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#### IMPORTANT LINKS

**Website:** [www.mountstromlo.act.edu.au](http://www.mountstromlo.act.edu.au)  
**Schoology:** <https://mountstromlo.schoology.com>  
**MSHS Blog:** <https://stromlohs.wordpress.com>

#### IMPORTANT DATES

**27 March** Cross Country  
**30 March** Good Friday  
**2 April** Easter Monday  
**5 April** Parent Teacher Evening  
**6 April** Yr 10 Immunisations  
**13 April** End of Term  
**30 April** Start of Term 2

See calendar on school website for more details

#### Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Congratulations to Isla Ward (Yr 10) and Hayley Bullas (Yr 9) who were our top female mathematics students in 2017 and won **Best Female Student in Mathematics in 2017** from the University of New South Wales (UNSW). They were each presented with a \$250 cash prize and \$5,000 scholarship to put towards an engineering degree if they study at UNSW in the future. Natasha Sands and Claire Severs in year 10, and Eliza Evers and Jessica Burrows in year 9 were also recognised for their outstanding achievement and given a \$5000 scholarship.

Congratulations to our very talented music students who have been selected to join the ACT Instrumental Music Program's Extension Ensembles in 2018. This is the equivalent of representing the ACT in music.

Adrian Carpio has been selected for the ACT Percussion Ensemble - Year 7-12 students;

Lachlan Canning, Paolo Giugni, Charlotte Lehmann and Corrie van Lille have been selected for the ACT Junior Concert Band (Yr 7 & 8).

Julia Murphy, Ciana Pollock, Thomas Sparks, Neil Sutherland and Nicola van Lille have been selected for the ACT Senior Concert Choir (Yr7-12)

These ensembles are directed and administered by the Instrumental Music and perform at school, community and directorate events throughout the year with some groups touring interstate and overseas.

Every Minute Counts! This term we will be focusing on all students having positive attendance patterns. Student Services staff will be reinforcing our community expectation for all students to arrive to school on time, attend TEAM and make their way to each class in a timely manner. If a student is late to school they



must provide a note (or email/phone call from a parent) explaining the absence. If students are not able to do this they will be asked to make up the time they have missed during lunchtime or after school. Every minute counts!

Most teachers use the first 15 minutes of a lesson to outline the focus of a lesson, clarify important areas and set up students in collaborative groups. If students miss any of these instructions or the explanation, they find it difficult to catch up, become disengaged and will not be achieving as well as they could.

He/ She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>Half a year</u>
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 year</u>
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per Year	Nearly <u>1 and a Half years</u>
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over <u>2 and a Half years</u>

Please remember that if your child is absent from school for a whole day or part day parents/carers must contact the school to explain the absence. Parents and carers can do this via a note to the TEAM teacher, a phone call to Student Absence (6142 3448) or email ([Stromlo.Absences@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Stromlo.Absences@ed.act.edu.au)).

If you are planning a family holiday during the school term, please let your child's Year Coordinator or TEAM teacher know so assessment items can be rescheduled around the period of leave.

Regards,

Kate Marshall  
Principal

## Band

### Year 7 Band Auditions

We are looking to hold auditions in the next couple of weeks for any Year 7 students who would like to join our Concert Band. We ask that you kindly complete the google form link below so we can find out some information about each student before their audition. Students should be prepared to play a scale and a short piece of music of their own choice. Students will be notified of their audition day and time next week.

<https://goo.gl/forms/f8Fh4mI0UbG7uLe92>

## School Parking

The ACT Government has developed a short video to help communicate with parents about the need to ensure they park correctly around schools.

Every day across Canberra, parents are parking illegally in school zones and putting all kids in the area at risk. With school parking patrols increasing in 2018, if you keep doing it, you will get caught and you will be fined.

Video - [Parking safely around schools](#)

## School Saver Plus

Saver Plus is a free financial education program delivered by The Smith Family that can help families on lower incomes pay for school costs such as bookbags, uniforms, laptops and excursions, by matching their savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500.

To find out more about Saver Plus visit <https://www.thesmithfamily.com.au/programs/financial/saver-plus> or contact myself, the ACT Saver Plus Coordinator, Kathleen Watson, on 0448 730 305 or [kathleen.watson@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:kathleen.watson@thesmithfamily.com.au).

Saver Plus is an initiative of Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with The Smith Family, Berry Street and The Benevolent Society and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to [www.dss.gov.au](http://www.dss.gov.au) for more information.

**Stressed about back to school costs?  
Make next year different.**



**Saver Plus will match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500.**

To join Saver Plus, you must have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, be at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.

- laptops & tablets
- camps & excursions
- uniforms & shoes
- lessons & activities
- sports fees & gear
- books & supplies

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# WARRANTIES AND REPAIRS

## **Acer eSupport**

All Acer Chromebook Spin 11s issued to students under the *Better schools for kids - technology enabled learning* (TEL) initiative come with 1 year manufacturer's warranty. Warranty services are managed by Acer and issues need to be logged through the [Acer eSupport portal](#). Details about warranty services and how to log a job are in the documents below.

## **Login credentials**

Login credentials (username and password) for the Acer eSupport portal have been assigned for each school. These details are located in school folders on the [2018 Chromebook Rollout](#) site. If you are the school warranty contact officer, please ensure you change the password when you log in for the first time.

## **Escalating an issue**

Where escalation of a claim is required the school warranty contact officer is requested to cc [DSST@act.gov.au](mailto:DSST@act.gov.au) into all correspondence so that the TEL Team can evaluate contract services and assist where applicable.

## **Maintaining Student access to a Chromebook**

To avoid any issues associated with students being without a device while repairs / replacements are being coordinated, please provide any student submitting a faulty device with a new one from storage. This will ensure no student is without a device and the pressure on getting a quick and chronologically ordered return of faulty devices is alleviated.

In these cases, the relevant student records in Maze will need to be updated to reflect the newly issued devices. Use these [MAZE Instructions](#) to, but essentially all that is required is overtyping the original TEL ID with the new one. Once returned, the repaired/replaced device can be placed back in storage – their TEL ID is automatically returned to the list of unallocated devices as part of the previous step.

For more information please visit the link:

<https://sites.google.com/schoolsnet.act.edu.au/better-schools-for-our-kids/warranties-and-repairs>