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Report from the Principal

A very warm welcome to the new school year! I hope you all have had relaxing and happy holidays and that your children are refreshed to start the new year. This will be an exciting year with many reasons to celebrate: the 90th Anniversary of the opening of the school on 11 September 1923; the 30th Anniversary of the signing of the Bi-National Agreement in July 1983 and the 70th Anniversary of the Alliance Française in Canberra. All of this in Canberra's centenary Year! This is an excellent time to be part of the Teloepa Park School community.

This has been a busy week with 66 Kindergarten children and 195 Year 7 students joining the school on Monday. Several students have also joined all other years. We welcome them all and wish them well in their time with us. It is affirmation of the high standards that Teloepa Park School demonstrates for families to move into our area so that their children can attend the school.

Again this year our school values of respect, cooperation, honesty and fairness will underpin all that we do and say. These are our values for the whole school community. Academically we would like to see all students doing their best to achieve their potentials. We will focus on improved literacy and numeracy for all children. In spite of the fact that our NAPLAN results are outstanding, we believe that all students can improve and grow as they become lifelong learners. This again is a priority in the 2013 Annual Operating Plan.

I would like to remind you that Teloepa Park School is a nut-free school. The number of children with identified allergies is growing, so we would like you to be vigilant and not give children nuts to bring to school in snacks and/or lunches.

Another reminder – please be careful when driving around the school and in dropping off and collecting your children. A note was sent home last week explaining the new drop-off arrangements for primary students. Staff will be at the gate to assist you in this, but we hope that this supports you to safely leave your children at school each day.

IMPORTANT DATES

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| 11-13 | Year 6 Camp |
| 12 | Primary and Secondary Photos |
| | Band Boot Camp |
| 6:30pm-7:30pm | Year 7 Meet the Pastoral Care and Classroom Teachers |
| 7:30pm | Mathletics Information Meeting |
| 13 | Years 2-6 Swimming Testing |
| 18-20 | Year 7 Camp |
| 18 | Primary Swimming Carnival |
| | PIPS Commences |
| 19 | Year 6 Photos |
| 5:15pm-6:00pm | K-2 Parent Information Evening |
| 20 | Years 3-6 Information Evening |

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2013

Term 1

4 February – 12 April

Term 2

29 April – 5 July

Term 3

22 July – 27 September

Term 4

14 October – 20 December

Times for the school day are as follows:**Primary:** 9.00am to 3.15pm**Secondary:** 8.45am to 3.15pm

Please note that supervision will be provided for half an hour before and after the school day. Students must **not** be left at the school out of these times - unless primary students are accessing before and/or after school care.

No primary child who arrives early for Band/Music must be left unattended before the teacher arrives.

As is usual, there have been some staff changes in both the primary and secondary sectors.

Please join with me in welcoming the following teachers to the school:

Primary:

AJ Duncan – Year 5 and (5 and 6 Health)

Maria Magdic – Year 2

Sujatha Mathe – Year 3 and 4

Secondary:

Sara Rapp – Bilingual librarian

French Stream:

Ahmed Chaouche – Science (replacing Aurelie Billot)

Pierrick Chalaye – History, Geography and French

English Stream:

Kirsty Hilson – English

Emma Turner – English

Aheree Avard – German

Adrian Clynes – Indonesian

Annemarie Power – Spanish

Carole Sotgiu – French

Tanya Phillips – PE

Yoon Wong – Mathematics

Danielle Northey – Art

We also welcome Deana Eddington, the new Kitchen assistant, Toni Minto (to the front office) and Hedvig Selmeczki (returning to the school and will also be in the front office).

We wish them a happy and successful time at Telopea Park School.

Last Friday morning at dawn I had the pleasure of attending the official opening of the Arboretum. I was accompanied by two Year 10 students representing the school, Veronique Wong Kai In (School Captain) and Nicholas Hall (SRC member). They were fortunate to have their photograph taken with our Chief Minister, Ms Katie Gallagher, who officially opened the venue. Their commitment to the school in rising at 4.30am to be present on time was well worth the effort!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of our school community a happy and rewarding year. I look forward to working with you so that together we can deliver the best possible education to every child in the school in a safe and caring environment.

Warm regards

Kerrie Blain

Principal

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LE MOT DU PRINCIPAL

Bienvenue en cette nouvelle année scolaire! J'espère que vous avez tous et toutes passé des vacances excellentes et reposantes et que vos enfants sont frais et dispos pour entamer cette nouvelle année. Ce sera une année absolument fabuleuse pour plusieurs raisons: nous célébrerons le 90^{ème} anniversaire de l'ouverture de cette école le 11 Septembre 1923, le 30^{ème} anniversaire de la signature de l'accord binational en Juillet 1983 et le 70^{ème} anniversaire de l'Alliance française de Canberra. Et tout cela alors que c'est le 100^{ème} anniversaire de Canberra lui-même. C'est là vraiment le moment le plus à propos pour faire partie de la communauté scolaire du Lycée franco-australien.

Cette première semaine a été des plus remplies avec l'accueil dès lundi de 66 élèves de Maternelle et de 195 élèves de Cinquième. Plusieurs autres élèves ont également rejoint les autres années de classe. Et nous leur souhaitons à tous et à toutes la bienvenue en espérant qu'ils passeront un bon moment en notre compagnie. C'est tout simplement la preuve du niveau élevé de ce Lycée qui justifie que des familles décident de s'installer dans notre quartier afin que leurs enfants puissent fréquenter cette école.

Cette année encore, les valeurs de respect, de coopération, d'honnêteté et de justice seront la base même de ce que nous ferons et nous dirons. Ce sont là nos valeurs que nous partageons avec la communauté scolaire en son entier. Du point de vue académique, nous aimerions que nos élèves donnent le meilleur d'eux-mêmes pour satisfaire leur potentiel. Nous concentrerons nos efforts sur l'amélioration de la langue et des mathématiques et ce pour tous les élèves. Bien que nos résultats aux évaluations nationales australiennes soient excellents, nous pensons que tous les élèves peuvent faire mieux encore et s'enrichir par des apprentissages de longue haleine. C'est notre priorité une fois encore telle qu'elle est stipulée dans notre Plan opérationnel annuel pour 2013.

Je voudrais vous rappeler que notre école a décidé d'interdire les produits à base de noix. Le nombre d'enfants développant des allergies va croissant ; nous vous demandons donc de faire preuve de vigilance et de ne pas inclure de noix dans les déjeuners ou goûters de vos enfants.

Par ailleurs, je vous demande d'être extrêmement prudents dans vos déplacements en voiture dans les environs de l'école, ou lorsque vous déposez ou reprenez vos enfants. Une missive vous a été envoyée la semaine dernière expliquant les nouveaux arrangements concernant les élèves du primaire. Notre personnel sera présent à la grille pour vous aider dans vos mouvements. Mais nous espérons que ces nouvelles mesures aideront à la sécurité quotidienne de vos enfants aux abords de l'école.

Horaires de la journée scolaire :

Primaire : 9h00 à 15h15

Secondaire: 8h45 à 15h15

Veillez noter que la surveillance des élèves est assurée chaque jour 30 minutes avant l'entrée en classe et 30 minutes après la sortie. Les élèves **ne doivent pas** être laissés à l'école en dehors de ces horaires, sauf s'ils se rendent à la garderie du matin ou de l'après-midi. Aucun enfant du primaire arrivant en avance pour le cours de musique ou l'orchestre ne peut être laissé seul avant l'arrivée du professeur.

Comme d'habitude, nous avons quelques mouvements de professeurs dans le primaire et dans le secondaire.

Veillez-vous joindre à nous pour accueillir chaleureusement les nouveaux professeurs suivants :

Dans le Primaire:

AJ Duncan, enseignant en CM2

Maria Magdic, enseignante en CE1

Sujatha Mathe, enseignante en CM1

Dans le Secondaire:

Sara Rapp, bibliothécaire bilingue

Dans le courant français :

Ahmed Chaouche, professeur de Sciences (remplaçant Aurélie Billot)

Pierrick Chalaye, histoire, géographie et français

Dans le courant anglais :

Kirsty Hilson, professeur d'anglais

Emma Turner, professeur d'anglais

Aheree Avard, professeur d'allemand

Adrian Clynes, professeur d'indonésien

Annemarie Power, professeur d'espagnol

Carole Sotgiu, professeur de français

Tanya Phillips, professeur d'éducation physique et sportive

Yoon Wong, professeur de mathématiques

Danielle Northey, professeur en disciplines artistiques

Nous accueillons également Deana Eddington (nouvelle assistante aux cuisines), Toni Minto (au secrétariat central) et Hedvig Selmeczki (de retour parmi nous et officiant aussi au secrétariat central).

Nous leur souhaitons un heureux et fructueux séjour parmi nous au Lycée franco-australien.

Vendredi dernier, aux premières heures de la journée, j'ai eu l'honneur et le plaisir d'assister à la cérémonie officielle d'inauguration de l'arboretum. J'étais accompagnée en cela par deux élèves de Seconde représentant l'école: Véronique Wong Kai In (Capitaine de l'école) et Nicholas Hall (membre du Comité des élèves). Ils eurent l'extrême honneur d'être photographiés avec notre *Chief Minister*, Ms Katie Gallagher, qui inaugurait officiellement l'arboretum. S'être levés à 4h30 du matin pour montrer leur profond engagement à l'école, valait bien cette récompense!

Je voudrais profiter de cette opportunité pour souhaiter à tous les membres de notre communauté scolaire une année heureuse et féconde. Je me réjouis de travailler avec vous pour qu'ensemble nous puissions offrir la meilleure éducation possible à chaque enfant de cette école et ce dans un environnement sécurisé et attentionné.

Bien cordialement,
Kerrie Blain
Principale

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder

2012 Yearbooks are still available from the Finance Office. Cost is \$40:00.

For students and parents, this is a valuable reminder of another fantastic year and of some of the achievements of the school. The yearbook contains photos of friends and classes, camps and activities and will be something to treasure and look back on in years to come.

Telopea Band-Fridge Door

Contact: Rob Clements 62055577

rob.clements@ed.act.edu.au

Semester 1, 2013- at a glance band calendar performances

Tuesday 12 February – 8-10 Telopea Wind Ensemble (TWE) Boot Camp at IMP, Kaleen

14 and 15 February – jazz banc retreat at Caloola Farm (TBC)

23 February (12:00pm Saturday TBC) – Canberra Show – All Bands

Saturday 6 April - AFC 30th Anniversary at Albert Hall (WE/Jazz)

Band Camp – 9 May – 11 May (note extra day this year for Year 8-10;

Year 7 on the 10 May – 11 May only)

Wednesday 22 May – Cowra Eisteddfod (Bands TBC)

National Eisteddfod – Thursday 23 May (Jazz); Saturday 25 May (all other bands)

Central Western NSW Tour – Tuesday 29 October – Friday 1 November

SECONDARY NEWS

Secondary Student Services February 2013

Welcome to Semester 1, 2013 all continuing students and their families and welcome all new students and their families to Telopea Park School.

The Student Services Team consists of the:

Principal, Mrs. Kerrie Blain, the Proviseur, Mr. Emmanuel Texier, the Deputy Principal (Secondary) Mr. Tom Kobal (62055599), Executive Teachers, Mrs. Michele McLoughlin (62055588), A/g Pastoral Care Coordinator, Ms Mary De Poorter (62055588), the Counsellor, Ms. Sue Forrest (62055599) the Year Coordinators; Yr 10, Mrs. Natalie Bray, (62055573); Yr 9, Ms. Kylie Louis (62055580); Yr 8 Ms. Isabelle Ensuque (62055573); Yr 7 Ms. Larissa Shihoff (62055582, Arches Program, Mr. Peter Hobbs (62055300), the Student Administration Officer, Mrs. Tanya Murphy (62055576)); the Indigenous Education Officer, Mr. Lyle Swan, the Youth Worker, Ms. Noni See (62055300) and the Health Nurse Ms. Julie Irving (62055455).

If you have any concerns about your child, please contact Mrs. McLoughlin, Ms. De Poorter or the Year Coordinator to discuss your concerns and arrange an appointment to discuss your concerns.

Attendance every day in every class is crucial for students to develop and maintain a positive and supportive student-teacher relationship and a connection to the school community.

School hours for Secondary students are 8.45am-3.15pm, Monday-Friday.

A parent/carer must contact the school within five (5) days to explain any student absence from school. The most effective way of communicating with the school is to email student.welfare@telopea.act.edu.au or by phone on 62055576 followed by a letter or email.

To facilitate communication between parents/carers and the school, parents/carers are encouraged to complete the SMS/email contact form (see attachment to this newsletter). Parents/carers will be notified by 11.00am each morning, via SMS/email if their child is not present at Pastoral Group 8.45-8.55am.

The school encourages parents to take an active role in the school community and to support the school values of **Respect, Cooperation, Fairness, and Honesty**. Students can demonstrate being a member of the Telopea Park School community each day by wearing the school dress code and adhering to the values of respect, cooperation, fairness and honesty.

Dress code requirements for secondary students are: **white collared shirt, navy knee length shorts, navy trousers (girls and boys), navy jumper, hoodie or warm jacket, navy knee length skirt or knee length summer dress (girls). The PE uniform consists of the navy PE shirt and navy shorts/track pants.**

All students will be expected to wear black leather (or equivalent) shoes that meet occupational health and safety (OHS) standards. Students who do not have proper footwear may be excluded from taking part in classes because of occupational and health safety (OHS) regulations. These classes may include; the Arts, Physical Education, Science and Technology (Woodwork, Metal work).

Telopea Park School follows the guidelines of 'Restorative Justice' and has developed 'Restorative Practices' to deal with issues as they arise at school. Restorative Practices facilitates the development of skills within the student to deal with conflict in a positive and assertive manner. Conferencing with and between the students involved in conflict is one strategy that may be used to support and develop individual skills of resilience and positive self esteem.

The school has a zero tolerance to any form of bullying, harassment and racism. Students are asked to report any form of bullying, harassment or racism to a member of the Student Services Team or their Pastoral Care Teacher or email ursafe@telopea.act.edu.au or ruok@telopea.act.edu.au

The school does not take responsibility for any valuables brought to school. Valuable may include bikes, skateboards, scooters, mobile phones, ipods, ipads, laptops, and wallets.

The use of electronic devices such as mobile phones and ipods are restricted during school hours. Electronic devices must be switched off or on silent and be out of sight during class time and when students are walking between classes.

Electronic devices with a camera must not be used in class, in the change rooms or in student toilets.

Students must not call their parents/carers directly to collect them from school if they are unwell. Students must report to Sick Bay in the Secondary Library and leave the school only after Sick Bay has contacted a parent/carer to collect them.

Michele McLoughlin 62055588

PRIMARY NEWS

It has been marvellous to welcome the children back for a new school year and to see they are all refreshed after their holidays. I have no doubt we will hear many wonderful tales of summer activities!

New Students

We also welcomed our Kindergarten students who have spent their first week at school learning the routines and making new friends. Other new students in Years 1-6 have been linked up with a 'buddy' who will show them around and make sure they feel welcome and at home.

New Staff

We have new staff commencing at our school this term. Mrs Sujathe Mathe will be teaching Year 3 & 4. Replacing Ms Jordan. She comes with a wealth of experience in both Victorian and ACT schools. Mr Anthony (AJ) Duncan will be teaching Year 5.3 and Years 5 & 6 Health, replacing Mrs Ritchard. He has a background in language teaching and assisting with literacy learning. Ms Maria Magdic returns to our school replacing Mrs Heather Richardson in Year 2. Maria has extensive experience in bilingual learning both in our school and the French School of Singapore. We bid a warm welcome to Ahmed

Chaouche from France who replaces Mme Aurelie Billot and will teach Year 6 Maths and Science. These four teachers will be a magnificent addition to our team.

A Year of Big Celebrations

This year Primary students will be involved in our big celebrations. Not only is it Canberra's one-hundredth birthday but also our bilingual program, that has offered thousands of students a rich educational experience, is turning 30! We will be observing this anniversary in several ways so watch out for news of that. Later in the year, the school itself turns 90. A big year of celebrations!

Key Events Coming Up

In the next couple of weeks there will be year 6 Camp, the School Swimming Carnival and Parent Information Evenings. Please look out for information regarding these annual events. The school photos will also occur later February and information about that will be sent home soon.

Kindergarten 2012 PIPS Reports

PIPS reports from 2012 were delayed last year but they are now available. They will be sent home via students this week. We appreciate your patience and apologise for any inconvenience.

Uniform

I will send home shortly a longer information sheet with various reminders but at this time, please ensure your child has their uniform on every day, including a sun-smart hat. To avoid injuring, footwear should be sturdy. Please no ballet flats, party shoes or flimsy sandals.

Thursday is the Day letters are Sent Home

We send correspondence from the school via students on a Thursday. Please keep an eye out for those pieces of information.

Your Child is Important

Finally, I look forward to working with you again. Your child is important so if I can be of any assistance please do come and speak with me.

Best wishes,

Kate Sutherland

Deputy Principal

NOUVELLES DU PRIMAIRE

Ce fut un grand plaisir d'accueillir de nouveau les enfants pour une nouvelle année scolaire et de les trouver tous bien frais et dispos à l'issue de leurs vacances. Il ne fait aucun doute que nous aurons l'occasion de les entendre nous raconter leurs merveilleuses activités estivales!

Nouveaux élèves

Nous avons accueilli nos élèves de Maternelle qui ont passé leur première semaine d'école à se mettre au courant des routines et à se faire de nouveaux amis. Pour les nouveaux élèves des classes du primaire (du CP à la Sixième) un 'copain' leur a été désigné qui leur présentera l'école et s'assurera de leur bon accueil.

Nouveaux enseignants

De nouveaux professeurs ont pris leurs fonctions à l'école ce trimestre. Mme Sujathe Mathe enseignera en CE2 et CM1, en remplacement de Ms Jordan. Elle nous apporte son expérience d'écoles du Victoria et de Canberra. Mr Anthony (AJ) Duncan enseignera en CM2 et prendra en charge la Santé en

classes de CM2 et Sixième, en remplacement de Mme Ritchard. Spécialiste de l'enseignement de la langue, il sera aussi chargé de la littéracie. Ms Maria Magdic nous revient en remplacement de Mme Heather Richardson en classe de CE1. Maria possède une expérience d'enseignement bilingue à la fois à notre Lycée franco-australien et à l'école française de Singapour. Nous accueillons aussi chaleureusement Mr Ahmed Chaouche qui nous arrive de France pour remplacer Mme Aurélie Billot et qui enseignera les Sciences et les Mathématiques en Sixième. Ces quatre professeurs complètent magnifiquement notre équipe.

Une grande année de célébrations

Cette année, nos élèves du primaire participeront à nos grandes célébrations. Il s'agit non seulement de fêter le centième anniversaire de Canberra mais aussi le trentième anniversaire de notre programme bilingue qui a offert à des milliers d'élèves une expérience éducative extrêmement riche! Nous fêterons cet anniversaire de plusieurs façons, et nous vous tiendrons au courant. Dans le courant de l'année, l'école elle-même célébrera ses 90 ans. C'est donc une grande année de célébrations qui s'annonce en vérité!

Evènements-clés prévus

D'ici une quinzaine de jours auront lieu le Camp des Sixièmes, les Compétitions de Natation de l'école et les Soirées d'information pour les parents. Veuillez prendre connaissance des informations concernant ces moments forts annuels. Les photos scolaires seront prises fin février. L'information à ce sujet vous sera communiquée sous peu.

Les Rapports des évaluations 2012 de Maternelle (PIPS)

Ces rapports de 2012 avaient pris quelque retard mais sont maintenant disponibles. Ils seront confiés aux élèves cette semaine. Nous vous remercions de votre patience et nous nous excusons de ce retard indépendant de notre volonté.

Les uniformes

Je vous enverrai d'ici peu plus amples informations à ce sujet mais en cet instant assurez-vous que votre enfant porte bien l'uniforme chaque jour, y compris un chapeau réglementaire. Pour éviter tout incident, les chaussures se doivent d'être solides. Evitez les ballerines, escarpins de soirée ou sandales légères.

Jeudi: journée des lettres envoyées à la maison

La correspondance de l'école destinée à la maison est distribuée chaque jeudi aux élèves. Veuillez-vous assurer que vous recevez bien ces informations.

Votre enfant est important

Pour conclure, je me réjouis de travailler avec vous de nouveau. Votre enfant est important. Ainsi si je puis vous être utile n'hésitez pas à venir me voir.

Bien cordialement,

Kate Sutherland

Principale Adjointe

Primary Drop Off

Parents would be aware of the new drop off arrangements for primary students. The changes are working well and are helping to keep our children safe.

A few points to remember when using the drop off:

- Only the front car should have children getting out, all other cars behind please wait until you are at the front of the line and let the children out. A little patience will keep all children safe.
- Children should get out of the car on the school side (not the road side as this is unsafe).
- Parents please stay in your vehicles. Do not get out to say goodbye to your child/children as this slows down the drop off. If you need to get out, park in a parking bay and not in the drop off area.
- Children being dropped off in Young Street should walk to the crossing, not cross at the intersection.
- After drop-off, DO NOT do a U-turn. This is compromising student safety.

Once out of the car the children Yr1-Yr6 can enter the school grounds through the new gate. Kinder students need to walk to the kindergarten gate.

If you have any comments or concerns please contact the school on 6205 5599.

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

Enrolment forms, for Morning and Afternoon sessions, are available from the ASC Office or on the P&C webpage.

Extra Curricular Activity enrolments are now closed. You can find the activities list outside the ASC office. You may still enrol in activities that are not full.

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

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| | 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

The YMS Boys Choir

The Young Music Society Boys Choir (formerly Canberra Boys Choir) is recruiting boys currently enrolled in Primary School.

From the American Songbook to the Bee Gees and Modern Popular Songs - it's a great chance to sing fun songs with friends and develop a love for music and singing!

The choir is led by Michael Sollis, a Canberra-based composer and educator, and the artistic director of The Griffyn Ensemble.

Rehearsals are on Tuesdays during school term from 4.30 – 6.00pm, and will begin on Tuesday, February 12, at the

Ainslie Arts Centre

Elouera Street

Braddon.

Fees are \$140/term. For newcomers, the first few weeks are free - come along and try it out, no auditions required.

Enquiries for entry into the choir - please contact the YMS on (02) 6161 3782 or

admin@youngmusicsociety.org.au.

Australian Baseball League – Championship Series

The Australian Baseball League Championship Series is taking place this weekend, as your very own Canberra Calvary take on the two-time defending champion Alcohol. Think Again Perth Heat. The action will take place at Narrabundah Ballpark (Narupai and Goyder Street along side Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah).

Update on the Interact Club of Telopea Park School

Rotary Project on Tanna Is. Vanuatu

The Interact Club of Telopea Park School is now entering its 4th year. During that time it has functioned as a junior Rotary Club and undertaken many community projects. Many people have benefited from the community service work undertaken, including the Telopea students themselves. Research proven that 'giving' continues to the wellbeing of the giver, as well as the receiver.

Many families will know that the main project of Telopea's Interact Club has been to raise sufficient funds to build a school hall, kitchen and library and kitchen at the remote village of Port Resolution on Tanna Island in Vanuatu. The Interact Club has an agreement with Rotary International, that once the Interact Club of Telopea raised all the required funds, Rotary International will send teams of volunteers to construct the school buildings in Vanuatu village.

So what is the current state of the Project.

The Interact Club took 2 years to raise \$110,000. 00

Most of the money was raised through a very successful fundraising Vanuatu Donation Flyer. The Interact Club circulated this Flyer far and wide. From the \$110,000 collected, 25% was raised by the hard working Interact Club of Telopea Park School (eg BBQ, raffles, fashion parade, cake stall, art auctions) and the remaining 75% came from donations made by individuals, clubs and businesses through the Vanuatu Donation Flyer. The Interact Club was also successful in obtaining a grant for the Australian High Commission in Vanuatu, something which I believe is an achievement..

In May 2012 the first ship load of materials were transported to the Is.

This project could not be located in a more remote location. Not only is it located on an island in the Pacific Ocean, 206 km from Port Vila, it has the additional problem that the village is located on a remote side of Tanna Island with no port facilities. Plus and the only road from Tanna Island's capital to the village, is unsuitable to road transport the construction materials. Getting the materials on site was difficult and expensive. The logistics for the project manager was a nightmare. Eventually Rotary District 9650 hired a landing barge to transport the materials for a fee of \$6,500. With no port nearby, the landing barge delivered the materials to the local beach for the locals to carry all materials to the construction site within the school grounds.

The Project is a partnership between the Port Resolution Community, District 9650 RAWCS Project Tafea and the Interact Club of Telopea Park School.

The Rotary agreement with the Port Resolution Community is that the village has the role of finding the money and labour to required to construct the footings and the slab. Using their level of technology and local materials, the village:

- prepared the site,
- put down the form work and
- poured the slab.

This stage, took longer than Interact had planned. This was due to a large number of elderly people in the village passing away during 201 . Each death in a Vanuatu culture, has weeks of mourning with ceremonies that require preparation that is very time consuming. Plus in July they had Independence

Day, which consumed another couple of weeks. We had to remind ourselves, that we were guests in their culture and we had to fit in with them.

As frustrating as it was, we had to respect their culture and wait for the Ni-Vanuatu people to get back on track. Due to delays, the Rotary teams that were planned to go across had to be postponed, as the joint agreement clearly stated that the village had to complete their role before Rotary arrived to finish the job. In late September the slab was completed... much to the relief of all concerned.

The next stage is for the besser block walls to be laid, followed with the roof being constructed and pitched.

In an effort to keep the project moving Rotary has employed a local Ni Vanuatu person to lay the besser block walls. This will keep the project moving through to Christmas, with plans to recruit volunteer teams to arrive early in 2013 to construct and pitch the roof.

VAT Exemption Certificate for the Project

Earlier in the 2012, Ray White the Project Manager managed to secure a VAT Exemption Certificate for the Interact Project. This is a big plus, as currently the all goods purchased in Vanuatu, have a Government tax of 12.5 % added to the cost of everything. So as the project will be spending approx. \$110,000 on materials, we will save approx.. \$13,750.

On behalf of the Interact Club of Telopea Park School, I would like to thank the Canberra community in believing in the eighteen, 14 year old Telopea students who had a dream to undertake this Vanuatu school project. The support from the Canberra community gave the Interact students the energy to keep going until they fulfilled their dream.

Raising the money was time consuming and hard work. We are now entering the fun part and that is constructing the school hall, kitchen and library.

If you would like to be part of a Rotary volunteer team to work on this project, please contact Mr Ray White, Project Construction Manager, ph 02 65842534, mobile 0417682014 email Raymond.white2@bigpond.com

If you are interested in being a volunteer, the teams are usually 2 weeks in duration. The cost for each volunteer is approx. \$2,000 and this covers airfares, accommodation, Rotary Insurance, overnight stay in Port Vila, , meals on Tanna Island and breakfast in Port Vila. Also included are all transfers, a Rotary Shirt and Rotary badge.

The village is located in a remote part of Tanna Island and the village operates on a subsistence level. The community still lives a traditional lifestyle and they are beautiful gentle people and the village is located in a little piece of Paradise, with the World's most active accessible volcano about 10 km away.

If you are interested in being a volunteer, please contact Mr Ray White in Rotary District 9650 (details above).... You will not regret it!

Ms Susan Alexander,
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Telopea Park School Lycée Franco-Australien de Canberra

SMS/Email Absences Program

Secondary Students

Dear Parent/Carer,

Telopea Park School (Secondary) implemented an SMS/Email absences program that allows the school to notify parents/carers of their child’s unexplained absences each day.

This SMS/email system notifies parents/carers after the daily absences have been entered onto the school database and will help the school work with parents to manage student attendance more effectively. An SMS message or an email will be sent to the mobile phone number/email address provided by the parent/carers.

To ensure the success of this program, we need an up-to-date contact for a Parent/Carer with an email address (preferably a work address) and a mobile phone contact number. This will allow the school to send a message to you notifying you of your child’s absence. In addition, the contact details you supply may be used for other notifications. For example, Parent-Teacher Evening reminders or special events/excursions.

If you wish to receive an absence notification please forward your details to the school: student.welfare@telopea.act.edu.au or complete the form below and return this form to the school via fax 620 55572 or post.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Michele McLoughlin on 620 55588.

Yours sincerely,

Michele McLoughlin

SMS OR EMAIL Information Required:

Student’s Name: **Year** **Pastoral Group**.....

Parent/Carer Name :.....(Please print)

Mobile Phone number for SMS message:

OR

Email address:

Parent/Carer Signature.....

2013MENU

Teloopa Park School Canteen

Teresa Shea Manager 0409 722 343

EVERYDAY SNACKS MENU

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| Fresh Apple or Orange | \$1.20 |
| Watermelon Pot | \$2.50 |
| Homemade Muffin Lge \$2.00Sml | \$0.60 |
| Homemade Cookie | \$1.50 |
| Chocolate Mousse | \$3.00 |
| Mixed Berry Yoghurt and Honey Pot | \$3.00 |
| Jelly Pot (Various Flavours) | \$1.00 |
| Variety Snack Chips | \$1.70 |
| Popcorn (Plain or Chicken) | \$1.50 |
| THAT Chocolate or Banana Dairy Snack | \$2.50 |

NEW

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|------------------------------------|--------|
| TROP0 COOLS (Variety of Flavours) | \$2.00 |
| Paddle Pop Fruit Stax | \$0.70 |
| Paddle Pops (Variety of Flavours) | \$1.70 |
| Frozen Fruit Cup (Apple or Orange) | \$1.00 |
| Lemonade Icy Twist | \$1.30 |
| Frozen Yoghurt | \$2.00 |

HOT MEALS

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|---|--------|
| Hot dogs with Sauce | \$3.00 |
| Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap (with lettuce, Mayo & Sweet Chilli Sauce) | \$5.50 |
| Chicken Burger (with Lettuce & May) | \$5.00 |
| Beef Burger (With lettuce, Mayo, slice tomato and Tomato Sauce) | \$4.50 |
| Oven Baked Seasoned Wedges | \$3.50 |
| Sour cream Pot | \$0.50 |
| Cheese Pizza (made Fresh) | \$2.00 |
| Ham and Cheese Pizza (made fresh) | \$2.00 |
| Garlic Bread (Made Fresh) | \$0.50 |
| Party Pie | \$1.00 |
| Oven Baked Hash browns | \$1.00 |
| Tomato sauce | \$0.30 |
| Traveller Pie | \$3.30 |
| Sausage Roll | \$2.80 |
| Nachos (with cheese and salsa) (V) | \$3.50 |
| Lasagne (Lunch Order) | \$3.60 |
| Chicken nuggets | \$0.60 |
| Quesadilla (V) | \$2.00 |

Veggie Burger (With lettuce and Mayo)\$5.00 (LUNCH ORDER ONLY)

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| Squares (Beef Malay or Pizza) | \$2.60 |
| Quiche (Egg and Bacon or Spinach Ricotta) | \$3.50 |
| Spinach Ricotta Roll | \$3.20 |
| Chicken Noodle Cup | \$2.60 |

Sandwiches

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| White or Wholemeal Bread | |
| Vegemite or Cheese Sandwich | |
| \$3.00 | |
| Cheese and Tomato, Ham & Cheese, Or Ham, Cheese and Tomato | \$4.00 |

TOASTED EXTRA

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|-----------------------------------|--------|
| \$0.50 | |
| Egg Lettuce and Mayo | \$4.00 |
| Tuna Lettuce and Mayo | \$4.00 |
| Chicken Lettuce and Mayo | \$4.00 |
| Chicken Salad, Ham Salad or Salad | \$4.50 |

Gluten Free Bread Available on Lunch

Order

\$1.00

extra

WRAPS

Tuna Lettuce and Mayo, Chicken lettuce and Mayo; Ham and cheese; Ham Cheese and Tomato; Cheese Salad; Ham Salad; Chicken Salad; Chicken Caesar

ALL WRAPS \$5.50



SALAD BOXES

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| Chicken Salad; Ham salad; Egg Salad; Cheese Salad Box | \$5.00 |
| Pasta salad (Term 1 and 4) | \$5.00 |
| Greek Salad | \$5.00 |
| Fruit Salad (one size) | \$5.00 |
| Chicken Caesar Salad | \$5.00 |
| Chicken Coriander Salad | \$5.00 |

DRINKS

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| Flavoured Milk 300ml | \$2.50 |
| Falvoured Milk 600ml | \$3.20 |
| Plain Milk | \$2.00 |
| Water(600ml) | \$2.50 |
| Fruit Box | \$1.50 |
| Apple or Orange Juice (390ml) | \$2.50 |
| EFF (Effverecent 99% Fruit Juice) | \$2.60 |
| Iced teas | \$3.50 |
| Cool Crush/Slushy | \$2.50 |
| Deep Springs(Various Flavours) | \$3.50 |

SMOOTHIES (Mango & Banana with Apple Juice or Mixed Berries with Milk)

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| \$3.00 | |
| Aroona Springs (Flavoured Mineral water) | \$2.50 |

DAILY SPECIALS

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|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
| Penne Pasta | Butter Chicken | Spaghetti Bolognese | Chicken Teriyaki | Raviolli |
| LARGE: \$5.00 | OR SMALL \$4.00 | | | |

