



TELOPEA PARK SCHOOL
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Report from the Principal

Please read an important message from the Minister of Education, Ms Joy Burch, following this report.

Welcome to Term 2. I hope you have had restful holidays away from the routine of school days and you and your children are now ready for the new term. At the end of last term I asked the students to think about the answers to three questions for me: What did they do well last term?; How could they transfer those skills to do even better this term?; and How will they know? We are focussing on encouraging all students to know how they learn. In the secondary sector we call this "approaches to learning", important knowledge that supports students' learning. We are giving them the skills to know how they learn best, to articulate their knowledge and to know how to improve.

Tom Kobal, Secondary Deputy Principal and the School Captain, Peter Alliot, travelled to Turkey in the first week of the holidays. Peter was one of two prize winners of the Chief Minister's Spirit of Anzac Award. They were escorted around many parts of Turkey before taking part in the Dawn Service at Gallipoli on ANZAC Day. Both were seen on the ABC coverage of the event, with Peter helping to lay a wreath on the Lone Pine Memorial. Congratulations again to Peter and a huge thank you to them both for representing the ACT and especially for representing Telopea Park School. I represented the school at the French Embassy on ANZAC day and was very pleased to see Les Explorateurs, the Telopea French/Australian Scouting Group, assisting in the ceremony. Well done to all involved.

This week I attended an educational conference in Wellington, New Zealand, to find out more about education there. The focus is also on student learning and how we can all gain from best practice around the world. Students learn when they are engaged, happy and have the confidence to know they can succeed.

The Year 4 Camp is the first highlight in the primary school calendar this term. The students travelled to Cooba, near Cooma, this week and took part in many team-building exercises. Thank you to their teachers who accompanied them - a huge commitment involving 24 hours responsibility each day.

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2014

Term 1

3 February – 11 April

Term 2

28 April – 4 July

Term 3

21 July – 26 September

Term 4

13 October – 17 December

IMPORTANT DATES

6 May	Secondary Cross Country
6 May 6.30pm-8.30pm	Year 7 2015 Information Night and Expo
9 May	ACT Swimming Carnival
13 May-16 May	NAPLAN
15 May 9.00am-12.00am	Narrabundah College Open Day
15 May 6.30pm-8.00pm	Narrabundah College Open Night
16 May	SW Primary Cross Country

Best wishes to you all for a happy and successful term. Together we can support each child to do his/her best.

Kerrie Blain
Principal

LE MOT DU PRINCIPAL

Bienvenue en ce deuxième trimestre. J'espère que vos vacances ont été reposantes, loin de la routine quotidienne des jours d'école et que vous, comme vos enfants, êtes à présent prêts pour ce nouveau trimestre.

A la fin du trimestre dernier, j'ai demandé aux élèves de réfléchir à trois questions: *Qu'ont-ils bien réussi au trimestre dernier? Comment pourraient-ils utiliser ces compétences pour faire encore mieux ce trimestre-ci? Et Comment pourront-ils savoir comment progresser?*

Nous portons une attention particulière à encourager tous les élèves à comprendre comment ils apprennent. Au Secondaire, nous appelons cela « démarches d'apprentissage », une réflexion essentielle qui facilite l'apprentissage des élèves. Nous leur donnons les compétences qui leur permettent de comprendre comment ils apprennent au mieux, structurer leurs connaissances et savoir comment progresser.

Tom Kobal, Principal-adjoint du Secondaire, et Peter Alliot, l'un de nos Capitaines d'Ecole, se sont rendus en Turquie lors de la première semaine des vacances. Peter est l'un des deux lauréats du Prix de l'Anzac Spirit du Premier Ministre. Ils ont pu découvrir de nombreux hauts lieux de Turquie avant de participer, le matin d'Anzac Day, au Dawn Service à Gallipoli. Nous avons pu les voir tous les deux lors d'un reportage de la chaîne ABC, alors que Peter aidait à déposer une gerbe au Mémorial de Lone Pine. Toutes nos félicitations à Peter et un grand merci à tous les deux d'avoir représenté l'ACT et plus particulièrement Telopea Park School.

De mon côté, j'ai représenté l'école à l'Ambassade de France à l'occasion de la cérémonie d'Anzac Day et j'ai été ravie de voir Les Explorateurs, le groupe Scout franco-australien de Telopea, contribuer à la cérémonie. Bravo à tous ceux qui ont participé.

Cette semaine, j'ai assisté à une conférence sur l'éducation à Wellington, en Nouvelle-Zélande, afin de connaître davantage le système éducatif local. Une attention toute particulière est également portée sur l'apprentissage des élèves et comment nous pouvons tous profiter des meilleures pratiques en place dans le monde. Les élèves apprennent lorsqu'ils sont impliqués, heureux et qu'ils savent qu'ils peuvent réussir en toute confiance.

Au Primaire, le camp des CM1 est le premier point fort de ce trimestre. Les élèves ont séjourné cette semaine à Cooba, près de Cooma et ont pris part à de nombreuses activités développant l'esprit d'équipe. Un grand merci aux enseignants qui les ont accompagnés – un engagement considérable qui implique, chaque jour, une responsabilité 24 heures sur 24.

Tous mes meilleurs vœux pour un trimestre heureux et plein de succès. Ensemble, nous pouvons aider chaque enfant à donner le meilleur de lui-même.

Kerrie Blain

Principal

A Message from the Minister

Getting Involved in Your Child's School is a Key to Education Success

The ACT's national leadership in education is founded on the quality of our schools, our teachers, and our focus on putting parents and children at the centre of everything we do.

I recently announced the *Progressing Parental Engagement in the ACT* project, an Australia-first to help parents and families get more involved with their children's schools and education.

Simply by reading this newsletter, you are showing your interest in being involved with the education of your children. We know children do better at school when parents and families are actively engaged. After all, you are your child's first teachers and I encourage you to maintain connected throughout their schooling.

There are many ways of doing this and, as part of the project, your school will be invited to develop innovative ideas to help you to be an active part of your school community. We will keep you updated on how the project will support you in doing this.

With your help we can ensure that your child will get the very best education, tailored for them – and that the ACT will continue to lead the nation in educating our children.

Joy Burch MLA
Minister for Education and Training

HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Band Calendar

Band tour to France (and Belgium) – Friday 26 September – Tuesday 7 October

Saturday 12 April – Jazz Band at GWS AFL game at Manuka Oval

Saturday 3 May – Jazz band at M16 ArtSpace in Narrabundah

Thursday 8, Fri 9 and Saturday 10 May – Band Camp for year 8-10 band members

Friday 9 and Saturday 10 May – Band Camp for Year 7 members (not beginners)

Thursday 22 May – Jazz Band at National Eisteddfod (after school)

Saturday 24 May – Year 7 Combined Band and Year 8-10 Wind Ensemble at National Eisteddfod (Saturday morning)

SECONDARY NEWS

PE & Sport News

Wow, what a busy year it has been so far in PE & Sport. (And we're only one term down. Three more to go!) The following is a wrap up of all things PE and sport from term 1 and a look at what is to come this term.

Physical and Health Education

All students have settled well into their PE classes for the semester. So far students have engaged in a variety of sports focused around many of the sports on offer during term 1. Most classes have also completed their health unit. Health units for semester one are Personal Development (year 7), Human Sexuality (year 8) and Personal Relationships (years 9 & 10).

All students are currently engaged in fitness testing and cross country running before returning to their last sport or health unit. In weeks 6, 7 and 8 all classes will be doing social dance. As part of the social dance unit, students will be creating a movement sequence to music as part of their requirements for the Middle Years Program.

Finally, just a gentle reminder to all students that they are required to get changed for practical lessons. This includes the PE shirt (available for purchase through the finance office for \$25), navy shorts/trackpants and sneakers. While the majority of students are doing the right thing, there has been an increasing number of students coming to PE with unsuitable footwear. Flat soled shoes, such as Vans and other street style shoes, do not provide the required support and traction needed for the activities covered in PE. Students are also requested to bring a hat through the summer, autumn and spring months and a drink bottle. Sunscreen is available for students to use when outside, but are also welcome to bring their own, especially if sensitive to general sunscreen.

Swimming Carnival

Last term was the first of our three major sports carnivals for the year. Back in February, school relocated to Dickson Aquatic Centre for the day for students to race and have fun in a variety of aquatic events. A great day was had by everyone and we managed to stay ahead of the thunder storm...well at least until the bus trip back to school. The champion house on the day was Campbell. This is the eighth straight year that Campbell has won the swimming carnival. Well done.

From the school swimming carnival, a team of 50 students went on to the Southside Zone or South Weston Regional swimming carnivals. Telopea Park School competed well and finished fourth on the day. There were 15 students successful from these carnivals who have qualified for the ACT Schools' Swimming Championships to be held on Thursday 7 May 2014 (12 & under) and Friday 8 May 2014 (13 & over). We wish these students well as they represent Telopea Park School against the best of the other ACT public and non-public schools.

Cross Country Carnival

On Tuesday 6 May 2014, all high school students will be taking part in the school's Cross Country Carnival to be held on the shores of Lake Burley Griffin. Following an early recess, all students will be walked down to Bowen Park where the cross country course starts. Students will run in two mass groups, one for boys and one for girls. The course follows the bike path beside the lake up to Reconciliation Place where students will turn around and follow the lake's edge back to Bowen Park and the finish line. The boys race will start at approximately 11.15am and the girls race will be at 11.45am. Parents are welcome to come and watch their child run, although walking is also accepted for the less competitive students. Students finishing in the top 4 places in the 12 years and the top 12 places in the 13, 14, 15 and 16 years age groups will qualify for the Southside Zone carnival to be held later this month.

Following the school's carnival, students will return to school for an afternoon of fun and activities hosted by the SRC. There will be many games and events for students to engage in. There will also be a sausage sizzle, run by the year 10 fundraising committee. Sausage sandwiches can be purchased on the day for \$2.50.

This year, we are encouraging all students to "tap in to water" as their drink source. During the school holidays two water refill stations were installed in the school for student use. The water stations were provided by the ACT government as part of the strategy to reduce sugary drinks and bottled water sold in schools. All students will be provided with a water bottle (to keep) during Pastoral Group to fill with water during the day. Students will be able to continue using these bottles and the refill stations throughout the year, especially during PE.

Other Sporting Teams

Over the past term, students at Telopea Park School have had the opportunity to compete in a variety of sports against other students from ACT and surrounding NSW schools. The sports that students represented the school in were, in no particular order, softball, tennis, golf, diving, basketball, water polo, rugby league and OzTag. Congratulations to all participants in each sport for your outstanding efforts and sportsmanship. I would like to especially congratulate the 7/8 girls' basketball team who won the Southside Zone carnival and were runners-up at the ACT finals.

This term, once again, sees plenty of opportunities for students to represent our school in a number of different sporting events. Already we have had students play OzTag and volleyball this week passed, but, in the coming weeks students will be able to represent Telopea Park School in Aussie rules football, orienteering, futsal, rugby union and hockey. Students should keep an ear out for announcements of sign ups and trials for these sports through the term.

Capital Lakes Rowing Club Partnership

During term 1, sixteen students from years 7, 8 and 9 took part in a learn-to-row program with Capital Lakes Rowing Club. This inaugural program looked to build on the connection between the club and the school and promote

Since the beginning of March, these sixteen students have been meeting every Sunday morning at 7.30am to learn to row and practice their skills. Although there were a few capsizes in the early days, the students quickly got the hang of the skill (and grew in confidence) of gliding backwards across the waters of Lake Burley Griffin. Circular laps of Jerrabomberra Creek quickly led to students making their way out on into the east basin of the lake.

This Sunday 4 May 2014 the students will take on the final challenge of the program when they will partake in their first regatta. From 8.30am, students will be putting all that they have learnt over the past two months as they race one another on the short course at Grevillea Park. We wish them well in their pursuit and, hopefully, next year we will be able to field a team to represent Telopea Park School in the ACT Schools Rowing Championship.

Finally, if you have any questions about your child's participation and progress in PE, Health and Sport, please feel free to contact myself or your child's PE teacher.

Regards

Ben Yuen (Executive Teacher – Health and PE, Sport)

PRIMARY NEWS

Welcome to the start of Term 2. There are a number of updates and special events planned for our students for this term.

Combined Primary Schools Anzac and Peace Ceremony

Last term the Year 6 students participated in the Combined Primary Schools ANZAC and Peace Ceremony at Eddison Park, Woden. At this special ceremony Anouk Maconachie and Jonathan Kennedy carried the wreath for our school.



Term 1 Progress Reports for Years 1 to 6

The Term 1 Progress Reports for Years 1 to 6 were sent home with students on the last day of Term 1. If your child's teacher has requested an interview on the report, please contact them via the Communication Book to arrange a mutually suitable time to meet and discuss your child's progress.

"Carnaval" Celebrations

On Friday 11 April 2014 the students from the Kindergarten classes dressed up in special costumes and attended the "Carnaval" at the French- Australian Preschool. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to enjoy various fun activities.

ACT Little Athletics Championships

Congratulations to Amelia Dixon who participated in the ACT Little Athletics Championships at the AIS on 22 and 23 March 2014. Amelia won Gold Medals in the 70 metres, 100 metres, 200 metres and 400 metres events. She won a Silver Medal in the Long Jump.

Amelia has also won the Age and overall Centre Champion at the Corroboree Little Athletics Centre. Amelia broke the 400 metres record for her age group and she ran this distance in 1 minute and 10.49 seconds. Well done Amelia!

Year 4 Camp

On Wednesday 30 April till Friday 2 May 2014 the Year 4 students went to Camp Cooba Sport and Education Centre at Berridale NSW. The students were involved in team building activities as well as other activities to foster leadership skills. Thank you to Susan Lewis, Cathy Marot, Patricia Giraud and Anthony Duncan who accompanied our students on this wonderful camp.

Rostrum

Rostrum time is here again. Rostrum is a perfect opportunity for the students to refine their public speaking skills. The students in Years 4 and 6 have been busy writing and practising their rostrum speeches. At the Primary Assembly on Tuesday 6 May 2014, Years 4 and 6 will present their speeches. The students have been given set topics to devise a three minute talk. The topics vary for the English and French Rostrum. The Years 3 and 5 Rostrum finalists will present their speeches at the Primary Assembly on Tuesday 10 June 2014.

ACT Schools Swimming Championships

Congratulations to Georgie Barnes and Isabelle Reed who have qualified for the ACT School Swimming Championships at the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) on Thursday 8 May 2014.

Georgie Barnes will be competing in the Girls 10 years and under butterfly and Isabelle Reed will be competing in the Girls 8 years freestyle. We wish them all the best.

National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2014

The National Assessment program for students in Years 3 and 5 will take place on 13 to 15 May 2014. The students will be assessed in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. A NAPLAN report will be sent home later in the year.

South Weston Zone Cross Country Carnival

The South Weston Zone Cross Country Carnival will be held at Stromlo Forest Park, Stromlo on Friday 16 May 2014. Congratulations to all those students who qualified for this event. We are looking forward to hearing the results.

End of May is hats off day

As part of our Primary School's Sun Protection Policy **31 May is hats off day**. During the winter months of June and July the students are not required to wear a SunSmart hat. This is to reduce the risk of Vitamin D deficiency and it is recommended by the Cancer Council ACT. (**1 August is Hats On for all of us**).

Primary Library is opened before School.

The Primary Library is open each morning at 8.30 a.m. This is the place for students who would like a quiet place to read. Students who wish to exchange their books more often than once a week in Library class are also able to do so. There are 9 computers available for those students who need to work on assignments. Staff supervision of the Primary Quad and the Kindergarten Playground commences at 8.30 a.m.

Thank you for your continued support.

Claire Harding

Executive Teacher 3-6

P&C NEWS

Primary Playground Subcommittee Update

The subcommittee for the Primary Playground upgrade is underway! Already there are lots of ideas circulating about design ideas – particularly nature-themed designs that are both fun and educational. The recent Kidsafe Playground Design Award winners, for example, achieve this in creative and safe ways: <http://www.kidsafensw.org/playground-safety/design-awards/>

If you have some thoughts about what you think your kids would enjoy interacting with outdoors, then contact one of the subcommittee members or Paul Haesler, the [P&C President](#) (and he will put you in touch with the committee members).

After School Music News

The After School Music Program has its own newsletter. To find out more about what's happening in your school and local music community, go to [Music News](#) on the P&C website.

New emailing list is on its way!

The P&C is in the process of changing over to a new emailing list. If you are already on our emailing list, you may already have received the first of our new email updates last term. If you are keen to be added to our list of subscribers, or you think you should have received an email (but didn't), please contact our webmaster@telopeapnc.org.au.

Positive Posters 2014

Is your child a budding artist? The KidsMatter Primary Positive Posters campaign is now open. All primary school students are invited to submit their artwork showing what it means to be mentally healthy. There are two categories:

1. Junior Primary (Kindy to Year 3)
2. Upper Primary (Years 4-7)

Entries must be submitted by Friday 9 May, so hurry! Time's running out! Find out how to enter by going to their website:

<http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/positive-posters>

Parent Seminar: Learning Difficulties

Professor Tim Hannan will present a seminar for parents who want to know how to help their child with a learning difficulty. The seminar will be held on May 6 at 7pm. Cost is \$50. You can [book online](#) or [email DSA Dyslexia SPELD ACT](#) for more information.

UNIFORM SHOP

OPENING HOURS FOR UNIFORM SHOP

Monday – 8.30 - 9.30am

Tuesday – 2.45 - 3.45pm

Thursday – 8.30 - 11.00am

Order and pay securely on the web: www.youruniformshop.com.au

Place your order over the phone/fax 1300794179 (business hours)

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Telopea Park School, P&C
Before and After School Care Program

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

For more information:
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COMMUNITY NEWS

ANU Music Society presents the 2014 Toddler's Prom! Featuring our big band, concert band and orchestra! A child focused, interactive concert that allows children of all ages to experience the delights of live ensemble music. Children can conduct the band, learn about music and try out an instrument. Come along to dance and sing with us!

When: 4th May, 10am

Where: ANU Music School, inside the big band room.

Tickets (purchased at the door): \$10 adults - \$6 children - \$20 family



Homestay Network is seeking families to join in the experience of hosting international students who attend Universities and language schools.

We have students who are keen to experience the Australian lifestyle within a family environment. If you think you might enjoy the cultural exchange and would like to know more please apply online to be a host at www.homestaynetwork.com.au. Hosts are paid upwards of \$250 per week for hosting our students.

**Sois prêt...pour de nouvelles aventures?
Are you ready for new adventure?**

Adventure, excitement, fun, outdoor activities and making new friends are all part of being in Scouts.

Les Explorateurs Scouts are always busy, participating in a range of exciting and adventurous activities including: abseiling, camping, geocaching, ballooning, caving, cross-country skiing and ice-blocking....and you can do all this and more....*en français!*

Come along for a free three week trial!

Les Explorateurs Scout Group is currently recruiting French speaking adults to join our leadership team; as well as youth members, both boys and girls, to join our Petits Lutins/Joey (6-8 years), Louveteaux/Cub (8-11 years) and soon to be formed Les Intrépides/Scout (11-15 years) sections.

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