



# THE WODEN SCHOOL

*Independence & Responsibility*



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Term 3  
2020**

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## Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. It's hard to believe it's already September and we're coming to the end of term 3.

It's been a wonderful term with our students engaging in their learning across the school. The parent teacher meetings are different this year. We've missed the group gathering and informal conversations that happen when we meet face to face. However, as always taking time to celebrate learnings so far and plan forward is a valued part of our work.

Some staffing changes that happened very quickly this week. Our Youth Support Worker, Luke, has moved to YWCA to work on their after-school STEM centre for the year. He's very keen to stay connected by inviting the Woden School students to the program during the school day. Kari Crofts has accepted an opportunity to teach in a K-6 primary school. We wish them both well in their new roles.

We're fortunate to have a strong team at the school. Lionel and Darcy have been working as LSA 4's/Youth Support Workers during the term. They will continue the Party Down Production programs as well as adding their own diverse skill sets to our engagement programs. Teacher Jason Wegener started with us in term 1 in a support role and will take over Kari's classes.

Finally, Term 4 at The Woden School will start with the new principal, James Malone. This is indeed a year of changes and we look forward to working with James through the next chapter of The Woden School. Once again, I would like to thank you for working with me in my acting principal position during an incredible year. It's been a privilege to support our community through our remote learning/safe and supervised phase and back again.

My best wishes to you all for a great end of term.

Kind regards,  
Tabatha

### Acting Principal

- Tabatha Kellett

### Acting Deputy Principal

- Peter Taylor

### Business Manager

- Jenna Blake

### Executive Teachers

- Janelle Munson
- TJ Martin, acting
- Alice Ziolo

### Pastoral Care

- Rowena Van Ballegooyen

### School Psychologist

- Justine Rainey

### Front Office

- Melinda Harrison
- Narelle Leonard
- Sandra Cusack

# UPCOMING Events

Immunisation	Monday 21 Sept
Zoo excursion Year 7 & 8	Tuesday 22 Sept
White Ribbon Cup	Thursday 24 Sept 11:30am to 1:30pm
Zoo excursion Years 9 & 10	Thursday 24 Sept
Last Day of Term 3	Friday 25 September
First Day of Term 4	Monday 12 Oct



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## Our Priorities

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

## Red Cross Wellbeing Call Service

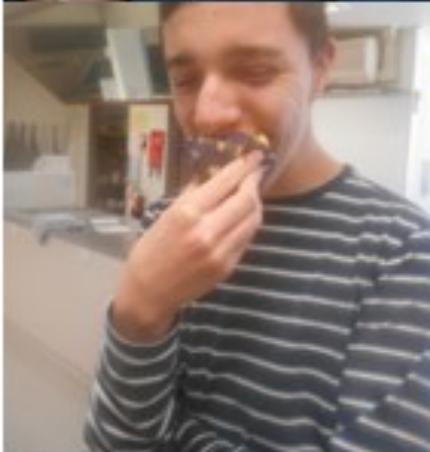


Would you or someone you know benefit from check-in or wellbeing calls from a friendly Red Cross volunteer? The calls are an important way to help people maintain connection and wellbeing, especially during COVID-19. The calls are also available in various languages.

Canberrans can register to receive 'check-in calls', by calling (02) 6234 7630 between 8am and 4pm on Monday to Friday or by visiting <https://www.act.gov.au/connectincanberra>.



Year 9/10 have been incredibly busy in their classes this term. They have been doing touch football clinics and Gymnastics in PE. They have also enjoyed their cooking and jewellery electives.



## Years 7 & 8 and The Royal Australian Mint



Years 7 and 8 attended an excursion at The Royal Australian Mint. We enjoyed watching the conveyor belt transfer money into large bins and we minted our own coins! The tour was interesting and informative, and we loved being able to get out and about!



# IN THE LIBRARY



**Friday's in the Library is such an interesting time. It was great to see the students so involved in their activities**

## Free parent assistive technology webinar: Literacy accessibility tool for Google Chrome

Due to popular demand this one-hour parent/carer webinar will provide an introduction to the fundamentals on Read&Write for Google Chrome to support reading and access to curriculum, writing tools and accessibility features such as text to speech, dictionary, vocabulary and more. All students enrolled in ACT public schools have free access to Read&Write for Google Chrome both at school and at home, with the license being extended for an additional three years.

Please advertise/distribute the attached flyer to your parent/carer community. To access the webinar, participants will need to register via the link on the flyer.

[Free Parent/Carer/s Assistive Technology Webinar - Read&Write for Google Chrome \(264 kb PDF\)](#)

Contact: [Michelle VanPuyvelde](#)

Ph: 02 620 74225

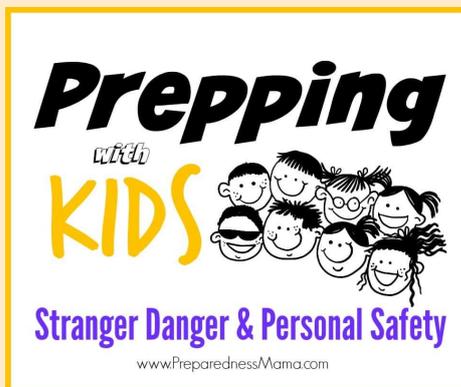
## eSafety live family webinar

Schools are encouraged to promote this event through their communication channels with families. The Education Directorate, through its partnership with the Office of the eSafety Commissioner and the Australian Federal Police, will be hosting a live webinar for families on Wednesday 16 September 2020 from 7.00pm to 8.15pm. This webinar is suitable for adults and will provide an overview of the role and function of the Office of the eSafety Commissioner and the AFP. It will cover prevention tips and resources, difficult conversations, how to help your child be a responsible digital citizen and how to report inappropriate and harmful content.

Participants will be able to ask questions throughout the webinar through a secure link. [Register](#) for the best experience and full functionality. We encourage you to use a personal PC/laptop or mobile device.

Contact: [Nicole Agius](#)

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This is reminder to help our children understand the importance of stranger safety and the need to report any unusual incidents or approaches to staff immediately.

If you become aware of an incident, or notice anyone acting suspiciously around a school or child, contact police immediately on 131 444 or in the case of an emergency call 000. If you witness incidents or if you have any information that could assist Police, contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Information can be provided anonymously. Please support us to keep our children safe by having conversations about moving safely around the community and what to do if they ever feel unsafe. You may wish

to visit the AFP website section on Child Safety for tips. In addition, the Safety4Kids is a non-government website that has useful information and links. The Constable Kenny website also has a number of tips for parents.

The school and the Education Directorate will continue to work with ACT Policing on this issue.

## From the workshop

This year the School received grant funding from a Local School Community Fund with which we purchased a Laser Engraver. This Laser has become an invaluable part of the school workshop. Alicia Payne MP came for a visit to see the laser and see it in action. Alicia was most impressed and enjoyed her visit to the school and made a coffee coaster for herself to take back to the Office as a reminder of her visit.



## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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[http://  
www.thewodens.act.edu.a  
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Special Needs  
Transport: 62053555

[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: 61289313

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www.qcitytransit.com.au/](https://www.qcitytransit.com.au/)

Communities @ work

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Feros Care (NDIS  
contact): 1300986970

[https://  
www.feroscare.com.au/  
ndis](https://www.feroscare.com.au/ndis)

Nutrition Australia:  
61622583

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www.nutritionaustralia.org/](https://www.nutritionaustralia.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](http://www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet)



Congratulations to Andrew Forster on receiving the Norm Fisher Award.

This is well deserved!

Thank you again for your dedication and support of our young people at Floriade over the years. We look forward to working with you again in the future.

## Floriade 2019



## Woden School Canteen Menu Term 4 2020

Food freshly prepared by the student canteen work team.



### WEDNESDAYS

#### Recess

Muffins/ slices/cakes	\$1.50
Biscuits	\$0.50c
Mini sausage roll / Spinach feta <u>roll</u>	\$2.00
Vegetable hot chips	\$2.00
Bliss Balls	\$0.50c
Mini quiche	\$1.50
Fruit salad	\$2.00

#### Drinks - lunch and recess

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

#### Lunch only

##### Sandwiches

Vegemite or cheese or chicken	\$3.00
Meat + Cheese + Salad	\$4.00

##### Wraps

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

Lettuce, tomato, beetroot, red onion, feta and dressing	\$6.00
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##### Soup and a roll

	\$4.00
Jumbo Spinach and Feta roll	\$4.00
Jumbo Sausage roll	\$4.00

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** Curry – chicken/veg

**Week 2** Lasagne– beef/veg

**Week 3** Caesar Salad– chicken/veg

**Week 4** Spaghetti – meat/veg

**Week 5** Pizza – supreme/veg

**Week 6** Thai Salad– Chicken/veg

**Week 7** Burrito – meat/veg

**Week 8** Quiche – meat/veg

**Week 9** Burgers – Chicken/veg

**Week 10** Closed

