

WEEK 6 TERM 1

NEW INFORMATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

4-5 March	Drama Camp
4 March	Whitecard Course
5-6 March	Year 7 Immunisation
6 March	Beach Volleyball Competition
7 March	CIT Coffee Course

LANGUAGES

We are learning Hiragana characters in Year 7 and Katakana characters in Year 8. Students are also working on their homework booklet and Education Perfect. Year 9/10 students started on their role-play assignment.

What is happening in Japan?

On the 3rd of March Hinamatsuri (Doll Festival) is one of the annual celebrations in Japan for girls' health and happiness. This ceremony began during the Heian Period (794 - 1185). On that day, households having daughter(s) display the Hina dolls on the tiered stand. On the top tier the emperor and empress in traditional Heian period clothing are displayed. The next tier are for the retainers. Visitors are offered special dishes, Hishimochi "diamond-shaped rice cakes", Amazake "sweet non-alcohol rice wine" and Arare "rice crackers".

Ask your child if they can remember these facts about Hinamatsuri.

Refresh your knowledge about this event by answering the following questions.

When is this celebration usually held?

During which season in Japan is the celebration for Hinamatsuri?

What dolls are displayed on the top tier?

Note: Japan also celebrates boys' health and happiness on the 5th of May.



Answer: 1. 3rd of March 2. Spring 3. Emperor and Empress

Japan Culture Club

The Japan Culture Club is held on Fridays, during Break 1 in room 225! Everyone is welcome to make Onigiri “Rice balls” and watch J-pop. Origami and Kendama “Cap and Ball” games are available.

CAREERS

We please ask that all students in both year 9 and 10 make sure they have joined the Careers Google Classroom so opportunities aren't missed out on as they are often time sensitive and may have limited places available. The code for the Google classroom is **zox4o7**.



WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

Are you a student who is passionate about learning and is interested in ICT, cyber security, programming and engineering?

Come and see what it's like to solve a cyber security incident!

Learn about the tools and techniques required to solve these problems in an ASD Cyber Security work environment.

You will be mentored by highly technical ASD staff and solve a variety of challenges and experiences designed to build new skills and understandings while also having fun. Activities range from programming, intercept and encrypt, forensic analysis and investigation, web application and security, cryptanalysis, geospatial analysis, to prototyping with an Arduino.



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DEFENCE

Visit asd.gov.au/careers/students or email asd.pathwayprograms@defence.gov.au

The ASD Work Experience Program (WEx) is designed for students in years 11 and 12 who have a passion to learn more about ICT, cyber security, programming and network engineering. High achieving year 10 students may be considered if they can display the level of skill and knowledge required.

Work Experience placements are open to students around Australia. The program is held in Canberra however almost half of students are from interstate including Queensland, Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales, so we encourage students from all over Australia to apply.

Applications are now open for all sessions below.
To apply, please visit:
www.asd.gov.au/careers/im-starting-my-career

8 April – 12 April
15 April – 19 April
1 July – 5 July
8 July – 12 July
23 September – 27 September
30 September – 4 October



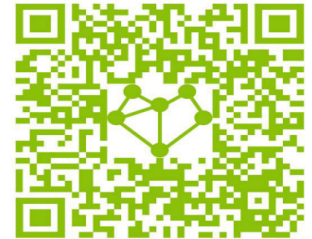
GPN is a community of women and girls who are interested in computer science, programming and IT. Workshops are held for girls year 6-12, they are free and no prior coding experience is necessary.

Term 1 GPN: Sunday 24th March 2024 at ANU

- Registrations open 23rd February 2024 at 10:00 am
- Registrations close 7th March 2024 at 5:00 pm

Register through the eventbrite website, search for:
Girls' Programming Network Canberra Term 1

<https://events.humanitix.com/gpn-canberra-term-1>



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INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN THE DEFENCE FORCE?

	<u>Defence Force work experience</u>	<u>CLOSES</u>
APS	ASD Cyber Security and Robotics Work Experience Program (April) Job Ref - WEP/00770/24 Australian Public Service Brindabella Park, ACT 8 - 12 April 2024	25-Feb-23 11:30 PM
	SD Cyber Security and Robotics Work Experience Program (April) Job Ref - WEP/00773/24 15-19 April 2024	25-Feb-23 11:30 PM
ARMY	Exercise First Glance - Indigenous Youth Placement: RMC Duntroon Job Ref - WEP/12716/23 Duntroon, ACT 8-12 April 2024	08-Mar-2024 11:30 PM
RAAF	Air Force Familiarisation Placement - RAAF Richmond - March 2024 Job Ref - WEP/00459/24 Richmond, NSW 26 – 28 March 2024	25-Feb-24 8:00 PM
	Air Force Aviation Amplify Program for Women 1 Job Ref - WEP/12745/23 RAAF Williamtown (Hunter Region) 07-11 April 2024	03-Mar-24 11:30 PM
	Air Force Aviation Amplify Program for Women 2 Job Ref - WEP/00015/24 RAAF Williamtown (Hunter Region) 14-18 April 2024	03-Mar-24 11:30 PM

NAVY	Navy Aviation Overview (April) Job Ref - WEP/12847/23	03-Mar-24
	Nowra, NSW	11:30 PM
	8-10 April 2024	
	Navy Aviation Overview (May) Job Ref - WEP/12851/23	07-Apr-24
	Nowra, NSW	11:30 PM
	20-22 May 2024	
	Navy Aviation Overview (June) Job Ref - WEP/12853/23	05-May-24
	Nowra, NSW	11:30 PM
	17-19 June 2024	

Please click on website link below for full details on how to apply and further opportunities.

<https://www.defence.gov.au/jobs-careers/student-pathways/defence-work-experience-program>

INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN THE PERFORMING ARTS?

Work Experience at the Canberra Theatre Centre (CTC) is a crucial first step to understand the performing arts industry and how it operates.

Canberra Theatre Centre offers Year 10 & senior school students a chance to spend a week in Canberra's largest professional theatres, learning, developing, observing, and participating in various areas of operation. The Canberra Theatre Centre is the major presenter for performing arts in the ACT. It comprises three theatre spaces, the Canberra Theatre, The Playhouse and The Courtyard Studio.

Students will spend time working out of The Courtyard Studio with a small group of passionate theatre makers, while learning from industry professionals across all areas of theatre, including directing, stage management, lighting, sound, mechanics, performance, design and more. Participants will also be given the opportunity to directly pursue their passion in theatre or stagecraft and design, direct or produce a pre-selected scene throughout the week.

Students will gain valuable feedback from industry professionals on the strengths and weaknesses of their own work and suggestions and adjustments to improve their processes in theatre production.

The CTC Work Experience Program will run during the following weeks in 2024:

- **April 15 – 19, 2024**
- **June 24 – 28, 2024**
- **December 2 – 6, 2024**

SELECTION CRITERIA

You need to fit the following criteria:

- Be in Year 10 or above or a tertiary student (if work experience is a mandatory requirement to complete the relevant course)
- Demonstrate an interest in the performing arts.
- Be available to do work experience at an allocated time.

To apply for a placement please students must complete all sections and submit the [Work Experience Application Form](#). Interviews are conducted to select appropriate candidates.

The Education team at the Canberra Theatre Centre will contact you to arrange an interview on receipt of your application. For further details please email Christopher.Maher@act.gov.au.

Careers Website - <https://www.mountstromcareers.com/>

Careers Google Classroom code: zzox4o7

For further information on any of the Career opportunities please contact traci.Chatfield@ed.act.edu.au

Check out the parent's section on our website.

www.mountstromcareers.com

REMINDERS

NAPLAN 2024

NAPLAN testing will occur in our school between **13 and 25 March 2024** for students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

Online NAPLAN tests provide more precise results and are engaging for students. The tests are tailored (or adaptive), which means that each test presents questions that may be more or less difficult depending on a student's responses. This helps students remain engaged with the assessment.

Tailored testing allows a wider range of student abilities to be assessed and measures student achievement more precisely. A student's overall NAPLAN result is based on both the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions challenging; they may be taking a more complex test pathway.

NAPLAN provides valuable information to schools and parents about literacy and numeracy achievement. It supports school improvement processes by enabling teachers to monitor student progress over time and to identify areas of strength and development.

All eligible students are encouraged and supported to participate in NAPLAN testing. Visit www.nap.edu.au to see interactive versions of the test and for more information.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORMS

Wondering what to do with last year's uniforms? Why not donate second-hand uniforms to the P&C shop. All donations will be graciously accepted by the front office staff. Please help us support our school community.

FACEBOOK

Follow us on Facebook to stay up to date on all the happening at school [here](#) or search for Mount Stromlo High School in your app.

UPDATING CONTACT DETAILS

Need to update your contact details? Call the Front Office anytime or email Student Records.