Dear Parents and Carers,

Students in Yrs 3, 5, 7 & 9 were given their **NAPLAN results** to take home to their parents last week. If you have any concerns about these results please contact your child’s classroom or homeroom teacher to discuss. Teachers will analyse the school’s NAPLAN results to investigate trends in student performance and review teaching programs and develop targeted literacy and numeracy programs in response to this information.

More information understanding your child’s report can be found at: [http://www.nap.edu.au/](http://www.nap.edu.au/)

Duplicate reports have not been received at the school to date. These will be sent to parents and carers as soon as they are received.

- Enthusiasm is building for next week’s music spectacular. I hope to see you there enjoying the outcomes of our students’ hard work
- Congratulations to our junior cricketers who represented us so well at the primary competition at Kippax. They won all of their games except one, had lots of fun and displayed outstanding skills and sportsmanship
- The upgrade of one of our kitchens to industry standards and building of our outdoor construction area are getting close with final plans currently in for approval. We are hoping for a Term 4 start.

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**KSS Showcase 2014**

Our wonderful students from preschool through to Year 10 will present a KSS Showcase of talented performances and a selection of artistic displays for your enjoyment. The Art display will open at **5.30pm** with the on-stage Showcase presenting from **6pm -7.15pm**. Seating cannot be reserved and tickets will not be sold although a gold coin donation may be given at entry. Doors of the gym will open at 5.30pm so arrive on time and choose your seats. Wheelchair access and area is available. Contact **Catherine Le Brun** by email [catherine.lebrun@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:catherine.lebrun@ed.act.edu.au) or 62074681 for more information. Students will bring home detailed notes with participation requirements.

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**KSS Showcase 2014**

**6pm Wednesday 17 September**

**Senior Gym**

Art display from 5.30pm in the Senior Gym.

Performance begins at 6pm—7.15pm

All year groups, Preschool—Yr 10 are participating.
**Bring Your Own Device Information and Q and A**

**Paper One**

A small number of ACT schools have been trialling a model where students bring their own electronic devices to school to support learning. Over the next few years many other schools will adopt this approach. Our Directorate is currently upgrading wireless in schools so that the increased load can be managed.

As a community we will have a number of decisions to make about what the BYOD agenda will look like at KSS. To assist with this decision making I will include a number of articles in upcoming newsletters.

**Q. What is BYOD?**

A. BYOD stands for Bring Your Own Device. It refers to students bringing their own laptop, ipad etc to school to use to support learning. One to one means one device per student. Some schools are operating with 2 – 1 approach with students having two devices.

**Q. Why are schools moving in this direction?**

A. Many students already have a device. They are currently using a school owned device at school and their own at home. Learning and information storage can be more efficient when the one device is used in both places. Also, there is a double up of purchasing that is not an efficient use of school resources. In the past additional resourcing has been provided at a national level but this is not sustainable.

**Q. How does BYOD 1 – 1 change the learning?**

A. Reports tell us that when students use their own devices learning is deeper and students engage in more intellectual, conceptual, analytical and creative thinking. Research shows that the focus shifts from teaching to learning. Students are more engaged and empowered learners who connect ideas in new and increasingly creative ways.

**Q. How will schools manage the increased on line use and wireless demand?**

A. Networks are currently being upgraded with our Directorate paying the majority of the costs. Older machines are being removed from the network to create space and increase connection speed.

The next paper will cover choice of device and how security can be managed.

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**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS**

**Term 3 – Bible Bonanza**

This term the CEIS team will present ‘Bible Bonanza’ at our school.

This session will use interactive activities and take students back in time to discuss and explore God’s rescue plan, as described in the Bible. Only students with permission will attend.

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Ladybirds– Erin, Alija
Dragonflies– Marcus, Jaxon
Honey Bees– Daniyal, Thomas
Blue Birds– Isabel, Dwayne, Chloe
Kookaburras– Brody, Kiki
Owls– Daniel, Ella
Toucans– Hayden, Dakota
Pelicans– Gypsy, Saif, Joshua
Cockatoos– Lily, Ronan, Tayla
Hawks– Harrison, Gaby
Sea Kings– Micah
Apaches– Ayual, BJ
Tigers– Miles, Krystal
Cobras– Ella, Eric
Iroquois– Jeremy, Caiden, Nyandeng
Discovery– Shai, Robert
Enterprise– Jada, Elizabeth
Endeavour– Bayden, Katelyn

**Deputy Principal Awards:** Nikola (Cobra’s), Phoebe (Ladybirds)
News from Preschool & Kindergarten

Our Preschool and Kindergarten students have all been practising really hard for the upcoming KSS Concert. Everyone is getting excited about performing on the BIG stage in front of their friends and family.

A reminder to all Kindy families to bring their ‘Swim and Survive’ notes back to School ASAP as places are filling and it is a first in best dressed system.

Our Preschool students have been discussing the changes in weather and how it is now the season of Spring. We have been investigating seeds, worms, using wheelbarrows and exploring our outdoor learning environment looking for signs of Spring. Our Preschool families are invited to join and assist us during week 9 with their gardening gloves and excitement for our ‘Spring Garden Working Bee Week’ Monday 15—Friday 19th September, 2014.

News from Year 1 & 2

We are getting closer to the end of the term and the students in 1/2 have been extremely busy with their learning. The students are developing their research skills and building their expert knowledge on a Canberra landmark. Each class is currently creating a display with information they have researched in the 1/2 corridor.

In Literacy, classes are learning to use adjectives and nouns to make their narrative stories more descriptive. In numeracy we are using a hundreds chart and number lines to help with addition and subtraction.

The 1/2 classes are eagerly practising their items for the KSS Showcase Performance on Wednesday 17th September. A note has gone home to each class outlining costume requirements. If you missed the note, please talk to your child’s classroom teacher.

We would like to give a special thank you to the Catchlove family for donating some much needed indoor plants for our 1/2 middle area. We have heard that our indoor plants have specific watering requirements. We look forward to learning what these requirements are and to teaching our students how to respect and look after our plants. We are currently revamping our classrooms and middle area to create flexible learning spaces. Our new furniture has arrived and we are excited to be creating a variety of specific learning experiences to help meet the individual and social needs of our students.

News from Years 3, 4 & 5

Building 2 students are very excited to see the arrival of some new furniture in our building. These new tables are designed to create space in the classroom and provide children with new ways to collaborate when learning. This furniture will deliver flexible learning spaces that support and enhance a student centred approach to learning. This gives greater control to the learning in order that they can be creative problem solvers.

The Wakakirri performers from building 2 were lucky enough to receive Bertie the Bear as a reward for their outstanding achievement at the Canberra theatre. They certainly enjoyed spending time using the Wii and dancing around with the Just Dance game.
Do you find it hard to fit in home reading after school?

Does your child complain they have nothing interesting to read at home?

Need some pointers on ways to help your child read?

Do you have a spare 10-20 mins after school?

If you answered Yes to any of these I have a great opportunity for you!

Starting Monday 15th of September (week 9) and continuing for the rest of the year, we will be opening up Building 1 for you to come in after school and read a book of interest with your child.

Have more than one child? That’s ok, all read together!

Now if this doesn’t sound super exciting, I am going to make it even more tempting by offering some tea/coffee and some afternoon tea and a little resource pack– now there’s an offer you can’t refuse!

Details are as follows:

**When:** Monday and Thursday afternoons, 3:00 - 3:30

**Where:** Building 1

**What you need:** Yourself and your child/children – yes this includes older siblings

(A range of exciting books will be available)

**Hope to see you there!**

For further details pop into Building 2 and see Mrs Murray or contact 6142 3399.

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### Library News

With the arrival of eBooks at KSS, I have begun training students how to access them from school and from home. Parents, if you are keen to know this too, ask your child if they have the know-how. Otherwise, you can go to [https://backpack.act.edu.au](https://backpack.act.edu.au) and the student can use their school username and password to enter the Oliver Homepage. Borrowing instructions can be found there. The eBook collection is similar to that of a normal library collection in that it will be added to as time goes by and to the extent that the DET budget allows.

In addition to delivering eBooks, the Oliver Homepage contains some other useful information. Why not take a look and see?

The young adult fiction collection continues to grow as well. Now available is a range of new books suitable and of interest to students in Years 7 to 10. It has been reassuring to see the numbers of students browsing the shelves and borrowing.

The library currently has a display of some sample pieces of Year 10 SOSE work; namely some fascinating topographical maps. Students of all ages thoroughly enjoy seeing the excellent work of their peers on display. Thank you to the students who offered their work for the purpose.

Lyn Andrews I Teacher Librarian

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### Back To Basics Cooking

Over the last two weeks, 20 students from years 3-6 have been busy cooking up a storm in the Back to Basics cooking class. Students have been having fun learning essential skills for use in the kitchen, such as knife and cutting skills. They have enjoyed cooking some delicious healthy food for their parents to eat, as well as learning about the nutritional benefit of these foods. Why don’t you give them try at home? Some recipe we made are Crunchy Crostini, Fruit Salad and Fruit Smoothie.

- Karen Murray and the Back to Basics Team

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KSS Gifted and Talented Students

An invitation is extended to interested parents and carers in the Kingsford Smith School Community to be involved in a working party to review and update our KSS Gifted and Talented Students Statement and to develop a draft policy aligned with the 2014 ACT Gifted and Talent Student Policy which will be presented to the KSS Board. All interested people are invited to contact Catherine Le Brun either by email: catherine.lebrun@ed.act.edu.au or ph: 62074681.

9/10 Girls soccer Review

On Wednesday 27th August the 9/10 girls competed in the Northside Soccer Carnival at Dickson playing fields. What started off as a cold and dreary morning turned into a spectacular day of fun, football and great competition. The girls played their hearts out each game and after the final whistle they came off with smiles and encouragement all round. We started off the day with a 0-0 draw and as the day went on, we unfortunately did not come away with a win, but began playing together as a team, passing the ball and marking our players. We were placed in a tough pool against some experienced and well-oiled teams, yet each game we challenged them to get the ball pass our defence. Mikaela played each game in goal and did an amazing job to keep her chin up and continue to make it difficult for the other team to get the ball pass her with some amazing saves. Our defence began to work together to pass the ball out of danger and catch the opposition offside. Laura got a heavy knock which put her out of a few games, but bravely fought on and played the last game with Alex, Emily, Maddy and Erin supporting her in defence. Shayla displayed some speed up front and with support from Kyla, Mirella and Sam came close to scoring on more than one occasion. Our midfield including Melody, Brianna, Brittany and Deanna were consistent in supporting the defence line as well as playing some great through balls for the strikers. All the girls should be commended for their enthusiasm and attitude on the day.

Community News

Early Intervention and Therapy EXPO

NOTICE TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND DEVELOPMENTAL DELAYS AND THEIR FAMILIES, FRIENDS and CARERS

The ACT Government invites you to a one-day expo showcasing Early Intervention and Therapy services available in Canberra.

Save the date:

Saturday 13 September 2014 At EPIC

Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm

The EXPO will provide an opportunity for people with disabilities, their parents and carers to find out more about the range of therapy and early intervention services available in the ACT.

Youth Choir Event Invitation

Woden Valley Youth Choir has been bringing the joy of choral music to the ACT for more than four decades, and we’d love to have you and your school community join us at our annual concert this month.

What: "I Hate Music"- Woden Valley Youth Choir's Annual Concert

Where: Tim Murray Theatre, Canberra Boys Grammar School, Monaro Crescent, Red Hill, ACT

When: 7:30pm, Saturday 13 September 2014 and 2.00pm, Sunday 14 September 2014

Tickets: $25 Adults, $20 Pensioner/Child aged 13yrs & under; on sale at the door or bookings at http://trybooking.com/95891

To find out more about Woden Valley Youth Choir, please visit our website at http://www.wvyc.org.au.

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