



DIARY DATES

Thursday 13 February	Canteen open, School Banking
Friday 14 February	Canteen open 9.30-11.00am Preschool Echidnas photos 1.00pm Mystery Reader
Monday 17 February	Bonython Briefing Getting to know you interviews
Wednesday 19 February	Canteen open Getting to know you interviews
Thursday 20 February	Canteen open, School Banking Getting to know you interviews
Friday 21 February	Canteen open Getting to know you interviews 9.15-10.00 Namadgi Assembly 1.00pm Mystery Reader P&C Welcome Disco
Monday 24 February	Bonython Briefing 4.00-5.00pm Board Meeting 5.30-7.00pm P&C Meeting
Tuesday 25 February	1.00-4.00pm Science Clinics – Kindergarten
Wednesday 26 February	Canteen open 12.00pm ACT Olympics Unleashed – Athlete visit to Bonython Primary
Thursday 27 February	Canteen open, School Banking 11.30am House Groups Launch 2020 – Whole school event
Friday 28 February	Canteen open School Clean-up Day 1.00pm Mystery Reader

Dear Families and Friends,

I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all our families and friends for the 2020 school year. Our students have settled back into routines, reconnecting with friends and establishing new learning partners. I do want to say up front that as educators we acknowledge the difficult summer break that we have experienced, with both unprecedented bushfires and significant issues with air quality. The school is well prepared for both and have plans in place if or when the need arises.

If the situation warrants that we need to evacuate the school, we would let the community know through Facebook and individual text messages. This would explain where the evacuation pick-up point would be. All school evacuations are well planned for and would be guided by Emergency Services. It is of high importance that if we arrive at that stage families would meet us at the evacuation point. Entering the premises in the middle of an evacuation would be problematic, potentially unsafe and you would need to be included in the evacuation processes. Action buses would be used to get all people off site and safely to the evacuation point. The recent rain has been great in ensuring that the fire risk has been lowered considerably.

Nominations are now open for a parent representative on our School Board. This is a great opportunity to get some insight into the strategic, operational and governance of schools. If you are interested, please let me know and I can give you some context about where the school is at with current plans. Nomination forms are available through the front office.

We are preparing for the launch of our new house groups on Thursday 27 February. The launch will be a special assembly. This Thursday we will be sorting students into their new houses and explaining to our students the significance of the person their house is named after. Additional information has been sent home through Seesaw and Facebook. We look forward to all students representing their new house and cheering on their team during our annual swimming carnival.

I look forward to connecting with you throughout the year. If you see me around the school, please come and say hello and have a chat about your child's learning.

Regards

Greg Terrell
Principal

STUDENT INJURY INSURANCE AND AMBULANCE TRANSPORT

The Education and Training 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**.

TERM 1 MUSIC BUS ENROLMENTS OPEN

The Music Bus are taking new student enrolments for Term 1. The program is open now and we are ready to enrol your child. Running weekdays at School. The Music Bus have limited availability in Singing, Keyboard, Guitar, Drum and Ukulele and so it is advised to enrol asap.

The Music Bus is a wonderful music program that many of our students are already enjoying – a brilliant and cost-effective way for students to get fun and specialist music lessons without parents having to travel all over the area after school. Cost of lessons is only \$20 per week (Drums \$22).

If you're interested in your child having music lessons through The Music Bus, check out their website at www.themusicbus.com.au or call [1300 168 742](tel:1300168742)

Koori Preschool Program

The Koori Preschool Program consists of five Koori Preschools located at the following ACT schools:

- Kingsford Smith School
- Narrabundah Early Childhood School
- Ngunnawal Primary School
- Wanniasa School
- Richardson Primary School.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 3-5 years can participate in a culturally safe play-based program for 15 hours per week to enhance and strengthen cultural connections, identity, and transitions.

Applications to enrol are made online through the ACT Education website www.education.act.gov.au

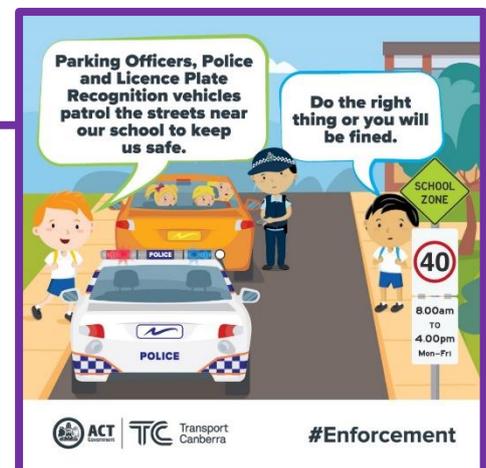
For further information phone ACT Education on 6207 1106.

ENFORCEMENT AROUND SCHOOLS

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.



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