

Telopea Topics

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REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

The school year is drawing to an end and as we farewell our Year 10 students next week staff are in the midst of finalizing assessment and preparing reports. The final day for Year 10 students is Wednesday 3rd December. The final day for all other students is Wednesday 17th December. Reports for both Primary and Secondary students will be distributed on Friday 12th December. The final day for Year 10 will include a special breakfast for students, the annual Year 10 Concert and finish with a BBQ at Manuka Pool. The Year 10 Graduation Ceremony is on Friday 5th December in the School Hall from 9am.

IMPORTANT DATES

1 December	Volunteers Morning Tea
3 December	Last Day Year 10
3 December	Year 10 Concert
4 December 11.00am-12.00pm	K-2 Concert
5 December	Year 10 Graduation
8 December	Kindergarten Teddy Bears Picnic
8 December	Year 7 2015 Orientation Day
9 December	Year 10 Formal
11 December	Year 7-10 Presentation Night

Visit by François Hollande, President of the Republic of France

By Wednesday, the 19th November, everybody was aware of the impending and historic visit of the French President. Roads were closed, 1200 students and 200 guests were waiting patiently and the school was immaculately presented. His time in the school was meticulously planned by our whole school as a team. I would like to thank everyone for their involvement and contributions. In particular, the leadership and organisation of Emmanuel Texier and Kerrie Blain, the teachers, and the administration team, ably led by Mary Ryan, the school's Business Manager. Everyone was keenly aware of the historic importance of this visit, which in turn demonstrated the close nature of our school community. On the day, the students, as described in the media, were fantastic. They waited calmly and eventually the President and a large group of distinguished guests arrived and Telopea was suddenly on the World stage.

The President visited a Year 2 class and answered questions from the students there. Afterwards, he visited a group of Year 10 students in the library. They discussed their common project within the AEFÉ Asia-Pacific Network about "The role of Oceania during the First World War". David Fricker, the Director-General of the National Archives of Australia, was also present, as they are also providing support for this project.

SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term 4 - 2014
13 October – 17 December
Term 1 - 2015
3 February – 11 April
Term 2 - 2015
28 April – 4 July
Term 3 - 2015
21 July – 26 September

There is more detail in the pages that follow about this historic event. We know our community will always remember the day that the President of the French Republic visited! Thank you to all parents for the support you have shown with security arrangements and the changes to normal school routines.

Student Selections Online: Years 7 - 9

Thank you to our Year 7 – 9 students and parents who are making their subject choice selections using our new online process this year. We understand there have been some difficulties and appreciate your patience and persistence. Please note that as in previous years, the process registers choices and preferences of students and classes will be finalised at a later date using this information. There is more information on the school website. Students need to complete their preferences by Friday 5th December.

Chief Minister's Reading Challenge and our Debating Team

Telopea Park School students in Primary and Secondary were invited to a ceremony at the National Gallery where they were awarded a prize by the Chief Minister. Our Primary students regularly win prizes for their amazing 100% participation, but this year Telopea Park students in years 7 and 8 also won their whole section! Meanwhile, our Telopea 1 debating team won the Ford Grand finals last Saturday. A wonderful achievement and the first time we have won this category in debating.

We have a number of upcoming events at this busy time of year. Your participation is always encouraged and appreciated and reminds our students of the ongoing partnerships between teacher and parents. Events include:

- Volunteer's Morning tea on Monday, 1st December, from 9:30 in the school's main staff room.
- K – 2 concert in the school hall, from 11:00am on the Thursday 4th December
- Secondary Presentation night, 6:30pm Thursday 11th December, School Hall
- Primary Awards and Year 6 Graduation, 9:00am Monday 15th December, School Hall

Retirement of Kate Sutherland

I would like to acknowledge and thank Kate Sutherland for her leadership at Telopea Park School during her time here. Kate has contributed significantly to public education in various positions throughout Canberra but especially at Telopea Park School. We are holding a Farewell Afternoon Tea on Wednesday 10 December from 3.30 pm to 5.30pm at the school. Please RSVP on (02) 6142 3381 as soon as possible if you would like to attend.

Finally, I would like to remind you of our appeal for the Ebola situation in Africa. Our students and teachers are currently planning something for next week.

Kindest regards,
Tom Kobal
Deputy Principal

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NOTES DU PRINCIPAL ADJOINT

L'année scolaire se termine bientôt. Nous dirons au revoir à nos élèves de Year 10 la semaine prochaine, et les professeurs sont, eux, en train de terminer les évaluations et de rédiger les bulletins. Le dernier jour de cours pour les élèves de Year 10 sera le mercredi 3 décembre, et le mercredi 17 décembre pour tous les autres élèves de l'école. Les bulletins du Primaire et du Secondaire seront remis aux élèves le vendredi 12 décembre. Le dernier jour, les élèves de Year 10 participeront à un petit déjeuner organisé spécialement pour eux, assisteront au concert annuel des Year 10 et finiront la journée par un Barbecue à la piscine de Manuka. La cérémonie de remise des diplômes des Year 10 aura lieu dans le Hall de l'école le vendredi 5 décembre à partir de 9H00.

Visite de François Hollande, Président de la République française

En ce mercredi 19 novembre, tout le monde a bien eu conscience de l'importance de la visite historique du Président français. Les rues avoisinantes avaient été coupées, les 1200 élèves et 200 invités attendaient patiemment et l'école était parfaitement impeccable. Sa visite à l'école a été méticuleusement préparée par toute l'école de manière concertée. Je souhaite remercier tous ceux qui se sont investis et ont contribué au succès de cette visite. En particulier la direction et l'organisation d'Emmanuel Texier et de Kerrie Blain, les enseignants, l'équipe de l'Intendance dirigée de façon très compétente par Mary Ryan notre directrice des affaires financières. Tout le monde a eu parfaitement conscience du caractère historique de cette visite, qui fut une belle démonstration des liens serrés de notre communauté scolaire. Ce jour-là, nos élèves furent fantastiques, comme ont pu le constater et dire les médias présents. Ils ont attendu patiemment l'arrivée du Président et de la suite présidentielle, puis Telopea fut soudain sur le devant de la scène mondiale.

Le Président s'est rendu dans une classe de CE1 où il s'est prêté au jeu des questions- réponses avec les élèves. Puis, il a rencontré un groupe d'élèves de Première dans la bibliothèque. Ils lui ont présenté leur projet commun avec le réseau des écoles AEF de la Zone Asie-Pacifique autour du "Rôle de l'Océanie pendant la Première Guerre Mondiale". David Fricker, Directeur Général des Archives Nationales Australiennes-qui soutiennent ce projet- était présent également.

Vous trouverez plus de détails sur cet événement historique dans les pages suivantes. Nous savons que notre communauté se souviendra du jour de la visite du Président de la République française! Un grand merci à vous parents, qui avez fait preuve de compréhension suite aux dispositions particulières de sécurité et aux changements dans la routine de l'école.

Choix des cours en ligne pour les élèves de Cinquième à Troisième

Merci à nos élèves de Cinquième à Troisième et à leurs parents pour avoir fait leurs choix de matières en utilisant notre nouveau système en ligne cette année. Nous sommes conscients qu'il y a eu un certain nombre de problèmes et nous apprécions votre

patience et votre persévérance. Veuillez noter que le système en ligne enregistre les choix et préférences des élèves, et que la finalisation des classes se fait plus tard grâce aux informations collectées. Vous trouverez davantage d'informations sur le site internet de l'école. Les élèves doivent avoir fait leurs choix pour le vendredi 5 décembre au plus tard.

Challenge Lecture du Chief Minister et équipe de débat

Les élèves du Primaire et du Secondaire de Telopea Park School ont été invités à une cérémonie à la National Gallery où ils ont reçu un prix du Chief Minister. Nos élèves du Primaire gagnent régulièrement des prix pour la forte participation de tous les élèves, mais cette année les élèves de Cinquième et de Quatrième de Telopea Park School ont également gagné un prix. Dans le même temps, l'équipe de débat de Telopea 1 a gagné les grandes finales Ford samedi dernier. Une très belle réalisation et une toute première victoire en débat dans cette catégorie.

Nous avons un certain nombre de dates à retenir en cette fin d'année. Votre participation est toujours appréciée et rappelle aux enfants la collaboration étroite entre parents et enseignants. A venir:

- Le petit déjeuner des bénévoles le lundi 1er décembre à partir de 9H30 dans la salle des professeurs.
- Le concert des classes de Maternelle à CE1 le jeudi 4 décembre à partir de 11h00 dans le Hall de l'école
- La Soirée de remise des prix du Secondaire le jeudi 11 décembre à partir de 18h30 dans le Hall de l'école
- La Cérémonie de remise des prix du Primaire et la Cérémonie de remise des diplômes des Sixièmes le lundi 15 décembre à 9h00 dans le Hall de l'école

Départ à la retraite de Kate Sutherland

J'aimerais féliciter et remercier Kate pour son rôle de direction à Telopea Park School ces dix dernières années. Kate a contribué de façon significative à l'éducation publique à travers ses différents postes à Canberra, mais tout particulièrement à Telopea Park School. Nous organisons un goûter d'adieu en son honneur le mercredi 10 décembre de 15h30 à 17h30 à l'école. Merci de bien vouloir confirmer au plus tôt votre présence par téléphone au (02) 6142 3381.

Pour finir, je souhaiterais vous rappeler notre appel aux dons pour Urgence Ebola en Afrique. Nos élèves et nos enseignants sont en train d'organiser une action pour la semaine prochaine.

Bien à vous,

Tom Kobal
Principal adjoint

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The P & C Committee wishes to advise that two P & C positions on the School Board will be up for election from February 2015.

Please consider nominating for one of the two positions. The each position is for a two year period: 1st April 2015 - 31st March 2017.

Please contact Peter Roberts if you have any questions regarding the P&C Board member position.

peter.h.roberts@humanservices.gov.au or phone 61418098 (W)

The Telopea Park School community is advised that the School Board elections for one staff member and one student member will take place from February 2015. Inquiries for the staff member please contact michele.mcloughlin@ed.act.edu.au

Inquiries for the student position please contact mary.depoorter@ed.act.edu.au

Book Fair on December 2, 3, 4!

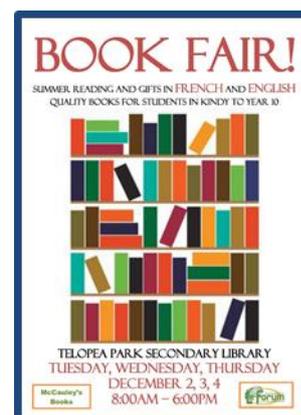
Books for all ages for gifts or summer reading!

Where: Secondary Library, Telopea Park School

When: Tuesday 2 December, Wednesday 3 December, Thursday 4 December

Time: 8:00am to 6:00pm each day

Please come to the Secondary Library on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday between 8:00am and 6:00pm for a giant end-of-year Book Fair! The entire main part of the secondary library will be full of quality French and English books and magazines for sale. This will be a great opportunity to buy gifts or supplement your child's summer reading choices. There will be a selection of books suitable for children from Kindergarten age through to year 10. All book sales will support the library. Thank you to Jacques and Anne from Le Forum Bookstore for providing French books, and Jackie from McCauley's Books for providing the English books for the Book Fair. We look forward to seeing you!



Yearbook 2014

Yearbook 2014 is now available for Pre-Payment at the Finance Office. The cost is \$20.

Pre-Payment can be made in cash, cheque, or by credit card in person or telephone.

Pre-Payment can also be made online using Fee Code below: 8311-000-00

Yearbooks should be available for pick up on the 12/12/14.

Did you miss out on Yearbook 2013? Copies are still available at the Finance Office for \$10.

Canteen News

End of term 4 is fast approaching. The Canteen will close for Term 4 2014 on Friday 12 December. We will be back in Term 1 2015 with a great range of healthy choices.

Teresa Shea

Canteen Manager

HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECONDARY NEWS

TLPS Art Gallery: Celebrating Student and Teaching Achievements

by Tom Spollard

Throughout Australia, there exists a range of National, State, Territory and local galleries. The exhibition of art work provides an opportunity for communities to celebrate the achievement of others, to provoke or create an emotional response, to encourage thinking, or to allow individuals to form an opinion and to communicate a message. The creation of the Telopea Park School Exhibition Gallery in the entrance to the arts technology block is one such public exhibition space. Within the school context, this space allows us to showcase our students' talents and achievements in a variety of subject areas including Art, Graphics, Textiles, Video Art, Photography, Design Technology (Metal and Wood) as well as Food technology.

As an educator, I consider myself privileged in that I am often one of the first in society to celebrate and witness our youth's achievements, some of which are currently on exhibition at Telopea. On display are numerous certificates awarded to our Food Technology classes, which were achieved at various competitions at the Canberra show under the guidance of teacher Tanya Phillips. A number of art portfolios provide insight into the critical and developmental aspects of the creative learning processes that our students underwent in their studies with teacher Danielle Northey. The recent introduction of the plinth has allowed us to display a range of Grecian vases that have been created in visual Art. It was only yesterday that I saw a student walk past and acclaim with pride "I created that urn"! The metalwork jewellery exhibitions under the direction of teacher Diana Lawrence showcase the contemporary design innovations that are occurring within the school. Students have created a number of jewellery products to design specifications ranging from contemporary to indigenous pieces. The metal sheet roses demonstrate the capacity for the replication and imitation of art through inorganic material. The textures and designs of wood products showcase the student work of teacher Cade Williams, each piece evoking a response and point of contemplation of the role that organic objects play in an ever increasing synthetic electronic world.

Show Time at Telopea

By Jessica Dixon

It has been Show Time in drama land and what great shows they have been!

A whole range of performances are underway. From one of year 9/10 classes we have had a series of performances based on different forms of physical theatre.

In a darkened space to some live music, the scene is set. Accompanied by some excellent storytelling; this provided the introduction to a great piece of physical theatre. Created predominantly by the students, the plot contained everything from kid knapped princesses, nasty villains, enchanted forests, brave heroes and disillusioned dragons...

The same group then went on to perform a series of excerpts from Romeo and Juliet and Midsummer Night's Dream, with the focus on stage combat skills. They all did a commendable job with a wide variety of interpretations, I was proud.

Then there was the other year 9/10 Performance Drama Class. This class was given the task to put on Frankenstein, which they have done with excellence. I have seen this class gain skills and confidence, in stage craft, lighting design and live music making. They have indeed become an exciting group of performers, again I am very proud of them.

Band News

By Rob Clements

A busy year for the bands in 2014 featuring the pioneering tour to France and Belgium as part of the Centenary of the First World War. Highlights for the tour would be the standing ovations and encores at every performance; meeting our friends from the Vignacourt Youth Embassy who visited Australia a few months ago; the warm reception especially in Amiens and at Villers-Bretonneaux; performing in the legendary Victoria School; playing in the Last Post ceremony at Menin Gate and travelling with the best bunch of students anyone could possibly want to travel with. The final performance was at Henri IV in Paris. An exceptional opportunity for Telopea Park School students to show their talents.

More recently, year 7 performed brilliantly on their annual South Coast tour – highlights include a fantastic time at Fitzroy Falls, Mr C's renowned skills as a Master Chef (the "Jamie Oliver of FF" – that's Fitzroy Falls of course, not Fatty Foods); and an epic seaweed throwing competition which Mr C also won quite convincingly. Special thanks to Kathy Solomko – second driver and agent provocateur for the trip.

The bands all performed in their usual places throughout the year at the Canberra Show, the Alliance Francaise (always the jazz band's favourite); the ANM; Red Hill pre-school; Band Camp and the National Eisteddfod – two silvers, a bronze and a never-to-be-repeated double gold in two different divisions (mainly because nobody is crazy enough to enter two different sections!); Floriade, the ACT School Bands Festival (top two awards); CD recordings; radio broadcasts on ABC and ArtSound FM; a Kingston Shops fundraiser for the Indigenous Digger Plaque now in the Australian Museum in Vignacourt – hand delivered too! The jazz band also performed in the French Embassy for the Ambassador and the Vignacourt Youth Embassy, the French President himself on his inaugural visit to Telopea and at the time of writing, will also be performing in an evening concert at the Belgian Embassy as part of celebrations for the bicentenary of the birth of Adolphe Sax (guess which instrument system he invented!)

Special thanks to the yr 7 Band Leader Sam Lee and his sidekick Ryan Hart. A very special than kyou to the senior leaders this year – these were outstanding band members and can take credit for such an outstanding year - Aisha Ward, Lily Bryant and Josephine Gillespie – Co-leaders of the Wind Ensemble; Patrick Haesler – Jazz Band Leader and his Deputy: Elise Keleher. A big than kyou also to the Band Managers who did such a fantastic job behind the scenes all year making sure things went well – Imogen Cesarin and Georgia Prout.

Jusqu'à l'année prochaine!

Rob Clements

Secondary Library News

Congratulations to our Year 7 and 8 Readers!

Congratulations to Telopea Park year 7 and year 8 students. Collectively, they won the high school section of the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge this year! Four students represented our readers at the Awards Ceremony at the National Gallery, where Chief Minister Katy Gallagher presented them with a lovely certificate and book voucher from Paperchain Books. Well done students! Keep up your reading over the summer!

Introducing eBooks that can be Borrowed from Home!

The Telopea Park School Library now has eBooks and Audiobooks that can be borrowed from home and read or listened to on any device via an App or an Internet Browser. There are many fiction titles, as well as nonfiction books that have been selected to help with research tasks. Secondary students will learn about how to use this service before the end of the school year and a link to full instructions will be placed on Managebac. In brief, they need to go to the ACT ETD Digital Backpack site at <https://backpack.act.edu.au> and log in with their school ID number and password. If they click on the Library icon, and choose Telopea Park School from the drop-down menu, they can search the school catalogue for electronic books and audiobooks. Borrowing and downloads occur directly from the school catalogue. If they are having difficulties, please ask them to see Mrs. Rapp in the library. Happy reading!

Visit of Renowned French author Jean-Claude Mourlevat

Students in Primary and Secondary enjoyed a visit with renowned French author Jean-Claude Mourlevat this term. Mourlevat discussed his well-known stories and novels for children and youth, including *L'Enfant Océan*, *La Rivière à l'Envers*, *Le Vengeance de Robert Poutifard*, *Terrienne*, and many others. Students from CM1 to Terminale were enthralled by his stories. Year 6 students were able to interview M Mourlevat in the new Radio and Podcasting Room in the library. You can listen to their excellent radio interview here: <http://goo.gl/PWmpmW>



Visit of Australian author Deb Fitzpatrick

Students in several year 8 classes were lucky to be able to discuss writing with emerging Australian author Deb Fitzpatrick, who has written several books for young readers, including *90 Packets of Instant Noodles*, *Have You Seen Ally Queen*, *The Amazing Spencer Gray*, and a recent novel for adults, *The Break*. She entertained students with stories of her years as a writer in Costa Rica and explanations of the sources of her inspiration and the writing process.



New Robotics Club in the Library

A number of year 7, 8, and 9 students are involved a new robotics club that has started in the library this term. Our goal is to prepare for the RoboCup Junior competition next year to compete in robot dance, search and rescue and soccer competitions. Students have had a great time learning how to construct and program Lego Mindstorm EV3 robots. We aim to have at least a 50% girls in the program, so that we can train with RoboGals from ANU, and to encourage more girls to participate in engineering and robotics. If additional students wish to join, they should see Mrs. Rapp in the library.

Celebrating 30 Years with Zora Kasperek_(and Georgie of course!)

This year we are celebrating our lovely library volunteer, Zora Kasperek, who has been volunteering in the library for 30 years! Zora began volunteering at the school when her eldest grandchild, Annette, was in Kindergarten. Annette is now 35. Zora's youngest grandchild, Landon, has just completed year 10, and will go to Narrabundah in 2015. (She has great grandchildren who are planning to attend Telopea also!) The photos below show Zora with Annette and Landon.

Zora is hearing impaired, and in the last 9 years has always been accompanied by Georgie, her hearing dog. Over the years, she has worked busily accessioning and covering all the secondary text books, many library books, and weeding and sorting. She is an amazing volunteer, regularly working three or four days with us every week. She is indispensable, and we love having her as part of our team. Zora has been with us since the time when all library records were manual; she moved into the computer era, and has adapted to several changes in library management systems since then. She also is a wonderful cook, making the most amazing vanilla slice you have ever tasted!

Telopea would like to acknowledge a truly amazing and inspiring lady. We look forward to her continuing contribution.



Illegal Drugs -What you need to know

Drug education resources for teachers, parents and students

Research suggests the teenage years are when alcohol and other drug use are first initiated. This highlights the importance of intervening early to prevent drug use uptake and associated harms.

To achieve this, there is a critical need for accurate and credible evidence-based information that can be accessed by young people, their parents and teachers.

To meet this need, the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre and the National Drug Research Institute were funded by the Australian Government Department of Health to develop an illegal drugs resource package for use by teachers, parents, and students. Informed by expert review of research evidence and consultation with teachers, parents and students, the booklets in this series have been developed to:

- Provide accurate, up-to-date information about illegal drugs, their use, effects and potential harms
- Help students to make informed choices and deal with pressure from peers
- Provide guidance about how to talk to a young person about illegal drugs, or help someone who has taken a drug
- Give information about school-based drug preventions programs that have demonstrated positive outcomes in Australia
- An online drug education game, "Pure Rush" is also available. Designed for students in Years 9-10, Pure Rush provides a fun and interactive way to educate students about drug effects and harms.

Copies of the booklets were delivered to the secondary school in Term 4, 2014. Electronic versions of the booklets and the online game "Pure Rush" are freely available from www.positivechoices.org.au



International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Year Programme (MYP) News for 2015



From January 2015 Telopea Park School will be introducing the IB MYP the 'Next Chapter' to all English Stream classes from Year 7-Year 10. The IB MYP 'Next Chapter' curriculum framework has a number of changes for teachers, students and parents. There have been name changes for a number of subjects to align the MYP with the IB Diploma Programme (DP).

Subject: English - Language A will be known as **Language and Literature**

Subject: Languages – Language B will be known as **Language Acquisition**

Subject: Humanities – will be known as **Individuals and Societies**

Subject: Technology – will be known as **Design (Technology)**

Subject: Science – will be known as **Sciences**

Subject: Physical Education – will be known as **Physical and Health Education**

Subject: Arts – will retain its name **Arts**

Subject: Mathematics – will retain its names **Mathematics**

Community and Service will be known as **Service and action**

In the 'Next Chapter' all subjects will have four assessment criteria i.e. Criterion A, B, C, D.

All assessment criteria will have a maximum of (8) eight for each criterion.

The criteria total for each subject will therefore be 32.

Each subject will have the same IB MYP 'Grade boundaries' for all subjects.

The IB MYP 'Grade boundaries' determine the IB MYP final subject grade 1-7.

Telopea Park School students in the English Stream have their Australian Government A-E grades determined from their IB MYP Grades (1-7). In the English Stream all A-E grades and IB MYP grades are consistent across each year group. The English French Stream students A-E grades are determined from the French curriculum grade totals out of a maximum of 20.

During 2014 English Stream teachers have been working on the transition from the 'old' MYP curriculum framework to the IB MYP 'Next Chapter' curriculum framework. Telopea Park School has two years (2015-2016) to ensure the transition will be achieved.

The 'Next Chapter' curriculum framework has a number of changes to the original IB MYP curriculum framework.

These include a greater emphasis on 'inquiry' learning where teachers will develop in unit plans a 'Statement of inquiry'. Students will demonstrate their understanding of the 'Statement of inquiry' in their summative tasks. There are (16) sixteen key concepts and several 'related concepts' that will be covered in each specific subject from Years 7-10. Teachers will develop unit plans to explore conceptual understanding and create deeper learning experiences for students.

'Global Contexts' (Fairness and development, Globalisation and sustainability, Identities and relationships, Orientation in time and space, Personal and cultural expression, Scientific and technical innovation) will replace the 'Areas of Interaction'.

'Approaches to Learning' will be central for all students to develop their understanding of how they learn. 'Approaches to learning' have five core skills: Communication skills, Social skills, Self-management skills, Research skills and Thinking skills.

'Approaches to teaching' is another key component in the 'Next Chapter' curriculum framework. Approaches to teaching are: based on inquiry; focus on conceptual understanding; develop local and global contexts; focus on effective teamwork and collaboration; differentiation to meet the needs of all learners and are informed by formative and summative assessment. The result of student learning will encourage and enable students to take action.

Exciting events taking place in 2015 include the IB MYP Evaluation Visit, March (4-6), and the collaborative learning opportunities for Telopea Park teachers with Gold Creek and Melba High Schools teachers as these schools move towards IB MYP authorisation.

Finally, congratulations to all the students for their diligence in their studies in 2014, and their ongoing support of **service and action**. We are very proud of the service they give to make a difference.

Michele McLoughlin Deputy Principal 7-10 and MYP Coordinator

PRIMARY NEWS

With less than three weeks left of the 2014 school year, we have been busily organising all the end of year events and celebrations. It has been an eventful year with many memorable moments that are certain to stay in our memories forever.

Kindergarten 2015 Orientation Mornings

From Monday 24 November to Thursday 27 November, we warmly welcomed our new Kindergarten 2015 students and parents to our school. While the parents took care of some administration, the students enjoyed their first experience of 'big school' with the Kindergarten teachers in the classrooms and playground. Their excited, happy faces showed their enthusiasm to become part of the Telopea Park School community and we are looking forward to seeing them all again next year.

Volunteers' Breakfast

Each day, many members of the broader school community work in our school to assist with a great number of different tasks. We have people who come and read with our students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2; people who give their time at school events and sports carnivals; people who accompany our teachers and students on excursions; as well as many other wonderful deeds. They give their time and share their talents to support us in so many ways.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all those people who help us in any way by having a Volunteers' Breakfast in their honour. This will take place this **Monday 1 December** from **8.15am until 9.00am** in the Common Room near the front of the school. Anyone who has volunteered in any way in the school this year is warmly invited and encouraged to come and be thanked in person. Please RSVP to Kate Sutherland.

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 (K-2) Concert

One of the nicest events in the school year is the K-2 Concert. This special event will be held on **Thursday 4 December** (Week 8) between 11.15am and 12.30pm in the School Hall. The students in lower Primary would love to see a large audience in the hall to watch them perform, as they have been working hard with their class teachers and the music teacher, **Susan Cribb**, to prepare some lovely items. The gold coin entry donations collected at the door are used to further enhance the music program so we thank you in advance for your generosity. We look forward to seeing you there.

Events for your calendars:

Please take special note of the following end of year events and note them in your diaries if they apply to your child/ren:

Date	Event	Time	Venue	Students involved
WEEK 8:				
Monday 1 December	Volunteers' Breakfast	8.15-9.00am	Common Room	Volunteers
Thursday 4 December	Kindergarten, Yr1 & Yr2 K-2 Concert	11.15am-12.30pm	School Hall	Kindergarten Year 1 Year 2
WEEK 9:				
Monday 8 December	Swimming Program	Various	Pool	Year 2 Year 3 Year 4
Monday 8 December	Year 7 2015 Orientation Day	All day	School	Year 6
Monday 8 December	Teddy Bears' Picnic	9.20am-2.45pm	National Botanic Gardens	Kindergarten 3 (K3) Kindergarten 4 (K4)
Tuesday 9 December	Teddy Bears' Picnic	9.20am- 2.45pm	National Botanic Gardens	Kindergarten 1 (K1) Kindergarten 2 (K2)
Tuesday 9 December	Swimming Program	Various	Pool	Year 2 Year 3 Year 4
Wednesday 10 December	Swimming Program	Various	Pool	Year 2 Year 3 Year 4
Wednesday 10 December	Kate Sutherland's Farewell Afternoon Tea	3.30 to 5.30pm	School	All welcome
Thursday 11 December	Swimming Program	Various	Pool	Year 2 Year 3 Year 4
Friday 12 December	Swimming Program	Various	Pool	Year 2 Year 3 Year 4
Friday 12 December	Semester 2 Reports distributed	3.15pm	School	All students
WEEK 10:				

Monday 15 December	Swimming Program	Various	Pool	Year 2 Year 3 Year 4
Monday 15 December	Primary Awards and Year 6 Graduation	9.05am	School Hall	Years 3-6
Tuesday 16 December	Swimming Program	Various	Pool	Year 2 Year 3 Year 4
Tuesday 16 December	Swim/Picnic Day	10am-2.30pm	Manuka Pool	Year 5 Year 6
Tuesday 16 December	Year 6 Dinner Dance	6pm-9pm	Rydges Capital Hill	Year 6
Wednesday 17 December	Year 6 Farewell Assembly	11am-12pm	School Hall	All students
Wednesday 17 December	Swimming Program	Various	Pool	Year 2 Year 3 Year 4
Wednesday 17 December	Last day of school for 2014	3.15pm	School	All students

Farewell to a Special Colleague

As this is the last time I will write the article for Telopea Topics this year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank and farewell a very special colleague who I have had the pleasure of working with for the past ten years.

Wednesday 17 December is the last day at our school for our Deputy Principal, **Kate Sutherland**. After many years as a Teacher, Executive Teacher and Deputy Principal in the ACT Education and Training Directorate, Kate is retiring and embarking on new adventures. Kate came to our school in 2005 and brought with her a passion for bilingual education. Her leadership over the past ten years forged the creation of the first French/Australian Harmonised Curriculum as well as many other valuable projects. Kate will be missed very much by the staff, parents, students and the broader community and we all wish her well in the future.

Everyone is warmly invited to attend Kate's Farewell Afternoon Tea on Wednesday 10 December from 3.30 pm to 5.30pm at the school. Please RSVP on (02) 6142 3381 as soon as possible if you would like to attend.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the success of our bilingual program this year. We look forward to working in partnership with you all again next year.

Until next time,

Kathy Solomko
Executive Teacher K-2

NOUVELLES DU PRIMAIRE

A moins de trois semaines de la fin de l'année scolaire 2014, nous sommes activement en train d'organiser les événements et célébrations de fin d'année. Cette année a été riche en événements et nous avons tous partagé des moments forts dont nous nous souviendrons très longtemps.

Matinées d'intégration des futurs élèves de Maternelle 2015

Du lundi 24 novembre au jeudi 27 novembre, nous avons accueilli chaleureusement à l'école nos futurs élèves de Maternelle et leurs parents. Pendant que les parents réglait les derniers détails administratifs, les enfants ont pu apprécier leur première expérience à la "grande école" en compagnie des enseignantes de Maternelle, dans les classes et la cour de récréation. Nous avons pu lire sur leurs visages heureux et excités leur enthousiasme à faire partie de la communauté de l'école de Telopea Park et nous sommes tous impatients de les retrouver l'année prochaine.

Petit déjeuner des Bénévoles

Chaque jour, de nombreuses personnes de la communauté scolaire viennent à l'école pour aider dans de nombreux domaines. Celles-ci viennent lire avec les élèves de Maternelle, CP et CE1, apportent leur aide lors des différentes manifestations et fêtes sportives organisées à l'école, ou accompagnent nos enseignants et les élèves lors des sorties, sans parler de toutes les autres occasions. Elles donnent de leur temps et partagent leurs talents pour nous soutenir dans tous nos nombreux projets. Nous souhaitons remercier très chaleureusement tous ceux qui nous aident à leur façon à l'occasion d'un Petit Déjeuner des Bénévoles organisé en leur honneur. Il aura lieu le lundi 1er décembre de 8h15 à 9h00 dans la salle commune près de l'entrée de l'école. Nous invitons tous les bénévoles qui nous ont aidés cette année à y participer afin que nous puissions les remercier en personne. Merci de confirmer votre présence auprès de Kate Sutherland.

Concert des classes de Maternelle à CE1 (K-2)

Le Concert des classes de Maternelle à CE1 (K-2) reste l'un des événements les plus beaux de l'année scolaire. Il aura lieu le jeudi 4 décembre (en semaine 8) entre 11h15 et 12h30 dans le Hall de l'école. Nos plus jeunes élèves du Primaire seront ravis de pouvoir se produire devant un large public car ils ont travaillé et répété très sérieusement les jolies chansons avec leur enseignante et le professeur de musique, Susan Cribb. Les dons que vous ferez à l'entrée du Hall serviront à améliorer

davantage le programme de musique. Nous vous remercions par avance de votre générosité et sommes impatients de vous retrouver au concert.

Evénements à venir :

Nous vous demandons de bien vouloir consulter le calendrier de la fin de l'année scolaire et de noter les dates qui concernent votre/vos enfant(s):

Date	Evénement	Heure	Lieu	Elèves concernés
SEMAINE 8:				
lundi 1er décembre	Petit déjeuner des Bénévoles	8h15 à 9h00	Salle commune	Bénévoles
jeudi 4 décembre	Concert des classes de Maternelle, CP et CE1 (K-2)	11h15 à 12h30	Hall de l'école	Maternelles CP CE1
SEMAINE 9:				
lundi 8 décembre	Cycle natation	Diverses	Piscine	CE1 CE2 CM1
lundi 8 décembre	Journée d'intégration des futurs élèves de 5ème	Toute la journée	Ecole	Élèves de Sixième
lundi 8 décembre	'Pique-nique du Nounours'	9h20 à 14h45	National Botanic Gardens	Maternelles 3 (K3) Maternelles 4 (K4)
mardi 9 décembre	'Pique-nique du Nounours'	9h20 à 14h45	National Botanic Gardens	Maternelles 1 (K1) Maternelles 2 (K2)
mardi 9 décembre	Cycle natation	Diverses	Piscine	CE1 CE2 CM1
mercredi 10 décembre	Cycle natation	Diverses	Piscine	CE1 CE2 CM1
Mercredi 10 décembre	Goûter d'adieu à Kate Sutherland	15h30 à 17h30	Ecole	Ouvert à tous
jeudi 11 décembre	Cycle natation	Diverses	Piscine	CE1 CE2 CM1
vendredi 12 décembre	Cycle natation	Diverses	Piscine	CE1 CE2 CM1
vendredi 12 décembre	Distribution des bulletins du Semestre 2	15h15	Ecole	Tous
SEMAINE 10:				
lundi 15 décembre	Cycle natation	Diverses	Piscine	CE1 CE2 CM1
lundi 15 décembre	Cérémonie des récompenses du Primaire et de fin d'année des Sixièmes	9h05	Hall de l'école	Élèves de CE2 à Sixième
mardi 16 décembre	Cycle natation	Diverses	Piscine	CE1 CE2 CM1
mardi 16 décembre	Journée Piscine et Pique-nique	10h00 à 14h30	Piscine de Manuka	CM2 et Sixièmes
mardi 16 décembre	Soirée des Sixièmes	18h00 à 21h00	Rydges Capital Hill	Sixièmes
Mercredi 17 décembre	Assemblée des Sixièmes	11h00 à 12h00	Hall de l'école	Tous
Mercredi 17 décembre	Cycle natation	Diverses	Piscine	CE1 CE2 CM1
Mercredi 17 décembre	Dernier jour de classe 2014	15h15	Ecole	Tous

Au revoir à une collègue spéciale

Comme c'est ma dernière contribution au Telopea Topics cette année, je voudrais saisir l'occasion pour remercier et dire au revoir à une collègue très spéciale avec qui j'ai eu le plaisir de travailler ces dix dernières années.

Mercredi 17 décembre sera le dernier jour à l'école de notre Principale adjointe, **Kate Sutherland**. Après de nombreuses années comme enseignante, Executive Teacher et Principale adjointe pour le Ministère de l'Éducation de l'ACT, Kate prend sa retraite et part vers de nouvelles aventures. Kate est arrivée à l'école en 2005 et nous a fait partager sa passion pour l'éducation bilingue. Sous sa direction, le premier programme franco-australien harmonisé a été mis en place, tout comme de nombreux autres projets utiles. Elle manquera beaucoup au personnel, aux parents, aux élèves et à la communauté scolaire. Nous lui souhaitons bonne chance dans ses projets futurs.

Vous êtes tous cordialement invités à participer au goûter d'adieu de Kate qui aura lieu le mercredi 10 décembre de 15h30 à 17h30 à l'école. Merci de confirmer votre présence au plus tôt par téléphone au (02) 6142 3381.

Un grand merci à tous ceux qui ont contribué au succès de notre programme bilingue cette année. Nous sommes impatients de travailler en collaboration avec vous tous l'année prochaine.

A l'année prochaine,

Kathy Solomko
Responsable des classes de Maternelle à CE1 (K-2)

P&C NEWS

LAST P&C MEETING FOR 2014 – WEDNESDAY 3rd DECEMBER 6:30pm

The last P&C meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday 3rd December in the Secondary Staff Room. It will commence with a **Special General Meeting** at **6:30pm** to accept the 2014 P&C Audit report and follow with a general meeting to decide how the funds raised in 2014 will be allocated next year.

Financial help for high school students

The ACT Government's Secondary Bursary Scheme provides an annual payment of \$750 to help low-income families with education costs. It is available to families with students in years 7 to 10. Applications should be lodged by November 28 for the 2015 school year. You can find application forms online at <http://www.det.act.gov.au/>

Win a worm farm for school in Recycling Week

To mark National Recycling Week (November 10 to 16) ABCSplash (a great education site) is running a competition to find out what you recycle. Students or teachers can upload ideas and photos of recycled art, garden recycling, recycled fashion and so on. First prize is a worm farm for the school. Competition closes December 16. For more information see <http://splash.abc.net.au/>

National Youth Awards – Nominations Now Open

Do you know a young person who has made a difference to their community? Nominations for the 2015 National Youth Awards are now open. They recognise outstanding achievements by young people in a range of categories including Leadership, Health, Safety, Culture and Diversity, Courage and

Employment. See <http://youthweek.com/national-youth-awards>

Celebrating public school alumni

ACT public schools are celebrating the achievements of past students with the launch of The Canberra Public Schools Alumni. Take a look at the impressive achievements of those schooled in our public schools - there are many famous faces - or suggest your own star. See <http://www.det.act.gov.au/canberra-public-school-alumni>

The P & C Committee wishes to advise that two P & C positions on the School Board will be up for election from February 2015.

Please consider nominating for one of the two positions. The each position is for a two year period: 1st April 2015 - 31st March 2017.

Please contact Peter Roberts if you have any questions regarding the P&C Board member position.

peter.h.roberts@humanservices.gov.au or phone 61418098 (W)

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Monday – Friday

Mornings

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Afternoons

3.15 pm – 6 pm
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• Sports • Crafts • Homework
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term, offered to all primary age students.
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For more information:

Phone: 6273 2553

Email: telopeaparkasp@optusnet.com.au

Web: www.telopeapnc.org.au

COMMUNITY NEWS



Taking enrollments for 2015 Term 1 now
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Sign up now to learn the skills to play Australia's favourite summer sport!

MILO in2CRICKET- For boys and girls 5-8 years old, [Monday 19th](#) and [Tuesday 20th January 9am-1pm](#), Narrabundah Oval
\$60 includes participant pack!

MILO T20 Blast- For boys and girls 8-14 years old, [Thursday 22nd](#) and [Friday 23rd January 9am-1pm](#), Narrabundah Oval
\$99 includes participant pack!

For more information on how to register contact Matthew Paton on matthew.paton@cricketact.com.au or [0416 187 355](tel:0416187355)



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- Support in the important job you are doing.
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