, Carrot) and mayonnaise
- Toasted

Salad Box

- Lettuce, tomato, beetroot, pumpkin, red onion, feta and dressing

- Jumbo Spinach and Feta roll
- Jumbo Sausage roll

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.

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WEEKLY SPECIALS

\$7.00

- Week 1:** Beef/Vegetarian Lasagne
- Week 2:** Pumpkin Soup with toasted Sour Dough
- Week 3:** Meat Ball Sub
- Week 4:** Beef/Vegetarian Curry
- Week 5:** Spaghetti Bolognese
- Week 6:** Beef/Vegetarian Tacos
- Week 7:** Shepherd Pie
- Week 8:** Minestrone Soup
- Week 9:** Pizza – Meat/Vegetarian
- Week 10:** Chilli Con Carne with Corn Chips

