

Telopea Topics

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REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Welcome to term two. It's only week three and already students and staff have experienced a range of enrichment opportunities.

On Tuesday 12 May, Laurent Frédéric Bollée, author of *Terra Australis* visited Telopea Park School to present his graphic novel *Terra Australis* to an appreciative audience of parents staff and students. Pastries and coffee were served. Laurent Frédéric explained in fluent English why a French man would choose to write about the founding of Australia. He then very kindly signed copies of his book for the parents and teachers present.

Throughout the day, he ran three sessions with Telopea Park School and Narrabundah College students: he started with our year 10, from both the English and English French streams. He continued with year 6, was interviewed by our web radio team and finished the morning with our year 8 students.

We warmly thank Laurent for sharing his passion for Australia as well as his passion for writing with our students. You can listen to our Year 6 interview by following this link: <https://goo.gl/hGSEVa>

On the same day, approximately 400 students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 commenced **NAPLAN** testing. Calmness prevailed across the allocated testing venues. The tests provide a snapshot over three days, of a student's proficiency in literacy and numeracy. Executive teachers Uraj Singh and Maria Magdic must be congratulated on the smooth roll out of the NAPLAN testing program.

Our secondary students have returned from their exchange visit to Lycée International de Grenoble, France. Again thank you to Patricia Blumstein (Head of Languages) together with Baba Alhadji (French teacher in the Australian Stream) for their willingness to accompany the students and for taking the responsibility of the students on the exchange. This will be an experience that the students will remember forever.

Another successful Band Camp was held at Warrumbui last week. A big thank you must go to Rob Clements and his team for the level of preparation required for such camps cannot be underestimated. Staff visiting the camp were greatly impressed by the quality musicianship demonstrated by the students.

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2015

Term 1

3 February – 10 April

Term 2

28 April – 3 July

Term 3

20 July – 25 September

Term 4

12 October – 18 December

On 7 and 8 May, Executive Staff, Michelle McLoughlin, Kylie Louis and Kathy Solomko attended a National Disability Reform Conference in Sydney. They have returned with a number of strategies and ideas to share with staff and parents which will contribute to successful outcomes for our students with special needs.

The Moorambilla Voices Choir from Western NSW performed in Canberra last weekend as part of the Canberra International Music Festival. They had previously been featured in an ABC documentary. They took up residence for three nights in the multi-purpose hall. I would like to thank the primary parents who kindly volunteered to cook and serve lunch and dinner to the students throughout the weekend. In return, members of the junior choir and their parents were invited to attend a bush dance on Saturday night. On Sunday, our own junior choir was invited to perform at the National Archives to celebrate Mothers' Day. They performed four songs in French and English and reduced many in the audience to tears with their final tribute song.

Robin Egerton

Primary Deputy Principal

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LE MOT DE LA PRINCIPALE ADJOINTE

Bienvenue en ce deuxième trimestre. Nous ne sommes qu'en semaine trois mais déjà nos élèves et leurs enseignants ont vécu de belles expériences enrichissantes.

Mardi 12 mai, Telopea Park School a eu l'honneur de recevoir Laurent Frédéric Bollée venu présenter son roman graphique intitulé *Terra Australis* à un large public de parents et d'enseignants. Laurent Frédéric a expliqué dans un anglais impeccable comment un français en était venu à écrire un roman sur la fondation de l'Australie. La présentation s'est achevée par une séance de dédicaces pour les parents et les enseignants présents, autour d'un café et de viennoiseries.

La matinée avec les élèves de Telopea Park School et de Narrabundah College s'est déroulée en trois étapes: une séance avec nos élèves de Seconde des courants français et anglais, puis une interview réalisée par notre équipe de reporters de Sixième, enfin une dernière séance avec nos élèves de Quatrième.

Nous remercions très chaleureusement Laurent Frédéric pour avoir fait partager à nos élèves sa passion pour l'Australie et celle de l'écriture. Vous pouvez écouter l'interview réalisée par nos élèves de Sixième en suivant le lien suivant : <https://goo.gl/hGSEVa>

Le même jour, environ 400 élèves de CE2, CM2, Cinquième et Troisième ont commencé leurs épreuves de NAPLAN. Le calme était de rigueur dans les différentes salles où se déroulaient les épreuves. Les épreuves, réparties sur trois jours, offrent un panorama des compétences attendues chez nos élèves en Anglais et en Mathématiques. Nous pouvons féliciter nos enseignants cadres Uraj Singh et Maria Magdic pour le déroulement sans encombre des épreuves du NAPLAN.

Nos élèves du Secondaire sont revenus de leur séjour d'échange avec le Lycée International de Grenoble. Encore un grand merci à Patricia Blumstein (Responsable du Département des Langues) et à Baba Alhadji (professeur de français) pour avoir accompagné les élèves et pris la responsabilité des élèves pendant le séjour. Nos élèves garderont un excellent souvenir de cette expérience.

Le camp de l'orchestre de l'école s'est tout aussi bien déroulé à Warrumbui la semaine dernière. Un grand merci à Rob Clements et à son équipe pour l'organisation sans faille du camp. L'équipe de Direction, en visite à Warrumbui, a été très impressionnée par la qualité musicale dont ont fait montre les élèves.

Les 7 et 8 mai derniers, l'équipe de cadres Michelle MC Loughlin, Kylie Louis et Kathy Solomko ont assisté à une conférence nationale sur la réforme du handicap à Sydney. Elles sont revenues avec un certain nombre de stratégies et d'idées à partager avec leurs collègues et les parents, qui contribueront à des résultats positifs pour nos élèves en difficulté.

La Chorale Moorambilla Voices de Western NSW s'est produite à Canberra le weekend dernier lors du Festival de Musique Internationale de Canberra. Ils ont également fait une apparition dans un documentaire produit par ABC. Ils ont logé dans notre salle polyvalente pour trois nuits. J'en profite pour remercier les parents du primaire qui se sont généreusement portés volontaires pour cuisiner et servir le déjeuner et le dîner aux élèves au cours du weekend. En échange, des membres de la chorale des jeunes et leurs parents ont été conviés à une *bush dance* le samedi soir. Le dimanche, notre chorale des jeunes a été invitée à chanter aux Archives Nationales pour célébrer la Fête des Mères. Ils ont chanté quatre chansons en français et en anglais et ont ému jusqu'aux larmes de nombreuses personnes du public lors de leur dernière chanson.

Robin Egerton

Principale adjointe

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Information

Telopea Park School had a new phone system installed last year. As a result our phone numbers have changed. Please do not use the old numbers as they are no longer active.

Listed below are the new school contact numbers:

Main Switchboard:	+61	2	61423388
Fax:	+61	2	61423348
Primary Office:	+61	2	61423380
Primary First Aid:	+61	2	61423381
Student Services:	+61	2	61423385
First Aid Secondary:	+61	2	61423351

HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECONDARY NEWS

Humanities report

At the end of 2014 we farewelled Mrs Mandy Trethowan who retired and moved to sunnier climes after six years at Telopea Park School as the Executive Teacher of Humanities. Her passion for teaching, her guidance as the faculty introduced the Australian Curriculum and knowledge of MYP will be greatly missed. Mr Paul Dorsett has joined the faculty while Mrs Pam Hill is on leave in Term 2 and we have also welcomed two Masters of Teaching pre-service teachers from the University of Canberra, Michelle Josephs and Maddy Woods.

Implementation of the Australian Curriculum continues in Humanities and a number of changes were made to the structure of our courses at the start of 2015. Year 7 and 8 students now study five weeks of Civics and Citizenship and 15 weeks of Geography in one semester, and five weeks of Economics and Business and 15 weeks of Geography in the other. In Year 9 students study a semester of Economics and Business and Geography. By 2017 all English-stream students will study the four subjects in the structure outlined above from Year 7-10.

In April, three teams of Year 9 and 10 students participated in the Young Designers Light Rail Ideas Competition. Bella Rodrigues-Csokas, George Kelleher, Phillippa Hall, Meilani Salale and Eleanor Foster won first prize in the "Best connection to neighbourhood/community facilities" for their design "Bringing the outdoors in". Other team members include Nico Philp, Dannel Cassuto, Nicholas Hummelstad and Danpeng Weng; and Sophie Bruce, Zoe Tregeagle, Ella Rath and Rebekkah Silberman were shortlisted for their designs. Congratulations to all the students involved and for being wonderful representatives of Telopea Park School.

Eighteen students participated in the Australian Geography Competition in March and the Australian History Competition will be held on the 27th May. These competitions are based on the Australian Curriculum and give students the opportunity to test their skills and understanding using a range of sources and questions. As part of their studies on World War II, Year 10 History students visited the exhibition "Anne Frank, Let me be myself" at the ACT National Jewish Memorial Centre. Students viewed a film and an exhibition that wove quotes from her diary and family photos into a timeline of her life. The exhibition also asked the students to consider issues about inclusion, respect and tolerance of people of different cultures, faiths, sexuality and ethnicity in today's world.

Each year the first assembly of Term 2 commemorates ANZAC Day in the high school. Our focus this year, the centenary year, was not Gallipoli but the local Canberra community one hundred years ago and the first two principals of Telopea Park School. Both Mr. Cecil Henry (1923-1927) and Mr Harold Filshie (1928-1937) had fathers who were teachers. Mr Henry enlisted in June 1915 and served in France in the 2nd Pioneer Battalion. He was wounded twice, reached the rank of Lieutenant by the end of the war and was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal during the Second Battle of Bullecourt in May 1917 for his "conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty".

Mr Filshie enlisted on 24th April 1915, the day before the landing at Gallipoli, and served at the No. 3 General Hospital on Lemnos Island until the end of the Gallipoli campaign. He served with the 5th Division Artillery in a medium trench mortar battery in France and was awarded the Military Cross in August 1918 during the Battle of Amiens. Mr Filshies' citation reads "...Lieutenant Filshie rendered invaluable assistance, and was directly responsible for the silencing of many enemy machine guns and Minswerfer posts, firing 662 trench mortar bombs during the period".

By the end of the war both men were working as Education Officers, overseeing and teaching a wide variety of academic and vocational courses. On the journey home, Mr Filshie was the Headmaster of the HMAT Anchises School which had an average daily attendance of 223 soldiers studying a wide variety of subjects.

We also examined the ways Canberra remembers the First World War and how the Gallipoli campaign is commemorated in Turkey. Thank you to the band who played beautifully to support the assembly and congratulations to the Year 10 presenters who did a fantastic job.

Preparations for the final assessment task are underway in many Humanities subjects. Students need to read carefully the requirements of a task and the feedback provided by teachers on past assessment tasks and class work. Students should note the suggestions and apply these to the next task. The class time allocated to work on assignments provides a good opportunity for students to discuss areas of concern with their teacher.

Natalie Bray

Executive Teacher Humanities

Light rail design competition winners!

Over 100 Year 9 and 10 students from 14 schools participated in the Young Designers Light Rail Ideas Competition, held 7 – 8 April 2015. Telopea Park School sent along three teams of talented students who excelled – one team winning first prize while the other two were shortlisted.

Congratulations to the school and the students for their great designs:

Best connection to neighbourhood/community facilities

First Prize: “Bringing the outdoors in”

‘This project creates symbols or icons to represent various stations that are meaningful to places in Canberra. Environmental sustainability embodies the design and connects people to nature.’ – Jury citation

Team members: Bella Rodrigues-Csokas, George Kelleher, Phillippa Hall, Meilani Salale and Eleanor Foster

Shortlisted teams:

Nico Philp, Dannel Kim-Cassuto, Nicholas Hummelstad and Danpeng Weng; and

Sophie Bruce, Zoe Tregeagle, Ella Rath and Rebekkah Silberman.

To see the winning designs plus photos and video from the event, visit Capital Metro’s [website](#) and [Facebook](#) page.

Capital Metro and the Institute of Architects would like to thank the school and enthusiastic students for sharing their ideas with us. Plans are underway for all design entries to be exhibited at a public library.

Keep up to date with the light rail project in Canberra on the Capital Metro [website](#).

PRIMARY NEWS

NAPLAN

Our year 3 and 5 students commenced their three days of *NAPLAN testing* on Tuesday. I was impressed by the students' focus and their desire to do their best work on the day. There is an opportunity on Friday for students who have been absent to catch up. A big thank you must be extended to acting executive teacher Maria Magdic for her smooth organisation of the event.

Congratulations, to Susan Cribb and Cathy Marot on an impressive performance by the junior choir at the Australian Archives on Sunday 10 May. The students were invited to perform four songs celebrating motherhood as part of the *Without their Consent* exhibition which documents forced adoptions.

The Primary Athletics Carnival is scheduled for **Wednesday 27 May**. All year groups will have the opportunity to run. The 800 metre event will be run on Friday 29 May. Again Maria Magdic is responsible for organising the event. I know she is looking for parent volunteers to assist on the day so please contact the school if you are able to assist.

Cathy Marot has been very busy at lunchtimes rehearsing 40 students drawn from years 4-6 for *Wakakirri*. The event or Story Dance, combines creative movement, dance and drama as schools take to the stage to share their stories. Story-Dance develops teamwork, resilience and a range of stage and production skills, culminating in a live performance in front of a large audience.

Our students are required to develop a 3-7 minute story dance (orientation, complication, resolution) to perform on stage to pre-recorded music, using a blend of creative movement and drama. Schools can choose any story, music and creative movement style they wish. For an extra challenge, they can also creatively incorporate the *Wakakirri* signature item into their story.

The performance will be staged at the Canberra Theatre in front of industry professionals, family, friends and other schools. *Wakakirri* is a national competition and performance nights are held in both cities and regional centres.

Involvement in the competition does not require a large budget as schools are encouraged to be creative. The judges do not prioritize technical dancing ability or extravagant sets and costumes. Instead an emphasis is placed upon reduce, reuse, recycle, when making props and costumes and there are special awards for schools that excel in this area.

ROSTRUM

On Friday 8 May class finalists from years 4 and 6 presented their Rostrum speeches at a special assembly. The results have been withheld as we are still to hear from years 3 and 5 on Monday 18 May. Two students will then progress to the quarter-finals to be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 2 June. Eight ACT schools will be represented on the night. My thanks to Su Mathe, who has coordinated the competition as well as the year 3-6 Australian class teachers, for preparing the students for the competition.

Gateways & Gateways Festivals

Later in the month, we have 14 students participating in the one day enrichment Maths Program run by Gateways Education. A number of students attended the Science day in term one and reported enthusiastically on their forensic science activities to their class. Demand always exceeds the number of places available for this program and a number of students and parents have been disappointed in not gaining a place.

We have recently been notified of a **Gateways Festival** for Gifted & Talented students for students in Kindergarten-Year 7 to be held on **Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 June** at Canberra Grammar, School in Red Hill. The program runs from 8.45am to 3.00pm. The cost of the day is \$98.00.

Enrolments can be made at www.gateways.edu.au under the *parent enrolment program* tab. Click on *festivals & more information*, scroll down to mid-year festivals and find the reference to Canberra. Phone: 03 98942116 if you require additional assistance.

Traffic

Parents and staff continue to express their concern about road safety at drop off and pick up times. Of particular concern is double and triple parking, going the wrong way down a one way street and depositing/collecting K-6 students from the circular drive at the front of the school.

Coats

With the arrival of the colder weather you may be thinking of purchasing a new coat or jacket for your child. The uniform shop has fleecy hooded chinooks and polar fleece zip jackets. If neither of these options appeal, please consider purchasing a red or navy coat or jacket which can be worn on excursions and complies with the school dress code.

We have recently received a reminder from the Directorate that hats are to be worn through to the end of May.

Primary Library **BREAKING NEWS!**

We are holding a Scholastic Book Fair in week 6, on **June 3, 4 and 5** – Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Opening times are:

8:30 -9:00 a.m. and 3:15 – 4:00 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to buy some great books for your child(ren) and help our school at the same time. The school earns a percentage of the takings which we can use to purchase more resources for the library. I hope you will support the fair and encourage your child/ren to read as well!

Maura Dand

Primary Teacher Librarian

SW Zone Swimming Squad

The swimming competition is now over for this year. Our small squad did well at the zone and the **four** qualifiers did their best at the ACT Level last week. Results are not yet out but we congratulate everyone for their effort.

Eliska Tucek – **Hannah Heaney** – **Isabelle Reed** – Nikita Sinclair-Smith – Georgie Barnes – Remi Fernandez – Mielle
– Hurrell – **Joshua Coates** – **Quy Christie- Nguyen** – James Mitcham – Luc Boucher – Marc-Andre Beauvais – Adrian
Lehane – Jason Read

South Weston Zone Cross-Country

On a classic crisp autumn morning, Tuesday 5th May, students from 27 schools in our zone, gathered at Stromlo Forest Park for a great morning of cross-country races. Our TPS squad gave of their best and were well cheered on by students and parents on the sidelines. We now wait to see how many will progress to the ACT level which will be held on 1st June, also at Stromlo Forest Park. Thank you for your effort and thank you for the parent support.

Sophie Munro - Neva Soulier - Emma Schmutz - Siobhan Hall- Siena Freyens - Stellan Lindrud- Lalo Soulier - Loic lester - Xavier Boucher Dylan Beeharry - Jana Stauffacher - Katie Brown - Zoe Brown - Isabella Andrews - Valentina Navarro-Garcia - Tian Yu Uksi Augustin Leonhardt - Charlie Camus - Connor Lineen - Joshua Coates - Loanne Creteigny - Iwa Munro - Zoe Hamilton -Marianne Palmeri Laila Noore – Keshav Sawmy – Adriane Lehane – Kalman Thoms – Amelia Dixon – Demi De Andrade – Amber Chan – Will Rath Marc-Andre- Beauvais – Jake Rath – Kami Schmutz – Luc Boucher – Julia Buckley – Lilia Creteigny – Isabella Ciaccia – Dain Ko Noah Wille – Aden Hamilton Joshua Lancaster – Alexander Hnatovsky – Jules Paulin-Elgar

Tennis Singles Day

A squad of eight students mostly from Y6 and Y3 participated in a one-day tennis singles tournament in week one of term. We are grateful to the parent supervisors that made this possible. I had positive performance feedback from the parents. Both the boys and girls had success in the day. Our young Charlie Camus is a very promising and impressive player. The comment from the parents is an excellent reflection. Well done!

"I was really impressed with their positive team spirit and the way they all supported each other."

Julia Buckley- Anouk Griffiths-Saskia Kozlow – Charlie Camus – Sasha Hnatovsky – Jules Paulin-Elgar- Jake and Will Rath

NOUVELLES DU PRIMAIRE

NAPLAN

Nos élèves de CE2 et CM2 ont commencé leurs trois jours d'épreuves de NAPLAN ce mardi. J'ai été très impressionnée par la concentration de nos élèves et leur désir de faire de leur mieux le jour des épreuves. Les élèves qui auraient été absents peuvent composer le vendredi. Un grand merci à Maria Magdic, notre cadre faisant-fonction, pour cette organisation sans encombre.

Félicitations à Susan Cribb et Cathy Marot pour la formidable représentation de la chorale des jeunes aux Archives Nationales le dimanche 10 mai. Nos élèves ont été invités à chanter quatre morceaux célébrant la Maternité, dans le cadre de l'exposition *Without their Consent* qui retrace les adoptions forcées.

Les Olympiades d'Athlétisme du Primaire auront lieu le mercredi 27 mai. Tous les niveaux auront la possibilité de courir. Le 800m aura lieu le vendredi 29 mai. C'est une fois encore Maria Magdic qui prend en charge l'organisation de l'événement. Elle recherche, par ailleurs, des parents volontaires pour aider le jour des Olympiades. Si vous pouvez y consacrer un peu de temps, merci de vous faire connaître en contactant l'école.

Cathy Marot a été bien occupée sur les pauses déjeuner car elle a fait répéter 40 élèves de CM1 à Sixième pour le Wakakirri. La Story-Dance mélange des mouvements créatifs, danse et théâtre, lors de mise en scène d'histoires partagées par les écoles. La Story-Dance développe le travail en équipe, la résilience et une variété de compétences de scène et de production dont la finalité est une représentation en scène devant un large public.

Nos élèves doivent créer une story-dance de 3 à 7 minutes (orientation, complication, résolution) et la mettre en scène sur une musique préenregistrée, en utilisant un mélange de mouvements créatifs et de théâtre. Les écoles peuvent choisir l'histoire, la musique et le style de mouvements créatifs qu'ils veulent. Pour aller plus loin, ils peuvent également intégrer de façon créative l'élément type de Wakakirri dans leur histoire.

Ils se produiront au Théâtre de Canberra devant des professionnels de la danse, les familles, les amis et d'autres écoles. Wakakirri est un concours national et les représentations ont lieu à la fois dans les villes et les centres régionaux.

L'implication dans le concours ne requiert pas un grand budget étant donné qu'on encourage les écoles à être créatifs. Les compétences en technique de danse ou les costumes ou décors extravagants ne sont pas les priorités des juges qui favorisent plutôt le concept des 3R (*Reduce, Reuse, Recycle / Réduire, Réutiliser, Recycler*) pour la confection des accessoires et des costumes. Il y a, d'ailleurs, une récompense donnée aux écoles qui excellent dans ce domaine.

Concours d'éloquence

Le vendredi 8 mai, les élèves finalistes des classes de CM1 et Sixième ont présenté leur discours d'éloquence lors d'une assemblée spéciale. Les résultats seront connus lorsque les élèves des classes de CE2 et CM2 auront présenté leur discours le lundi 18 mai. Deux élèves accéderont alors aux quarts de finale qui auront lieu le mardi 2 juin à 19h00. Au cours de cette soirée,

huit écoles de l'ACT seront représentées. Un grand merci à Su Mathe qui a coordonné le concours, ainsi qu'aux enseignants des classes de CE2 à Sixième pour avoir préparé les élèves.

Gateways et Festivals de Gateways

En fin de mois, 14 de nos élèves participeront à un programme de Mathématiques Renforcées organisé par *Gateways Education*. Un certain nombre d'élèves ont assisté à la journée Sciences au premier trimestre et ont partagé avec leur classe les activités de sciences médico-légales. Il y a toujours plus de demandes que de places disponibles pour ce genre de programme et un certain nombre d'élèves et de parents ont été déçus de ne pas avoir eu de place.

Nous avons eu récemment connaissance d'un Gateways Festival pour les élèves précoces des classes de Grande Section de Maternelle à Cinquième. Il aura lieu les lundi 29 et mardi 30 juin à la Canberra Grammar School à Red Hill. Ce programme se déroule de 8h45 à 15h00. Son coût est de \$98.

Les inscriptions peuvent être réalisées en ligne sur le site www.gateways.edu.au **en cliquant sur l'onglet 'parent enrolment program'. Cliquez sur Festivals and more information, déroulez le menu jusqu'à mid-year festivals puis sélectionnez Canberra. Pour obtenir de l'aide, vous pouvez appeler le** 03 98942116.

Circulation aux abords de l'école

Les parents et le personnel de l'école continuent à manifester leur inquiétude à propos de la sécurité routière aux heures de sortie de l'école, en particulier les doubles voire triples files, la circulation en sens unique et les voitures qui déposent ou récupèrent les élèves dans l'allée circulaire devant l'entrée de l'école.

Manteaux

Avec l'arrivée du froid, vous allez sûrement envisager l'achat d'un nouveau manteau ou blouson pour votre enfant. Le magasin Uniform shop vend des coupe-vents à capuche doublé polaire ainsi que des vestes polaires. Si aucune de ces options ne vous convient, nous vous demandons de bien vouloir acheter un manteau ou un blouson rouge ou bleu marine qui peut être porté lors des sorties scolaires et qui est conforme à l'uniforme de l'école.

Nous avons, par ailleurs, reçu un rappel du Département de l'Éducation rappelant que le port du chapeau est obligatoire jusqu'à la fin du mois de mai.

Nouvelle de dernière minute – Bibliothèque du Primaire

Nous organisons une foire aux livres Scholastic en semaine 6, les mercredi 3, jeudi 4 et vendredi 5 juin.

Horaires d'ouverture :

8h30-9h00 et 15h15-16h00.

C'est une belle occasion d'acheter de beaux livres à votre (vos) enfant(s) et d'aider l'école par la même occasion. L'école perçoit un pourcentage sur chaque vente, ce qui nous permet d'acquérir d'autres livres pour la bibliothèque. J'espère que vous viendrez soutenir cette foire aux livres et que vous encouragerez votre (vos) enfant(s) à lire également.

Maura Dand Bibliothécaire du Primaire

P&C NEWS

Save the Sporting Fields Petition

If you haven't already signed the petition to help save Telopea Park School's sports fields (tennis courts), then please do so over the next couple of weeks.

Where can I sign?

There are 4 permanent signing stations around town at present – the Telopea Before and After School Care office, Alliance Française in Turner, the French-Australian Preschool office, and at the Manuka Occasional Childcare Centre. Volunteer parents are also roving the Manuka and Kingston shopping areas on Saturday mornings 10am-12 noon.

Volunteers sought!

We are seeking parents to help collect signatures for the petition. If you are able to help out one Saturday between now and the end of May, please contact Debbie debstaroz@hotmail.com .

Missed Wednesday's Community Information Meeting?

Do you understand the ACT Government's plans for the land on which the Telopea Tennis Courts are built? We are posting updates regularly on our website, Facebook page, and Twitter feeds. You can also read about what's happening in your local newspapers, magazines, TV News and radio talkback shows on ABC666 and 2CC.

La Grande Fête - Save the date and Information

Date - La Grande Fête will be on 7 November 2015 – everyone please save the date!

Fête Stalls - A critical part of the Fête is the stalls. We will shortly be seeking coordinators for the school's stalls and interest from external providers for a small selection of additional stalls. If there are any family / friends groups that would like to take the lead on any particular stall please do not hesitate to contact the coordinators at tpsfete2015@gmail.com.

Raffle – The raffle is a major fundraiser for the school and will shortly kick off, so get ready to start selling and making this another successful venture in 2015. Keep a look out for information in Telopea Topics about the Raffle and how you can get involved.

What does the money the P&C raises go towards? The Fête and the raffle are the major way that Telopea raises funds and every dollar counts. Money that the school raised last year has been earmarked to upgrade the primary play area, to build a dedicated learning space to teach children with learning differences and ensure that the School Library continues to be a leader in French cultural resources.

Further information on the Fête and other fundraising activities can be found on Telopea Park's P&C's website at www.telopeapnc.org.au.

Join the Fun on Facebook – Follow *La Grande Fete* on Facebook to keep up to date with all the latest happenings in the lead up to the Fête: www.facebook.com/telopeafete.

Traffic Sub-committee reactivated!

We have reformed the Traffic Sub-Committee due to ongoing concerns. Anyone who has dropped off or collected children from the School can attest, the challenge of traffic management and parking around Telopea remains a significant ongoing challenge. The problems are certainly exacerbated during sporting events and with the ongoing development in the immediate surrounding area are likely to only get worse.

At first glance the lack of sufficient parking is one of, if not the main issue. We would like to find ways to improve the situation in the short, medium and longer term. Whilst we are sure all parents and carers would like to see this addressed from a safety perspective, as well as a way to remove some of the frustration felt every time you do a pick up/drop off, we would be interested in both your views and your support. If you feel you would be able to contribute please contact Pauline Koitka and Noel Derwort through Telopeatraffic@gmail.com

Reminder: Friday 22 May is National Walk Safely to School Day

Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

UNIFORM SHOP

OPENING HOURS FOR UNIFORM SHOP

Monday – 8.30 - 9.30am

Tuesday – 2.45 - 3.45pm

Thursday – 8.30 - 11.00am

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