INFORMATION UPDATE NO: 4 – WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY 2014

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**Notes sent home**

- Camp Cooba Payment Reminder - Years 5/6
- P&C Canteen Closure - Youngest

**National Assessment Program** (Literacy and Numeracy) - NAPLAN

Testing will be taking place week 3, Tuesday 13th – Thursday 15th May and will involve students in years 3 and 5 taking part in several assessment papers based around literacy and numeracy. Please ensure participating students have a nourishing breakfast on these days and have a water bottle with them.

**Camp Cooba Years 5/6**

Medical and consent notes have gone home for the year 5/6 camp. Please complete and return all coloured notes as soon as possible. Keep the payment option dates in mind to ensure full cost is paid by the due date, being Thursday 15th May. Camp is on Wednesday 21st to Friday 23rd May, 2014.

**ThinkUKnow** is an Internet safety program delivering interactive training to parents, carers and teachers through schools across Australia. A network of accredited trainers is working to create a safer digital environment for all. Created by the UK Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre, ThinkUKnow Australia has been developed by AFP, Microsoft Australia and Datacom.

A ThinkUKnow presentation is being held at 7pm on Tuesday 27th May at Wanniassa School Senior Campus.

**P & C Association**

**Mother’s Day Gift Stall** **Tomorrow**

A variety of gifts available from a low price of $2.00 through to $10.00 Junior Campus Hall – Thursday 8th May. Morning through to recess.

**First Aid and Sick Bay**

At this time of year there are a number of children with coughs, colds and stomach bugs etc. If you suspect your child is sick in the morning please do not send them to school as they spread the virus to staff and other students. Our sick bay is not able to cope with overwhelming numbers of children who need to rest or sleep, this area is allocated for first aid only.

**Medication Administration Reminder**

Parents are reminded that Panadol or similar pain relief cannot be administered to children unless sent into school with an authorisation note from a parent or a form is filled in at school when the medication is brought in. The school does not hold children’s Panadol for general use.

**Walk Safely to School Day** - Friday 23rd May, 2014 is an annual, national event when all primary school children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a community event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment. Active kids are healthy kids. For more details please visit www.walk.com.au
Junior Campus Canteen Closure Update

P&C Notice 28.4.2014
It is with great regret that we are advising you that the Wanniassa School Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) has no alternative but to close the canteen on the Junior Campus.
We genuinely appreciate the effort our Canteen Managers, Canteen Convenors, and volunteers have made in working with us to provide healthier food options, and for the service they have provided to the students, teachers and staff of the Junior Campus. The decision to close has no bearing on the huge effort of the people involved in providing this service.

When?
As the canteen has some stock on hand, we intend to run the Junior Campus canteen for the first 4 weeks of Term 2. On this basis, the last day of operation for the Junior Campus canteen will be Friday 23 May, 2014.
Please note that not all items on the canteen menu will be available. Your patience and understanding during this period will be much appreciated.

Why?
Last year the canteen made a significant loss and has already made a loss in Term 1. The P&C has been financially supporting the JC Canteen but has exhausted all our financial reserves and cannot absorb any further loss.
To run the canteen the P&C is required to meet the costs of the canteen through the sales it makes. The costs involved in running a canteen are manager wages, food, drinks, insurances for workers compensation and property as well as costs for repairs and equipment.
Despite the fantastic support of parents, students, teachers and staff we are currently not covering costs through sales at the counter and through lunch orders.
We know this decision will be a massive disappointment to many families and is not one that has been taken lightly.

How can you help?
You could continue to make purchases from the canteen while it is open.
Be supportive of the Canteen Manager and volunteers.
You could help out with events such as special lunch days after the canteen is closed.
You could attend the P&C meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.
If you have any concerns please contact either:
Lynette Sanchez at lynette.sanchez@grapevine.net.au or Aaron Oshyer at aoshyer@grapevine.com.au
P&C Executive

P&C Notice 7.5.2014
The P&C is holding the 5th meeting this year to discuss canteen issues and management. In particular, we will discuss what is involved in managing the JC Canteen eg insurance, legislative requirement and accountability to the P&C Association, along with ideas for continuing running this small business.
Tuesday 13th May at JC Library - 6.30 to 8pm
Positions Vacant
Canteen Treasurer (Junior Campus) - Responsible for managing junior campus canteen accounts and payment of salaries to canteen staff as well as report regularly to P&C meetings. Software package and training available.
This is a vital role which the P&C can’t function without.
Canteen Convenor – The role of the convenor is to liaise with the Canteen Manager, school and P&C Association. Coordinate additional activities to promote and provide financial income for the canteen. This is a vital role which the canteen could not function without.

Other Information:
- Working with Vulnerable People – required by government regulations to be registered (as at 8 Nov 2013).
- Food Safety Supervisor certificate – ACT Health requirement for manager;
- P&C Executive Committee. The committee is elected every year at the AGM in March and published in the school newsletter. The Executive Committee consists of members of the P&C association who have been elected to be committee members. Those who take on the specific responsibilities of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer are referred to as the Executive Committee or office-bearers.
- P&C Canteen sub-committee – the existence and operations of this sub-committee varies from year to year depending on if there are volunteers interested in attending. In 2014, there is currently a sub-committee, which is meeting on a regular basis about the operations and management of both canteens. This committee refers back to the P&C Executive for decision making and reports to the P&C Association meetings with updates.
- The P&C Association holds Insurance for Public Liability.
- Small business – the P&C Association sees the canteen as a small business with a manager to oversee the day to day operations. With the owners being the P&C Association as the decision making authority and with the financial responsibility. The P&C Associations objective for the canteen is for it to operate while providing a valuable service and part of the school experience to student and their families is to also operate by covering its own costs of operating during each calendar school year.
A Message from the Minister
Getting Involved in Your Child’s School is a Key to Education Success

The ACT’s national leadership in education is founded on the quality of our schools, our teachers, and our focus on putting parents and children at the centre of everything we do.

I recently announced the Progressing Parental Engagement in the ACT project, an Australia-first to help parents and families get more involved with their children’s schools and education. Simply by reading this newsletter, you are showing your interest in being involved with the education of your children. We know children do better at school when parents and families are actively engaged. After all, you are your child’s first teachers and I encourage you to maintain connected throughout their schooling.

There are many ways of doing this and, as part of the project, your school will be invited to develop innovative ideas to help you to be an active part of your school community. We will keep you updated on how the project will support you in doing this. With your help we can ensure that your child will get the very best education, tailored for them – and that the ACT will continue to lead the nation in educating our children.

Joy Burch MLA
Minister for Education and Training

Enrolling in an ACT public school
New arrangements for 2014 and 2015

The ACT Education and Training Directorate has updated the enrolment and transfer arrangements for all ACT public schools.

All new student enrolment applications for 2015 open from 28 April 2014 (day 1 term 2). If you are enrolling your child to start school in 2014 or if your child is transferring to an ACT public school at any stage you will need to use the same online form.

To make this process easier for those wishing to enrol or transfer, please use the online enrolment/transfer form and Parent/carer guide to enrolment/transfer for ACT public schools located on the ‘Enrolling in an ACT Public School’ section of the Education and Training Directorate website www.det.act.gov.au

If you have difficulty accessing a computer to complete the online enrolment form, please come to the school for assistance. A translator can be arranged should you require one. Please make an appointment on 62057566.

To make the process more equitable, there is no longer any need to queue at the school on 28 April to enrol your child. All enrolment requests are stored electronically and sent to the first choice school after 30 May. Decisions regarding offers of enrolment/transfer are made after the closing date.

Applications for 2015 close on 30 May 2014.

Action Tae Kwon Do

2 Free Lessons!

Wanniassa School Junior Campus Hall
Every Thursday Afternoon
3.15pm – 4.00pm
Children Only Classes
For more information call Ben on 0498 638274 or visit www.actiontaekwondo.com.au

Don’t get caught without a PIN

From 1 August 2014, Australia will replace signature with PIN for Credit, Debit and Prepaid card purchases. Card holders will no longer be able to sign for payments made in person. This is part of a banking industry initiative to improve credit card security in Australia. PIN is a faster, more secure way to pay than using a signature. Benefits of using a PIN:

It’s safer - While signatures can be forged, your PIN is your secret - making it the more secure form of identification.

It’s faster - You could get through the checkout faster by avoiding the need to find a pen that works.
**Back to Dance Canberra**

**Physical Culture Club** for girls and ladies of all ages. Exercises and dance routines are all choreographed to music and are designed to enhance flexibility, strength, agility, poise and deportment.

Children especially benefit by improving their stamina, concentration, co-ordination and balance.

We are an incorporated club and we try to keep costs low and offer 2 free lessons. New members are always welcome to come along and see if they would like to join our club.

Classes are held here at Wanniassa School Junior Campus. Please call Maree 0411600658 or visit [www.canberraphysicalculture.com](http://www.canberraphysicalculture.com)

**Free Parent Workshop**

How to support your child with learning difficulties at home and school.

**When:** Wednesday 14th May, 2014

**Where:** Multipurpose Room, Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning, 51 Fremantle Drive, Stirling.

**Presenter:** Karen Starkiss

**Time:** 4.00pm – 6.00pm

**RSVP:** Monday 5th May, 2014 to julie.ireland@act.gov.au

For further information phone 62072331

The course content includes:

- What is dyslexia and what causes it?
- How to recognise the signs and symptoms of dyslexia in children
- A dyslexic child’s strengths and talents
- What does it feel like to be dyslexic? Practical sessions to help parents understand their child’s difficulties
- Common questions asked by parents
- How can you support your child at home and school?
- Where to get advice and help
- Useful websites and resources for children and their parents

**Guitar Lessons for Beginners**

I'm an experienced guitarist, having played in both covers bands and written original material for the last 20 years. I am looking to pass that experience on.

If you're keen to find out how to play one of the most versatile instruments in the world, then I can help you out. I can introduce you to the guitar and get you on your way to playing your favourite song, which is always a great motivator towards continued learning of any instrument.

Lessons are $25 for 1/2 hr and first ‘intro’ lesson is free.

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Readers should make their own enquiries in relation to the information.

**New Government Dental Scheme – one thousand reasons to smile!**

Have you heard about the new government dental scheme “Child Dental Benefits Schedule”? From January 1st 2014, it is providing eligible kids with $1000 to spend on selected dental services over a 2 calendar year period. This great initiative expects to help around 3.4 million Australian kids between the ages of 2-17 years.

To benefit from this scheme, children must be eligible for Medicare and the family must be in receipt of Family Tax Benefit Part A or receive a relevant Government payment. Services that will be covered include: examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, root canals and extractions. Benefits will not be available for services carried out in hospital, or for orthodontic or cosmetic dental work.

To see if your kids are eligible, call your local Dentist who can look up the information for you.

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**Death Cap Mushroom**

*Amanita phalloides*

The Death Cap Mushroom is a deadly, poisonous introduced fungus that is responsible for 50% of all deaths related to mushroom consumption. There have been 4 fatalities and 12 reported incidents of poisoning associated with Death Cap Mushroom in the ACT*

**Description**

Cap: 40-160mm wide, may be white, but usually pale green to yellow in colour, or fawn if the mushroom is older, or located in full sun. The cap can be slippery or sticky to touch, and shiny when dry.

Gills: White, crowded and not attached to stalk.

Stalk: Normally white in colour, but may be pale green. Up to 15cm long with a papery cup shaped volva at the base (often buried in the ground). Normally a skirt-like ring is present high on the stem.

**Distinctive Features:** The white gills, cup-like volva and high skirt-like ring help to distinguish the Death Cap Mushroom.

**Occurrence:** South Eastern Australia.

**Habitat:** Commonly found near established oak trees and possibly others, usually during late summer to early winter, after good rain or heavy irrigation.

**Toxicity:** Extremely poisonous. One Mushroom contains enough poison to kill an adult. Cooking or peeling does not make the mushroom safe to eat, and all parts are poisonous.

**Symptoms**

Onset of symptoms occurs 6-24 hours or more after ingestion of mushrooms. Symptoms include violent stomach pain, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea. Symptoms may subside for 1 to 2 days giving a false impression of recovery. However, by this stage the toxin will have already caused serious liver damage. Death from liver failure can occur many days after ingestion.