

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### Welcome back to school

A number of fun activities have happened in recent weeks such as Wear it Purple Day and Health and PE day. Students and staff involved themselves in a range of fun activities. One of the key messages from Wear it Purple Day was that even if you disagree we still need to show each other respect. This lines up perfectly with our school value of **Respectful Relationships**. Our community is diverse, with a wider variety of beliefs, opinions and values. It's this diversity that makes our school an interesting place. At the same time, we need to show respect to people in our words and actions, even if we don't agree with someone else. Ensuring a safe environment, where everyone feels welcome, is essential for the wellbeing of everyone in our community. Thanks to Gavin Smith, Youth Support Worker, and the Rainbow Group students for all their efforts in putting together such a fantastic day. Thanks also to staff who ran activities for HPE days and in particular the teachers who organised the day. It was great to see the students dressed in their house colours and getting active.



#### 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.

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Andrew Windsor

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#### Coming Events

**23 September:** Year 7 National Zoo & Aquarium excursion

Year 8 iPlay & Bowling excursion

Year 10 Scavenger Hunt, King Pin & Dendy excursion

**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](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.

## Mid semester reports and parent teacher phone calls

Mid semester reports will be emailed to parents/carers on the Wednesday of week 8. The usual week 9 parent-teacher night will not go ahead. Instead, parents can request a phone call through the parent-teacher night booking system. Teachers will then call parents during week 9 and 10 with information about their child's progress for the subjects that have been requested. It's important to ensure that these phone calls are kept to a strict 10-minute limit in order to give teachers enough time to call of the parents who request a call. Instructions on how to make a request for a phone call will be provided shortly.

Principal  
Barbara Monsma



**Tuesday 15 September 2020**  
7-8 pm  
**webinar**

## Transition to school

**Tips and resources for parents supporting children who are starting school or preschool**

Parents and carers are invited to hear about the research supporting transitions, and ways to help prepare children and families for starting school or preschool.

A resource kit will be available  
To register (or request resources):  
Facebook - ACT Council of P&C Associations  
or phone: 02 6241 5759

Presented by the P&C Council and the ACT Education Directorate.



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**Year 7 Ceramics**

This semester year 7 ceramics created representations of delicious food. They are now fired and students are currently adding colour.



**Senior Visual Art**

This semester senior students have been studying concepts of Utopia and Dystopia. They were required to create a utopian sculpture then film the destruction of their sculpture in order to create a dystopian video.



## SEWFAB

In SewFab enrichment students have been working on a variety of projects this year using both sewing machines and hand stitching. Beginning with pincushions to develop basic skills, students have progressed to making stuffed toys, scrunchies and other hair accessories, and face masks. They are now working on designing a bag of their choice. These include tote bags, beach bags, cross-body bags and drawstring bags. Later in the year we will move onto making clothing items.





In the ACT there are 88 public schools, over 49,000 public school students and around 3,800 educators. But of course, I understand that for each of us as parents, the most important school is the school our children go to. That's why I want to make sure that every public school is a great school.

The ACT Government is upgrading and expanding public schools to make sure that learning environments are accessible and sustainable.

The government is committed to ensuring that every public school has the infrastructure to support high-quality education and that's why the government has been investing more than \$115 million to upgrade public schools right across the Territory.

Here at Lanyon High School the government has provided:

- an upgrade of the phone system to a modern digital network, including new phones, servers and an uninterruptable power supply for emergencies;
- an audio-visual upgrade in the hall for assembly and other events including a hearing loop, microphone and speakers;
- refurbished existing spaces into a new small group learning space with a quiet area;
- greater thermal comfort in general and specialist learning spaces, and also the sickbay through ceiling fans and cooling systems;
- painting of the stage in the hall;
- a full refurbishment to the Enrichment Centre, including new flooring, double-glazing, Interactive Flat Panel screen, heating, ventilation and cooling;
- new furniture for the refurbished areas;
- additional flagpoles to display the Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags, to recognise and respect Australia's first people, and demonstrate our commitment to reconciliation and an inclusive and welcoming community;
- new automatic doors in the main entry airlock to improve security; and
- new double-glazing to six external doors to improve energy efficiency.

Additionally, concrete trip hazards were fixed, and lawn works completed as well as upgrades to the student services and administration area finished as part of the ACT Government's fast track stimulus program. This program has fast-tracked a range of infrastructure and maintenance projects on government-owned community, schools and other buildings, at a total cost of \$35 million, to support local businesses and keep Canberrans employed.

Every child and family has a place in ACT public schools regardless of their background or life circumstances. That's why this investment into public school infrastructure goes beyond just the basic things that allow learning and teaching to take place. The ACT Government invests in public schools to make sure that every student has what they need to be included, and to learn and develop their interests, passions and life skills.

The ACT Government has upgraded heating and cooling systems, reducing polluting emissions and making temperatures comfortable and conducive to learning in over 40 older public schools across Canberra.

The government also provided 4,000 Chromebooks to schools at the beginning of this school year and a further 3,000 Chromebooks and 500 iPads were purchased for use during the COVID-19 pandemic to assist with remote learning.

Schools have seen upgraded classrooms, toilets, libraries, canteens and bike shelters, as well as gardens, landscaping and playground areas in schools to make sure that these spaces are positive and accommodating.

As Canberra grows, the government is making sure that schools grow with it. Every child has the right to access education and the ACT Government is making sure that this right is equally ensured for every young person.

**Yvette Berry MLA**

## STRANGER SAFETY MESSAGE

This is a reminder to help our children understand the importance of stranger safety and the need to report any unusual incidents or approaches to staff immediately.

If you become aware of an incident, or notice anyone acting suspiciously around a school or child, contact police immediately on 131 444 or in the case of an emergency call 000. If you witness incidents or if you have any information that could assist Police, contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Information can be provided anonymously.

Please support us to keep our children safe by having conversations about moving safely around the community and what to do if they ever feel unsafe. You may wish to visit the AFP website section on Child Safety for tips. In addition, the Safety4Kids is a non-government website that has useful information and links. The Constable Kenny website also has a number of tips for parents.

The school and the Education Directorate will continue to work with ACT Policing on this issue.

Contact: [schooloperations@act.gov.au](mailto:schooloperations@act.gov.au)

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