Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our Week 3 newsletter for term 4.

A number of our students were involved recently with the Alfred Deakin High ‘Access All Areas’ event. This included performances and art works. Belinda Bartlett, the principal of ADHS had this to say:

“The quality of performances was most impressive, smooth transitions and polished performances. The evening opened with four pieces from the Orchestra, two capably conducted by students, Emma Dunstone and Lillian Rowland. The Woden Students Choir were stunning, drawing long applause from the audience as they sang Katy Perry’s Roar and another song, supported by Jarrod McGrath and Ben Pegram. The art and photo displays of both Woden School and ADHS students were displayed on new easels and behind high quality perspex. This event has taken enormous effort, and a great deal of planning and coordination. Thankyou to everyone involved.”

This is another great example of the ongoing and growing relationship we have with ADHS.

End of year activities are coming up fast. I am really looking forward to the year 10 formal at Old Parliament House with the ADHS year 10s and the Yr10/12 formal for our students at Vivaldi’s. The year 12s will be graduating at the formal.

This time of year also sees visits from the students who will be coming to the school in 2012 as year 7s. We have had one visit already with another planned. The ‘newbies’ all seemed very excited. I would like to say thanks to all the staff who are putting in a bit extra time and effort to make these transition visits really interesting.

I am really looking forward to Wodenstock next week. I wasn’t here last year so this will be my first experience of this amazing event. A music festival for students with disability is a great concept and I commend Jarrod and Ben for all their hard work.

While every attempt is made to ensure we are a sunsmart school we do need your help. Encouraging your young person to wear a hat and apply sunscreen will help support us in making the playground safe. Don’t forget that we now have school caps and bucket hats for sale.

We are all looking forward to a very hectic and exciting time of the year.

Warm regards
Ian

Principal’s Report

Dates to remember

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DANCE   DANCE   DANCE

Year 7 & 8 dance elective

Sarah loves ballet. Abdul does the YMCA. Kasun dances to Roar. Rhys's favourite is the Macarena.
Ella Sid Shuffles. Curro hip hops to I'm Alive. Andrew has great Gangnam Style.
**ACT PAI Dance & Drama Wellbeing Festival**

Students from Wanniassa School with their performance which showed that connection between different subgroups at school helps to promote a healthy person and school.

Merici College students depicted a range of problems that people face every day in regard to mental health and showed how communication can impact these situations for the better.

Congratulations to the nine ACT secondary schools who took part in the PAI Dance & Drama Wellbeing Festival. All the schools used MindMatters resources to learn about wellbeing before developing a dramatic piece to express what wellbeing means to them.

The Woden School’s performance explored the different ways in which people communicate their thoughts and feelings through body language.

The gala performance evening was hosted by Canberra Girls Grammar, opened by the ACT DET and featured performances from schools in all three sectors as well as a local special school, The Woden School. The event was supported by the ACT Department of Education and Training, Mental Illness Education ACT and Batyr.

Over 300 people attended the evening and witnessed a showcase of polished, moving and engaging performances. All the performances sent powerful messages about the importance of resilience and seeking help.

**Special Olympics Uniform Presentation**

The Special Olympics Australian National Games are to be held in October this year. 1,000 Aussie athletes with an intellectual disability will represent their state or territory at the games in Melbourne, Victoria.

Year 10 students Gabi Dear and Dylan Price will be representing the ACT at these games. Gabi will be competing in the Swimming events and Dylan will take part in the Golf tournament. The national games are an important qualifying event for next year’s Special Olympics World Summer Games in Los Angeles where athletes will have the opportunity to represent Australia on the world stage.

On Tuesday the 23rd of September both Gabi and Dylan were presented with their official ACT uniforms at a prestigious ceremony held at the Hellenic Club in Woden. Family members, Special Olympic coaches, friends, corporate sponsors and volunteers from the local community where in attendance to show their support.

On behalf of the Woden School community I would like to wish both Dylan and Gabi every success at the National Games.

Jake Naylor: Physical Education Coordinator: The Woden School
Wodswash Returns
As the fine weather return so too does our opportunity to train students up in car detailing. The Wodswash car washing program recommenced on Friday 17th October with some new students joining the crew and being trained by some of our experienced students. Due to our busy schedule this term we are only able to run the program each fortnight this term. A big thanks to Jack EB, Christian, Jesse, Kevin and Liam for their great work- the staff all appreciate it! If any other students are interested in joining the crew please inform Ben or Jarrod.

Wodenstock is here!
It returns, bigger and better for its 2nd year. Wodenstock is on again on Friday the 7th of November. The event will commence at 11am (classes as normal until then) and conclude at 2.30pm. Along with the main stage Battle of the Bands there will be a DJ workshop and dance stage as well as carnival activities such as sponge throw, dress like a rock star, the cool down sprinkler zone and more! A free BBQ lunch is provided to students of the Woden School. We will also be joined by some of our mentors from Marist College and Alfred Deakin High School, as well as students from Black Mountain School. Let’s see if the Canberra Times want to do a follow up story from last year J

Art displays and singing group perform at AAA Night
On Monday 27th October our amazing singing group performed at the Alfred Deakin High School AAA arts night. Our amazing art teacher, Rosie Allen, also arranged to have some of our amazing student art works displayed at the event. I wish to thank the ADHS community for including us in the event and making us feel so welcome. The group had a fabulous time performing Katy Perry’s Roar and Bruno Mars’ Just the Way You Are. Thanks also to the parents/carers for transporting students and supporting the event. But the biggest thanks must go to Ben, our awesome youth worker (as with most of the PC programs I couldn’t do it without him!).

Connections with ADHS continue to build
2014 has been a big year for enhancing our existing connections and relationship with our neighbouring school Alfred Deakin High School. This has predominantly revolved around the existing mentor program with our middle school and Yr. 10 students from ADHS. However greater numbers of students from both schools are becoming connected through our term visits to ADHS to access their canteen and host our disco, performances at the AAA night, the upcoming joint formal and other activities. Thanks to ADHS for supporting these activities and we look forward to continuing to develop the inclusive community we have between the two schools.
The Woden School P&C would like to thank all of the students, parents and carers who came along and assisted at our Masters fundraising barbecue. We had so many volunteers that we have taken a ‘rain check’ on them for our next barbecue. The weather was perfect on the day and we made a profit of $850 which included a very generous donation. All funds the P&C raises go towards activities or to improve facilities around the school for our students.

We would like to thank Masters at Canberra Airport, Bruce the Butcher at Tuggeranong Hyperdome, and Farmers Fresh Market at Fyshwick for their support of our barbecue.

The P&C is donating sausages to the school for the sausage sizzle at the Wodenstock festival.

The Woden School P&C are hosting our annual Halloween disco tonight from 6.30 to 8.30pm. Students can come along dressed up or in their dancing shoes and enjoy some pizza and dancing with friends - all for a gold coin donation!

For parents the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) will be presenting a NDIS planning information session in the library which can help you with preparing for the planning and assessment meetings. For those who stay for the information session refreshments will be provided.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 3rd November at 5.30pm – we hope to see you there.

PS - Branch Out (part of Carers ACT) is now providing after school care at the Woden School from 3pm to 6pm Monday to Friday. My daughter is enjoying the program and it has been very convenient to have her in a familiar environment at a convenient location. If you are thinking about after school care I would encourage you to give Branch Out a call to discuss the Woden School program on 1800 272 624. Katrina Edwards (a happy parent).

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The Woden School has enjoyed a three year association with Andrew Forster, Head Gardener at Floriade. Andrew, who is from the ACT Government and Parks City Services Group mentored the senior school environment students this year.

The program commenced in semester 1. The students assisted with the preparation of the garden beds and planted spring bulbs in various locations in Commonwealth Park.

Andrew brought a gift of tulip bulbs to our school. They were planted in the reflective memorial courtyard near the entrance to the school. The bulbs recently bloomed and brought the beauty of Canberra spring into our school environment.

The Floriade program continues in term 4 as the group assists to return Commonwealth Park to open spaces for all to enjoy.

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Thank You Andrew

for the range of activities we have enjoyed with you and your team.

Sam, Scott, Tim, Anopa, Jacob, Brenley, Corey, Mike and Therese
School Uniform options - t-shirts, jumpers/hoodies and hats

The T-Shirt is navy with yellow panels with The Woden School logo and the school name on the top left side. The T-Shirts comes with long sleeves or short sleeves to ensure sun safe protection and are made from material that breathes easily. The size choices are Junior and Adult.

Our school jumper is made from a blend of 65% polyester and 35% cotton brushed inner jersey knit fleece knit, low pill fabric. The jumper is made from a blend of 65% polyester and 35% cotton brushed inner jersey knit fleece knit of low pill fabric.

The hat is navy and gold and comes in two styles cap or bucket hat with the Woden School logo. The cap has a yellow panel and on the bucket hat it has a yellow trim around the brim of the hat.

Please order at the front office.

Payments

In order to make it easier for you to make payments to school and to streamline the processing and receipting of payments here, you can make direct credit payments to the school bank account for uniforms, voluntary contributions, excursions, formals and other items and events. The school does not have EFTPOS facilities.

BSB: 032777
Account Number: 001893
Account Name: ‘The Woden School Account’
Please include reference:
‘NAME EVENT’ for your payment, e.g. ‘J SMITH T-shirt’

Credit card payments can be made through the school website

www.thewodens.act.edu.au
AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We’re excited to announce that Carers ACT will be running a Branch Out After School Club for teenagers (13 years and over). This program will be offered at the Woden School each weekday afternoon in Term 4, 2014.

Branch Out is tailored to individuals and their families, with a focus on enabling people with disability to live the life they choose, learn independent living skills, form solid friendships, build confidence and enjoy being part of the local community.

All activities are provided in a safe and welcoming environment. To register for this, or another Branch Out program, please email branchout@carersact.org.au or call 1800 Branch 272624 branchout.org.au

Do you have a concern about your ACT Public School?

Many concerns are resolved quickly and easily by discussing the matter directly with the school.

First speak directly to your child’s teacher or talk to a member of the executive team. If you continue to be concerned please make an appointment to see your principal.

If you are not satisfied you may lodge a written complaint. The Complaints Policy and the Complaints Form are available from the policy section of the Directorate website: www.det.act.gov.au

You have the right to approach the ACT Human Rights Commission. Details are available from the Commission website: www.hrc.act.gov.au/humanrights

If you need assistance, or you would like to compliment us,

contact the ACT Education and Training Directorate’s Liaison Unit on Tel: 6205 5429 or Email: DET.CommunityLiaison@act.gov.au

TRIVIA!

RAFFLES LIVE AUCTION FUN PRIZES

Friday 14th November
6:30pm for a 7pm start @ the Tradies (Launceston & Fuszrzer streets, Woden)

Featuring local sporting identities as Guest MC’s

THEME: HATS! Everyone must wear a hat

TICKETS: $25 per head, tables of 10

Each ticket includes a light supper and a night of fun! SIX ACT hats will be available for purchase on the night for those who forget.

PURCHASE TICKETS AT SPECIALOLYMPICS.COM.AU/ACT

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
DAVID JAMIESON | DJAMIESON@WESTPAC.COM.AU | 0419 258 563
RACHEL WADDINGTON | RACHWIS@SPECIALOLYMPICS.COM.AU | 0467 761 058

The Bite-sized Little Show on Earth!

CIRCUS

UC HIGH SCHOOL KAILEN
Under the big-top
104 Baldwin Drive, Kaleen
TUESDAY 18th NOV
6:30pm

TIX: 0414 823917 www.bitesizedcircus.com

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Tickets Limited seats
Standard: Kids $13, Adults $18
Risaud: Kids $15, Adults $21
NewAccess – a new way to access free psychological services

About the program
NewAccess is an early intervention program which provides easily accessible, free and quality services for people with mild to moderate depression or anxiety and who are currently not receiving treatment.

NewAccess is a beyondblue program administered by ACT Medicare Local.

What does the program involve?
NewAccess is a confidential and independent service offering up to six sessions of self-guided, low intensity treatment and support. This treatment may be delivered face-to-face or over the phone. The NewAccess approach involves the use of practical self-help strategies, which are designed to bring about positive and immediate changes in the person's quality of life, by looking at changing unhealthy thinking habits, feelings and behaviours.

Each new client of the program will participate in an initial assessment, usually within 24-48 hours. This will enable a tailored program to be developed to meet the individual’s needs. If the coach determines that the client requires more intensive service and support (e.g. one-on-one therapy with a psychologist) this will be arranged.

NewAccess Information Sessions
Free information sessions on NewAccess are being held on:
- Wednesday 23 July 2014 (Tuggeranong Library) and
- Tuesday 12 August 2014 (Woden Library).
For session times, please go to the below website.

How to access the program
There are a number of ways to access the program. Interested individuals can self-refer or alternatively the referral pathway can be through the employer, community services representative, a GP or other health professional.

For further information, please go to: https://actgovssc.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/2032.

Authorised by Michael Young, A/g Deputy-Director General, Workforce Capability & Governance Division, Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate

The easy way to get a tax file number…

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) offers students over the age of 13 to apply for a Tax File Number (TFN) through school. This is a voluntary program and makes it easier for students to obtain a TFN.

Students need a TFN for employment, applying for Centrelink benefits and opening a bank account. Applying for a TFN through school is easier because students do not need to show identifying documentation to the ATO. The application form is available here at school and students can complete it at home. The form requires information such as name, address, DOB. Students will also need to provide the following details:
- Students born in Australia will need to provide their Birth Certificate number, state of issue and year of registration or
- Australian Passport number and date of issue
- Students born overseas will need to provide their Overseas passport, number and date of issue
- Australian Citizenship certificate number and date of issue
- Australian passport number and date of issue

It is important that the application form is fully completed and signed by the student. All information provided on the form will remain confidential. The school will certify the application by cross-checking with our records. Students will receive their TFN from the ATO via a letter sent to their postal address. This will be sent within 28 days of the application being received by the ATO.

More information 132861 between 8.00am and 6.00pm Monday to Friday

As part of our senior transition support we encourage students who may be considering some kind of paid employment to apply for their TFNs. We have been sent an information kit and senior students may be introduced to the forms in their Maths classes when they explore real world forms and other resource materials.
WODENSTOCK FESTIVAL
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FRIDAY NOV 7
HELD AT THE WODEN SCHOOL
127 DENISON ST ACT

WODENSTOCK 2014
11:30AM - 2:30PM
BATTLE OF THE BANDS COMPETITION
FOR MUSICIANS AGED 25 AND UNDER

$1000 IN PRIZE MONEY OVER THREE CATEGORIES

FOR MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER EMAIL
ben.pegram@ed.act.edu.au or
jarrod.mcgrath@ed.act.edu.au

ENTRIES CLOSE SEPTEMBER 12 2014

Checkout WODENSTOCK on

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BATTLE OF THE BANDS COMPETITION
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FRIDAY NOVEMBER 7
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CASH PRIZES FOR
BEST BAND
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BEST COVER

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**Food allergies**

It is vital you let your school know if your child is allergic to certain food groups such as nuts. Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction to certain foods and many schools have adopted an ‘allergy friendly’ approach. These schools will not have nut products available from the canteen. As children sometimes like to share their lunches, their schools may also request parents to provide lunches free of nuts or nut products such as ‘Nutella’ and peanut butter.

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**BUS CHANGES AND ABSENCES**

Please notify your child’s Pastoral Care teacher or the front office if your child is or will be away from school or if there are any changes to your child’s afternoon pickup.

You need to notify Kiers bus company and the school if your child’s travel arrangements change in any way. This will help us ensure that your child gets safely to the correct location. We will not take any verbal changes from bus drivers or students.

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**Student possessions and lost property**

We want to support students to keep track of their clothing and equipment and we know that lost items are frustrating as well as expensive to replace. However, it is impossible for staff to take care of all student belongings without your assistance.

Please ensure that all student clothing and equipment is clearly labelled.

Thankyou for your assistance 😊
Please check your child’s Student Diary for important forms and communication from staff.

Labelling
Please remember to label all items of clothing, lunch boxes and drink containers.

DIARY’S
Please check your child’s Student Diary for important forms and communication from staff.

ALLERGY FRIENDLY SCHOOL
Please remember to ensure no products made with peanuts/cashews are brought into the school as The Woden School is an ALLERGY FRIENDLY SCHOOL

School Hours
9am to 3pm
Recess
11:00 to 11:30
Lunch
1:30 to 2:00

Voluntary Contribution 2014

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Uniform

- School T-Shirts (short sleeve) $33
- School T-Shirts (long sleeve) $36
- School Hoodies (jumpers) $38
- Caps & Bucket Hats $13

Please order through the front office — 62055966

Subject Contribution 2014

The annual subject contribution of $60 per student will cover the costs of your student’s use of the following resources:

- Art supplies
- Home economics’ consumables
- Stationery
- Wood technology materials

These items are used frequently to support teaching and learning in all sections of the school.

Your contribution is much appreciated and will ensure that we can continue to provide them for your student throughout the year.

In addition it is expected that all students will provide their own individual pencil cases containing essential pens, pencils, glue sticks, sharpeners, coloured pencils, texts etc.

EFT for payments

BSB: 032777
Account Number: 001893
Account Name: The Woden School

Please include reference: Student’s name then item you have paid for, e.g. ‘J SMITH Stationery’

Thank you for your support
Please note that this has replaced the stationery contribution of previous years.