

Principals Report



Please note that The Woden School is a nut-free zone. We appreciate parents not providing peanut butter, Nutella or similar sandwiches as we have some students and staff with severe allergies to these products. Please check that any cakes, chocolates and any food products brought



**NUT FREE
ZONE**



TWS Future of Education



TWS Student Handbook

Dear Woden School Community,

As we wrap up what has been an incredible first term, I'm delighted to share with you the highlights so far. At The Woden School, our commitment to fostering independence, responsibility, and a sense of belonging continues to shine through in everything we do. Our learning focus across the school this term has been "Community" and this concept has shone through brightly throughout our whole school.

Over the last few weeks, teachers have been working hard on updating and developing students' individual MyPath documents that are a way of tracking the individual authentic pathways through and beyond schooling. Keep an eye out in your inbox for these in week 10 and please provide us with any feedback that you might have as this is an essential part of personalising the learning experience for your child.

Also, this term we welcomed a new delegation of students from Alfred Deakin High School, our neighbours and partners, who work closely with our students providing connections, peer mentoring and friendships. This exchange allows our students to share experiences and ideas, strengthening ties across our local education community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Judith Sands, our student pathways coordinator for the work she has done in facilitating the parent information session in week 8. This was a great opportunity for parents to engage with community providers and gain valuable information regarding the navigation of these essential providers.

As always if you would like to discuss anything regarding your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. Enjoy a well deserved break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on April 29 for another term of growth and discovery.

James Malone

Principal

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Deputy Principal

Laura Simsen

Moira Beverley

Business Manager

Keshap Moktan

Executive Teachers

Nicole Terry

Matt Marasco

Support Assistant's 4

Juniors: Emma Schirmer

Middles: Nat Burke

Seniors: Cameron Sant

School Psychologist

Jon Schwartz

Occupational Therapist

Annalise Korsch

Speech Pathologist

Kate Sanderson

Front Office

Narelle Leonard

Bethany Turner

Chencho Om



UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 1 Finishes	11 April
Pupil Free Day	28 April
Term 2 Starts	29 April
Last day Year 10, 11 and 12's	5 December 2025
Canteen	Wednesdays
Disco	Wednesdays

Are you feeling stressed, worried, sad, lonely or anxious?

You are not alone. This pandemic has been a very troubling and worrying time for everyone. We'd like to show you some online resources you can access if you are feeling any of these emotions.

Please access these, with the support of a parent or carer if needed, if you need some information, tips, and tricks to help you ease some of the discomfort caused by experiencing these (very normal) difficult emotions.

Reach Out resources for young people 14 - 25 (via Beyond Blue website portal)

<https://coronavirus.beyondblue.org.au/managing-my-daily-life/young-people-aged-14-25.html>

Head to Health

<https://www.headtohealth.gov.au/>



Our Priorities 2022—2026

1. Engaging Curriculum and pedagogies
2. Student voice and agency
3. Student centred learning communities

Important Contacts

Front Office

6142 0200

TWS@thewodens.act.edu.au

Special Needs Transport

6205 3555

transit.act.gov.au

Q City

6128 9313

qcitytransit.com.au

Communities @ Work After School Contact

0417 043 761

www.commsatwork.org

The Woden School social media

Facebook

The Woden School

<https://www.facebook.com/TheWodenSchool/>

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Pupil Free Day

Monday 28th of April

Term 2

Tuesday 29th of April

Last Day For Year 10, 11 and 12 Student's 2025

Friday 5th of December

Parent Car Pick ups:

Are to occur AFTER 3pm please, unless otherwise organised with the front office. This is so buses have time to be loaded and cleared to allow for a safe transition home. Please **do not leave your car**. Pull up along the front apron and your young person will be called.

Please notify school office of any absences before 9.30am.

No student will be transitioned across the car park.

NETBALL ACT CLINICS

On Wednesday in Weeks 8 and 10, Netball ACT visited TWS to run two netball skills clinics.

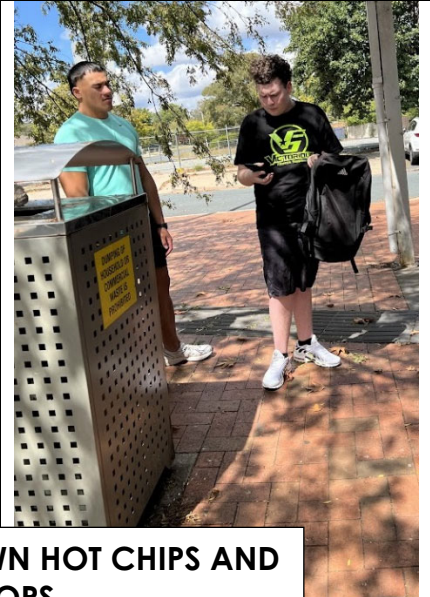
Students from Junior, Middle and College subschools attended - learning shooting and passing skills.

Check out some of our emerging netballers enjoying the sessions.



Thank you to Netball ACT for visiting us!

OUR COMMUNITY College S1 WALKING EXCURSIONS



ORDERING AND PAYING FOR OUR OWN HOT CHIPS AND DRINKS AT HUGHES SHOPS



COMPARING THE SHOPPING CENTRES – CURTIN SHOPS THIS WEEK



GREAT CHEFS AT THE BBQ – SAUSAGES AT THE PARK NEAR THE MINT

Room 5 Learning



Room 5 have adjusted to new staff and routines this term.

VOICE

AT THE WODEN SCHOOL

WHAT IS IT?

Learning Communities have selected student representatives to form our Student Voice group TWS's Student Representative Council. This group serves as the voice of the student body, meeting every second Tuesday to share ideas, raise concerns, and provide input to school staff and leadership. It's a valuable opportunity for students to be actively involved in shaping their school environment and contributing to important decisions.

TERM 2'S VOICE

Baillie

Vivienne

Brandon

Lachie R

Mercedes

The Woden School Canteen Menu

Term 2, 2025 | Food freshly prepared by the student canteen work team



IMPORTANT: Recess can be either pre-ordered or purchased over the counter.
Lunch must be pre-ordered.

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, recess & lunch order with amount included.

Our canteen only runs on WEDNESDAYS

Drinks (available at recess and lunch)

Juice popper	\$2.00
Milkshake (chocolate/strawberry/caramel)	\$3.50
Berry smoothie	\$3.50
Water 250ml	\$1.00

Recess only

Mini pizzas	\$2.00
Biscuits	\$3.00
Jelly Cup	\$1.00
Muffin	\$1.50
Sausage roll	\$3.00
Arancini balls	\$4.00
Hot chips	\$4.00
Cheese toastie Ham/Tomato	\$3.00

Lunch only

Sandwiches	\$5.50
Ham	
Ham & Cheese/ Ham, Tomato & Cheese	
Vegemite	
Salad Sandwich	
Vegemite and cheese	

WEEKLY LUNCH SPECIALS

\$8.00

Week 1: Pizza

Week 2: Falafel wrap

Week 3: Beef enchiladas

Week 4: Meatball sub

Week 5: Lasagna

Week 6: Cottage pie potato skins

Week 7: Chicken parmi

Week 8: Nachos

Week 9: Korean fried chicken

burger

Week 10: Potato bake



Feros Care Meetings



To the parents/carers of The Woden School.

Feros Care, the Local Area Coordinators for NDIS will have a representative at The Woden School in term two, 2025 on Wednesdays.

There will be one representative on site offering a 2pm and 3pm meeting to assist with NDIS related matters.

This could be;

- Applying for NDIS,
- Assistance with planning how to use your approved NDIS plan,
- Requesting a review of your plan
- Assistance with planning for post school life. What to consider and ask for as the needs of your child change.
- Assist with connecting you to government and community services.

Dates available:

Wednesday 30th April

Wednesday 7th May

Wednesday 14th May

Wednesday 21st May

Wednesday 28th May

Wednesday 4th June

Wednesday 11th June

Wednesday 18th June

Wednesday 25th June

Wednesday 2nd July

Please email The Woden School on TWS@thewodens.act.edu.au or call the front office on 6142 02 00 to book a meeting.

Please note there are only 2 sessions of one hour duration each week and bookings are subject to availability.

Parent Portal is now available as a mobile app!

You can now access Parent Portal with the *Sentral for Parents* app. Download Sentral for Parents for free through the [App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#).



Google Play



Parent Portal is a secure online platform used to share student information between you and your child's teachers.

If you've already registered, you can download the *Sentral for Parents* app to receive notifications when new information is available.

If you haven't registered for Parent Portal yet, use this [Parent Portal access](#) link to log into or create your ACT Digital Account. To access Parent Portal, you will need your access key, you should have received this by email when we launched.

If you can't find the email with the access key, please contact the front office team for help.

Some reminders about what you can do with Parent Portal:

- notify us if your child is sick or explain an absence
- receive academic reports
- receive our school newsletter
- make payments
- access the school calendar and your child's student timetable.

The Mint is holding a **Quiet Morning Saturday 3rd May from 9am to 10am** and will continue the first Saturday of every month.

Each quiet morning is free, has restricted tickets, runs from 9am to 10am and visitors are asked to book a place using the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/quiet-mornings-at-the-mint-tickets-1296230382969?aff=oddtcreator>

The Mint Museum and Mint Shop will be open for visitors and the Coin Press will be available to make your own 60th Anniversary coin for \$3.00.

It would be very appreciated if you could assist by sharing the following details or advertise for these events:

On the first Saturday of each month, the Mint is opening its doors earlier than usual for a morning of peaceful exploration.

Our Quiet Mornings are specially designed for those who might have heightened sensory requirements. So come on in, have a leisurely stroll around the Mint's exhibition space, and enjoy the reduced noise and smaller crowds.

When: 9:00am - 10:00am

Saturday 3 May 2025

Saturday 7 June 2025

Saturday 5 July 2025

Saturday 2 August 2025

Saturday 6 September 2025

Saturday 4 October 2025

Saturday 1 November 2025

Saturday 6 December 2025

[Bookings are required](#). All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please note, food and drinks are not permitted in the Mint's gallery area.

For more information or resources head over to our website:

<https://www.ramint.gov.au/accessibility-information>

Royal Australian Mint

2023 International winners: Most Artistic Coin, Best Circulating Coin & Innovative Coin

2023 National Gold winner for best cultural destination and ACT people's choice for favourite attraction

Denison Street, Deakin ACT 2600

P. 02 6202 6850

MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES



24 CARE
Transport

Whether you require transportation to medical appointments, treatments, or hospital dischargers, our compassionate team is here to provide comfortable and professional assistance every step of the way.

Wheelchair Transportation



0450 240 079



www.24caretransport.com.au



contact@24caretransport.com.au
















Queanbeyan, Goulburn & Canberra Surroundings

Holiday Program Schedule

10am – 2pm

* Please bring your own morning tea and lunch and money/companion card for excursion

**Activities such as cooking, bowling and other excursions will require extra payment by the participant

Monday 14 th	Tuesday 15 th	Wednesday 16 th	Thursday 17 th	Good Friday
<p>Morning: Walk and Talk</p>  <p>Afternoon: Movies at limelight Options: Minecraft or Dog man</p> 	<p>Morning: Walk and Talk</p>  <p>Afternoon: Chocolate Easter Egg Making</p> 	<p>Morning: Walk and Talk</p>  <p>Afternoon: Swimming at Tuggeranong Pool followed by a picnic lunch</p> 	<p>Morning: Walk and Talk</p>  <p>Afternoon: Painting eggs and Easter egg hunt</p> 	<p>Public holiday No Program</p>
Easter Monday	Tuesday 22 nd	Wednesday 23 rd	Thursday 24 th	ANZAC DAY
<p>Public holiday No Program</p>	<p>Morning: Walk and Talk</p>  <p>Afternoon: Outdoor Mini Golf At Yarralumla Play Station</p> 	<p>Morning: Walk and Talk</p>  <p>Afternoon: Razzamatuzz Variety Show at the Queanbeyan performing Arts centre at 11.00am</p> <p>2025 Razzamatuzz Variety Show Flyer - ACT and Southern NSW.pdf</p>	<p>Morning: Walk and Talk</p>  <p>Afternoon: Flip Out and Making a Poppy wreath</p> 	<p>Public holiday No Program</p>

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



COME & PLAY:

WALKING NETBALL

**MONDAY
MORNINGS
10.45AM WARM UP**

**2025 program
commences Monday
3rd February**

\$11 WEEKLY GAME FEE



**NEW
TUESDAY EVENING
5.45PM WARM UP**

**10 Week program
commencing Tuesday
29th April**

\$95 SEASON FEE



**Whether you love to play, never played before, or
haven't played for a while, everyone is welcome at
Walking Netball.**

NETBALL PATHWAY FOR BOYS

(AGED 5-12)

ACTU12 Boys Team

In 2023, School Sport ACT sent their first U12 Boys teams to Nationals. Information about trials and selection can be found on the School Sport ACT website - this program is not affiliated with NACT

Rep Netball

Boys aged 11 and 12 are eligible to be selected in Associations Junior Representative Teams. Some Associations run boys-specific development programs once they age out of the Rep program

Club Netball

Each Association sets their own rules/ policies around boys' involvement, but typically boys are eligible to play in local Winter Netball Comps until they enter high school.

Also see
Tuggeranong Boys
Skills Program (open
to athletes 11-15)

NACT - Run Events and Programs

NACT runs a range of primary school gala days, after school competitions, school holiday programs and in-school programs that are always open to boys. At gala days, there is usually a limit of only 3 boys (one per court area) on the court per team at any one time.

Woolworths NetSetGo

Woolworths NetSetGO is Australia's official starter program for girls and boys aged 5 to 10. It's a chance to learn the netball basics while having fun. For a lot of kids, this is the first time they'll pick up a netball. It's a learning experience, and a lot of fun.

NET

5-9 years / First Timers

Net puts the fun in fundamental motor skills through activities and games.

SET

7-8 years

Set focuses on refining fundamental motor skills and introducing modified match play.

GO

9-10 years

GO develops specific skills through modified match play that has kids ready for the real thing.

NETBALL PATHWAY FOR BOYS & MEN

(AGED 13+)

National Teams

Players selected in ACT Griffins teams who compete at nationals may be selected into Australian Squads. The pinnacle of Men's netball is to be selected in the Australian Open Mens Team.

Griffin's U17-U23 and Opens Teams

The ACT Men's and Mixed Netball Association can select players and enter teams across a range of age categories and divisions to compete AMMNA National Championships held in April each year.

ACT Men's State League

Each Association selects a Men's team to compete in the HCF State League Competition which runs for 15 weeks from March-September

ACT Griffins-Run Events and Programs

The ACT Men's and Mixed Netball Association has been delivering a range of events and development programs to support the growth of boys netball participation in the ACT - these include Train Like a Griffin Programs and the U17 Development Academy.

2024 Tuggeranong Boys Skills Development

Tuggeranong Netball Association is set to deliver a skills program for boys aged 11-15 aimed at developing netball skills for competition. This is an 8 week program running from Feb-March, culminating in a Teams Championships during ACT Junior Championships (June)

Social Competitions

NACT runs mixed after school years 7/8 and 9/10 competitions periodically and open mixed social competitions year-round which are open to players 16+. Additionally, many of our Associations run Social Summer Competitions which include mixed divisions and are a perfect entry into competitive netball.

Inter-School Competitions

NACT and School Sport ACT run a range of Boys competitions for students in years 7-12 including fun gala days and an ACT Championships

ACT ALL ABILITIES NETBALL PATHWAY

ACT MARIE LITTLE OAM SHIELD TEAM

The ACT Marie Little OAM Shield team is an opportunity for girls and women 16+ with a disability to represent their state at a national championship. This competition is typically held over 3 days (in August or September) with trials and a training period in the lead up. There are some costs associated with being in this team and interstate travel may be required. Check the NACT website for details around trials and eligibility for this team.



ASSOCIATION WINTER COMPETITION

Each Association runs their own Winter Competition with multiple age groups and playing divisions. All Abilities Players should talk to their local club and team about being graded into a team that is appropriate for their age and skill. Please reach out to NACT's Participation Coordinator Caity Hanna for support/ advice around joining a team. Some clubs enter All Abilities teams - see what your club and association has to offer!



NACT ALL ABILITIES COME AND PLAY/ TRAIN DAYS

NACT will be running a number of activations throughout the year to provide opportunities for players with a disability to gain exposure to the netball training and playing environment. These events will be advertised on the NACT socials and website.



ALL ABILITIES NetSetGo

Each Association runs their own NetSetGo program - an entry-level netball program, typically suited to players aged 5-10. NetSetGo is an inclusive program for all abilities and may be suitable for All Abilities players over the age of 10. Contact your local association or club for advice - or reach out the NACT's Participation Coordinator Keira O'Connor for support and advice!