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NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 1 Wednesday 27 July 2018

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues 31 July External School Review (3 days)
Tues 31 July First Aid for all classes
Wed 1 Aug Assembly 9.00am - ALL welcome
Thur 16 Aug School Board Meeting 7.45am
Fri 17 Aug P&C General Meeting 3.10pm
Community Singing Friday 2.30pm in Redgum - All welcome

NOTES SENT HOME

Scholastic Book Club Issue 5

Messages from Jenny

Welcome to Term 3

I hope you all enjoyed the winter break. We look forward to an engaging and busy term of learning.

Next Tuesday and Wednesday we will have the external school review team on site. The team will be validating the information which has been presented to them, through interviews and meetings with staff, students and parents and generally getting a feel for our school and how we operate. If you are able please join us on Wednesday morning for a singalong assembly at 9.00am in Redgum.

School Photos

School photos expected to be back by the end of week 2.

MEP Concert – Term 3 Week 10 Thursday 27 September 6.00pm @Llewelyn Hall

Please make sure you have this date saved in your diaries for our end of term Alphabet Songs Concert. As you are aware, each week we work closely with Dr Susan West, on a series of poems written by Sarah Rose from England, set to well know classical and popular music by Susan. In addition we continue to work on our repertoire in Community Singing every Friday afternoon at 2.30pm. **Next Wednesday morning we will be hosting a short assembly showcasing a few of these songs. Please join us at 9.00am in Redgum if you can.**

Once again our performance this year will take place in Llewelyn Hall in Week 10 of term 3 on Thursday 27 September at 6.00pm. It will be interactive and involve as many individuals in the larger Coop community as possible. Here is the link to the audio file if you would like to start learning some of the songs with your child. <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/OAAyTDYDavRwbUk9PVA>.

Each class is already familiar with the following songs.

Preschool: H and P; Kinder: B and T Year 1 M and Y; Year 2 A, C, O and W.
K/1/2: I and Q All classes: D, N and X;

In addition to each of our classes learning a collection of songs to share with you on the evening, we have a small group of children wanting to take up the challenge of learning extra songs. We are also wondering if your family, or a group of families, would like to take on one of the songs to share on the night. Please let Jenny know if you are interested.

Parent Teacher Interviews Year 1 Caroline will be available for interviews with parents during week 3. Available times will be posted outside the year 1 classroom next week.

Regards *Jenny*

Administration

Enrolment 2019

In order to commence our planning for 2019, if you know that your child will not be attending our school next year, please advise [Michelle via email](#) as we have families on our waiting list. Year 2 families, this does not apply to you.

Finance

Thank you to those families who have made a voluntary contribution to our school. If you are yet to do so and would like your donation to be tax deductible, please advise Natalie that you would like your contribution to be donated to our library fund. Voluntary contributions for 2018 have been set at \$110.



Thank you to those families who have also paid the bulk book pack contribution of \$90. Our stationery is purchased in bulk at the beginning of the year to ensure all students are able to access stationery supplies as they need them throughout the year.

Preferred method of payment is electronic funds transfer and details are as follows:

BSB: 032-777

Account number: 001172

Account name: O'Connor Cooperative School

If you have collected a school jumper or T shirt and are yet to pay, these bank details should be used. Please note your child's surname and purchase type in the reference section eg. Smith Vol Con or Smith Jacket. Receipts will be issued on payment. If you are unsure if you have paid for the voluntary contributions, the book pack contribution or for school clothing, please contact Michelle.

Upcoming Events

National Science Week 13 - 23 August

Game Changers and Change makers

Do you have a Science or Technology background? If so, we would love your assistance. We would like to invite you to come and share your expertise with our students during our Science week activities in week 4.

When: Week 4 - Wednesday 15 August 9.00 – 11.00am

Where: O'Connor Cooperative School

What: School Science Week activities

If you think you may be able to assist please send me an email by Tuesday 31 July and I will give you further details in regards to times and ideas. Sarah.Hornby@ed.act.edu.au

Book Week 20 - 24 August

Find Your Treasure

We will be hosting a Book Week assembly on Wednesday 22 August. The theme for 2018 is FIND YOUR TREASURE.

General information for all families

School starts at 9.00 am

Families are asked to make sure children are at school by **9.00am each day**. We appreciate your efforts to ensure that the learning for your child and others in their class can start promptly at 9.00am. Supporting the teachers and valuing the start of the day means every child has access to the outline of the learning to take place. ***On the rare occasion you may be late, please collect a late slip for your child to hand to their teacher from the front office.***

School Gates

Please ensure that gates are closed as you enter and exit the school grounds and encourage any older siblings to remember to close the gates as well. We ask that children do not climb the gates to locate the opener, as this leads to the gates becoming unstable and requiring repair.

Please do not let children out of the gates if they are not in your care.

Anaphylactic friendly school

In the interests of all children's safety, we ask that all nuts and nut products are kept out of the school grounds: This includes any food containing nuts or nut products. There are also several students in the school with allergies to various foods, including nuts, eggs and certain fruits including kiwi fruit and mango.

- If you are supplying a birthday cake or treat for the class, please check with your child's class teacher to see if there are children with allergies.
- If your child has an allergy you may wish to provide an alternative food which can be kept in the freezer at school for such occasions.

Administration of Prescribed Medication

The Directorate is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for students. While school staff have a duty of care to students to provide first aid assistance when required, parents will be aware that schools cannot be responsible for the general management of medical conditions.

In special circumstances, staff may be able to assist with the administration of medication. In these cases, directorate policy requires principals to ensure that a comprehensive written authority is obtained from the student's parents and also seek from them a written statement from the student's doctor authorising a member of staff to administer the prescribed medication.

In these cases medications must be clearly marked with the child's name and dosage requirements and handed to the front office. The medication **must** remain in the office, where it will be administered to the child.

Student Injury, Insurance and Ambulance Transport

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity **within the ACT**. The Education Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

Being a Volunteer at School - Working With Vulnerable People Act

Volunteers who regularly work with children in classrooms or regularly make contact with children during other school activities need to be registered. This means applying for a Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) card. This is a fairly simple process involving taking identification and completing a form at any ACT Government Shopfront. There is no cost for volunteers. Becoming registered is a positive action and all parents and carers are encouraged to consider registering so that you are readily available to assist the children of our school. Without registration people are not able to assist children.

Some volunteers may choose not to register but to continue supporting the school by reducing the number of days on which they work so as to avoid exceeding statutory limits. If you are unsure whether you need to be registered, please contact the school.

ALL volunteers must sign in and out each day they assist at O'Connor School. We are strengthening protection for children, but we depend on our volunteers in a variety of ways and look forward to your continued support in whatever capacity you choose.

Staff Carpark

The staff car park has limited spaces as you know and it is important that parents do not use the staff carpark during the day - especially during pick up and drop off times.

Whilst there may, on rare occasions, be a vacant spot we have many part time staff, visiting staff and Directorate representatives who also need to use our car park. Crossing the footpath during drop off and pick up times can also be dangerous as children are hastily making their way to school.

In the interest of safety for all and especially our children, I would ask you to please park in the street and walk into the school grounds.

Parking in the Neighbourhood

A reminder to all families to please be respectful when parking in the streets adjacent to our school. ALL residents MUST have clear and unobstructed access to their driveways at ALL times.

Community News

2019 Australian of the Year Awards – Be Great and Nominate

Give our nation's best, the recognition they deserve. Play your part in recognising Canberrans doing remarkable work, helping others and making a difference. Nominate an Australian of the Year, Senior Australian of the Year (65 years and over), Young Australian of the Year (16 to 30 years) or Australia's Local Hero. Nominations can be made online at australianoftheyear.org.au.

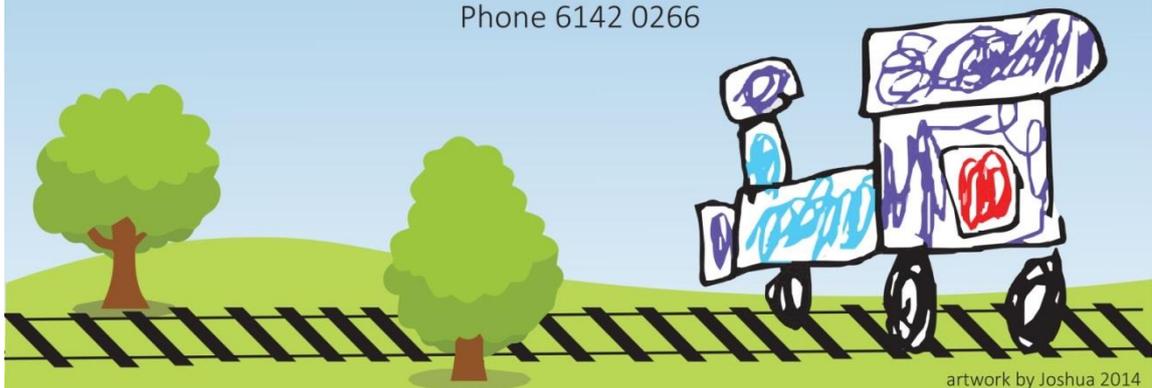
46TH ANNUAL MALKARA MODEL RAILWAY and SCALE MODEL EXHIBITION AUGUST 4-5

Fun for the whole family!

Come and see the huge range of model train layouts, miniatures and dolls houses. Drive trains, watch submarines in the pool, ride the miniature steam train and merry-go-round. Sausage sizzle, hot dogs, cakes, music, Devonshire Tea, art and so much more!

Adults \$10 Children over 5 \$5 Seniors \$6 Family \$25

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