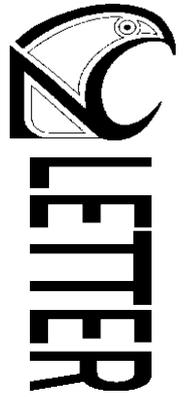


NARRABUNDAH COLLEGE NEWS



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PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

TERM 2 COMMENCES – TUESDAY 28 APRIL 2015

On Monday 27 April 2015, there will be a day in lieu for ACT public servants, including teachers and other employees working in ACT public schools. This is due to ANZAC Day falling on a Saturday this year.

Term 2 for all ACT public schools will begin on Tuesday 28 April 2015. It is advised that families make necessary alternative arrangements for Monday 27 April 2015 as soon as possible, as all public schools will be closed.

CHANGE TO AFTERNOON STUDENT PICK UP

Concerns have been raised about student safety when being picked up from the front of the college at the end of lessons at 4pm.

You are asked to pick up students either in the carpark at the side of the Hawk Theatre or in Green Street STARTING IMMEDIATELY.

Can Australian Education Become Self-Transforming? Professor John Hattie (ACEL Conference September 2014 – Inaugural Patron's Oration)

I have read this article recently and shared its implications with our students, staff and Board members. This article struck a chord: Hattie says that *Self-transforming schools have the capacity to make decisions that lead to success in all settings.*

We believe that we are a self-transforming school because of the way we support our students to achieve academically. However their college experience is much more than this. In the words of Hattie: *"...we ensure that we know how to equip students to live independently and participate in the life of their community and the world, to learn to 'give back', to develop respect for self and others, and to develop personal growth readiness to be employable and self-sustaining."*

So when students receive their results from Session 1, they need to use their feedback and effect changes to strive to achieve the best they possibly can. And they also need to be involved in college wide activities to enhance their college experience in order to develop

their growth readiness to be self-sustaining for their future.

IB INFORMATION EVENING

We are expecting about 150 people to attend the IB Information Evening on 1st April at 7.30pm for Prospective 2016 Students. This program still deservedly attracts considerable interest from our community and it does offer broad curriculum offerings to our students.

Christine Ward (IB Coordinator) who recently attended the IB conference in Macao writes:

The IB conference in Macau was an opportunity for coordinators to be better informed of changes and developments within the IB and international education practices. This forum (which is the largest gathering of educators in the Asia Pacific) also allowed participants to network and engage in meaningful conversations, solve issues and share experiences with IB colleagues and the corporations that assist and supply the education industry.

All the curriculum offerings at this college: the IB Curriculum, the ACT Curriculum and the French Baccalauréat allow students here to undertake rigorous and substantial preparation for undergraduate courses.

SESSION 2

We have moved Feedback Day for Session 1 results to the first day in session 2, Tuesday 28 April. Students will be able to collect their assessable work for each class, view their scores and grades for the session and receive their allocations for the session. Then there will be targeted presentations to each year group to discuss the implications of students' scores and grades. It is critical that all students attend these sessions. (Normal timetable commences at 11.45am).

This innovation is reinforcing our commitment to give effective feedback to inform students about how to improve. Students need to learn from their feedback to be ready to embrace the challenges thrown up in session 2 classes.

Reports for Session 1 will be issued on Wednesday 29 April. The Session 1 Report for year 11 students is especially important as it provides an early guide to performance, study habits and commitment to studies as well as whether the right choice of course(s) has been made. At the end of year 12 the calculation of a course score for a major is based on the results of 7 terms over 2 years. On this basis, if a student does change a course for session 2, it is not a disadvantage as it is still possible to complete a major in a course. This is a key factor in the college structuring the academic year into a quadrimester (10 weeks), followed by a semester (18 weeks) and finally a quadrimester (10 weeks). If students need any advice about their packaging of courses, I encourage them to meet with their Student Adviser.

Also I encourage students to continue to access Maths and English tutorials and Study Hub, as invaluable resources, especially after they have reviewed their results from session 1. Students do need to strike a successful balance between maintaining high standards and ensuring their wellbeing so they do need to access all available support throughout their time at college.

Further, students need to stay focused on their post college aspirations and to that end they need to make the most of the career opportunities available next session.

INFORMATION EVENING AND PARENT TEACHER AFTERNOON

There will be 2 key events for parents/carers in the first week of session 2. On Wednesday 29 April there will be an Information Evening focusing on: "What do your scores and grades mean?" This is the first of a number of meetings that outline the requirements of the Year 12 Certificate and the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR). At this meeting we will explain the scores and grades on the reports and introduce the ATAR.

On Thursday 30 April there will be the Parent Teacher Afternoon from 4.30-7.30pm. Please note that appointments are accessed online – see details in this newsletter.

I look forward to meeting parents and carers at this important event.

Congratulations to:

- ✦ This year's Capital Chemist recipients who were presented with their scholarships at the Awards Presentation Ceremony last week: Jenny W - Academic Excellence Award; Amel S - Citizenship Award and to Braulio and Bruno M - joint Capital Chemist Award.
- ✦ Lily B, Imogen C, Emma D, Serena F, Benjamin F, Patrick H, Sylvia H, Claire I, Predrag L, Harini N, Ruby T, Aisha W, Isaac W, Benjamin W and Sanga Y who have been selected for the ACT Junior Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble, Flute Ensemble and the Senior Concert Band.
- ✦ Chloe K and Laurel T who have been selected to represent the ACT at the National Schools' Debating Championships.

- ✦ Evie F who won the Lights Canberra Action Film Festival in the under 18 category with Gracie E as the principal actress.
- ✦ Ishana P who has been selected to attend the UBS Young Women's Leadership Academy to be held at Sydney University in April.
- ✦ Yuki O who won the ACT Open Men's Tennis Championships
- ✦ Enki R who won a gold medal at the ACT Judo championships, has been selected to represent the ACT at the national championships.
- ✦ A record 61 of our year 11 students who have been offered places at ANU Extension.
- ✦ Noemie H-K and Natalie M graduands 2014, will be tutoring for some of this year at Nyirripi School in the NT and Noemie will be working first at the Warlukalangu Art Cooperative in Yuendumu.

Kerrie Grundy
Principal

COLLEGE BOARD 2015

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Public Consultation - draft *Reporting Student Achievement (Preschool to Year 12) Policy* and draft common report templates

Opening Date: Monday 23 March 2015.

Closing Date: Friday 15 May 2015

The ACT Government is seeking public comment on the draft *Reporting Student Achievement (Preschool to Year 12) Policy* and draft common report templates for ACT public primary and high schools. The draft Policy and draft common templates are designed to ensure parents receive consistent information about their child's achievement regardless of which ACT public school their child attends.

Parents/carers can provide feedback through the ACT Education and Training Directorate website at www.det.act.gov.au and the ACT Government's Community Engagement 'Time to Talk' website at <http://timetotalk.act.gov.au/>.

Year 11 and Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews

We invite you to attend a Parent Teacher interview on **Thursday 30 April from 4.30pm till 7.30pm.**

The **interview bookings system** will be **available on the college website from Tuesday 31 March 2015.**

Staff Information

The following **staff members** will be **not available** for the parent teacher interviews:

Mary Adams

John Black

Carol Green

Emma Kelly

Cate Rosier

Celia Stott

Andrew Trost

Two **Student Services team members** will be available in the student services area from 4.30 – 7.30 pm:

Delisia Wiild

Julie Bauer

The other **Student Services team members** will be available for subject interviews in the gym from 4.30pm to 5.55pm and would then be available in the student services area from 6pm – 7.30pm:

Birgit Matwijiw

Andrea Trappes (unavailable from 5.30pm)

You are able to make a booking on the Parent Teacher Online Booking system; PTO available on the college website (<http://www.narrabundahc.act.edu.au/home>).

All parents will need a PIN number to access this system. These will not be forwarded automatically. You will need to request your PIN number via email as follows:

1. Access the college website (www.narrabundahc.act.edu.au)
2. Use the link for "PTO" to gain access to the login page of the online booking system.
3. Click on the "Obtain PIN/Password". Enter your surname, then in the next space type in the current email address that you have supplied to the College. Your PIN will then be forwarded to you via email.

Once you have received your PIN, you then return to the LOGIN screen, type in your Surname, then your PIN number. You will then have access to all the times available for you to book a time.

If you don't have access to a computer or have any problems accessing your PIN (you may have changed your email address) please call the Narrabundah Office on **61423201** from **1 April to 10 April** or **28 April to 29 April** for assistance.

Archana Aggarwal

SLC Certification and IT

Narrabundah College

STUDENT SERVICES NEWS

Each student has an identified adviser, depending on their **surname**, who will be an essential contact over the two years for checking progress, explaining packages, monitoring attendance, coordinating leadership and community service opportunities, arranging work experience, helping with career and post Year 12 options or just for advice.

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Students have now reached the end of Session 1, with end of unit tests and assessments finalised in weeks 8 and 9. Feedback will be given for Session 1 classes on the first day of Session 2, Tuesday 28 April. Students will collect marked work from the scheduled classes from 9.00am until 10.45 for all classes. This will be followed by compulsory talks covering reports, ATAR and Certification information. The normal timetable and classes will start the same day from 11.45 am

Week 1 of Session 2 is a busy week. Apart from the normal flurry of starting new units, there are three key events that week. Firstly, **reports** for units completed in Session 1 will be issued to students at college on Wednesday 29 April. That evening an information session for parents and students on **"What do your scores and grades mean?"** will be held at the College at 6.00pm Wednesday 29 April. This session is targeted at both Year 11 students and their parents to assist in gaining a better understanding of assessment practices, certification and ATAR requirements in the ACT. The Session 1 report will be explained in detail.

This evening is followed on Thursday 30 April by the **Parent Teacher Afternoon** from 4.30-7.30pm. Parents can discuss results and gain feedback from teachers about their son's or daughter's progress in this first session. Parents will need to book online for this Parent Teacher Afternoon – information about this is on page 2 of the newsletter.

While the majority of students are following the correct procedures for absences, some are still slow at getting absences accounted for. The absence notes available outside Student Services should always be completed and signed off by parents within a week of the absence.

Year 12 students should see their Student Adviser early in Session 2 to ensure that their courses and scores are on track for whatever they are aiming for in 2015.

STUDY HUB

The after-hours Study Hub on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4.00-5.30pm has been a huge success this first session. The combination of targeted skill sessions, general tutorial support and private study has drawn a consistently large group, especially the week leading up to tests. Some of the sessions on essay skills, test techniques and general study skills (that included time management and relaxation techniques) may be repeated in Session 2 as well as new presentations, such as delivering orals, will be offered. Thanks to the staff for helping out and special thanks to a number of our Year 12 students who are now Peer Tutors and have taken up this leadership opportunity with gusto.

UMAT

Year 12 students who are considering applying for medicine and related health/science courses should check the notice board in Student Services on a regular basis. The initial meeting held Week 3 showed huge interest in the testing. There is information on the noticeboard about private training organisations and some UMAT materials are available for overnight loan from the library. All students should try to set up relevant work experience throughout the year if they intend a career in the health sciences, as this experience will enhance student understanding of these career paths.

A reminder: UMAT2015 will be held on Wednesday 29 July 2015. UMAT is offered once a year only. Registrations are now open. **Registrations will close at 5.00pm AEST 5 June 2015.** Late registrations will then be accepted until 5.00pm AEST 19 June 2015. Late registrations are accepted on payment of a late fee of \$65 in addition to the registration fee. No further registrations are accepted after this date. Students should access the UMAT website for further information – <http://www.umat.acer.edu.au> Please see Glenda Nimmo for extra information.

YEAR 12 AST PREPARATION NEXT SESSION

All Year 12 students seeking an ATAR must sit the AST tests on September 1 and 2. To ensure students are well prepared for that testing, AST Preparation Sessions will be held on **Thursday afternoons next session** and all students wanting an ATAR must attend their designated 4 week long sessions. These will be held during weeks 1 to 13 and the two full trials in the gym in Week 14.

Rolls will be marked and a 0.2 R unit will be awarded at the completion of the unit. The R unit will cover

familiarization with the three papers (Writing Task, Multiple Choice and Short Response) and strategies for completing these tasks. Students will be in classes of around 25 with a teacher and the session times will be from 1.30 – 3.30pm.

Year 12 students need to check the notice board outside Student Services to see if their name is on the correct list for students intending to sit AST.

Delisia Wiild, Student Services

TRANSITION AND CAREERS

Australian Defence Force Gap Year

The ADF GapYear Program provides an opportunity for young Australians who have finished year 12 and aged between 17-24 years to experience military training and lifestyle while gaining new skills and pay over their gap year.

Gap year opportunities are available in the Navy, Army and Air Force. The skills and job training that you acquire during your Gap Year will be valuable regardless of what career you ultimately undertake.

Applications are now open at defencejobs.gov.au/gapyear

ADF Trades Information Session

24th March 2015, at 6:00pm

Session takes place at the Defence Force Recruiting Centre

Location: Level 2, 64 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra, 2601

Australian Defence Force Academy

Applications for the ADFA Education Awards open on 1st May.

To apply call 131901 or visit defencejobs.gov.au/adfa

Taster Day at Macquarie University

Thursday 16 April

Students will be able to: get a feel for the campus, sit in on lectures and demos and find out what university is really like. Lunch is included.

Details and register at mqinaday@mq.edu.au or (02) 9850 7250.

Work Experience

WEX for session 1 is now closed.

Students may start planning WEX for Session 2, 7/9/15 – 11/9/15

If you need help with planning your WEX for Session 2, call in to the Transition and Careers Office, next to the Library.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Thursday 23 April

Girls in Information and Communications Technology Day

Girls in ICT Day aims to educate and inspire young women and raise awareness of the need for girls to join the inventive field of ICT.

For more information visit cecs.anu.edu.au/girlsinict

Friday May 15**Girls in Engineering and Technology Program**

The annual GET SET Program is designed for young women who want to explore education and careers in Engineering or Technology

For more information visit cecs.anu.edu.au

UNSW: Getting into Medicine

UNSW has put together information for students wanting to know more about the application process for studying medicine at UNSW.

<http://unswfuturestudents.tumblr.com/post/113828077457/getting-into-medicine>

For enquiries regarding these or other career related matters, contact *Glenda Nimmo, Transition and Careers*

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST

On Thursday 12 March 2015, the Directorate held the annual International Women's Day Breakfast at The Deck at Regatta Point. This event was attended by over 125 staff, students and friends. The theme for International Women's Day 2015 is *Let's not wait another 20 years for gender equality.*

Narrabundah College year 12 students Sabrina A. and Chloe K. attended this event. Sabrina gave the welcome to Country, which commenced the formalities.

Group Captain Sally Dorsett was the key guest speaker, sharing her experiences from her many years working for the UK's Royal Air Force before moving to Australia and joining the Royal Australian Air Force. Sally has been a key part of driving change for work flexibility for women and men in the Australian Defence Force.



Sabrina and Chloe at The Deck at Regatta Point

Jacqui Ockwell

SPORT NEWS TERM 1

Narrabundah College has entered teams in the ACT Collegiate Sports program in Basketball, Mixed Water Polo, Tennis Singles and Beach Volleyball this term. From these competitions we have had a mix of success:

- Basketball – Girls have progressed into the ACT Finals to be played later this term – Good Luck!
- Mixed Water Polo – placed second in a well contested game against Erindale College losing by 2 points – well done team!
- Tennis Singles – Open Men's Champion went to Yuki - Congratulations!!
- Beach Volleyball – Pairs Girls: Leila and Vanessa 3rd place, Mixed 4's: Nathan, Victor, Harry, Emily and Tiffany 2nd place – Excellent outcomes, well done!

The following students deserve special mention for their recent sporting successes:

- Julia has been selected in the Australian U20 Women's National Team playing in the AFF Championships in Vietnam.
- Jeremy represented the ACT at the 2015 Australian Junior Championships in Athletics.
- Leila will be representing the ACT at the National Beach Volleyball Championships – Good Luck!

If we have missed out on mentioning any other sporting success stories please let us know.

The sports offered in Term 2 include; Netball, Futsal for the Thursday afternoon sports. Day competitions include; Touch Football, Soccer ACT Swimming and ACT Cross Country. Sign-up sheets are located on the Sports Noticeboard in the B Block foyer.

Julie Bauer (Sports Coordinator)



INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE NEWS

Our IB students have had an excellent start to the year at Narrabundah College. Many students have already commenced their CAS program and have settled into life at the College. It is important for the students to avail themselves of all help that is offered in their subject areas. Study Hub operates during sessions on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 4 – 5.30 where students are able to receive help in Essay writing, TOK, History, Maths and other subject areas. Maths help is also offered every Monday and Tuesday in S12. Students are reminded that the submission of drafts is a very important process as they receive essential feedback about the topic.

Students need to ensure that their email details are up to date as all Year 11 IB students will be added to Bacpoint - the online IB journal – at the beginning of the next session which will be used to record their CAS activities. All Year 11 IB students have been added to Turnitin (online plagiarism checking site) and a PD will be conducted on Turnitin/Bacpoint at the beginning of session 2.

Christine Ward
IB Coordinator/ CAS Coordinator

NEWS FROM LANGUAGES/ESL

OZCLO, THE BEST LINGUISTIC COMPETITION!

The annual Ozclo Competition took place on Tuesday 10 March. The event was held at and supported by the Australia National University. It was a wonderful experience for 40 Narrabundah College students. Faced with rare dialects and languages, our students grouped in teams of four, had two hours to decode as many languages as possible, using only their deduction skills. All students undoubtedly enjoyed this competition showing great interest in languages learning. Below is one of their testimonies:

“The problems we had to solve contained various types of languages which we rarely had a chance to get to know. One article consisted of interesting combination of figures which required a lot of concentration to decode. It was a lot of fun and it was really magnificent for us to know the pattern of grammar and features in different languages. I highly recommend this valuable opportunity to everyone who has an interest in languages and/or TIS (Translating and Interpreting Skills). We even had snacks to maintain the level of our energy.”

Natalie O’Toole (TIS and French teacher)
Coordinator of Ozclo

INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY WALK 2015

International Mother Language Movement aims to promote awareness about the importance of preserving and protecting mother languages all across the world.

On Saturday, 24th February people from different nationalities came along to promote their languages. The walk commenced from international flags display behind Questacon and ended at Regatta point. The Language Walk 2015 showed the importance of multiculturalism in Australia today. Together, different people of various backgrounds and cultures united, to show the relevance of the large spectrum of languages spoken around the globe.

The Hindi class of Narrabundah College celebrated International Mother Language Day alongside the various cultural groups of Canberra. Everyone made posters to promote Hindi at Narrabundah College. It was fun day; everyone was so friendly and helpful. There were numerous fun activities such as face painting, multicultural painting, multilingual activities and multicultural food for sale. There were free T-shirts for the participants. Overall, this event brought people together from different communities to raise awareness of the value of all languages, especially endangered languages, in a multilingual and multicultural context.

For Hindi students Mayank, Nisha, Gurkirat, Riya and Anhad it was a memorable experience. They enjoyed the walk, food and other cultural activities. It was a combination of many languages together such as Chinese, Japanese, Hindi and Korean. The purpose of this walk is to bring people from different communities to a common ground to celebrate the value of unity through linguistic and cultural diversity.



SOUTH KOREA TRIP 2015

South Korea excursion will be run from 26 September to 10 October this year. Aims of this excursion are to practise students' Korean Language skills and their cross-cultural understanding of Korean society and develop personal understanding of Korean youth through sister school visiting and homestay. Students will visit cities such as Seoul, Busan, Gyeongju and Andong for two weeks. Total 18 students and teachers from Narrabundah and Gungahlin College are going to participate in Korea trip. For further information, contact Hee-Kyoung Lee, Languages Centre.

Phone 6142 3232

Email Hee-Kyoung.Lee@ed.act.edu.au

NEWS FROM MATHS

Students have now completed their session 1 exams. The first day back next session includes time for students to get feedback from their teachers about their performance in the tasks from session 1. Students should make the most of this time and ask any questions they need in order to improve their understanding and exam technique.

A reminder to Specialist Year 12 students, the notes for the 5th-6th May Wombeyan Caves excursion have gone out. Students will have fun in a different environment doing problem solving tasks similar to those encountered at the ANU Maths Day competition. This preparation will assist selection of a possible team. In addition, there will be a guided tour of one of the caves. Permission notes and payment for the excursion is due 1st of May.

Jenny in Year 12 was selected to attend the prestigious National Mathematics Summer School in January this year. The following is her summary of her time at the school:

My two weeks at the National Mathematics Summer School (NMSS), held at the ANU, were absolutely extraordinary. I was exposed to entirely new and intriguing aspects of mathematics and applications which I had never previously heard of: number theory, projective geometry and topology. Each and every lecture over the course of the school was exciting and brought something new for all the students to capture and consider. Not only did the NMSS provide a spectacular opportunity for me to expand and extend my mathematical knowledge, but also presented a comfortable environment for me to establish new friendships which I will undoubtedly keep forever. Overall, my time at NMSS was sensational and I have inevitably benefited both academically and socially, from my experience at the school.

Taneile Harris

RED CROSS FUNDRAISER

Congratulations Narrabundah College, through your generosity we raised \$653.35 to support the Australian Red Cross. Thanks especially to John and the Peer Education Group.

Andrea, Student Services

FRENCH BAC NEWS

Year 12 News

Tertiary studies in France: The second step of the admission process has now started. The students have to print out the file and follow the instructions to figure out whether or not they have to send documents to the Lycée or the university they are applying to. This should be done by 2 April. Then, between the 6 and 9 May, they will have to check on the website if their application has

been received in France and is complete. Ultimately, they will have until 31 May to sort out their choices in order of preference. Detailed information is on the dedicated website: <http://www.admission-postbac.fr>.

Do not hesitate to contact me (Eric.Dostal@ed.act.edu.au) should you need assistance at any stage during the process.

Baccalauréat mock exam – The second and last “bac blanc” will be organized during week 1 of Term 2. Year 12 students will be able to sit for these papers in the same conditions as the actual exam. The timetable will be given to the students as soon as possible. Students had also a practice oral examination in English from the 23rd to the 25th of March.

Practical tests in science: On week 6 in Term 2, students of the scientific stream will have a practice examination to test their ability to carry out a scientific experiment. The actual Baccalauréat test, which counts for 4 points out of 20, will take place at Narrabundah College a few weeks before Baccalauréat week. Please contact Mrs Boutraud or Mr. Coget for more information.

Year 11 News

Between the 25th and the 27th of March, Year 11 students participated in a geological excursion accompanied by Agnès Boutraud (biology and earth science teacher) and Stephen Ryan (PE teacher at Telopea Park School)

A Baccalauréat mock exam in French and Sciences will be organized during week 2 in Term 2.

Not only will the students have the opportunity to take a written test in these two subjects, but they will also be able to take the oral examination in French in the conditions of the actual exam during week 5. The timetable will be given to the students as soon as possible.

All Year 11 students have to enrol in an English class for semester 2. The enrolment is mandatory. The students can choose from a list of five units. Please contact M. Dostal should you need more information about those classes.

WW1 Digital Exhibit

A WW1 digital exhibit is now shown at Narrabundah College in B-Block. To access the pictures, videos, 3D objects... download a specific application and snap QR-codes. This exhibition is co-produced by the AEFÉ and the Mission du Centenaire.

The Science of Climate Change

On Thursday 5th March, Professor Patrick De Dekker and Doctor Paul Tregoning from the Research School of Earth Sciences, ANU, presented a talk on climate change to students in the Narrabundah College library. It was very interesting with many Australian examples.

In addition, on Friday 6th March, our students had the opportunity to discover via video conference the JOIDES ship presently in the Gulf with a number of research

scientists on board. Our students were able to converse with Diane Hanano about life and research on the ship.

Eric Dostal, French Baccaauréat Coordinator



Year 11 & 12 students at Guest Talk about climate change

HUMANITIES NEWS

POP UP LIVE 2015

Nbc Radio's Pop Up Live is a free event showcasing youth engagement in the arts as part of National Youth Week Australia.

Hosted by Nbc Radio - a radio station run for students by students, the event features free live music, free food and drink, Industry Professional Artist Seminars, live art showcases and a photography exhibition.

POP UP LIVE
nbc radio on 2xx

Perpetual Motion
Angus H. + Jake G.
Kofi A.
Maddie W.
Luke R.
Harry T.
Alice C. + Aiden C.
Salale F.
Lara G. + Caty R.
Ned P.
Kenrick B. + Jacob N. +
Jordi D. + Jed L.
Charlie S-G.
Megan M.
Chloe H.
Nik O.

Tuesday 7th April 2015: Griffith Hall: 4:00-10:00pm
Free live entertainment, food+drinks, raffle & photobooth

Bidvest Mecca Bah NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

The free event is running from 4pm-10pm on the 7th of April at the Griffith Community Hall and this year the line-up boasts a large variety of musical performances featuring everything from jazz artists to rappers plus art and photography from students around Canberra and is set to be a real banger. This strictly drug and alcohol free event is open to all students and aims to provide a safe and enjoyable night for everyone.

REELACT FESTIVAL SHOWCASING SPECTACULAR COLLEGE FILMS

A group of young, innovative students from the Narrabundah College Public Relations class is organising and managing this year's annual ReelACT Film Festival as their main piece of assessment. It will be held on Wednesday, 8th of April at Narrabundah College's Hawk Theatre from 6:15pm.

The ReelACT Festival will be a fun-filled night that allows students to partake in a great opportunity and potentially win some amazing awards.

"ReelACT is an innovative film festival run by students that showcases fantastic college films from around Canberra," Maria Pantano, the sponsorship coordinator said.

Film categories such as Drama, Comedy, Action, Animation and many more will be displayed, with each category having a winning film.

Everyone is welcome but an adult must accompany people under 15 years of age.

Free Food Gold Coin Donation Live Entertainment Student Films

The 2015 Red Carpet Themed
REEL ACT
Film Festival

8th April 6:15pm - 9:15pm
@ Narrabundah College Hawk Theatre

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VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Narrabundah College has an inclusive curriculum that values vocational courses. The College is scoped to deliver a range of vocational courses leading to industry qualifications at Certificate I and II levels, with capability to facilitate the acquisition of Certificate III levels.

Students can combine Work Integrated Learning with traditional programs of study, including working toward a Tertiary package with a VET component, as well as undertaking study in an accredited package with a VET component. These pathways are encouraged to provide students with a wider range of options, post-college.

Narrabundah College is scoped to offer the following VET courses:

1. Business Admin
2. Information Technology
3. Fashion and Design
4. Media
5. Furniture and Timber

Students may also pursue VET studies through an external RTO and have points awarded to their Year 12 Certificate for those studies. This may take the form of undertaking Certificate II or III studies or completing an ASBA (Australian School-Based Apprenticeship) with another RTO.

STRUCTURED WORK PLACEMENTS

Many VET courses within the College require SWL as a core component that contributes toward the successful completion of a qualification. SWL is generally broken into blocks of hours that students must spend in a workplace to demonstrate achievement of learned competencies in an industry context. This session we are taking requests from students who wish to go out to industry in Week 10.

Students may go out to a range of employers. Our employers are very supportive of our students and many have been with us for a long time.

EOR Media – animation, Adcorp, BMA, Academy of Interactive Entertainment, Design D, Zoo Advertising and ANU, just to name a few.

Media students also gain points with the weekly community radio show NbC radio on 2XX. This has been broadcasting for over 2 years and is a great opportunity to hone communication and organizational skills. (See the attached article on Youth Week)

Students in other areas will have in-school opportunities to gain these skills, as well as a week in employment.

Students undertaking SWL will receive 0.5 points on successful completion and competencies towards their certificate. If your son or daughter completed a voluntary job at the recent Multicultural Festival or have signed up for the National Folk Festival this also counts as SWL. Bring your roster sheets to Celia for validation.

For more information on VET courses at Narrabundah College please see Celia Stott or Glenda Nimmo. Please check the College website and facebook page for more information.

Celia Stott

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION FACT SHEET FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Narrabundah College RTO 88013

Unique Student Identifier (USI)

From 1 January 2015 the Australian Government requires all students undertaking vocational training (VET) to have a Unique Students Identifier (USI). This 10 digit number and letter identifier will allow students to access their VET training records and results as a transcript from 2016 and beyond from their online USI account. Students often need to provide evidence of their academic achievements when applying for a job or to undertake further study so it is important that all students apply for a USI this year.

In order for your USI to be entered into the Narrabundah College MAZE system, please follow the guidelines at:

<http://usi.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx>

watch the Unique student Identifier video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HRYaaF-B7Ho>

then generate your own USI

<http://usi.gov.au/create-your-USI/Pages/default.aspx>

Once done fill in the USI permission form, either on the website, from your teachers, or from the Front Office and return.

Keep your USI at home, in a safe place for further record keeping.

If you need any assistance or have any questions please contact

Celia Stott SLC Humanities/ Media Vet Co-ordinator
61423234

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Thank you to all students and staff who have taken part in Narrabundah College's library program for term 1, 2015. As the Session 1 moves into the assessment period library staff would like to remind all students that all session 1 text books are due back not later than March 31. Generally this includes most English novels, many maths texts and any subject that a student has changed or withdrawn from. In some cases some students may need an extension beyond March 31, if this applies please renew the book at the library circulation desk and tell the duty librarian for how much longer you need the book. Library staff will be in attendance to collect books during the examination period. We ask that students remove all personal items from books such as notes, bookmarks and adhesive tags prior to returning the book. It should be noted that students are not to write, underline, highlight or in any

other way damage the school's books. Should students feel there is a need to write in books or to make notes the library staff recommends using removable sticky notes such as Post It notes, these can easily be removed from the books without causing damage for the next borrower.

Library reminder notices were distributed to all students with overdue books during last week's (18 March 2015) N-Group meetings. Notices will again be distributed during N-Group meetings in the week commencing April 28. We ask that students check these notices as overdue items inhibit a student's ability to borrow and renew books for Session 2. Library staff will commence lending text books for session 2 on Tuesday April 28. Classes will be called to the library and we ask that all students have their Student ID card that contains their photograph, ready when each class is called along with any overdue books, all session 1 books (that have not been returned) and all books that are no longer needed.

Apart from books the library has a large number of other items that we regularly lend to students these include Apple I-Pads, minicomputers and thumb drives. The library staff asks that when these are returned all personal files, personal information, assignments, downloads and the like are removed and that all passwords are cleared and that all settings are returned to default. This reduces the need for library staff to chase up students to reset settings that have been changed and to remove passwords that are no longer needed.

The library has a small number of calculators that can be lent during the assessment period. These are lent out for on a first come first served basis, to those students who do not have their own, for the period of the relevant exam and must be returned at the end of each exam and prior to the borrower leaving for the day. Students will be expected to leave their Student ID card in exchange for the calculator and the card will be returned to the student when the calculator is returned. It should be noted that taking calculators into exams is a matter determined by the school's Mathematics Department and not the library. Students should check with their mathematics teacher prior to the exam regarding the use of calculators.

Backing up work completed at school, home and elsewhere is an important study practice to achieve and when things go wrong, as they sometimes do, a lot of hard work is saved and unnecessary stress avoided. Each student at Narrabundah has secure space on the school's H-drive to store assignments and other information, this drive is regularly backed up by the ACT Education Department's IT section. However this should only be one location that students save to. The library staff recommends backing up all work to the student's or family's private or home computer, to an external portable drive such as a thumb drive or to a secure location in I-cloud.

A short reminder about library hours. During the teaching periods the library opens at 8.00 each morning and closes at 4.00pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and

Fridays. On Mondays and Wednesdays the library's closing times are extended to 5.30pm to enable Study Hub to operate. Outside of the teaching period the library opens each day at 9.00am and closes at 4.00pm - students are encouraged to use the library during this period. It should be noted that each Friday the library closes from 11.00am to 11.15am to enable all library staff to attend a full school staff meeting.

Finally just a reminder from February's newsletter and the need for all students at Narrabundah College to have an ACT Library Card and a National Library of Australia (NLA) Readers card and a PIN number for each. Cards and PIN numbers can be obtained free of charge by going on-line to www.library.act.gov.au (for an ACT library card) or to www.nla.gov.au (for an NLA library card) cards are delivered free of charge to the address that you nominate when you go on-line. The cards gives access to free E-Resources that all students are expected to access while they study at Narrabundah College.

CENTENARY OF ANZAC DISPLAY - 1915-2015 - Lest We Forget.

A display to help commemorate Anzac day has been created. A collection of books about Gallipoli is available for students to borrow. These include some new acquisitions such as:

Robert, Chris. **The Landing at Anzac, 1945.**

Macdougall, AK. **Gallipoli and the Middle East 1915-1918.**

Dolan, Hugh. **Gallipoli: the Landing.** (A graphic novel).

And two beautiful picture books

Bogle, Eric & Whatley, Bruce. **And the band played Waltzing Matilda.**

Metzenthen, David & Camilleri, Michael. **One minute's silence.**

HOLIDAY READING.

Exams over? Time to relax. There is a selection of new books to savour the break including:

Hathorn, Libby. **Eventual Poppy Day.**

Cormick, Craig. **Time vandals.**

Mieville, China. **Realsea.**

Aaronovitch, Ben. **Rivers of London.**

Howell, Simone. **Girl defective.**

Weir, Andy. **The martian.**

MacLean, David. **Finding Coaby.**

AND

Ex-Narrabundah College student, Jack Heath's gripping novel **Replica.** Some of his other novels are also available – **Remote Control**, **The Lab** and **Money Run.**

Malcolm Baker, Teacher Librarian

NSW 2015 Senior Secondary Student Concession Cards for travel at child/concession fare on NSW rail (Canberra to Sydney)

**Concession card passes available at Reception
Must produce ID card**

EXCURSION ACQUITTALS

Civic Olympic Pool and Manuka Pool French Bac

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| Income | \$870.00 |
| Total Expenses | 766.37 |
| Surplus | \$103.63 |



Diabetes Type 1 Study

- Do you have a relative with Diabetes Type 1?
- Are you 1-45 years of age?
- Are you generally healthy?

You may be eligible for the Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) Prevention Trial

If you have a relative with Type 1 Diabetes, you could be at risk for this disease. Paediatric Research at Canberra Hospital is participating in studies monitoring the risk of Diabetes in relatives of T1D individuals and is offering an opportunity for you or your child to participate.

Please contact the Paediatric Research and Clinical Trials Unit at The Canberra Hospital on **61747600** for more information.

This study has been approved by the ACT Health Human Research Ethics Committee.



Diabetes Type 2 in children aged 10-17 years

Does your child have Type 2 diabetes?

Your child may be eligible for the Type 2 Diabetes Study

Helping your child manage their type 2 diabetes can be difficult. It requires a lot of attention. If diet, exercise and medication are not working well enough for your child, you may be wondering what to do next. It may be time to consider a different approach.

Please contact the Paediatric Research and Clinical Trials Unit at The Canberra Hospital on **61747600** for more information.

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SHLiRP

Sexual Health, Lifestyles & Referral Program

College: Narrabundah

Dates: Mon 4th and Tues 5th May 2015

What is SHLiRP?

SHLiRP is a simple and convenient health education, information and testing program to promote young people's sexual health and wellbeing. The Program is a partnership of Sexual Health and Family Planning ACT (SHFPACT) and the Canberra Sexual Health Centre (CSHC) brought to ACT public secondary colleges with the support of ACT Government funding.

SHFPACT is a nonprofit community organisation which provides healthcare and education services in the field of sexual and reproductive health and wellbeing to the community. Canberra Sexual Health Centre is the ACT Health sexual health clinic based at Canberra Hospital. Both organisations are committed to the provision of responsible, accurate and relevant information on sexual and reproductive health as well as providing access to high-quality clinical sexual health services.

SHLiRP has been successfully delivering health education and an opportunity for on-site sexual health screening in ACT secondary colleges for 10 years, with the support of students, parents/carers and teaching staff.

Regardless of when young people decide to begin having sex, accurate and relevant information about sexual health issues is important to lifelong health and wellbeing. Information about blood-borne viruses such as hepatitis & HIV/AIDS, which can also be transmitted by non-sexual means, is also important for prevention. Australian research shows that approximately half of students in college years are, have been, or plan to be sexually active. SHLiRP aims to provide a service that is relevant to all young people for their current and future sexual health.

What will the health education session cover?

All students will be asked to attend a health education session about SHLiRP that covers sexual health information relevant for young people:

- Sexual decision-making
- The importance of consensual sexual relationships and what constitutes consent
- Common sexually transmissible infections (chlamydia, herpes and HPV/warts virus) and blood-borne viruses (Hep B & C, HIV/AIDS), and their prevention/treatment
- The when, how and why guide to Pap tests
- How SHLiRP works and why students may want to participate in a consultation
- Access to services in Canberra

What happens in the clinical screening service?

Students who wish, may **voluntarily** attend a consultation with a sexual health nurse. Students are not required to participate. After providing some basic information about themselves, they may be offered testing for specific STIs or BBVs, which they can accept or decline. There is no physical examination.

Many students attend a consultation to ask more information and experience what going to a sexual health service is like before they are actually concerned about a specific problem. The aim of this is to promote good sexual health/behaviour now and for the future.

Research suggests that many young people are most concerned about their body image and what is normal. Many students find they can ask questions of the SHLiRP team that they are unsure of or are too embarrassed to discuss with their parents and can do this in confidence during a consultation.

Students can also be tested to determine their immunity-status to Hepatitis B virus. Most students in Australia are immunised against Hep B in late primary/early secondary school (and since early the 2000's for younger siblings) but some students may not have participated in this program if they were overseas at this time, or can't remember if they completed the course of three injections.

If further advice or help is needed with other health related issues, students are referred to the local relevant service. About one month after the initial visit, SHLiRP staff will return for a Results Day. This is a further opportunity for students to discuss any questions or concerns, and receive their results.

How will students be tested and followed up?

Male participants will be asked to pass urine into a jar and/ or give a sample of blood. Female participants can pass urine or perform a painless self-inserted swab, as well as give a blood sample.

If any of the tests return a positive result, the student is offered free and confidential treatment, management, follow-up and counselling.

Is it confidential?

Yes, no one except the SHLiRP staff will have access to information about students' participation or results. School staff and parents will **not** be able to access this information; students are entitled to the same level of privacy of their medical information as adults.

Is parental consent needed?

Each student who presents themselves for consultation will be offered free advice and testing as deemed necessary; as long as staff are sure that each student fully understands and can give their own consent. Where this cannot be satisfactorily determined, or the young person is under 16, parent/guardian consent to participation will be sought.

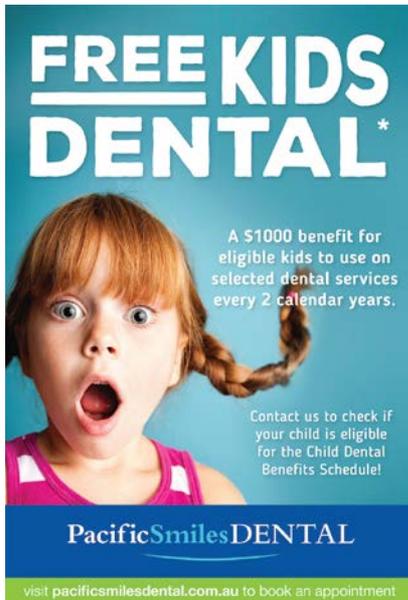
What if I have other questions?

The SHLiRP team would be pleased to answer any of your questions or provide you with confidential advice. We can be contacted at:

Canberra Sexual Health Centre (02) 6244 2184

or

Sexual Health & Family Planning ACT (02) 6247 3077.



1000 FREE KIDS DENTAL* WITH THE CHILD DENTAL BENEFITS SCHEDULE!

Great news, the Child Dental Benefits Schedule continues in 2015! The Commonwealth Government

dental scheme provides eligible children with a \$1000 free kids dental benefit* on selected dental services within a 2 year calendar period.

In 2014 many families were surprised that they were eligible for the free \$1000 benefit*. To gain access to benefits, children must be eligible for Medicare, must be between 2 and 17 years of age for at least 1 day of the calendar year with the child or parent, guardian or carer receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A or another relevant government payment.

Not sure if your kids are eligible? Contact your local Pacific Smiles Dental Centre, have your Medicare card ready and they can easily check to see if your kids are eligible or have remaining benefits from 2014.

Information provided by Pacific Smiles Dental: visit pacificsmilesdental.com.au for further information.

**Free when services covered by the Commonwealth Government's Child Dental Benefits Schedule are bulk billed by participating Practitioners for treatments provided to eligible patients.*

Important Dates

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| 1 April | 7.30 IB Information Night for 2016 prospective students and parents |
| 1-2 Apr | Assessment Week , Excursion & Student Free |
| 3 Apr | Good Friday |
| 6 Apr | Easter Monday |
| 7-9 Apr | Assessment week cont., Excursion & Student Free |
| 7-10 Apr | Vocational Placement & Work Experience |
| 8 Apr | 4.30 Board Meeting 6.30 P&C Meeting |
| 10 Apr | Unit scores displayed |
| 11-26 Apr | School Holidays |
| 27 Apr | Anzac Day Public Holiday for schools (please note change to your student/parent calendar) |
| 28 Apr | Session 2 commences Feedback Day – all students Online applications open for 2016 Yr11 prospective students |
| 29 Apr | Session 1 reports issued 6.00pm Information Evening for parents “What do your scores and grades mean?” Hawk Theatre) |
| 30 April | 4.30-7.30 Parent Teacher Afternoon |
| 1 May | Appeals close for Session 1 unit scores |

Reception Cash Register Times:

8.45am – 2.00pm

INTERNET BANKING - DIRECT PAYMENT

There is a 'Payment' option on the school website (www.narrabundahc.act.edu.au) – Westpac Quickweb. Go to: **contact us, Payment.** Please identify your payment by including the student's name.

NARRABUNDAH COLLEGE:

Reception: 614 23200

Important change to the 2015 calendar
27 April – now an Anzac Day Public Holiday for schools
28 April – Session 2 commences

2015 Parent Information Evenings and Parent Teacher afternoons etc

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| 29 Apr | 6.00pm Information Evening for parents “What do your scores and grades mean?” (Hawk Theatre) |
| 30 Apr | 4.30-7.30 Parent Teacher Afternoon |
| 16 June | 7.00pm Winter Concert |
| 23 June | 6.00pm Information Evening for parents “What's the ATAR?” (Music Auditorium E Block) |
| 28 July | 4.30-7.00pm Parent Teacher Afternoon |
| 24 Sep | 5.00-6.00pm IB Information Meeting for current Yr11 Parents |
| 12 Nov | 6.30-7.30pm Fashion Parade in Theatre |
| 17 Nov | 5.00-7.00pm Visual Arts Exhibition (A&F Block) accompanied by music students 7.00-8.00pm Dance Concert |
| 16 Dec | 5.00-7.30pm Presentation Night |

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