

WEEK 9 TERM 4

NEW INFORMATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 6 Dec Year 10 Graduation
7 Dec Jamberoo PBL Rewards Excursion
12 Dec Activities Week Pool Day

INQUIRY INTO LITERACY AND NUMERACY IN ACT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The ACT Government announced an independent inquiry into literacy and numeracy performance in the ACT. Through the inquiry we will gain local insights into the opportunities for strengthening literacy and numeracy outcomes for all ACT public school students, with a particular focus on equity. The inquiry will also look at how supports for educators and students could be enhanced.

The inquiry is an opportunity to look at what we are doing well and opportunities to strengthen our education system.

How to get involved

An independent Expert Panel will lead the inquiry. They will consider the views of academics, educators, unions, parents and carers, and students. This will be done through calls for public submissions and stakeholder engagement.

To view the Panel Membership, Terms of Reference and more you can visit:
www.education.act.gov.au/literacyandnumeracyinquiry

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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REMINDERS

CANTEEN

The school canteen will close for the remainder of the year after Friday 8 December (week 9).

SAFE PARTYING

End-of-year is fast approaching and with this comes celebrations and, for some, an increase in risk taking behaviour among teens. Positive Choices has plenty of resources available for parents, such as:

FACTSHEET: [How to Keep Your Teenager Safe at a Party - Positive Choices](#)

WEBINAR: [Webinar: 'Risk taking' - why do teens do the things they do? What can parents do to keep them as safe as possible? - Positive Choices](#)

FACTSHEET: [Hosting a Teenage Party - Positive Choices](#)

APP: Emergency Plus - uses GPS technology to enable Triple Zero (000) callers to provide their exact location to the emergency call-taker [Emergency+ - Positive Choices](#)

SURPLUS SCHOOL MATERIALS FOR PNG CHILDREN

Wanted for Papua New Guinea children.

Books (reading, exercise), pens, pencils, sharpeners, erasers, new or used.

- The Rotary Club of Canberra-Weston Creek is collecting surplus school materials for distribution to needy PNG students through the **Buk bilong Pikinini** program.
- You can help Rotary by donating new and used lead and colour pencils, pens, erasers, sharpeners, textas, pencils cases, new or partly used exercise books and reading books.
- The need is urgent as, in extreme cases, pencils have been broken in half to meet the need for more pencils in PNG schools.
- A collection box has been placed in the front office of the school.

For further information, please contact Mal Ferguson, Rotary Club of Canberra-Weston Creek
(Phone: 0405732837)

2024 DATES

Get planning for 2024 with upcoming student-free days.

From 2024, there will be 4 student-free days for ACT public schools. These are the first day of each school term:

· Term 1, Monday 29 January 2024

· Term 2, Monday 29 April 2024

· Term 3, Monday 22 July 2024

· Term 4, Monday 14 October 2024.

We use student-free days for staff development, enabling us to plan in a student-free environment.

Student-free planning days have been expanded from 1 to 4 days from 2024 as part of our new Teaching Staff Enterprise Agreement which prioritises better teacher workloads for educational leadership, teaching and learning. For all school term dates, visit the Term Dates page:

https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/term_dates_and_public_holidays

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.

ANSWER

An ice cream truck passed my house.

Polly (year 8)
