

Telopea Topics

Les Nouvelles de Telopea

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REPORT FROM PRINCIPAL

This is the last Telopea Topics for the term and I am pleased to report that the term has been successful with many students excelling in academic achievement, on the sporting field as well as representing the school at ACT events and celebrations. I would like to sincerely thank the K-10 Deputy Principal, Tom Kobal, for acting as Principal last month while I was on leave in England. I also thank Ona Siakimotu for her Acting Deputy Principal role and Sheela Awadhwal for her leadership of the Science Faculty during that time.

School Camps

School camps have been a highlight this term, with many students learning about team-building, cooperation and survival skills as well as having the opportunity to consolidate new friendships. Year 7 students went to the Sports and Recreation Centre at Jindabyne, Year 6 to Camp Longbeach on the South Coast and Year 3 to Birrigai. Fortunately the weather was excellent for outdoor activities so that many tired but happy students returned to school after each camp. A special thank you to the teachers who accompanied the students. These camps are a huge responsibility for them and one which they take very seriously. We are fortunate to have such willing staff at Telopea Park School as such extra-curricular activities enrich the education of the students who participate.

French Exchange Visit

Our secondary students left for the French exchange visit at Grenoble, in the south of France, over the Easter break. Thank you to Patricia Blumstein (Head of Languages) and Baba Alhadji (French Language teacher) for their willingness to accompany the students and for taking the responsibility of the students on the exchange. We wish them well for their exciting five weeks of immersion into French culture and language – an experience that the students will remember forever.

Citizenship Ceremony

We celebrated our third Australian Citizenship Ceremony last week. Thank you to all the staff and students who were involved. Performances from the Choir and the School Band and the pride of new Australian Citizens ensure this is a wonderful community event. A special mention goes to our very own Muriel Gerard and Elsa Deane who both received their Citizenship on the day.

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2015

Term 1

3 February – 10 April

Term 2

28 April – 3 July

Term 3

20 July – 25 September

Term 4

12 October – 18 December

IMPORTANT DATES

7 April 4.00pm-6.30pm

Secondary Parent Teacher Interviews

8 April 6.00pm-8.00pm

Secondary Parent Teacher Interviews

10 April

Primary Reports Distributed

10 April

Last day of Term 1

27 April

ANZAC Day Public Holiday

28 April

First Day of Term 2

28 April

2016 DET on-line enrolments open K-10

28 April – 30 April

Year 4 Camp

1 May

Year 10 Personal Projects

Secondary Reports were sent home with students on Tuesday 31st March and will be followed by parent/teacher meetings in week 10 – Tuesday 7 April (4-6.30pm) and Wednesday 8 April (6-8pm). Please ask your children for their reports. Once again the on-line booking system will be in operation. Any parent/carer who does not have access to this service can phone the front office on 61423388 and ask for interviews to be booked for them. Primary Reports will be sent home with your children on the last day of term, Friday 10 April.

Road Safety

I ask that you take particular care in traffic around the school during drop-off and pick up times. There are designated parking areas and pick up zones. Please drive carefully when dropping off and collecting children. We acknowledge that this is a very busy school with very little parking for parents. Primary parents are asked to join the queue at the primary drop-off point, please do not park there and be patient for others to move ahead. ACT Police are conducting patrols as a number of reports have been made to due inappropriate driving and parking practices.

A reminder that the first day back for school next term is Tuesday 28th April due to the ACT Public Service Holiday on Monday 27 April.

I wish our school community happy, safe and relaxing holidays at the end of term. School holidays are times for students and teachers to refresh and prepare for the following term.

Warm regards
Kerrie Blain
Principal

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LE MOT DU PRINCIPAL

Voici déjà le dernier Telopea Topics du trimestre et je suis ravie de vous informer que le trimestre a été très positif avec de nombreux élèves qui ont obtenu d'excellents résultats, scolaires, sportifs ainsi que dans la représentation de l'école lors des différents événements et célébrations organisés dans l'ACT. Je voudrais sincèrement remercier Tom Kobal, Principal-adjoint (K-10) pour avoir été faisant-fonction Principal le mois dernier pendant que j'étais en congé en Angleterre. Je remercie également Ona Siakimotu pour avoir pris le rôle de Principal-adjoint par intérim et Sheela Awadhwal pour avoir dirigé le Département des Sciences pendant cette période.

Les camps

Les camps ont été le moment fort du trimestre, l'occasion pour de nombreux élèves d'apprendre le travail en équipe, la coopération et les notions de survie, mais aussi la chance de pouvoir consolider de nouvelles amitiés. Les élèves de Cinquième ont séjourné au Centre de Loisirs et de Sports de Jindabyne, les élèves de Sixième à Long Beach sur la Côte Sud et les élèves de CE2 à Birragai. Bien heureusement le temps fut parfait pour toutes les activités de plein air et ainsi beaucoup d'élèves sont rentrés à l'école fatigués mais très heureux de leur camp. Un grand merci aux enseignants qui ont accompagné les élèves. Ces camps sont une responsabilité importante prise très au sérieux par nos enseignants. Nous avons la chance d'avoir à Telopea Park School des équipes enseignantes dévouées sans lesquelles ces activités extra-scolaires si enrichissantes pour l'éducation des élèves ne pourraient avoir lieu.

Voyage d'échange en France

Ce weekend de Pâques, nos élèves du Secondaire se sont envolés vers la France pour le voyage d'échange avec le Lycée International de Grenoble, dans la Région Rhône Alpes. Encore une fois un grand merci à Patricia Blumstein (Responsable du Département de Langues) et à Baba Alhadji (professeur de Français dans le courant australien) d'avoir accepté d'accompagner les élèves et d'en prendre la responsabilité pendant la durée de l'échange. Nous leur souhaitons de passer cinq merveilleuses semaines d'immersion dans la culture et la langue française – une expérience qui restera inoubliable pour nos élèves.

Cérémonie de Citoyenneté

La semaine dernière, nous avons accueilli notre troisième cérémonie de Citoyenneté. Un grand merci au personnel et aux élèves qui se sont impliqués. Grâce à notre chorale et à l'orchestre de l'école, ce fut un merveilleux événement impliquant toute notre communauté qui a été témoin de la fierté des nouveaux citoyens australiens. Nous pouvons citer tout particulièrement nos deux enseignantes Muriel Gérard et Elsa Deane qui ont toutes deux reçu la nationalité australienne ce jour-là.

Les bulletins du Secondaire ont été remis aux élèves le mardi 31 mars. S'ensuivront les réunions Parents/Professeurs en semaine 10, les Mardi 7 Avril de 16h00 à 18h30 et Mercredi 8 Avril de 18h00 à 20h00. N'oubliez pas de réclamer les bulletins à vos enfants. De nouveau, le système de réservation en ligne (PTO) sera utilisé. Les parents/tuteurs qui n'auraient pas accès à ce service peuvent contacter le Front Office au 61423388 qui se chargera de réserver les créneaux de rendez-vous pour eux.

Les bulletins du Primaire seront remis aux élèves le dernier jour du Trimestre, le vendredi 10 avril.

Sécurité aux abords de l'établissement

Nous vous demandons de rouler prudemment lorsque vous déposez ou récupérez vos enfants. Vous avez à votre disposition des emplacements pour vous garer ainsi qu'un dépose-minute. Nous sommes conscients qu'il y a beaucoup d'activité aux abords de l'école et qu'il y a très peu de place pour se garer. Les parents du Primaire sont priés de faire la queue au dépose-minute du Primaire et d'attendre patiemment que les véhicules progressent. La police de l'ACT procède en ce moment à des contrôles routiers suite à de nombreuses plaintes de riverains concernant des conduites inappropriées et des voitures mal garées.

Nous vous rappelons que les cours reprendront le mardi 28 avril en raison du jour férié accordé aux personnels des Services Publics de l'ACT le lundi 27 avril.

Je souhaite à notre communauté scolaire de bonnes vacances, sûres et relaxantes. Les congés scolaires sont un bon moyen pour les élèves et les enseignants de se ressourcer et de se préparer pour le prochain trimestre.

Très cordialement,

Kerrie Blain, Principale

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Changes to ACTION school services from Monday 18 May 2015

On Monday 18 May ACTION will be introducing a range of timetable adjustments and service improvements to the normal weekday network, as well as changes to some dedicated school services. These changes were announced Thursday 2 April. Full details are available on the [ACTION website](#).

ACTION have also contacted schools to inform them of any upcoming changes to their dedicated schools services.

Since the launch of the new schools network in September 2014, ACTION have been continually monitoring the network using performance data and identifying areas for improvement. For dedicated school services these include:

- the addition of six new services;
- directional and stop changes for 21 school services;
- changed start times for 68 school services; and
- just 1 school service will no longer be in operation.

Other school services may have slight timing changes or no changes. We encourage parents to view the changes to the normal weekday network also taking effect on Monday 18 May, as connection times with dedicated school services may have changed.

For more information please visit action.act.gov.au or call 13 17 10.

NAIDOC T-Shirts - Please circle size/s



Adults : \$40 GST included						
Sizes :	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL
Children : \$35 GST included						
Sizes :	6	8	10	12	14	16
Number of adult T-shirts	1	2	3	4	5	
Number of children's T-shirts				1	2	3 4 5
Total cost.....	School purchasing code : 8240 – 000 - 00					
Name (Print).....	Signed.....					
Final date for orders is: Friday 8th May, 2015						

Public Consultation - draft Reporting Student Achievement (Preschool to Year 12) Policy and draft common report templates

Opening Date: Monday 23 March 2015. **Closing Date:** Friday 15 May 2015

The ACT Government is seeking public comment on the draft *Reporting Student Achievement (Preschool to Year 12) Policy* and draft common report templates for ACT public primary and high schools. The draft Policy and draft common templates are designed to ensure parents receive consistent information about their child's achievement regardless of which ACT public school their child attends.

Parents/carers can provide feedback through the ACT Education and Training Directorate website at www.det.act.gov.au and the ACT Government's Community Engagement 'Time to Talk' website at <http://timetotalk.act.gov.au/>.

HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Career Development for Year 9 & 10 students

Congratulations to the 22, Yr 9 & 10 students who secured a work experience placement in Term 1. These students had the opportunity to look at a variety of work places and some of these included working with the Federal MP Gai Brodtmann, Better Music Shop in Phillip, Richard Luton Real Estate-Manuka, ANU Archaeology & Natural History School, Coffee Guru Cafe, Tuggeranong Motor Cycle Centre, Luton Properties Tuggeranong, Jindalee Aged Care, Courgette Restaurant, Civic, Boost Juice, Woden, Easy Way Bubble Tea, Narrabundah Children's Cottage, Boettcher Law, Manuka, National Equestrian Centre, Red Hill Primary School, CSIRO Education, ANU Strategic Communications and Public Affairs and Canberra Rex event management / hospitality .

Another 19, Yr 10 students have secured work experience opportunity with ACT Hospital and their placement will take place during Term 2, 3 and 4.

During Term 2, I will be taking long service leave and another Career Development trained teacher will take over my role while I am away.

I look forward to working with students and parents again in Term 3

Susan Alexander, Telopea Park School, Career Development Officer

Acquittal: Year 7 Camp Jindabyne 25-27/2/2015

Income:		\$56653
Expenses	Bus hire -Travel	\$ 9298
	Accommodation and program	\$42540
	Food	\$10701
Total Expenses		\$62539
Deficit		-\$5886

SECONDARY NEWS

Terrific Tango!

On the 20th of February this year Spanish students at Telopea attended a musical performance held at Telopea School Hall by Sydney-based tango quintet *Tángo* and Latin-Grammy nominated *Duo Ramírez Satorre* from Buenos Aires. Students were enthralled by the performance which featured some traditional and modern tango interpretations as well as some Milonga, a folkloric musical genre originating from Argentina and Uruguay. The group dazzled the student audience with their dancing and musical talent. After the performance there was a Q&A session where students were able to ask questions about the music and Argentinian culture, students who answered questions correctly were lucky enough to receive a CD from the group!

Student reviews:

"I was inspired by the outfits they were wearing especially the girls! I was inspired to look into tango fashion and dancing" – Merissa Year 8

"The tango music had heaps of beat and rhythm to make anyone dance. I really liked the way everyone managed to mix and gel together to make thrilling music for Telopea's Spanish students. Also unfortunately for me I wasn't able to answer a question correctly to get a CD" – Thomas Year 8

Annemarie Power



Duo Ramírez Satorre (Adrián Ramírez and Hugo Satorre) from Argentina on guitar and bandoneón.



Tángalo and Duo Ramírez Satorre doing Q&A session with students.



Hugo Satorre and Emily-Rose Šarkova demonstrating the length of the bandoneón.



Students thanking and presenting flowers to the performers.

Italian Language classes with Signora Shihoff

In this term's Year 8 Italian Unit '**How do people have fun?**' the students are enjoying learning how to express themselves personally on what they do in their spare time; particularly which sport or musical instrument they play on weekends.

In week 7, as part of this Unit, the Calabrian Italian dance and language teacher, Tina Rodriguez, came to teach the class the Tarantella, a traditional southern Italian dance. Tina explained to us the fascinating myths behind the dance. Legend states that between the 15th and 17th centuries an epidemic of tarantism swept through southern Italy. There was always a victim, usually a low ranking woman, who would fall into a trance after being bitten by the poisonous tarantula spider and could only be cured by frenzied dancing. People would surround the victim while musicians played mandolins, guitars and tambourines in search of the correct rhythm. Once the correct rhythm was found, the victim would be cured.

Another legend stated that a housewife, depressed and frustrated by her domesticity would fall into a trance that could only be cured by music and dance. Her trance normally lasted three days, during which time she would become the centre of attention and this would cure her of her frustrations and depressions.

The Year 8's are now proficient in all Tarantella moves and will happily provide lessons to any parents who may be suffering from any of the above afflictions...

Con un sorriso, Signora Shihoff

PRIMARY NEWS

NOUVELLES DU PRIMAIRE

Bonjour à tous,
nous approchons la fin de ce premier trimestre, un trimestre riche en évènements et en apprentissages pour nos élèves. Les vacances approchent (vendredi 10 avril), et ils pourront bientôt profiter d'un repos bien mérité!

Petit-déjeuner de l'association des parents d'élèves

Le vendredi 27 mars 2015, à l'occasion du lancement de l'exposition des élèves de l'école primaire sur les dix mots de la langue française 2015, l'association des parents d'élèves a organisé un "petit-déjeuner français" dans le Multi-Purpose Hall. Ce fut un grand succès, seulement rendu possible par l'impeccable organisation et le dévouement d'un groupe de parents d'élèves motivés menés par Mme Catriona Dove. Qu'ils en soient ici chaleureusement remerciés! C'était un réel plaisir de voir notre communauté scolaire réunie pour l'occasion.

Expositions dans le Multi-Purpose Hall

Comme chaque année, les élèves de l'école primaire ont planché sur les dix mots proposés dans le cadre de la semaine de la langue française. Cette année était l'occasion de célébrer la capacité de la langue française à accueillir de nouveaux mots. Les élèves de la Grande Section à la 6^o se sont emparés des dix mots proposés (amalgame, bravo, cibler, grigri, inuit, kermesse, kitsch, sérendipité, wiki, zénitude) et nous présentent des oeuvres d'art variées (sculptures, collages, production de textes, peintures, installations, ...) riches et originales. Pour reprendre l'un des dix mots : bravo!

Une autre exposition a lieu dans le MPH, et elle regroupe des photos prises par des enseignants australiens lors d'un voyage en France. Organisée par Aurélie Dorbath, cette exposition est en fait la deuxième partie d'une initiative visant à partager nos visions des deux pays. Vous vous souvenez certainement de la première exposition regroupant des photos de l'Australie prises par des enseignants français et ayant eu lieu à la fin de l'année dernière dans le couloir des CE1.

Festival du Film Français

Le festival s'est achevé le 25 mars, et c'est encore une fois un bilan très positif pour les organisateurs. La quasi-totalité des élèves de l'école primaire (475 élèves) a assisté à l'une ou l'autre des deux projections proposées (Les Moomins sur la Riviera et Asterix et le Domaine des Dieux).

Visite de l'Inspecteur de l'Éducation Nationale de l'AEFE - Zone Asie-Pacifique Sud

Monsieur Bruno Delvallée, Inspecteur de l'Éducation Nationale en résidence à Bangkok, a effectué sa visite annuelle dans notre établissement du 30 mars au 1er avril dernier. Cette visite, prévue dans le cadre de l'homologation de l'école par le Ministère français de l'éducation nationale, est l'occasion pour lui de visiter différentes classes, d'inspecter des enseignants, d'apporter son expertise en matière de pédagogie, mais également de conduire une animation pédagogique à l'ensemble des enseignants du primaire. Le thème de cet animation portait sur l'évaluation, et visait à harmoniser nos pratiques dans ce domaine.

Camps

Le camp des CE2 à Birrigai, qui s'est déroulé les 19 et 20 mars derniers, a été un grand succès et souvent une première expérience de la vie en communauté pour nos jeunes élèves.

Du 30 mars au 1er avril, ce sont les élèves de 6^o qui se sont déplacés jusqu'à Long Beach, au nord de Batemans Bay, pour un camp sous le signe de la nature, avec de nombreuses activités de plein air, en forêt ou au bord de l'océan. une excellente opportunité de créer des liens et de travailler en équipe en cette dernière année de l'école primaire.

Après les vacances, les 28 et 29 et 30 avril, ce seront les élèves de CM1 qui partiront à leur tour en camp à Cooba.

Webradio

Notre studio de webradio est maintenant pleinement opérationnel, et nous permet de diffuser en direct sur internet! L'émission Méli-Mélo des glèves de 6^o est donc désormais diffusée depuis l'école puis proposge en podcast sur leur site de classe. je vous invite à visiter notre site internet (<http://lyceefrancoaustralien-efs.org>) afin de pouvoir écouter leur émission en direct, tous les mercredis de 16h à 17h.

Les élèves de 6^o seront bientôt rejoints par d'autres dans leurs aventures radiophoniques : déjà, les élèves de CP ont récemment confié à notre micro quelles étaient leurs habitudes de lecteurs...

De Canberra à l'Asie, il n'y a qu'un pas, et nous avons proposé lors du dernier Séminaire de l'AEFE à Ho Chi Minh d'ouvrir notre webradio aux productions de toutes les écoles françaises de la zone Asie-Pacifique. Nous deviendrons peut-être bientôt la webradio des établissements AEFE de la zone...

PRIMARY NEWS

Dear Parents/Carers

As the first term draws to a close, I am pleased to inform you that the term has been very successful with many events and much learning for our students. School break will start on Friday 10 April and our students will be able to enjoy a well-deserved relaxing holiday.

P&C Breakfast

On Friday 27 March 2015, on the occasion of the launch of *10 Words of the Francophonie-2015* Primary students exhibition, the P&C organized a French Breakfast in the Multi Purpose Hall. This was a great success thanks to the spotless organization and the implication of a motivated group of parents led by Ms Catriona Dove. We thank them warmly. It was a real pleasure to see our school community gathered on this occasion.

Exhibitions in the Multi Purpose Hall

Like every year, Primary students have worked on the 10 words selected on the occasion of the Francophonie week. This year's selection intended to celebrate the ongoing capacity of the French language to incorporate new words. Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 have learned these 10 words (amalgame - amalgam, bravo - bravo, cibler - target, grigri - grigri, inuit - inuit, kermesse - carnival, kitsch - Kitsch, sérendipité - serendipity, wiki - wiki, zénitude - Zen) to produce and present a wide range of rich and original works of art (sculptures, collages, productions of texts, paintings, various creations, ...) .To echo one of the 10 words : Bravo!

There is currently another exhibition in the MPH, with photographs taken by Australian teachers on the occasion of a trip to France. Organized by Ms Aurélie Dorbath, this exhibition is the second part of an initiative to share the visions of our two nations. You probably remember the first exhibition with pictures taken in Australia by French teachers which took place end of 2014 in the Year 2 corridor.

French Film Festival

This Festival ended on 25 March and once again the organizers are very enthusiastic with the positive results. Almost all of our Primary school students (475 students) attended either of the two selected screenings. (Moomins on the Riviera and Asterix and the Domain of the Gods)

Visit of the AEFÉ South Asia Pacific Inspector

Mr Bruno Delvallée, Inspector based in Bangkok made his annual visit to our school from 30 March to 1 April. This visit, planned within the scope of the school accreditation, is an opportunity for him to visit various classes, to inspect teachers, to bring French pedagogical expertise, and also to deliver a Professional Learning to the whole teaching staff (French and Australian). The theme of this year's animation was dealing with assessment and how to harmonize our practices in this area.

Camps

The Year 3 camp to Birrigai took place on 19 and 20 March and was a great success. It is often a first experience of life in community for our young students. From 30 March to 1 April, Year 6 students moved to Long Beach, North of Batemans Bay, to a camp focusing on nature with many outdoor activities in the forest or by the ocean. An excellent opportunity to develop new friendships and undertake team-building activities as they commence their last year of Primary School.

After the school break, on 28, 29 and 30 April, Year 4 students will then head to Cooba for their camp.

Webradio

Our webradio studio is now fully operational and allows us to broadcast live on the internet! The Year 6 students show *Méli Mélo* is now broadcast live from the school and then available in podcast on their class website. Please visit our internet website (<http://lyceeFrancoAustralien-EFS.org>) and spend some time to listen to their live show, every Wednesday from 4pm to 5pm. Our Year 6 students will soon be joined by others in their radiophonic adventures : Year 1 students have already been interviewed about their reading habits. On the occasion of the last AEFÉ Seminar in Ho Chi Minh, we have proposed to open our webradio to all French schools in the Asia Pacific region. We may soon be hosting the webradio of all AEFÉ schools in the region!

Julien Dugas

Conseiller Pédagogique – Directeur du Primaire français

P&C NEWS

Loss of Montgomery Oval - Call To Action

This is an urgent call for volunteers who are passionate about fighting the ACT Government's recent decision to auction off Telopea's Montgomery Oval Tennis Courts as part of a land swap deal involving Manuka Oval, Canberra Services Club and the Manuka Occasional Child Care Association (MOCCA).

Without strong commitment and involvement from the parent community, we cannot hope to win this battle. The Telopea P&C is forming a subcommittee of parents who will work with the P&C Executive to plan and implement the campaign. Our approach must be strategic, strong and united.

Please join our action campaign

Our objective is simple:

1. Preserve the integrity of the existing school grounds – to ensure the school keeps the Montgomery Oval and the tennis courts

However, if the childcare facility development proceeds on our existing tennis courts, we will seek guarantees from the ACT Government to ensure that:

2. the remainder of Montgomery Oval will remain under the School's control
3. all traffic issues and parking plans are discussed and resolved in conjunction with the school. At a minimum, entrances to the proposed childcare facility must be located away from NSW Crescent.

First Action Meeting: THURSDAY 9th APRIL at 7pm

(location to be advised)

ALL PARENTS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

Parents with the following skills/experience are particularly welcome:

- planning and development procedures
- the workings of the ACT Government
- media communications
- lobbying and/or community campaigning
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Contact Paul Haesler

president@telopeapnc.org.au

if you would like to join our campaign

Want to find out more?

Please read our [letter to the ACT Government, ACT Legislative Assembly's hansard extract and recent Canberra Times news articles](#) on our website.

French Breakfast Success

As you are already aware, the French Breakfast on Friday 27th March was a fabulous success. Volunteers and attendees alike all enjoyed a relaxing and social start to the morning. The P&C would like to warmly thank Catriona Dove for coordinating the event, her team of volunteers, and of course everyone who attended. We look forward to bringing you other fun social events throughout the year.

Check out the photos on the P&C website!

Wanted: Primary Disco Coordinator

Have you got the disco moves? Last year the P&C held a great disco for the primary school kids. Not only was it a good fundraising event, it was also heaps of fun and the kids LOVED it.

We are looking to stage this event again in Term 3 of this year. If you are interested in being involved or helping to coordinate, please contact Paul Haesler, the President of the P&C via email: president@telopeapnc.org.au

Police Patrols – Are you one of Telopea’s Dangerous Drivers?

The School and the P&C have raised concerns about some of the behaviour being displayed by drivers around Telopea during pick up and drop off times. Police are patrolling the area during pick up and drop off times. Please ensure you are not caught:

- driving the wrong way up one way streets
- double parking in drop off zones
- speeding
- allowing children to alight from cars directly onto pedestrian crossings
- parking in bus lanes or too close to school crossings

We understand that traffic and parking are real issues in our area, but PLEASE consider the safety of our children. Be patient and drive carefully around the school.

After School Music – Rebook for Term 2 now!

Piano, Guitar, Strings & Vocal lessons are held on-site, at school, every afternoon. Book now with our independent providers to ensure you get a spot next term. Spots are limited and filling fast! For more information, please refer to the attached PDF advertisement.

For piano, strings & vocal lessons: contact Nick at Canberra Music Tuition on 62514109 or 62886441.

For guitar lessons: contact Cameron at Mojo Guitar Teachers on 0431550005.

Next P&C Meeting - Wednesday May 06th

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday May 06th in the Secondary Staff Room.

Community Events

Concours George Vincent – enrolments due by May 29th 2015

Organised by the Alliance Française de Canberra, the Concours is a French Language competition that involves French learners from ALL LEVELS in the ACT enrolled in years 8 to 12. For more information, contact Miss Florence Finel, the competition coordinator via email: afc.georgevincent@gmail.com.

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:
Phone: 6273 2553
Email: telopeaparkasp@optusnet.com.au
Web: www.telopeapnc.org.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

Please come and walk or run for a great cause! Imagine a world where children would grow up with only healthy mums and nobody would lose a mother to sickness...

The **Mother's Day Classic** is a fun walk/run taking place on **Sunday the 10th of May**, which purpose is to raise funds for **breast cancer research**. The Mother's Day Classic is all about coming together as a community and enjoying the festive spirit of the day while doing something worthwhile for breast cancer. So join the Mother's Day Classic today!

You can find out more information about the event at <http://www.mothersdayclassic.com.au/our-events/event-locations/canberra/> and register.

We have created a **Teloopa Park School team** and we have set up the goal to raise \$2000. We can easily reach this target!!! Until the 8th of April, it is early bird fare which means that you only pay \$40 to register to walk (\$45 to run).

If you do not wish to participate, you can still help by **fundraising**. Just go to the school's page:

<http://mdc.mothersdayclassic.com.au/fundraising-team.php?id=36311>

Each donation of \$2 or more is tax deductible!

I hope we will make a wonderful team and do a little bit for a great cause!

It doesn't matter how you walk or run, it just matters why!

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ACT Chief Health Officer is reminding the community not to touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms found growing in and around the ACT. The Death Cap mushroom can easily be confused with edible wild mushrooms.

In Canberra, Death Cap mushrooms grow mainly near established oak trees in mild, moist weather typically observed in late summer and autumn.

All parts of the mushroom are poisonous and consuming even a small amount of the mushroom can be fatal. Cooking the mushroom does not make it safe to eat. Anyone who suspects that they may have eaten Death Cap mushrooms should seek urgent medical attention at a hospital emergency department.

It is advised that people remain vigilant and remind friends and family who are visiting or new to Canberra not to touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms. For safety, all mushrooms should be purchased from a reputable supplier.

If you see wild mushrooms in public areas, call Canberra Connect on 13 22 81.

A fact sheet providing information about the Death Cap mushroom is available online at <http://www.health.act.gov.au/datapublications/fact-sheets/environmental-health>.

Authorised by Paul Kelly Chief Health Officer, Population Health, Health Directorate

Seeking donations for the Port Resolution School, Tanna Is., Vanuatu

For the past 8 years Telopea Park School students fundraised to build a new school hall, kitchen and library at the Port Resolution School on Tanna Island. This new building was officially opened in 2013 and in 2014 solar panels were placed on the roof and 15 computers installed in the library. Unfortunately, this school was directly in the of Cyclone Pam.

The good news is that the building that Telopea Park School funded survived the cyclone and it still has a roof ! Apparently the village sort refuge in the building during the cyclone and now houses most of the village while they are restoring their lives. Below is a report from someone I know in the Vanuatu Govt.

'I had contact with someone from Port Resolution today and the whole village is in ruin. All the local thatched roof houses were blown away by the cyclone, even the seas were very rough. Fortunately, community hall (funded by Telopea Park School), the clinic and the church which Alistair built are now housing the full community, while they slowly rebuild their lives. All gardens were destroyed, which means root crops will rot within the next week or so, so the community will rely heavily on imported food, for the next 3 months in time for the fast crops to be ready for harvesting.

The Australian and French military are supplying the community with much needed food and water (airlifted from Lenakel). Roads were cleared up as of yesterday which means the disaster team are able to go to Port Resolution and do a proper assessment of the damage'

The Chief of the village has been in contact with me and confirmed the above note. He also said all the houses in the village were destroyed, Grade 1 and 2 classrooms were completely blown away in the cyclone and the roof of Grade 3 and 4 is gone. Many of the other buildings are destroyed and need repairing.

In the last Telopea Topics, I sought donations to help repair this remote school. One of Mr Celement's Telopea PS Bands responded and organised a fundraising performance during their lunch hour. This raise \$130.00 for the appeal. .. fantastic effort!

Please consider making a donation to this devastated school, by following the instruction on the Vanuatu Donation Flyer that is attached to this Telopea Topics. All donations are tax deductible and will go directly to the Vanuatu school. It is important you put in the correct code when making a donation : Project 70, Year 2013-14

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