

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to school

School life is slowly returning to relative normality. I wish to express my thanks to all members of our community for working together to keep each other safe by staying home if they have cold or flu-like symptoms. Unfortunately, this has meant high degrees of staff absences and so I ask for your patience, as this has had some impact on classes. Students appear to enjoy returning to classroom-based learning and also engaging in some practicable activities. Along with this, staff and students recently celebrated various aspects of **Reconciliation Week**.

Mr Ian Williams worked with his science classes to explore ways in which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples made fire (see picture) – with mixed results. Students and teachers discovered that these techniques require good knowledge of the properties of plants and fibres in order to successfully get the fire to take. Other staff shared videos and resources to understand how our first peoples contribute to arts, culture and games, both in the past, and in present day times. Thanks to Ms Taylor Fitzgerald, Ms Anna McRae and Mr Sam De Sousa for their contributions and sharing of resources.



Year 7 Team building day

On Wednesday 17 June staff from Birrigai School will be coming to Lanyon High School for the day to deliver a range of team building activities for our year 7s. Birrigai School teachers will work with each Pastoral Care class, with the support of their



Pastoral Care Teachers, and to complete physical challenge, work in teams to solve problems and participate in drawing activities to help with cooperative skills. This program takes the place of normal classes for the entire day. Some of the activities will happen outside, so students are advised to ensure they bring a school jacket or jumper.

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.

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Coming Events

3 July: Last day of Term 2

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.

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.

For Lanyon High School this means that some parts of the achievement standards have not been assessed for some students and, as a result, those parts will be awarded S – Status, meaning that there was not enough evidence for the teacher to do an assessment of the student's progress. In terms of report comments, teachers will provide a statement on *Areas of Strength* and *Strategies for Development* for most subjects. I have advised teachers that when writing the *Strategies for Development* that they should list topics that students may not have completely covered due to the impacts of online learning. For example, perhaps a student wasn't able to fully engage with the topic of fractions in mathematics, or writing code in digital technologies. The teacher would then list these topics as areas for future focus in the comment. If you would like further information about your child's progress please consult with your classroom/subject teacher.

Enrolments for 2021 Year 7 and Year 11

Enrolment application for 2021 Year 7 and Year 11 are now open. The link to the online application form is below. Enrolment applications made between 28 April 2020 and 5 June 2020 will receive an offer from 27 July 2020. Applications made after 5 June will receive their offers later in the year.

All students are required to be attending school or in formal study (e.g. CIT) or work until the age of 17. So please contact the school if your child wishes to seek pathways other than college.

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school>

For those of you who are interested in what **Lake Tuggeranong College** and **Erindale College** here are links to their website and social media site. Parents/carers and students are encouraged to check out the information available and to phone or email if you have any questions about enrolment at the college. More information will be added to these sites in the coming weeks;

Tuggeranong College

Website: <http://www.ltc.act.edu.au/>

Blog: <https://laketuggeranongcollegeblog.com/>

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/LEARNTHRIVECONNECT/?modal=admin_todo_tour

Erindale College

Website: www.erindalec.act.edu.au

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Erindale-College-Canberra-503060086374789/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/erindalecollege>



Barbara Monsma
Principal



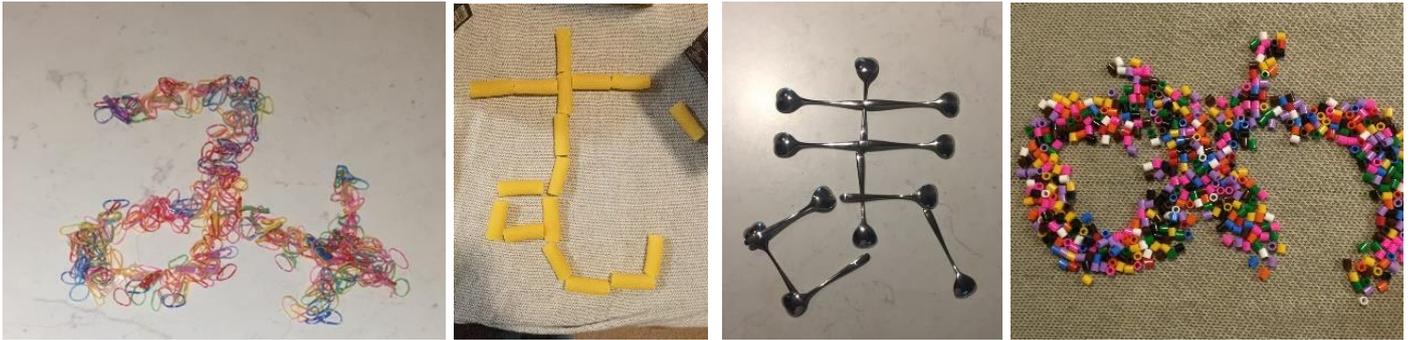
News from the Principal

FAST FOOD

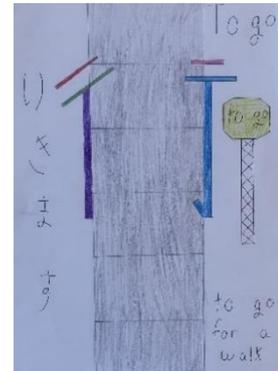
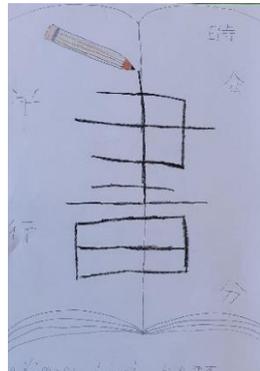
In accordance with the Education Directorate's food and drink policy, families are reminded that fast food is not permitted at Lanyon High School. This includes energy drinks, soft drinks and frozen drinks.

JAPANESE

Japanese has 3 different writing systems- Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji. Year 7 have been focusing on Hiragana this semester. During online learning we had the chance to create characters using things from around our house. There were some really creative uses of objects.



Year 8 have also been working hard on learning both Katakana and Kanji. In Term 1 we focused on the Kanji for common verbs and created pictures and stories to help us remember them. Creating pictures that feature the Kanji with its meaning is a great way to help us remember new characters.



Katherine Harris
Japanese/Year 8 PCA

BOOK CLUB

Book club is where students who enjoy reading get together to discuss their favourite books and then spend some time reading. Students help each other find new books, explore new reading areas and engage in recommendations about their favourite books. Everyone has been amazing this year with book club and being fully engaged with reading during Enrichment each week.

Louise Farrelly
English/Year 7 PCA



VALE KEITA 2006-2020

It is with much sadness that we announce the passing of Keita, our trained therapy chocolate labrador. Many Lanyon students past and present will have fond memories of Keita attending Lanyon High School with Ms Jane Offley over the past decade. Her calm presence in Jane's English classes and in the Green staffroom was a source of great joy to both staff and students and she will be sorely missed. Keita and Ms Offley both retired at the end of 2019.

Jess Klein
Executive Teacher English, HASS, Japanese & EALD

