



## NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 1 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019

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DATES	Community Singing - All welcome Every Friday 2.30pm in Redgum	NOTES SENT HOME
Mon 29 April	Term 2 commences	
Mon 29 April	2020 Preschool enrolments open online	
Fri 10 May	Year 2 Cross Country @ Turner School	CC permission
Wed 15 May	School Photos	School Photo envelope
Wed 22 May	Assembly hosted by Year 1	
Thurs 23 May	School Board Meeting 7.45am	
Fri 24 May	P&C General Meeting 3.15pm	
Mon 27 May	Reconciliation Day (Public Holiday)	
Mon 10 June	Queen's Birthday (Public Holiday)	

**Together we Learn: Together we grow as  
Safe Respectful Responsible Learners**

**Welcome to Term 2** It is great to be back and see the students all engaged in quality learning this week. We trust you all enjoyed the break and the delightful weather. Autumn is such a lovely time of year.

Welcome to **David** and **Gemma** who are working as **Learning Support Assistants** in our school this term. During the upcoming fortnight we will have four preservice teachers working in our classrooms.

Yesterday morning we all gathered on the front lawn for our **ANZAC** commemoration. I read the story ANZAC biscuits, we talked about the sacrifices made by so many, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The children listened respectfully, asked considered questions and listened to the Last Post and Reveille as Phil raised the flag.



## School Photos

School photos will be taken by The School Photographer in week 3 on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May from 9.00am. All children are asked to wear a school shirt or polar fleece and dark pants, skirt or leggings on the day. This week a school photo envelope outlining the available packages has been sent home with your child. Please ensure you access The School Photographer online to order and pay for your child's photos using the unique code on your child's envelope. Please record your payment receipt on the envelope in the box provided and return it to the Front Office.

## Assembly dates for Term 2

**Our timetable for assemblies for term 2 is as follows**

Week 1	Wednesday 1 May	Anzac Commemoration
Week 4	Wednesday 22 May	Year 1
Week 6	Wednesday 5 June	Preschool
Week 8	Wednesday 19 June	Year 2
Week 10	Wednesday 3 July	Kindergarten

## 2020 Enrolments

**Information for families of children enrolling in Preschool or transitioning from year 2 to year 3 in 2020**

The ACT Education Directorate enrolment / transfer period for 2020 opened online at 6.00am on Monday 29 April 2019. Enrolment applications must be submitted via the [online enrolment form](#) on the ACT Education Directorate's website.

All ACT children from Kindergarten to Year 12 are guaranteed a place in your local school. Kindergarten to Year 12 students living within their Priority Enrolment Area (PEA) will have a place regardless of when they apply. All four-year-olds are guaranteed a place at a public preschool. However, due to capacity limits, you may not be guaranteed a place in the preschool location of your choosing. Early Childhood Schools do not have a PEA, and use an enrolment assessment criteria. Information about the enrolment assessment criteria and priority enrolment areas can be found on the [Enrolling in a Public School page](#) via the ACT Education Directorate's website.

If you are applying to enrol in preschool, year 7 or year 11 we ask that you submit your application by 7 June 2019 to support timely processing and school planning. From 29 June 2019, after the application has been processed, parents/carers will commence receiving advice from the school on the enrolment. Please note, that the order in which applications are received is not a factor in schools determining places and as a result, there is no requirement to submit your application form on the first day applications open.

We encourage you to read the information provided on the [ACT Education Directorate website](#) regarding changes to the enrolment processes for 2020. If you have any further questions regarding enrolling your child, please contact the Front Office on 6142 0345 or the Enrolments Telephone Service on 6205 5429.

# All year 2 families need to do an online enrolment for your child in your local area school for year 3 2020.

Do you know any family, neighbours or friends who have a child turning 4 years of age before 30 April 2020?

Please refer families to the following website [ACT Education Directorate](#) for information or invite them to contact the school on 6142 0345 to make an appointment with school executive.

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## Admin News

### 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 2019 have been set at \$110.

Thank you to those families who have also paid the bulk stationery 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 the purchase type in the reference section eg. Billy B Vol Con; or Lalor Jacket. Receipts will be issued on payment. If you are unsure if you have paid for the voluntary contributions, the stationery contribution or for school clothing, please contact Natalie.

### Parentlink

[ParentLink](#) provides parenting education to the community, from birth to teenage years. It is available for parents, carers, kin, teachers, and the broader community, providing information and links to local resources and services.

The ParentLink website provides links to all ParentLink guides including a variety of topics - Starting School, More than Reading and Writing, Optimism and Cyber Safety.

The ParentLink suite of resources includes guides specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, and access to resources for diverse cultural groups.

ParentLink guides are available to view and order via the website at, <https://www.parentlink.act.gov.au/>.

## 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 go to the front office to be signed in electronically and collect a late card for your child to hand to their teacher.*

Families are requested to vacate the school playground by 3.30pm each afternoon. After School Care have a large cohort of children who use the playground from this time. Please feel free to continue to play in the park through the back gates.

**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 process involves an [online application](#).

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.

### **Street Parking**

***Please be considerate of our neighbours and remember to***

***always parallel park in the streets around the school***

***Never park across driveways or block access for larger vehicles .***

***Not even for 5 minutes!***

