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# NEWSLETTER

28 August 2020 Term 3 Week 6

## Principal's Word Of The Week

Ambassadors

### Principal's Report

Hi everyone once again. It is great to see the sunny days return after the cold and wet that started this fortnight.

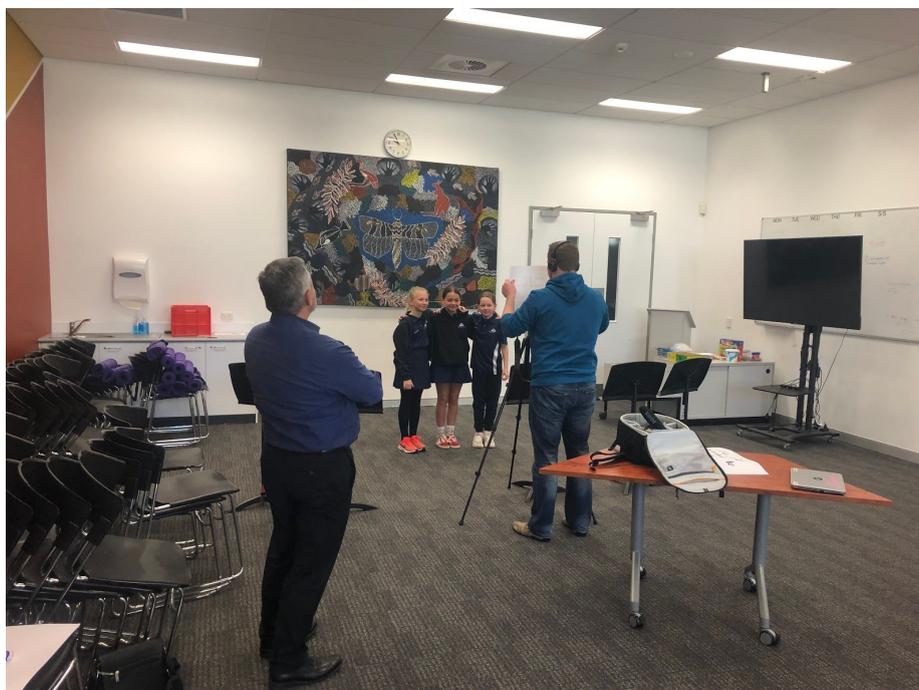
Our students have been working hard on their writing in classes but there are a number of celebrations and events I want to mention this week.

Last week was Science week and our students were involved in a number of activities, most publicly the Satellite Selfie project. Our students made huge silver letters and displayed a message that hopefully the satellite passing overhead photographed and we will get a copy soon. Thanks to Meg Adamson for organising this opportunity for our students.



Our students were asked this week to send messages of support to Victorian students who have returned to

lockdown. Our students showed the care and concern I am proud of and they represented themselves with distinction.



In less pleasant news some students have not been good ambassadors for our school on their way to the Kippax bus terminus. We have had reports of students not taking care when crossing the road and using inappropriate language and behaviour with members of the community. I would ask that parents talk with their students about how to represent themselves and their school community with greater pride in the future. A reminder too that while on the buses, cameras record the journey and Transport Canberra can decline travel for students with repeated breaches of expected behaviour.

Lastly some reminders about upcoming events. House Day Talent show auditions are coming up, so get your undiscovered talents practiced to share. We will also have 100 days of Kindergarten to celebrate, so get into costume Kindies to celebrate this milestone.

Till next time, stay safe.

Paul

## Deputy Principal

It is hard to believe we are already at the end of week 6. This term is certainly flying by. It was fabulous to see so many families, teachers and students at our Wear It Purple Day breakfast this morning. It was certainly brisk out there this morning, but the bacon, eggs and sausages soon warmed everyone up and the bake sale and break time activities were a big hit. In addition to great food, the day also provided information about support networks for rainbow students, their families and allies. We are sending a HUGE thankyou to Ms Langridge and her Wear it Purple Day team for organising a terrific event.



The high school is looking forward to hosting another whole school event in week 9. This will be our House Day. This day also promises to be a lot of fun with Virtual Talent Quest and a Multicultural Celebration. The day will culminate in a Colour Resilience Run for all students.

# Stranger Safety

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)

Ph: [620 53313](tel:62053313)

## Year 5

Welcome to Week 6! In year 5, we have been continuing our journey with information reports. We will be using this knowledge as well as learning about different scientists to create our own information reports. We are continuing with cooperative reading this term and some of our students have recently changed to new novels. We are also expanding our

vocabulary and working with dictionaries to understand unknown words.

In maths we have completed learning about factors and multiples, reading maps and figuring out distances using a scale. We are now applying what we have learnt during factors and multiples to adding and subtracting fractions. We are time tables wizards!!

In art we are learning about Piet Mondrian and his use of primary colours and clean straight lines. We are immersing ourselves in democracy and learning about voting and what the roles and responsibilities are of the government. We are bringing light to science and focusing on shadows, reflection and refraction. We are becoming awesome soccer players during sport and have been dancing up a storm with Ms Maree for our spectacular piece.

We are having a fabulous time in year 5 and are super excited to receive our celebration shirts. Just ask us!!

Thanks, from the Year 5 team!

Ms Wakeling, Mr Da Roza, Mr Bayley and Mr Stewart

## Year 8 HaSS

Students in Year 8 have been learning about Medieval Japan as a part of their studies in HaSS this term. They have learnt about the significant role nature played in the religious beliefs during this time and participated in some of the cultural activities from the time period. Mr. Hansen's classes took part in a Tea Ceremony in the Community Room, Mr. Freeman's class created some origami and Mrs. Traynor's class enjoyed writing some traditional Japanese Haiku poetry. Below are some of the Haiku's from students in 8 Green and some photos from Mr. Hansen's class enjoying the Tea Ceremony.

Gentle snow now falls,



And softly hits the mountains,  
A blanket of white.

- Lucy

The ice cold wind blows  
The moon light shines on the frost  
Winter has arrived.

- Hunter

The bright sun shines  
Up high above the mountains  
As it lights the sky.

- Chandah

On a summer's day  
The sand blowing in the wind  
The waves crash and fall.

- Wil Y.

A small drop of rain  
Turned into a deadly flood  
Now there's so much blood.

- Calum

Look at the great rain  
Plants are creating raindrops  
It's mesmerizing.

- AK

The Gumtrees are brown  
The wind blows the leaves around  
Clouds shadow the day.

- Will O.

Rain droplets drip down  
The plants become very wet  
Rain is fun to play.



- Laura

Do not worry

Close your eyes and go to bed

Forget everything

- Daniel

A green, big grass field

Murdered by the grey, dull air

The green is now gone

- Chloe

Last year's runner's up

Ricky's gonna win the cup

Only going up

- Ashton (about the raiders)

Smells fresh and is sharp

Feels rough and smooth like a rock

Eucalyptus scent

- Abdul and Tyler



## Support for Canberrans to Connect During COVID-19

In a year that has tested all aspects of Canberra's wellbeing, we have been reminded of our responsibilities to each other and the power of community. The Community Services Directorate has developed the Wellbeing Calls Service and Connect in Canberra website to keep the community informed and connected through COVID-19.

The Wellbeing Calls Service is provided by the Australian Red Cross and is available to all ACT residents who would like to register for a free phone call to feel more connected and less isolated. You can call the service on 02 6234 7630 between 8am and 4pm weekdays or register for a call by completing the CSD SmartForm found on the [Community Services](#)

[website](#). On the [Connect in Canberra website](#), you can access a range of support services including emergency food relief and visit sections on Supporting Our Neighbours (including a Know Your Neighbour card), Online Safety, Health and Wellbeing, Activities Hub, Kids Corner, What's On and a Community Activities Pack.



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.



ACT Council of Parents & Citizens Associations

# My Place

## "MY PLACE"

Art Workshops for  
Kids aged 8-12 years

"From Little Things Big Things Grow"...

Would you like to learn about the natural world in your back yard and be inspired to draw and write about what you see? And are you between 8-12 years old? Learn more about the spectacular wildlife in Canberra's newest reserve - The Ginninderry Conservation Corridor. Artist Sharon Field will guide you and a group of other young artists to create fantastic artworks from the observations you make in this series of 4 workshops.

Location: The Link Building, 1 McClymont Way,  
ACT 2615

Price: \$100 for all 4 workshops.

Booking: To secure your spot please RSVP  
by the 24th of August to:  
[admin.contact@ginninderry.org](mailto:admin.contact@ginninderry.org)

### ART WORKSHOP DATES & TIME

WORKSHOP 1: SEEDS

29th August, 1.30pm - 3pm

WORKSHOP 2: YOUNG PLANTS

19th September, 1.30pm - 3pm

WORKSHOP 3: MATURE PLANTS

10th October, 1.30pm - 3pm

WORKSHOP 4: HABITAT TREES

31st October, 1.30pm - 3pm

