

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

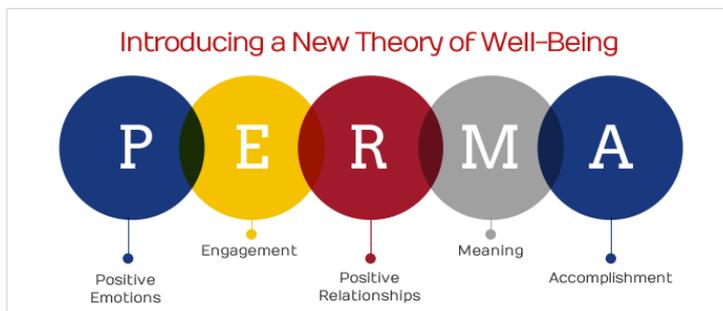
Welcome back to school

The beginning of the term has been relatively smooth with students and staff returning to fairly normal school life. We continue to be vigilant with physical distancing and use of hand sanitisers. Again, I thank parents for keeping their children home when they have cold/flu symptoms. Staff are also staying home if feeling unwell and we acknowledge that this has impacted on student learning. We have sourced some additional relief teachers and also have a number of new staff who joined us this term;

Stephen Read – Learning Support Assistant
 Claire Henry – Front office

Ebony White – Hass teacher
 Sascha Zsigmond – LSU teacher

Thanks to Ms Joh Davies for organising a visit from Jonny Shannon, the Motivational Speaker of the Year, 2020. Jonny spoke to each year group for an hour about the kinds of choices that young people, and all of us, make which shape our lives. He used humour and great stories to engage the students as he explained the concept of PERMA – which describes the various elements that help with wellbeing. The students were highly engaged and respectful as they listened to his messages.



We have been able to re-start local excursions. Recently the 7/8 girls netball and 7/8 boys soccer teams played in the southside carnival and in coming weeks the 9/10 Outdoor Education class will be doing some trips in the region to engage in outdoor learning. Year 10 students were visited by teachers from Erindale College and Lake Tuggeranong College to give them an overview of the college selection process. Those teachers returned in week 4 to help the students with their subject selections for 2021. It's important to keep in mind that all students and parents/cares must adhere to the legislation around enrolment in school, so if you child is not planning to attend college, please contact the school so that we can assist you in planning for your child's education or work options for the future.

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Principal: Barbara Monsma
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Coming Events

20 July: First day of Term 3

25 September: Last day of Term 3

For more details about community events and services please see 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.

At this point we are unsure of whether or not parent-teacher night can occur face-to-face and it seems unlikely that we will be able to run LanFest in October. We are investigating alternatives for both events. More information will come out soon.

Student Support Funds – Uniform & Chromebooks

A reminder to all parents/carers that the school operates a student support fund. This provides limited funds to parents who are experiencing financial difficulty. Funds can be used to help any student access activities that the school would normally anticipate a whole year group, class or specific group of students would attend. They can also be used for **uniform**, stationery supplies and **Chromebook repairs**. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact me so that we can discuss accessing this support fund. Information is kept confidential.



We expect that students are always in full school uniform. We ask that parents support the school to ensure students are in uniform. We have spare uniform in Student Services that students can borrow for the day. Please contact the principal if you wish to access Student Support Funds.

Canteen

We are still working very hard to find a new canteen manager. In the meantime, we will continue to supply 6-inch subs from Subway along with some other foods such as flavoured milk, muffins and fruit. A reminder to students and parents that it is not appropriate for students to be exiting school grounds to buy food from local shops or organise for food to be delivered, as this becomes unmanageable for staff. If students are without food or money, they can go to Student Services and receive a canteen voucher.

Please Give Us Your Feedback by 31 August

It is that time of the year when we are all asked to complete our system surveys. Surveys are completed by all staff, both teaching and non-teaching, as well as students and parents/carers. These surveys really help us to see what we are doing well and where we need to improve. I hope all our parents/carers will participate. You will have been emailed a link to the survey and an access code. It only takes ten minutes to complete. If you have questions please contact the school and speak to Tahlia Fitzgibbon in the front office.



Please note the following about Insurance and Ambulance Transport

The ACT Education Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained. As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted. This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage. The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity within the ACT.

Barbara Monsma
Principal



News from the Principal

YEAR 10 LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

This semester the Year 10 Leadership class and their teacher, Mr Haynes, have been running a mentoring program at Conder Primary School. The students visit the school once a week to run activities with students in Years 5 & 6. The goal of the program is to build positive relationships with students and share skills in a variety of areas, including team building, dance, sports, robotics, maths, art and cultural awareness. This program also helps support the primary school students make a smooth transition to high school and allows our Year 10 students to further develop their leadership skills. Both the Lanyon High School students and the Conder Primary students have been really enjoying the program so far.



YEAR 10 HASS

Our Indigenous Education Officer, Taylor Fitzgerald has been working with Year 10 HASS classes this term to explain the significance of cultural burning in Australia. Students have appreciated having Taylor's expertise in the classroom.

WHY TEACH ALL AUSTRALIAN KIDS ABOUT CULTURAL BURNING?

It provides a great opportunity to:

- Show ways to lessen the fear about fire after a catastrophic bushfire season
- Investigate techniques that have been used in the Australian landscape for thousands of years
- Focus on a specific area of scientific knowledge in Aboriginal culture
- Consider the economic opportunities for land management using fire



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YEAR 7 HASS

Students in Year 7 HASS are currently studying a Geography unit entitled 'Water in the World'. Students viewed a documentary about a young girl in Kenya, Sabina, who has to walk three hours each day to collect water for her family. In a practical activity to understand what this would be like for Sabina, students were asked to walk with two 20 litre buckets of water around the Lanyon High School oval. Students had to work as a team to not spill any water or unlink from each other. This was a fun and practical way for students to learn what it might be like to 'walk in Sabina's shoes'.

Jess Klein

Executive teacher English / HaSS / EALD



7/8 GIRLS NETBALL

On Tuesday August 4th, our year 7/8 girl's netball team competed at the Southside netball carnival. The team played 8 games throughout the day, winning two of them! An awesome effort from our girls, especially with no subs. The team displayed excellent sportsmanship and teamwork, and we couldn't be prouder.

Well done girls!

James Plowman
HPE Teacher



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.

As part of our continuous effort to improve ACT schools, the Education Directorate invites you to give feedback in an online survey about your satisfaction with your child. In addition to items developed to measure satisfaction and school climate, the 2020 survey includes questions about your experiences of learning at home during Term 2.

Your responses will help your school to identify what it does well and how it can improve. The data will also be used to underpin school improvement practices and inform government priorities, as well as in research projects and longitudinal studies aimed at improving the quality of education services in the ACT.

All families should have received an email at the beginning of this week giving detail of how to access the survey. The survey should take 5-10 minutes to complete and you can access it from any mobile device until Monday 31 August 2020.

2020 REVIEW OF THE DISABILITY STANDARDS FOR EDUCATION 2005

The Disability Standards for Education 2005 (the Standards) help make sure students with disability in Australia can access and participate in education on the same basis as students without disability. The Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment, on behalf of the Minister for Education, is undertaking a review of the Standards through an extensive community consultation process. The Standards are reviewed every five years to test if they are effective in achieving their objectives and whether any improvements could be made.

Current, former and prospective students with disability, their families and carers, advocates, educators and other members of the public are invited to share their experiences, views and ideas to inform the Review of the Standards. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, engagement activities will mostly be held online via a dedicated 2020 Review Consultation Hub. To register to be involved or to make a submission visit the Consultation Hub. The consultations are open until 11.59pm AEST on Friday, 25 September 2020.



A FRIENDLY REMINDER ABOUT SPEED LIMITS IN OUR CARPARK

