

## Telopea Topics

## Les Nouvelles de Telopea

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### REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

#### Information Evenings

We are now in Week Three of Term One and students have settled into their classes after a busy few weeks for all. Information Evenings were held on 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> February for Year 7 and Kindergarten to Year 6 respectively. The sessions provided opportunities to meet the teachers and go over the respective programmes for the year ahead. Another information night will be held later in the term to discuss pathways and transition for our Year 10 students.

#### Swimming Carnivals

The Primary Swimming Carnival was held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February. The Swimming Carnival involves a significant amount of planning and preparation and I would like to thank Maria Magdic and her team for organising a wonderful day. Thank you, also, to Megan Taylor and the Secondary Sports Leadership students who assisted in the running of the Primary Carnival. Thank you to the parents who also assisted on the day. Your contribution is very much appreciated by students and teachers.

The Secondary Swimming Carnival was held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at Dickson Pool. Thank you to Ben Yuen and his team for the many hours of organisation in ensuring a successful day.

#### Camps

Year 7 students are on camp in Jindabyne during Week 4, from Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March. The Sports Recreation facility there is superb and students will be challenged with various physical and teambuilding activities. It is a great chance for our Year 7 students, who come from many schools around Canberra and beyond to connect with each other and to identify as Telopea students. Thank you to Mary De Poorter, Nick Rothwell and the team of Year 7 teachers who have organised and made this possible. Later in the term we have our Year 3 and Year 6 camps.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

24 February	5.00pm	Meet the PC teachers Year 8 and 9
25 February	8.00am	IT Committee Meeting - Library
25 – 27 February		Year 7 Camp
26 February	3.30pm	Bilingual Forum
27 February	8.00am	Health Promoting Schools Meeting
3 March	5.15pm	Board Meeting
4 March	3.30pm-4.30pm	Curriculum Committee Meeting
5 March	6.30pm-9.00pm	Secondary Dance Party
6 March		Primary Cross Country

#### SCHOOL TERM DATES 2015

##### Term 1

3 February – 10 April

##### Term 2

Tue 28 April – 3 July

##### Term 3

20 July – 25 September

##### Term 4

12 October – 18 December

#### Parents and Citizen's Meeting (P&C)

The first P&C meeting (and AGM) was on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February from 7pm. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all parents who so willingly give their time in assisting the school as office-bearers of the P&C. As a parent/carer, if you have not, as yet, attended a P&C meeting, please give this some thought this year. All Telopea parents are members of the P&C and attending meetings is an excellent way of connecting with the happenings of the school.

Years 8 and 9 parents are invited to meet their child's pastoral care teachers on Tuesday 24 February. Students are asked to attend.

The P&C is looking for parent representatives on a number of school committees. Please contact the P&C President if you are interested in:

- Curriculum Committee (Chair: Tom Kobal)
- Gifted & Talented Committee (Chair: Robin Egerton)
- Bilingual Education Committee (Chair: Julien Dugas)
- IT Committee (Chair: Tom Spollard)
- Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Committee (Chair: Tom Spollard)
- Health Promoting School Committee (Chair: Mary De Poorter)
- Reconciliation Action Plan Committee (Chair: Mary De Poorter)

### **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Forum and Committee**

From the beginning of this year we have had significantly improved Wi-Fi capabilities. We are now in a position to introduce "BYOD" into the school. Essentially this means many more students would be able to use a personal computing device for educational purposes and teachers would have the opportunity to plan learning experiences for students involving these devices. We are asking parents to join with us in the development of a BYOD protocol for our school. This would be in line with the Education and Training Directorate's BYOD policy. The sourcing of devices and what type of devices will also be discussed. This forum will be on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 4:00pm in the school's conference room. Your participation and input would be greatly appreciated. There is further information later in this Telopea Topics if you wish to attend.

### **Student Diaries and Assessment Calendar**

Secondary students have been given an Assessment Calendar in the last week to paste in their new diaries. Please ask to see the calendar so that you also know when the assessments are planned in each subject. Students have also been given their Course Outlines for each subject and you are asked to sign these outlines as an acknowledgement that you have seen them. The Student diaries also contain a wealth of information and policies such as Mobile Phone, Assessment and Homework information. Please consult the diaries regularly and encourage your children to use them as an organiser.

As we progress through the term I would like to thank you for your continued support and communication with the school. It is important that we work together to educate your children.

Kind regards,  
Tom Kobal  
Deputy Principal

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## **LE MOT DU PRINCIPAL ADJOINT**

### **Réunions d'information**

Nous sommes à présent en semaine trois du premier trimestre et les élèves sont d'ores et déjà bien installés dans leur classe après quelques semaines au cours desquelles nous avons tous été bien occupés. Les réunions d'information ont eu lieu le 17 février pour les classes de Cinquième et les 18 et 19 février pour les classes de Grande Section de Maternelle à Sixième. Ces soirées furent l'occasion pour les parents de rencontrer les enseignants et de découvrir le programme qui sera abordé en classe tout au long de l'année. Une autre réunion sera organisée plus tard dans le trimestre pour les élèves de Seconde afin de discuter des choix d'orientation et du passage vers le Lycée.

### **Olympiades de Natation**

Les Olympiades de Natation du Primaire ont eu lieu le mardi 17 février. Cet événement nécessite beaucoup d'organisation et de préparation en amont et je voudrais remercier Maria Magdic et son équipe pour avoir organisé une merveilleuse journée. Merci également à Megan Taylor et aux élèves du leadership sportif du Secondaire qui l'ont aidée dans le déroulement des Olympiades du Primaire. Je remercie aussi les parents venus aider ce jour-là. Les élèves et les enseignants apprécient toujours énormément votre aide.

Les Olympiades de Natation du Secondaire se sont déroulées le mercredi 18 février à la piscine de Dickson. Ce fut une journée très réussie grâce à Ben Yuen et à son équipe qui ont passé de longues heures à tout organiser.

### **Les camps**

Les élèves de Cinquième seront en camp à Jindabyne en semaine 4, à partir du mercredi 25 mars. Le Centre sportif et récréatif là-bas est superbe et les élèves auront à accomplir différentes activités physiques et d'intégration. C'est une belle occasion pour nos élèves de Cinquième, qui viennent d'écoles différentes de Canberra et des environs, de créer des liens entre eux et de s'identifier comme élèves de Telopea Park School. Un grand merci à Mary De Poorter, à Nick Rothwell et à l'équipe enseignante de Cinquième qui ont organisé et soutenu ce projet. Les camps des élèves de CE2 et de Sixième sont programmés un peu plus tard dans le trimestre.

### **Réunion de l'Association des Parents d'Elèves (P&C)**

La première réunion de l'Association des Parents d'Elèves (P&C) s'est tenue le mercredi 11 février à partir de 19h00. Je profite de l'occasion qui m'est donnée ici pour remercier sincèrement tous les parents qui donnent généreusement de leur temps pour aider l'école en faisant partie du Bureau de l'Association. Si vous n'avez encore jamais assisté à une réunion de l'Association de Parents d'élèves, je vous invite à y réfléchir pendant l'année. Tous les parents de Telopea sont membres de droit de l'Association et en assistant aux réunions, vous êtes très au fait de ce qui se passe à l'école.

L'Association cherche des parents représentants pour un certain nombre de commissions de l'école. Merci de bien vouloir contacter le Président de l'Association si vous êtes intéressés pour faire partie des commissions suivantes:

- Commission Programmes scolaires (présidée par Tom Kobal)
- Commission Elèves précoces (présidée par Robin Egerton)
- Commission Education bilingue (présidée par Julien Dugas)
- Commission Nouvelles Technologies (présidée par Tom Spollard)
- Commission "J'apporte mon ordinateur à l'école" BYOD (présidée par Tom Spollard)
- Commission Promotion de la Santé à l'Ecole (présidée par Mary De Poorter)
- Commission Plan d'Action de Réconciliation (présidée par Mary De Poorter)

### **Forum et Commission "J'apporte mon ordinateur à l'école" BYOD**

Depuis le début de cette année nous avons amélioré de façon significative notre réseau wifi au sein de l'école. Nous pouvons à présent mettre sur pied le projet "BYOD" dans notre établissement. Très simplement cela signifie que davantage d'élèves pourront utiliser leur ordinateur personnel à des fins éducatives, et les enseignants auront la possibilité de prévoir des séquences pédagogiques qui incluent l'utilisation de ces appareils. Nous souhaitons que les parents participent au développement d'un protocole BYOD pour l'école. Ce protocole viendrait en droite ligne de la politique de l'ETD en la matière. La fourniture des appareils ainsi que le type d'appareils acceptés feront aussi partie des discussions. Ce Forum aura lieu le mercredi 25 mars à 16h00 dans la Salle de Conférences de l'école. Nous apprécions énormément votre participation et vos remarques. Davantage d'informations vous sont données plus loin dans ce Telopea Topics.

### **Agenda des élèves et calendrier des Evaluations**

Le calendrier des Evaluations a été remis aux élèves du Secondaire la semaine dernière afin qu'ils le collent dans leur agenda. Demandez à voir ce calendrier afin que vous ayez connaissance des différentes évaluations prévues dans chaque matière. Les élèves ont également reçu les descriptifs pédagogiques pour chaque matière. Nous vous demandons de bien vouloir signer ces documents pour montrer que vous en avez pris connaissance. Les agendas des élèves contiennent également de très nombreuses informations utiles ou descriptions des règlements de l'école, comme l'utilisation des téléphones portables, les évaluations ou les devoirs. Merci de bien vouloir consulter les agendas régulièrement et d'encourager votre/vos enfant(s) à les utiliser pour mieux s'organiser.

Le premier trimestre est déjà bien avancé et je souhaite vous remercier pour votre soutien continu et votre communication avec l'école. Il est important que nous travaillions ensemble à l'éducation de votre/vos enfant(s).

Bien cordialement,  
Tom Kobal  
Principal-adjoint

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### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS INVITATION**

**The Finance Office now sells navy blue bucket hats for \$5.00**

#### **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)**

#### **Invitation to the Parent/Carer Community to Participate in the ICT BYOD Policy Development Committee**

#### **By Tom Spollard**

Telopea Park School is working towards implementing Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) in the second half of this year. Expressions of interest are invited from the school community to participate in a focus committee with responsibility to contribute to the development of a Telopea Park School (TLPS) Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Guideline in line with ACT ETD BYOD in Schools Policy.

The ACT ETD Communities Online Policy and the Bring Your Own Device in Schools (BYOD) policy can be accessed on Index: [http://www.det.act.gov.au/publications\\_and\\_policies/policy\\_a-z](http://www.det.act.gov.au/publications_and_policies/policy_a-z) .

A preliminary information meeting will take place on Wednesday, 25 February 2015 at 4:00 PM in the conference room at Telopea Park School. It is anticipated that the consultation process and draft policy outline be completed by the end of term 2, 2015.

Expressions of interest for participation in the **ICT BYOD Committee** can be emailed to [tom.spollard@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:tom.spollard@ed.act.edu.au) or phoned through to the front office at Telopea Park School on 6142 3388. Please label all correspondence as **ICT BYOD Committee**.

Kind regards,

Tom Spollard

**Tom Spollard | SLC: Leader for The Arts and Design Technology; eLearning and ICT**

**Protocols will be in line with ETD Policy, but what will be unique to this school?**

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## **HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Economics and Business Studies**

As part of the implementation of Economics and Business Studies for the Australian Curriculum, the Humanities faculty is teaching year 8 and 9 students about business structures and successful businesses. We are looking for parents and community members that would be willing to talk to students in classes about their business. If you are interested please contact Elizabeth Humphries by email [Elizabeth.humphries@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Elizabeth.humphries@ed.act.edu.au)

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The International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme (MYP) Evaluation visit takes place Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>-Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.

The two visiting Team members are: Ms Barbara Wrightson (from South Korea) and Mr Roger Marshman (from South Australia).

Please contact (61423388) Michele McLoughlin, Deputy Principal 7-10 if you have any questions about the Evaluation visit.

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### **Careers Development .... for Year 9 & 10 students**

As the Career Development Officer for Year 9 and 10 students, I am delighted to see students reading the **Careers Notice Board** in the secondary quad, located near the entrance to the Art Room.

Recently Bridgette O'Neill in Year 10 read on the Careers Notice Board, about the 'Jump Start Program into the Construction Industry'. I am delighted that Bridget has been accepted into a seven week program, where for two days a week, she will be exposed to various aspects of the construction industry with a particular focus on bricklaying and carpentry skills.

Various students have also read about the various Defence Force Recruiting evenings to be held in Canberra. The one last week was about entry to ADFA. There are other talks programme for 24<sup>th</sup> February about 'Direct Entry Officer (DEO)', another on 3 March on 'Army Combat', 17 March 'Women in Defence' and on 24<sup>th</sup> March 'Trades'. All information evenings are 6-7pm and held Level 2, 64 Northbourne Ave, Braddon. To book your seat please email [CPTACT@dfr.com.au](mailto:CPTACT@dfr.com.au)

As the Career Development Officer at Telopea Park School, I work two days per week, Wednesday and Thursday.

Last year a new, TPS Careers Development Room was created on the ground floor of the third storey building. I encourage all students to use the room at lunch and recess to explore and discuss any queries they may have. All work experience (WEX) placements must be made through me.

While setting up the room, it has come to my attention that it is missing a small fridge (bar size) and a microwave. If you are aware of a small fridge or microwave that could be donated to this room, I would be very pleased to hear from you.

Looking forward to working with students and parents during 2015.

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## SECONDARY NEWS

### Pastoral Care Report

Well, it's now the end of Week 3, and summer holidays feel like a distant memory. Everyone has hit the ground running, particularly our new intake of Year 7 students, who have quickly settled into a routine, thanks in part to the excellent support of their Pastoral Care teachers and Year 10 Peer Support Leaders. I'm looking forward to going on Year 7 Camp at Jindabyne Sport and Recreation next week to get to know them better, and to brush up on my high ropes skills.

The Year 10 SRC students have gone straight to work organising events and planning great things for the school. The first Dance Party for the year will be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, and the school will be participating in Oxfam's Close the Gap Instagram challenge during Week 7. More information on these will be sent home shortly.

Year 10 have also begun their formal fundraising campaign with a very successful Valentine's Day 'extravaganza'. Being serenaded by our very own Mariachi Band was quite an experience, and many a heart was set a flutter by the delivery of roses and chocolates.



Year 7, 8 and 9 students will have the opportunity to join the leadership team with nominations and speeches being held in Week 5 and elections in Week 6.

School Board Student Member nominations are now complete. I would like to congratulate Martin Bale (Year 7), Divij Madan and Emma Mattisson (Year 8) on their nominations, and wish them all the best in the upcoming elections.

Fortnightly Friday Pastoral Care sessions have started. This term Year 7 students are busy with the Introduction to MYP Programme, Year 8 are focusing on Keeping Safe and Protective Behaviours, Year 9 are working on Keeping Well, and the theme for Year 10 is Control. Most resources have been sourced from SenseAbility, a Beyond Blue initiative. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like further information about any of these Pastoral Care programs.

Finally, I would like to leave you with a few words that I shared with Year 7 families at last week's Meet the PC teacher session:

Now that the dust has settled and that assessment tasks are coming in droves, your child will need your guidance and support in establishing a healthy balance.

Sit down together and look at the assessment calendar. Help him/her organise her tasks so they're spread out evenly, and see if you can clear up a few quiet weekends when things are looking a little hectic. Does your child have a quiet space he can work in? Allocated study time in the evening? Take a look at your child's technology habits. Is MySpace/Facebook/Instagram taking up too much time? Is access to this technology restricted after 9pm? Teenagers need about 8-10 hours of sleep to function best. How much sleep is your child getting on a school night? Is he/she exercising regularly? Something as simple as walking the dog or riding a bike to the shops can do wonders to clear a cluttered brain.

I would also like to affirm the school's commitment to establishing and supporting two way communication. Good communication between parents and teachers ensures everyone is on the same page. It helps for us to know if there is anything outside the school that may be affecting your child. It's okay to contact the school to ask for advice, or to ask questions about what's happening at school. Please take the time to read our fortnightly Teloepa Topics, visit our website regularly, and encourage your child to bring home and give you any handouts, instead of using them to soak up the mashed banana at the bottom of their bag.

Warm regards,

Mary De Poorter

Pastoral Care Coordinator

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## PRIMARY NEWS

Nous terminons déjà la troisième semaine de classe, et il semble que tout le monde ait déjà bien pris ses marques à l'école primaire. Les élèves sont déjà très studieux, et nous saluons leur excellent comportement, en classe comme dans la cour de récréation. Les élèves ont pleinement pris la mesure des valeurs de l'école de coopération, équité, honnêteté et respect et s'attachent à les faire vivre dans l'école.

### Des effectifs en hausse

Nous commençons cette année scolaire avec 473 élèves inscrits à l'école primaire, soit une augmentation notable par rapport à l'année passée (environ 30 élèves). Cela se traduit également par un lissage des effectifs sur tous les niveaux, et des nombres d'élèves par classe très homogènes (de 22 élèves par classe en GS à 25 en 6<sup>o</sup>). Nous accueillons cette année 24 élèves du CP à la 6<sup>o</sup>, des élèves venant pour la plupart du réseau AEFÉ ou de France. Quelle richesse pour nous que d'accueillir ces élèves venant du Gabon ou du Vanuatu, d'Argentine ou du Canada!

### Élections des Capitaines de maison

C'est un moment important en chaque début d'année que l'élection des capitaines et vice-capitaines des quatre maisons de notre école. Le jeudi 5 février, les élèves de CE1 à 6<sup>o</sup> se sont réunis par maison et ont écouté attentivement les discours préparés par les candidats de 6<sup>o</sup> afin de choisir leurs leaders. Un excellent exercice démocratique pour préparer nos élèves à être les citoyens de demain!

### Swimming Carnival

Cette année encore les compétitions de natation ont vu s'affronter les quatre maisons de l'école à la piscine de Dickson le mardi 17 février. Première compétition sportive de l'année, et première occasion pour les capitaines et vice-capitaines fraîchement élus de prendre la mesure de leur nouveau rôle. Les différentes activités se sont déroulées dans une excellente atmosphère de saine compétition. Bravo à tous les élèves pour leur participation.

### Elections des délégués de classe de 6<sup>o</sup>

Un autre exercice démocratique rituel en ce début d'année : l'élection des délégués des élèves des classes de 6<sup>o</sup>. Les délégués représentent les élèves de leur classe. Ils sont des médiateurs entre leurs camarades et les autres membres de la communauté éducative : personnels de direction, personnels enseignant et non-enseignant. Dans chaque classe, les deux délégués participent au conseil de classe. Chaque trimestre, le conseil se prononce sur la vie de la classe et le déroulement de la scolarité de chaque élève. Bravo donc à Will RATH et Isabella CIACCIA en 6.1 et à Jake RATH et Julia Buckley en 6.2!

### After School : park in the teachers parking after 4- gate is locked in the quad

Un petit rappel à l'attention des familles utilisant les services de la garderie : chaque jour à partir de 16h00, les portails de la cour de récréation sont fermés, vous ne pouvez donc pas entrer dans l'école par la cour. Il vous est cependant possible d'entrer par le parking situé près du Hall principal de l'école.

### French Film Festival

L'école participera cette année encore au Festival du Film Français se déroulant à Canberra du 6 au 25 mars 2015. Rendez-vous important de la vie culturelle à Canberra, vous trouverez toutes les informations pratiques relative à cet événement organisé par l'Alliance Française à l'adresse suivante : <http://www.affrenchfilmfestival.org/> . Cette année, les classes de Grande Section, CP et CE1 assisteront à la projection de Moomins sur la Riviera le mardi 17 mars, tandis que les élèves de CE2, CM1, CM2, et 6<sup>o</sup> suivront les aventures du célèbre gaulois avec Asterix et le Domaine des Dieux le mercredi 11 mars.

### Uniformes

Nos élèves sont magnifiques en ce début d'année dans leurs beaux uniformes! Il est important cependant de rappeler que les chaussures font également partie de cet uniforme : des chaussures de couleur noire sont requises, chaussures en cuir ou bien chaussures de sport.

### Visite de l'inspecteur

Dans le cadre du partenariat entre notre établissement et l'AEFE, Monsieur Bruno Delvallée, Inspecteur de l'Education Nationale en résidence à Bangkok, sera en mission dans notre école du 30 mars au 1er avril. Au cours de cette mission annuelle, Monsieur Delvallée visitera un certain nombre de classes et procèdera à l'inspection de plusieurs enseignants français. Il procèdera également à une animation pédagogique destinée à l'ensemble des enseignants de l'école primaire.

## PRIMARY NEWS

As we reach the end of this, the third week of school, everyone seems to be adjusting to their new roles within the Primary School. The students have already proved themselves to be very studious, and the teachers have noticed their excellent behaviour in class as well as on the playground; successfully demonstrating all of our school values: cooperation, fairness, honesty and respect.

### Increase in Numbers

This school year there are 473 students enrolled in Primary, which is about 30 students more than last year. This has meant an increase in numbers across all year levels. Every class from Kindergarten to Year 6 now has between 22 and 25 students. We

have also welcomed 24 new students from other schools within the AEFÉ network. We are very fortunate to be welcoming students from around the world, including Gabon, Vanuatu, Argentina and Canada!

### **House Captains Elected**

The election of the House Captains and Vice-Captains is an important process for the Primary students at the beginning of each school year. On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February, students from Years 2 to 6 held house meetings to listen to the speeches of those students put forward as candidates and then voted for their 2015 leaders. This was an excellent example of democracy at play and will help our students to become the citizens of the future.

### **Swimming Carnival**

The Primary Swimming Carnival, held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February, saw a fierce inter-house competition being fought. This was the first sporting event of the year, and the first opportunity for the newly-elected Captains and Vice-Captains to experience what it is to be a leader. The different activities all went off without a hitch, and the atmosphere was very enjoyable. Congratulations to all the students who participated.

### **Year 6 Class Representatives Elected**

Another democratic ritual took place in the last week: the election of the Year 6 class representatives. Their role is as mediators between their peers and other members of the school community, including members of the executive, teaching staff and other staff in the school. The two representatives from each class will be present at the "Conseil de Classe". Each term the council of students and teachers has the opportunity to reflect and share their thoughts on the class atmosphere as well as looking at the school work and results of each student. Congratulations to Will Rath and Isabella Ciaccia representing 6.1 and Jake Rath and Julia Buckley representing 6.2!

### **After School : park in the teachers parking after 4- Quad gate is locked**

A reminder to all families who use the After School Care Program: the gate to the Primary Playground is locked at 4pm each day. The best access to the school after this time is via the staff car park on the opposite side, near the school Hall.

### **French Film Festival**

The school will once again be soaking up some French culture at the Canberra French Film Festival, being held from 6<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> March. This important event on Canberra's social calendar is organised by the Alliance Française. More information can be found by visiting: <http://www.affrenchfilmfestival.org/> This year the K-2 classes will be seeing « Moomins on the Riviera » on 17<sup>th</sup> March, while the years 3-6 students will be discovering the new adventures of the famous character "Asterix and the House of the Gods" on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Uniforms**

It is wonderful to see all students wearing their school uniform this year. An important reminder about footwear which is also part of the uniform: shoes worn to school must be black; they may be leather school shoes or black sports shoes.

### **Visit from the AEFÉ Inspector**

In accordance with the partnership between our school and the AEFÉ network, Mr Bruno Delvallée, the National Education Inspector in Bangkok, will be visiting our school between 30<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April. During this annual visit, Mr Delvallée will be looking in on several classes and assessing those French teachers as they work. He will also be presenting a pedagogical talk to the entire Primary teaching team.

### **Bilingual Forum**

The first Bilingual Forum of the year will be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 5.30pm in the Primary Library. This Bilingual Forum brings together members of the educational community interested in bilingualism and seeks to look at the reality of issues around bilingualism within our school. For more information, please visit the Bilingual Forum website:

<http://forumbilingue.lyceefrancoaustralien-efs.org/>

### **Forum Bilingue**

Le premier Forum Bilingue de l'année se tiendra le jeudi 26 février à 15h30 dans la bibliothèque de l'école primaire. Le Forum Bilingue réunit les membres de la communauté éducative intéressés par les questions de bilinguisme et s'attache à relier l'actualité du bilinguisme aux problématiques spécifiques à notre école. Pour plus d'informations, je vous invite à consulter le site internet du Forum Bilingue : <http://forumbilingue.lyceefrancoaustralien-efs.org/>

## P&C NEWS

### Announcing your P&C Executives for 2015

Last week, the Telopea P&C held its annual Welcome Drinks night and Annual General Meeting (AGM). Thank you to everyone who came along - we had a great turn out of parents for our initial event of the year. It was a good opportunity for new and returning parents to get to know one another and to meet some of the School Executive members.

At the AGM, the group elected the following Telopea parents to the P&C Executive positions for 2015:

- **President:** Paul Haesler
- **Vice Presidents:** Drew Baker and Emma Burns
- **Secretary:** Andrew Medlin
- **Assistant Secretary:** Raana Asgar
- **Treasurer:** Justin Brown
- **Assistant Treasurer:** Jypara Ismailova
- **Public Officer:** Catriona Dove
- **Before and After School Care:** Andrea Grazziadelli
- **ACT P&C Delegate:** Perry Head
- **Communications Officer:** Debbie Tucek
- **Grants Officer:** Bernadette Kelly
- **Lost Property Officer:** Chris Burge
- **Returning Officer:** Peter Roberts
- **Initial Fete Coordination Team:** Vaishali Goel, Andrew Medlin, Clair Bannerman, Tran Tang, Nicola Smith and Jacinda Still.

**Next Meeting:** The P&C will be meeting every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each term. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Secondary Staff Room. We look forward to seeing and hearing from you!

### Seeking P&C Sub-Committee Members for 2015

The P&C Association welcomes parents and carers who are keen to be involved in the school community, support school events and help raise funds. Support and fundraising services are structured in the form of the P&C sub-committees. They coordinate their own activities and arrange their own meeting times but report to the P&C Executive.

In 2015, we are seeking parents and carers who are keen to participate in the following committees:

#### Fundraising and Sponsorship Sub-committee

This committee will ensure a coordinated approach to P&C fundraising activities and obtaining much needed sponsorship and grants for the fete, raffle and other activities. Team leaders are required for both the fete and the raffle to start organising these events from quite early in the year. Typically this is a really fun group who achieve amazing things for our school.

#### Bon Appetit Telopea Sub-committee

Bon Appetit are passionate about wellness, health, good food and celebrating culture through food. They are interested in working with the school community to assist Telopea Park School reflect these values through their activities, learning strategies, celebrations and food events. If you share these passions and would like to become involved, then please contact the committee at [bonappetit.telopea@gmail.com](mailto:bonappetit.telopea@gmail.com) or come along to one of the scheduled P&C meetings where members of this committee and others will be in attendance.

#### Before and After School Care

This sub-committee oversees the Before and After School Care Program which is run as a fully licenced and accredited out of school hours care provider with permanent and casual staff. It comprises a Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Sub-committee meetings are held once a term and all parents are invited to attend.

#### Primary Playground Sub-committee

The P&C has allocated a significant amount of funding for projects related to the revitalization of the primary playground. This committee will liaise closely with the school in determining the parameters of these projects and for progressing the ideas put forward from last year's committee regarding a master plan to guide all smaller projects. This is an important sub-committee as the primary school playground will be experiencing an increase in child numbers from 2015 onwards.

#### Music Sub-Committee

This sub-committee supports and promotes musical activities within and beyond the school. A web newsletter is released periodically to keep Telopea families up-to-date with musical happenings in our community.

#### Traffic Sub-committee

This committee looks at traffic issues around the school and how to improve safety for students. If driver behaviour and parking around the school bothers you, please contact the P&C Exec and we'll put you in touch with the coordinator of this group.

## Parent Reps for School Committees

There are a number of school committees in which parents are invited to participate and represent the P&C. In 2015, the following school committees will be seeking parent/carer representation. For many of these committees, they only meet once a term.

- **Curriculum Committee** (Chair: Tom Kobal)
- **Gifted & Talented Committee** (Chair: Robin Egerton)
- **Bilingual Education Committee** (Chair: Julien Dugas)
- **IT Committee** (Chair: Tom Spollard)
- **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Committee** (Chair: Tom Spollard)
- **Health Promoting School Committee** (Chair: Mary De Poorter)
- **Reconciliation Action Plan Committee** (Chair: Mary De Poorter)

Please contact either the Committee Chairs or the P&C President – [president@telopeapnc.org.au](mailto:president@telopeapnc.org.au) - if you would like more information or wish to participate as a parent/carer representative.

## French Breakfast is coming – Watch this space!

Within the first few months of the school year, the P&C will once again be hosting a French Breakfast for Telopea families. So if you love your coffee and croissant in the morning, make sure you keep your eye open for more information. We will publish the date of the breakfast very soon!

## Congratulations to WeetBix Tryathlon participants

The WeetBix Tryathlon was held in Canberra at the AIS on Sunday February 15<sup>th</sup>. What an amazing event it was! It was so inspiring to see how many Telopea students (aged 7-15 years) were involved in this great sporting event. Well done!

## YMCA Women and Girls Fun Run – March 1st

A 5km run/walk will be held on March 1st. It is a safe and supportive event for women and girls, and schools are encouraged to register. There is a \$500 prize for both the primary and secondary school with the highest participation relative to their female student enrolment. Team members can include students, teachers, parents and other community members.

The 5km traffic free course starts from Stage 88 in Commonwealth Park and goes to just past the Carillon with a return loop through Commonwealth and Kings Parks. Free childcare available for participants! Proceeds from the run will support OvCan, a local ovarian cancer awareness group. To register, go to:

<http://www.canberra.ymca.org.au/runnersclub/events/Pages/Women-and-Girls-Fun-Run.aspx>

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## AFTER SCHOOL CARE

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**Before and After School Care Program**

	<b>Monday – Friday</b>
<b>Mornings</b>	7.30 am – 9.00 am (breakfast provided. CCB approved)
<b>Afternoons</b>	3.15 pm – 6 pm (afternoon snacks provided. CCB approved)
<b>Extra Curricular Activities</b>	• Sports • Crafts • Homework (8-10 week sessions, enrolments taken each term, offered to all primary age students. Not covered by CCB)
<b>Holiday Programs</b>	as advertised (CCB approved)

**For more information:**  
**Phone: 6273 2553**  
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**Web: [www.telopeapnc.org.au](http://www.telopeapnc.org.au)**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Cultural program and new courses of the Alliance Française of Canberra (February-March)

#### February

##### **Café scientifique**

20<sup>th</sup> of February

Alliance Française 5.30pm

Emeritus Professor Patrick De Deckker (research school of Earth Science, ANU) will talk in French (annotation in English) about the climate change. Discussion afterwards in French and English. Free event

##### **Parent-kindergarten courses** (26 Feb-9 April)

Telopea Park School

4.15 to 5.15pm. \$160

##### **Exhibition "Out of silence" Marcel Marceau (26 February-19 March)**

26<sup>th</sup> of February opening

Alliance Française 7pm

Opening exhibition "Out of silence" of Marcel Marceau. Cheese available. Australian photographer Jan Dalman photographed French mime Marcel Marceau on the Australian stage a 38 year period. You can enjoy the exhibition during the AF opening time.

##### **Exhibition floortalk**

27<sup>th</sup> of March

Alliance Française 12pm to 1.15pm

Join Elisabeth and Andreas Cameron Dalman and curator Shane Breynard as they reflect on Jan Dalman's photographs of Marcel Marceau. Free event. Cheese available \$12.

##### **Brevet classes** (28 Feb to 11 April)

Alliance Française

Saturday morning 10am to 1pm. \$430

#### March

##### **Alliance Française French Film Festival (6-25 March) Opening « Gemma Bovary »**

The 6<sup>th</sup> March at the Palace Electric Cinema at 6.30pm. Opening night. Come enjoy a literary classic "Madame Bovary" revisited for the big screen. What if the characters of the book were real? Find the answer on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March \$50 members/ \$55. 6.30pm drinks on arrival, 7pm screening and after party with live entertainment.

##### **Speed talking**

The 11<sup>th</sup> March, Alliance Française 12-1pm

Come in your lunch break to share a conversation in French with a native French speaker with whom you can discuss about a new subject every 10 min (topic TBA). Free event. Cheese on sale \$12. Booking essential.

##### **Alliance Française French Film Festival special event « Diplomacy »**

12<sup>th</sup> of March

Palace Electric Cinema

In a diplomatic city like Canberra, what a more appropriate choice to discover all the work of a diplomat to save a city and a culture than this special screening?

Come discover the diplomatic world on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

\$25 members/ \$28. Reception at 6.30pm (drinks and cheese) and entertainment followed by a 7.15pm film screening

##### **Cooking Class "Comment réaliser un apéro dinatoire"**

The 14<sup>th</sup> March at the Alliance Française, come cook an amazing meal with Héléne. For more information visit our web site <http://www.afcanberra.com.au/>

##### **Book club**

17<sup>th</sup> of March

At the Alliance Française 12pm-13pm. Continue to improve your French. Share your experience with us. The name of the book TBA. Free event. Cheese platter on sale \$12. Booking essential.

##### **Francophonie exhibition** (20 March-2 April)

The 20<sup>th</sup> of March at the Alliance Française opening of the exhibition of the children's drawings on the topic "Dis-moi 10 mots"

##### **Alliance Française French Film Festival closing night "Paris je t'aime"**

The 25<sup>th</sup> of March at the Palace Electric Cinema.

Paris... City of lights, city of romance...You can appreciate this mythical capital through short stories.

Come and travel to Paris on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

\$27 members / \$33. 6.30 reception (drinks, cheese and live music) followed by 7.15pm film screening

## Open day Francophonie Day

The 28<sup>th</sup> of March at the Alliance Française 10am-3pm

Come visit us between 10am to 3pm for the open day and francophonie day and enjoy music, some cheese and wine with us! Discount on all registrations.

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## Woden Weston Rams Junior Rugby League

If you are interested in playing junior rugby league for the 2015 season, you are invited to attend the Rams registration day which will be held at the Woden Tradies Club on Sun 22 February between 1:00pm and 3:00pm. Alternatively you may register online: [www.wodenwestonrams.sportingpulse.net](http://www.wodenwestonrams.sportingpulse.net)

The Rams cater for all age groups - all players welcome, regardless of experience!

For more information, please contact David Evenden on 0417 413 328.

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