

**Week 2 Term 2, Wednesday 8 May 2019**

DIARY DATES	
Thursday 9 May	Canteen open, School Banking Lanyon High School information night 6.00-7.30pm
Friday 10 May	Canteen open <b>Mother's Day Community Breakfast in the hall 8.15-9.00am</b> Cross Country Carnival Mystery Reader 1.00pm
Monday 13 May	Bonython Briefing
Tuesday 14 May	NAPLAN Robogals 1/2W 11.30am-1.00pm Kindy reading parent workshop 8.30-9.00am
Wednesday 15 May	Canteen open Ministers Congress Selected Students 8.30-11.30am ANU Astrophysicist James Webb visiting 3/4 classes Kindy reading parent workshop 4.30-5.00pm
Thursday 16 May	Canteen open, School Banking Kindy reading parent workshop 2.30-3.00pm
Friday 17 May	Canteen open National Walk Safely to School Day Year 3/4 Hockey clinics Mystery Reader 1.00pm
Monday 20 May	Bonython Briefing NAPLAN School Board Meeting 4.00-5.00pm P&C Meeting 5.20-7.00pm
Tuesday 21 May	NAPLAN
Wednesday 22 May	Canteen open NAPLAN
Thursday 23 May	Canteen open, School Banking NAPLAN
Friday 24 May	Canteen open NAPLAN BRINDABELLA ASSEMBLY – 9.15-10.00am David Matthews Executive Director Walk through 12.15-1.15pm Mystery Reader 1.00pm

Dear Families and Friends,

Learning with purpose and passion is evident across all our classrooms as we have had a very good start to the term. It is pleasing to hear our students so articulate about their learning and growing their inquiry dispositions. The language of learning is strong at Bonython as students continue to build their 'toolkit' of skills that allow them to navigate, both academically and socially through their school day. Current inquiries that units are focusing on are as follows:

- Preschool: How can we use nature to create play spaces?
- Kindergarten: What are our stories? How are they shared and remembered?
- Brindabella: How can we communicate through light and sound?
- Tidbinbilla: How do living things grow, change and interact with their environment?
- Namadgi: How do animals adapt to their environment?

Yerrabi: How can I communicate successfully with others?

We regularly put reminders on our Facebook page about the need for all our families and community members to park in the allocated bays in our three designated car parks. When individuals park in places that aren't permitted it becomes a safety consideration for both community members and the students that attend our school. This includes parking in designated drop off and pick up areas and our two disabled car parking bays. Please ensure you are being community minded and following the rules of the road. Just as we would if we were parking at the Tuggeranong Business District.

The 2020 enrolment period is now open for all families planning on starting at Bonython Primary for the 2020 school year. Here is the link that explains how to enrol in a public school <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school/parent-guide>. Please be aware that there are limited positions for our preschool. If you would like to make a time to talk to myself and take a tour of the school please contact our front office.

All students at Bonython Primary School benefit each year from the voluntary contributions made from our families. This year we are hoping collectively to reach the target of \$14000. Voluntary contributions are set by our School Board and begins at \$110 for one child and a slight increase for more than one child at the school. The contributions that each family make have impact on what resources we are able to provide for all students at the school.

Over the next four years we will have the opportunity to engage with the Active Streets for Schools program. This is an infrastructure program designed to promote safe and active travel for children to walk or ride to school. To commence the program, Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) would like to discover how children currently travel to and from school and find out where you think improvements can be made around the suburb and the school. To share your thoughts, please complete the short survey, by following the [bit.ly](http://bit.ly/AS-survey) link: <http://bit.ly/AS-survey>

The ACT Council of Parents and Citizens Association is collating feedback on travelling to school using the new bus network. They would like to hear from any public school parents, carers or students about difficulties or concerns and will represent these to Transport Canberra. Send a message with your specific feedback to [contact@actparents.org.au](mailto:contact@actparents.org.au)

Next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday I will be in Melbourne for the Thinking and Learning Conference. Several members of staff will be joining me. In the absence of both Marc and myself, Amanda More, Deputy Principal of Charles Conder Primary School will be caretaker Principal for Thursday and Friday. Both Amanda Hawkins and Marissa Owens will be at school if there are any pressing issues that are needing to be discussed.

Thank you for another great start to the term. I hope to see you around the school to chat about your child's learning experiences.

Kind regards

Greg Terrell  
Principal

### **LOST PROPERTY**

There is a lot of lost property clothing in the foyer to the hall in tubs. If your child is missing an item of clothing, please check through these tubs. Please remember it is important to label all items of clothing.

Please note that any uniforms not claimed will be placed in the uniform shop as preloved items. Non school uniforms will be given to local charities.

## PARKING SAFELY AT SCHOOLS

As we drive and park our cars around schools, we all need to ensure the safety of school students is our priority. Parking illegally and unsafely across pedestrian crossings, corners and verges puts children at risk. We all need to help keep our children safe. Here is a short video demonstration: <https://youtu.be/AsIMVXpA9Zc>  
Access Canberra inspectors will be patrolling our school zones to help us ensure drivers do the right thing.



Parking Operations use a [Licence Plate Recognition vehicle](#) (or electronic chalking), which regularly patrols school environments to increase safety for children. Motorists that commit an offence will receive their infringement notice in the mail (rather than on their windscreen) 5-7 days after the offence.

While the school can become congested during the peak times, illegal parking should be avoided at all times as it creates an unsafe environment for children and local residents. Parents are welcome to park on side streets around the school, but please remember to park legally. Infringements for parking on nature strips, footpaths, verges, street corners and near children's crossings start from \$120.

More information is available on the [Transport Canberra](#) website to promote safe behaviours around schools. Please help to make our school community safe.



## CROSS COUNTRY

Save the Date!  
Friday May 10 (Term 2 Week 2)

## Building Strong and Safe Communities for Learning



### UPCOMING WORKSHOP ON HOW WE CAN ALL HELP REDUCE VIOLENCE AND BULLYING IN SCHOOLS

*Building Strong and Safe Communities for Learning* is a partnership project between the ACT Education Directorate and the ACT Council of Parents and Citizens Associations (P&C). It focuses on all of us - parents, students, principals and teachers- working together to reduce violence and bullying in schools. An initial workshop discussed the key issues including what is working well or not working well. This is a reminder about the two remaining activities you can be involved in to have your say:

- On 9 May 2019, 8:30am – 4:30pm this workshop will follow on from the first workshop and explore the key question “*How might we reduce and respond to violence in schools and co-create strong and safe communities for learning?*”.
- In mid-late June 2019 a 2 – 3 hour showcase will highlight what we have learned. It will enable participants to attend at different times across different days.

If you require any further information, or if you wish to attend either of the workshops, please contact Ms Leanne Ballard on [Leanne.ballard@act.gov.au](mailto:Leanne.ballard@act.gov.au) or 6205 2912.

#### ParentLink



ParentLink provides parenting education to the community, from birth to teenage years. It is available for parents, carers, kin, teachers, and the broader community, providing information and links to local resources and services.

The ParentLink website provides links to all ParentLink guides including a variety of topics - *Starting School, More than Reading and Writing, Optimism and Cyber Safety*.

The ParentLink suite of resources includes guides specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, and access to resources for diverse cultural groups.

ParentLink guides are available to view and order via the website at, <https://www.parentlink.act.gov.au/>



## ELECTION DAY FUNDRAISER MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

The P&C will be running an Election Day fundraiser - BBQ and Cake Stall. We will be serving sausages, bacon and egg rolls and vegetarian sausages. We will also have a cake stall!

Can you do a shift at our Election Day fundraiser? Pop on and nab your preferred time slot!  
Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on [SignUp.com:https://signup.com/login/entry/307011531909384033](https://signup.com/login/entry/307011531909384033)
2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on [SignUp.com](https://signup.com))
3. Sign up! Choose your spots - [SignUp.com](https://signup.com) will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: [SignUp.com](https://signup.com) does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.



Can't come and help at the BBQ for an hour? Please consider donating to our cake stall!

In order to have an awesome cake stall alongside our BBQ we need cake! We are asking families to consider making a cake, cupcakes, slice or other delicious treats to be sold on the day.

Items can be dropped off Friday afternoon to the Canteen or Saturday morning directly to the stall. Food should be covered and whole cakes/slices on a plate to be sold on (covered and labelled). An ingredient list is preferable as well.

Please head over to the P&C Facebook page to keep updated on events and activities that we are planning!

Regards P&C committee



*The End of May is Hats Off Day for All  
Canberra Primary Schools.*



### **WHAT IS 'GO ORANGE FOR PWS' DAY'?**

Our national PWS awareness day when we ask people to wear or do something 'orange' in support of people with PWS.

### **WHY 'GO ORANGE'**

One of the main issues people with PWS have to deal with is the constant feeling of hunger. Orange is the colour of hunger, so the idea of 'going orange' is to help us spread awareness of PWS to give adults and children with PWS a better quality of life.

### **WHAT IS PWS?**

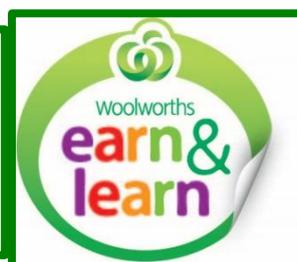
PWS (Prader-Willi Syndrome) is a rare and very complex non-inherited genetic disorder in which several genes on the 15th chromosome are deleted or unexpressed. It occurs in approximately 1:15,000 births and affects almost every part of the body. Symptoms associated with PWS are believed to be caused, in part, by a defect in the hypothalamus; an important supervisory centre in the brain that controls metabolism of fats and carbohydrates, the development of muscle tone, the regulation of the sleep/wake cycle, body temperature, blood pressure, heartbeat, the expression of emotions, and many more functions of the body. The most significant symptom however is hyperphagia - an insatiable appetite. For a person with PWS there is a constant pre-occupation with food accompanied by an unrelenting, overwhelming, overriding physiological drive to eat. Normal satiety (the feeling of fullness after eating) does not exist. People with PWS must always be closely supervised around food and food sources to prevent potentially fatal binge eating episodes.

### **WHAT CAN YOU DO AT SCHOOL TO HELP?**

Keep food in your bag or designated area until eating times and always place rubbish and food scraps in the bin.

For more information, please visit the Prader-Willi Syndrome Australia website <http://www.pws.org.au/>.

Woolworths Earn and Learn – Start collecting stickers from 1 May to help us earn some great resources for our school! There is a box set up at the front office to pop your sticker sheets in.





## WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 17 MAY 2019

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 17 May 2019!

For more information, visit [www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au)

**Explore high school life at Lanyon. Meet the teachers and students and get a taste of our classroom experience.**

Hear from the Principal, wander through the school, meet the teachers and ask our student guides questions.



You are invited to the  
**Lanyon High School  
INFORMATION NIGHT**  
Thursday 9 May 2019 6.00pm -  
7:30pm

## CONTACT DETAILS

It is important that we have up to date contact details for parents/carers in case of an emergency. If you have changed your phone number or address please advise the front office as soon as possible. If you have changed your address, the Education and Training Directorate require us to obtain proof of your new address being a copy of electricity/gas bill or rental agreement.

# BRICKS

## @ The Woden School

Brick Expo supporting students with special needs.

SAT 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019 9am – 4pm &  
SUN 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019 9am – 2pm

127 Denison St Deakin

Entry: \$5.00/child, \$10.00/adult or \$20.00/family

For details go to <http://www.thewodens.act.edu.au>

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### PARENT COMMUNICATION

Please make sure your family and friends know about our Facebook page. This form of communication provides instant updates and regular information for our families.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bonython-Primary-School/102380009860463>

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