

## Dates for the Diary

**Tue 15 May — Fri 18 May**

NAPLAN testing  
(Yr 3 & 5)

**Tue 15 May**

P&C Meeting

**Wed 16 May**

Board Meeting  
Assembly

**Thurs 17 May**

Indigenous Tennis Day

**Fri 18 May**

Walk Safely to School Day

**Mon 21 May**

Musica Viva  
Combined Band

## Reminders

**2019 Enrolments are  
now open**

### Year 4/5 Excursion

The excursion to Carey's Cave for Year 4/5 has been rescheduled for Term 3 — date to be advised.



## From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

The weather has truly turned and I think it's hello winter from now on. I have noticed the lost property basket filling up quickly. Please make sure your children's clothing, lunch boxes and drink bottles are clearly labelled with their names so that lost items can be returned to the correct people.

### PARENT LEARNING

Last Thursday evening we held a wonderful workshop for kindergarten families about supporting their children as they learn to read. Karen and Monique, with Amanda and Sarah, led us through some pointers and tips to support emerging readers. Some of the highlights for me were:

- ⇒ The reader chooses the book;
- ⇒ Have a flick through the book first, to get a sense of what it is about;
- ⇒ Give 10 seconds wait time before prompting;
- ⇒ Make sure reading at home is an enjoyable experience; and
- ⇒ Make sure you praise the efforts at the end.

### TEACHER LEARNING

Last Tuesday afternoon teaching staff attended a professional learning session with the Canberra Symphony Orchestra (CSO). We, together with Southern Cross Early Childhood School, have been lucky to be selected to be part of a pilot program where five musicians from the CSO will come to school and, with the students, tell a story through music. The students are being exposed to some classical pieces in the lead up to this event and may begin to talk to you about the music they have heard.

### NAPLAN

This week students in Years 3 and 5 will be participating in the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The testing will commence tomorrow and we anticipate it will be finished by Friday. The information gained through these assessments is a snapshot of learning and is used by the school and Education Directorate to identify performance trends, resourcing and program needs. Families will receive a report about their child's performance later in the year.

### Office Hours

Monday — Friday  
8.30am — 3.30pm

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## From our Principal Continued ...

### KEEPING STUDENTS SAFE

Last week we held a lockdown drill during lunchtime. All the students were inside the building in a very short time, which was great. As a staff we debriefed and identified some elements to address, to make certain student and staff safety is maintained. We will have another practice this term, after staff have talked through the changes with students and the reasons why we conduct drills during the year.

If your child has shown any distress about this or other safety drills please don't hesitate to talk to your child's class teacher or one of the executive team. We endeavour to make sure these events are not too stressful, as they are a necessary part of safe school operation.

This Friday, 18 May is Walk Safely to School Day. We encourage you to walk all, or part of the way to school this week. Some teachers will be at Macquarie and Cook shops to walk with students if they would like to join in. Some of the goals of this initiative are, the health benefits of regular walking, and the safety benefits for children learning how to safely cross streets.

Have a great week.

**Danielle Porter**  
Principal

## CONGRATULATIONS ...

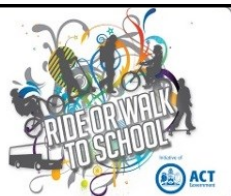
... to Brayden who represented the Belconnen district, in the ACT school boys Under 12's rugby league competition. The team went through the day undefeated. This is a great achievement by Belconnen and especially Brayden, who ran the ball in attack and tackled in defence but most of all showed support to his team mates. Brayden represented his school and footy club in a positive and respectful manner.

...to Issy who competed in the Impact High Performing Athletes transitioning group for Tae Kwon Do and received an honorary 2nd. The competition took place in Victoria.

### Uniform Shop — Opening Hours

Monday: 8.45am—9.15am  
Wednesday: 3.00pm—3.30pm  
Friday: 8.45am—9.15am

Our school  
promotes  
riding and  
walking  
to school



## NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing will commence tomorrow morning for Years 3 & 5 and will continue each morning until Friday. We thank families in anticipation, for helping our students arrive at school well rested, with energy from a nourishing breakfast and on time to support their smooth participation.

## MERIT AWARDS — ASSEMBLY

Please congratulate the following students who will receive merit awards at Assembly on Wednesday at 9.15am.

Eligh & Jonty, Harry & Callum, Lily & Arlo, Daneen & Kai, Alewynn & Sasha, Fidela & George, Eh Say & Laya, Jude & Callum, Liam, Luca & Sebastian, Zhuang Zhuang & Elyssa, Ellie & Amelia, Jojo & Hayden, Musa & Shaban, Maya & Charlotte-Ruby, Laura & Jaydn, Daniel & Dylan, Connor & Hollie, Brayden & Khai.

## ENROLMENTS FOR 2019

Enrolment applications for Term 1 of 2019 are now open and must be submitted online at <https://form.act.gov.au/smartforms/landing.htm?formCode=1087>.

All ACT children are guaranteed a place in an ACT Public School, from preschool through to college. Information about the enrolment assessment criteria and priority enrolment areas can be found at [https://www.education.act.gov.au/school\\_education/enrolling\\_in\\_an\\_act\\_public\\_school](https://www.education.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school).

If you are applying to enrol in Preschool, Year 7 or Year 11 we ask that you submit your application by 4 June 2018 to support timely processing and school planning. From 30 June 2018, after the application has been processed, parents/carers will commence receiving advice from the school on the enrolment. Please note, that the order in which applications are received is not a factor in schools determining places and as a result, there is no requirement to submit your application form on the first day applications open.

## SUSTAINABILITY SNIPPETS



Use rechargeable batteries.

### NOTES HOME

EVENT DETAILS	YR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
Combined Band Practice	Yr 6	Perm ASAP
Tennis Come & Try Day	Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander families	Perm ASAP
Musica Viva	All families	Payment by 18/5
Mt Painter Excursion	Kinder	Perm & payment by 23/5
Instrumental Music Program (Band) payment	Yr 5 & 6	Payment when possible
Flexischools	All families	Information & action as necessary