

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### Welcome back to school

It's been an extraordinary first half of the year – smoke, fires and a global pandemic. As we come to the end of term 2 I'm sure that students and staff are looking forward to a break during the holidays. I wish to express my thanks to students and parents/carers in adhering to advice around hygiene and students staying home when unwell. Staff, both teaching and non-teaching, have done an excellent job in supporting students in their learning and also in their wellbeing. We understand that it's been a very difficult time and that the situation hasn't resolved as yet. School staff will continue to support students as we slowly return to normal operations. We're looking forward to starting up excursions, sports teams and other school events next term. **A big thanks to our business manager, Jade Uttley**, who has done an extraordinary job of leading the administrative team during the renovation process, through multiple relocations and working with an enormous range of building contractors.

#### Front Office and Student Services Renovations

During term 2 the front office and student services areas have been renovated, with student services being entirely relocated to a different part of the building. Part of the renovations mean that students who arrive late will enter through what used to be the Student Services courtyard. Visitors will continue to be served at the previous front office counter, and parents/carers can use that counter to pay for excursions or deal with administrative issues. The



**Student Services Office**

Student Reception will be where students sign in and out, pay for excursions and pick up or drop off forms. Students will be able to access Student Services via the internal courtyard (called 'The Marketplace'), rather than having to go around to the front of the building. We will be organising new signage for the front of the school.



**New Student Reception Counter**

20 Heidelberg Street  
CONDER ACT 2906

#### Webpage:

[www.lanyonhs.act.edu.au](http://www.lanyonhs.act.edu.au)

#### Email:

[lanyonHSinfo@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:lanyonHSinfo@ed.act.edu.au)

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**Absences:** (02) 6142 1815 or

**[lanyonHSstudentabsences@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:lanyonHSstudentabsences@ed.act.edu.au)**

**Principal:** Barbara Monsma

**Deputy Principal:** Rebecca Cusick

**School Board Chair:**

Andrew Windsor

**P&C President:** Cath Windsor

#### Coming Events

**3 July:** Last day of Term 2

**20 July:** First day of Term 3

For more details about community events and services please see [http://www.lanyonhs.act.edu.au/news\\_and\\_events](http://www.lanyonhs.act.edu.au/news_and_events)

Please note: services and events advertised on the Lanyon High School website are not endorsed or associated with Lanyon High School.

- Dwarfism Awareness
- Smith Family help with school costs
- Parentline ACT and Kids Helpline
- Headspace Canberra Youth Ambassadors
- Tutoring before/after school



Lanyon High School acknowledges the Ngunnawal people, the traditional custodians of this land. We would also like to pay respects to the United Ngunnawal Elders Council and to the Elders, both past and present of the Ngunnawal nation. We would also like to extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our community.

### Farewell to Donna in the Canteen

Donna has been doing a great job of running the canteen for the last 18 months. She has been given an opportunity in another setting which was too good for her to pass up, and so she is finishing with us at the end of term 2. The students and staff wish to thank her for her generosity and the warmth she has shown everyone in our school. We wish her all the best for the future. We are still working on finding a replacement canteen operator.



### Changes to semester 1 reporting

Due to the unprecedented circumstances faced by schools across Australia this year, a national agreement has been reached to modify school reporting for Semester 1. In the ACT we will reduce the level of Semester 1 reporting for students from Kindergarten to year 10. We recognise that providing families with information about their child's progress and learning is crucial and will be especially valuable after the start to the year we have all experienced.



Semester 1 school reports for 2020 will still include information about each student's level of progress against specific achievement standards for the learning areas that were covered in Semester 1. Teachers will still make a judgement about the level of engagement each student has demonstrated with their learning and, where appropriate, work habits. Personal and Social Capability will still be included. Reports in Semester 1 will not include overall grades for learning areas/subjects or a comparative A-E grade summary. Additionally, reports will not include attendance information for Semester 1.

For any other queries or concerns, you can contact the Education Directorate via the Education Directorate Contact Form or call 6205 5429.

Semester 1 reports were issued electronically on Wednesday 1 July.

**I hope that everyone has a restful break.**

Barbara Monsma  
Principal



*News from the Principal*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE EDUCATION DIRECTORATE: COVID-19 AND SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS FOR TERM 3 2020

It's a pleasure to let you know there will be a further easing of restrictions on our school activities and parent/carer engagement in line with the broader easing of COVID-19 restrictions across the ACT.

The ACT Education Directorate released a 'roadmap' based on the ACT Government's COVID-19 recovery plan. This roadmap is based on health advice and is attached along with a letter from the Chief Health Officer.

In term 3 we plan to welcome back our families for events such as parent teacher interviews and small assemblies with physical distancing and hygiene measures in place.

However, where possible parents and carers should still routinely avoid entering school grounds and ensure they practice physical distancing around adults at schools.

You are encouraged to review the roadmap and letter and look out for future school newsletters and communication about how we will be implementing the roadmap in our school.

## DANCE FOR FUN

In dance for fun this term we have been building a repertoire of moves during warm up sessions and creating dance pieces within the theme of "new beginnings". Dancers have been developing their ability to work in a team and develop choreography whilst having great time making new friends and dancing.





## MATHS

### Year 7

After beginning the term with an introduction to algebra, year 7 have been using those skills to explore the Cartesian plane. The students used the Geogebra website to set up games of battleships and each class went through a knockout tournament to determine the ultimate master of the high seas.



### Year 8

This term we have simplified using like terms and expanded and factorised with single brackets (some keen students had a go at expanding double brackets ready for year 9). We are now studying rates and ratios and considering how they can be used in real world situations, like speed, hourly rates and determining the quantities of ingredients required when halving or doubling a recipe.

### Year 9

This term year 9 have been working on real world problems involving trigonometry and Pythagoras' Theory. Students ventured outside this week to apply their knowledge of trigonometry by using a clinometer to measure angles and draw diagrams in order to calculate the height of a tree, building or pole.

### Year 10

Year 10 are currently studying financial maths and the connection between simple interest and compound interest. After recently completing the Road Ready course, the students are now getting a taste for reality by researching car prices to make calculations and comparisons for hypothetical loans.



## 2020 SCHOOL SATISFACTION AND CLIMATE SURVEY

Each year, the Education Directorate surveys all parents, school staff and students in Years 4 to 12 about their satisfaction with public education. The 2020 surveys will be available online from 10 to 31 August.

## P&C NEWS

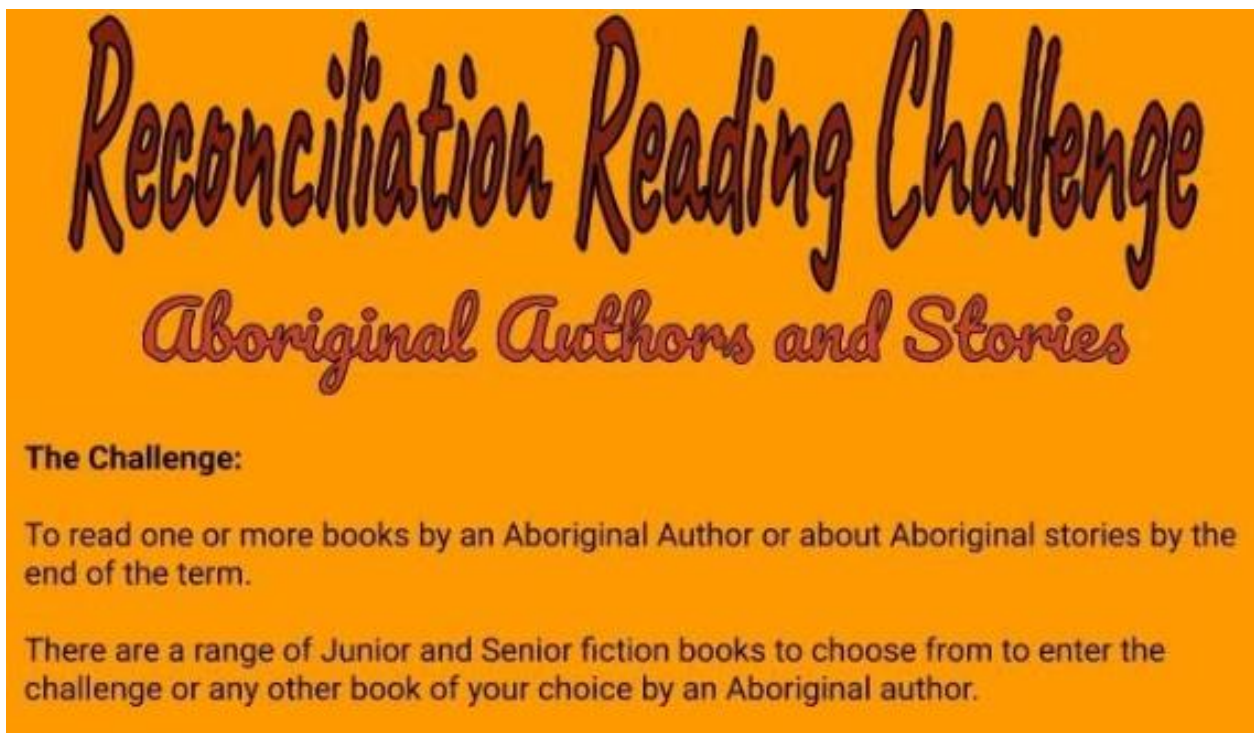
After 5 fabulously successful school terms with Lanyon High School, we are sadly going to be saying "Farewell" to Donna Finch, our School Canteen Manager at the end of this week.

Donna has run the Canteen with dedication and commitment to our wonderful students and staff providing healthy, delicious food with great skill, generosity and always with a smile. Thank you so very much for your time, hard work and energy Donna, Steve and helpers.

We will start Term 2 without a Canteen Manager and no current options. The P&C would be willing to consider supporting a highly experienced, enthusiastic Canteen Manager. Please contact the Front Office staff if you know someone willing and able who may fit the criteria on (02) 6142 1800.

Thank you  
Cath Windsor  
P&C President

## RECONCILIATION READING CHALLENGE

A poster with an orange background. The title "Reconciliation Reading Challenge" is written in a large, dark brown, cursive font. Below it, "Aboriginal Authors and Stories" is written in a smaller, reddish-brown, cursive font. The text "The Challenge:" is in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below that, the challenge details are written in a black, sans-serif font.

**The Challenge:**

To read one or more books by an Aboriginal Author or about Aboriginal stories by the end of the term.

There are a range of Junior and Senior fiction books to choose from to enter the challenge or any other book of your choice by an Aboriginal author.

The Lanyon High School Reconciliation Reading Challenge was launched during Reconciliation Week to encourage students to read books by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander authors. We have now extended the due date to the end of term three so that students have plenty of time to read. Next term, please check out the new section of First Nations writers in our school library. Remember that we are offering prizes to those who read the most books and everyone who enters goes in the draw to win! See your English teacher or the posters around the school for more information.

# Updated public transport timetables



**START** 18 JULY 2020

Commencing Term 3, 2020 minor changes will apply to some dedicated school services, regular route services and timetables for buses.

COVID-19 restrictions may have eased but your responsibility hasn't.

[transport.act.gov.au](https://transport.act.gov.au)



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