

WEEK 4 TERM 1

NEW INFORMATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

20 Feb	School Photo Day
21 Feb	Year 7 Meet the Teachers 4:30 – 6:00pm
22 Feb	CIT Coffee Course
23 Feb	Café Culture Excursion

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

It's been a fast-paced start to the year with our new students fitting seamlessly into the school culture. Classes are focussed on their learning and the school community has a very positive feel. Already there have been numerous camps and excursions that expand student learning outside of the classroom, as well as building connection between staff and students. The Year 7 Camp was wonderful, with staff and students getting to know each other as they forge their own identity as a year group. I'd like to thank all the staff for giving up 3 days with their families, in particular to Jackie Vandenberg and Sam Way for the huge amount of organisation that went in to making the camp run as smoothly as it did. We've also had the Aquatics Fun Day last Friday which saw record numbers of students in attendance. There were multiple different activities run by our amazing PE team that were focussed on participation and building house spirit. These sporting days are a great example of the old adage, you only get out of it what you put in, and our students gave everything a go with energy and enthusiasm.

Four weeks into the new mobile phone policy and I can report that we are still seeing a very positive response from our students. It is rare to see a phone at school and it is great to see students engaging with each other, instead of a screen, during breaks as well as before and after school. One part of the policy that isn't as well-known however is that phones are not to be seen before and after school between 8am and 4pm. If a student needs to contact their parents, they can go to the front office or wait until they are off school grounds. I would like to thank our parent community for their continued support with this policy, it is clear that parents are giving the same message to their children as teachers, and we are very grateful.

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.

TALKING WITH OUR SCHOOL

Our teachers and school staff work hard every day to provide the best outcomes for every student.

Preparing for great teaching takes time. It is important that our teachers and school staff have time outside their core hours to rest and reset.

Communication with parents and carers is important to us and our staff will always work to get back to your enquiries within a reasonable timeframe. We aim to do this within 3 working days. If your matter is urgent, we will get back to you as quickly as possible.

There is no expectation that teachers respond to queries from families during their personal and family time.

Every student and every family is important to us. By respecting the time of our teachers, you are helping to make time for great teaching.

We want to continue to work closely with you on your child's learning at school and do our best to respond to you in a timely manner.

We update families on what is happening at our school in a number of ways from information nights, emails, notes, newsletters, and social media. We encourage you to stay in touch with our school through these channels.

BUUNJI BIRRANG WEEK 4 EXCURSION POSTPONED

Due to incoming inclement weather, the **Buunji Birrang On Country - Cotter Dam Excursion** is going to be postponed until **Wednesday 6th March**, in Week 6. The time of 11am-1:30pm will remain the same. Please contact sarah.finzi@ed.act.edu.au or chris.mcewan@ed.act.edu.au if you have any questions.

LANGUAGES

We have had a great start to Japanese this year. Year 7 students are learning to read and write in Hiragana, while Year 8 are learning to read and write in Katakana. Did you know that there are 46 characters in each of these alphabets? You can help your child in Japanese by reminding them to complete the pages in their Booklet and practicing on Education Perfect!

You can test their knowledge with the following questions:

(Culture) What animal represents 2024 in the Lunar Calendar?

(Year 7) How do we say たつ?

(Year 8) How do we say チーズケーキ and what does it mean in English?

Senior Japanese students received their first assignment today – we're going to be writing roll plays about inviting people out to do things with us!

Don't forget that Japanese Culture club starts this week on Friday, during Break 1 in room 225!

Answers:
1. Dragon
2. Tatsu – that means dragon
3. Cheesecake!

MOUNT STROMLO HOUSE CAPTAINS



Congratulations to the newly appointed **Taylor** House Captains for 2024, Cohen S and Zoe W. We look forward to seeing your leadership as you embrace your responsibilities in the year ahead.



Congratulations to the newly appointed **Coolerman** House Captains for 2024, Sophie H and Orlando P. We look forward to seeing your leadership as you embrace your responsibilities in the year ahead.



Congratulations to the newly appointed **Oakey** House Captains for 2024, Charlotte F and Rico L. We look forward to seeing your leadership as you embrace your responsibilities in the year ahead.



Congratulations to the newly appointed **Reef** House Captains for 2024, Bob C and Anujin B. We look forward to seeing your leadership as you embrace your responsibilities in the year ahead.

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 zzox4o7.**

The following opportunities have been organised for term 1 2024, these are open to Year 10 students only. Year 9 will have the same opportunities available to them in term 2.

Opportunity	Available to Year Group	Cost	Places available	Dates
White card, Asbestos and Silica Training	10	\$150 – White card and Asbestos \$240 - Silica In total \$390	20	4 and 5 March (Week 6)

Hard copies of all the permission notes are available at the Careers Room in the Library for students to collect.

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

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>

CAREER STARTER COURSE: FILMMAKING



Students develop skills and knowledge in Filmmaking using high end equipment used by industry for the latest film making techniques. Taking turns to share the roles of a film crew, students will produce short scripts and storyboards, become familiar with basic camera use and sound recording equipment, all while producing and editing a short film.

The course will provide you with a project or work piece which will help establish or enhance your portfolio of personal work to support an application into our Career Courses.

Topics:

- Writing a Short Script
- Storyboarding and Previsualisation
- Essential Camera Skills
- Basic Audio Recording Skills
- Shooting a Short Film
- Introduction to Video Editing Techniques
- Editing a Short Film

Start date: 19th March 2024

Duration: 1 day per week for 9 weeks

Class time: 9:00am to 3:00pm, Tuesdays

Location: AIE Canberra, Canberra Technology Park
49 Phillip Avenue, Watson ACT 2602

Achievement: Statement of attainment with the following units of competency:

- ICTICT215 Operate digital media technology packages
- CUADES201 Follow a design process

Interested? Follow the link below or scan the QR code to complete an Expression of Interest!

link.aie.edu/career-starter

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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.mountstromlocareers.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.mountstromlocareers.com

PARENT WORKSHOPS

Please see the attached flyers for two free parent workshops run by the School Psychology Services Intervention Team. These are to be held at HBCTL this term, open to parents of children in Year 4-12. The workshops are 2hrs and designed to share information/strategies and also provide time for parents to develop a personal plan. Feedback obtained from participants at previous workshops is that they are highly relevant and practical, with most parents indicating that they are likely to try some of the strategies discussed in the workshop. The workshops can be considered an introduction to other group programs being offered by the Early Intervention Team. The workshops stand alone as an opportunity to create positive changes, or they may be useful for parents who are unable to attend a 7-week program. The workshops are capped at 20 participants and are offered

to all parents of children in ACT Education Directorate schools, so get in early if you are interested. If there are no spaces left, you may be added to a waitlist. The flyers have a QR code for parents to register their interest directly without needing a referral from the school.

REMINDERS

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING – WEEK 4, 4:30 – 6:00PM, SPACE

On Wednesday 21st February, we will be having our annual Meet the Teacher evening for all **Year 7 and new students and their families**. The evening will begin in the Hall (SPACE) with an introduction of relevant staff and a welcome from our Principal. Parents will move into the courtyard and library to meet and ‘put a face to the name’ of their child’s teachers. Teachers will be in faculty groups and should be easy to find. If you require more than a short conversation, please reach out to your child’s teachers for a longer face to face meeting or phone conversation. You may wish to take a photo of your child’s timetable beforehand, otherwise a copy will be available if needed on the night.

PARENT PROGRAMS

The School Psychology Service Early Intervention team will be offering two 7-week parent programs in week 3, Wednesday 14 February 2024.

- Addressing Your Child’s Anxious Avoidance (AYCAA)
 - 9:30am -11:30am Wednesday at Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning (HBCTL)
- Boundaries without Conflict
 - 12:30pm -2:30pm Wednesday at HBCTL

Please contact Student Services Executive Teachers Jackie.Vandenbergh@ed.act.edu.au or Siobhan.Johnstan@ed.act.edu.au for more information.

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.