



O'Connor Cooperative School  
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## NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 10 Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

Thurs 14 Dec Last day for Preschool  
Fri 15 Dec Last day of term 4  
Mon 5 Feb First Day 2018 – Preschool & Kindy  
Tues 6 Feb First Day 2018 – Year 1 & 2

### NOTES SENT HOME

**Community Singing Friday 2.30pm in Redgum - All welcome**

### Season's Greetings from Jenny

As another year draws to a close I would like to say thank you to all families for your contributions to the O'Connor Cooperative School community during 2017. It was fabulous to see so many families enjoying our End of Year Bush Dance on Friday evening. Special thanks to our P&C and School Board members for your representation and being the voice of the wider school community. We wish all our families a very happy holiday season and hope that you all have the chance to enjoy special time together to enjoy each others company and relax.

Best wishes and good luck to all our Year 2 students **Edward, Tully, Thomas, Noah, Lucy, Freja, Finbar, Jolie and Caitlin** who are moving on to their new schools. We wish you well and hope you all enjoy your next adventures in life. Your gift of the 'Buddy Bench' is greatly appreciated. Special thanks to **Sean** for his craftsmanship - it really is a work of art. To our Year 2 families, for most of you it is farewell. Thank you again for your support over the years. We have all greatly benefitted from your expertise and the time you all so generously shared. We look forward to pop in visits whenever you're nearby.

Personally, I would like to thank each and every one of our caring and dedicated staff. I am sure you too will take some time to say a special thank you to our amazing teachers and support staff across the school. We work as a team to make sure every day is significant for each and every child.

**Farewell** and best wishes to **Ro-Berta**. Whatever will we do without you! Your work with students and staff and your eye for detail in making our library, foyer, classrooms and outdoor learning spaces always so inviting will be greatly missed. Thank you too for coordinating our Scholastic Book Club. As a result we have received thousands of dollars worth of beautiful books for our library, classrooms and home reading collections. To **Laura** and **Denise** – though your time here has been short, thank you for your valuable contributions to our school community and best wishes in your 2018 ventures. To **Natalie** - we hope you enjoy some rest prior to the upcoming birth of your new baby. We look forward to meeting baby in the new year.

## 2018 Student Return Dates

From the commencement of 2018 all ACT Government schools will be operating under a new School Administration System. All attendance records will be electronic. Rolls will be marked and submitted each day soon after the bell rings at 9.00am. Any students arriving late will need to be signed in at the Front Office Kiosk and subsequently time stamped. It is a Directorate expectation that all students are here to commence school at 9.00am each day.

The return dates for students at O'Connor Cooperative School are

Preschool	Monday 5th February	9.00am – 1.00pm
Kindergarten	Monday 5th February	9.00am – 3.00pm
Year 1 & Year 2	Tuesday 6th February	9.00am – 3.00pm

School polo shirts and jumpers are in stock and available for purchase.

Please see Natalie (this week) or Michelle (next year) or call 6142 0345.

**The Front Office will be open from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

If any families have school clothing which is no longer required, Pip Halloran (Hannah – Kinder) will be running the second hand clothes next year. Please drop any washed items in at the front office or hand on to Pip or Kathy Moffat (Lucy Year 2) who is handing over the reins.

## Staffing 2018

**As previously advised our staffing for 2018 is as follows**

Principal	<b>Jenny Loudon</b>	
Business Manager	<b>Michelle</b> Lorkovic (whilst Nat is on Maternity Leave)	
School Leader C	<b>Sarah</b> Hornby Mon – Wed <b>Mariana</b> Fuenzalida Thurs – Fri	
Preschool	<b>Yasmine</b> O'Brien	Gumnut Gully
Assistant Educator	<b>Bree</b> Pardoe	
Kindergarten	To Be Advised and <b>Sharron</b> Wynn	Magpie Nest
Year 1	<b>Caroline</b> Doverty and <b>Mariana</b> Fuenzalida	Gecko Grove
Year 2	<b>Rose</b> Patrick and <b>Sharron</b> Wynn	Lizard Lounge
Learning Support	<b>Nathan</b> Young	
Building Services Officer	<b>Phil</b> Pattinson	

All K-2 classes have 2 teachers. Sharron and Mariana will teach the classes whilst teachers are on Duties Other Than Teaching (DOTT) time.

## New telephone number reminder

We have had our school telephone system updated to VOIP. Our new contact number for the Front Office is **6142 0345**. Please update our contact information in your phones.

*Our old number 6205 6340 will be disconnected at the end of the school year.*

## Congratulations - 250 nights reading

Congratulations Archer on achieving the milestone having recorded 250 nights reading and sharing your reading log with me. I encourage everyone to keep reading, being read to and writing everyday over the summer break.

## Community Watch

Over the holiday period it would be appreciated if you could keep an eye out for any strangers or inappropriate actions around our school.

Please report any problems to:

Police for urgent response	131 444
Police crime stoppers	1800 333 000
Security One	13 6000
Water Leaks	6248 3111

## School Board

For 2018 there will be one vacancy for a parent representative on our School Board. Peter Jones will continue in the role as one of our parent representatives. The work of the School Board is related to the strategic directions of the school.

Nominations for position on the School Board will be open from  
11.00am Monday 5 February 2018 and close 11.00am Mon 19 February 2018  
(weeks 1 & 2 in term 1)  
and forms will be available from the Front Office.

Voting (if required) opens 11.00am Monday 26 February and closes 11.00am Monday 5 March. Appointments will be made approximately 14 days after they are received, and announced approximately 7 days after the appointment is made.

## Giving Tree

Thank you all for your donations to our Giving Tree for Marymead, who support many local families and children in Canberra. We will have our Giving Tree near the Front Foyer until Friday morning. Marymead would be grateful for an unwrapped gift for a child, Christmas food items, store gift cards or store vouchers. We look forward to making a generous donation to this worthwhile community support group.

## MEP Llewelyn Hall Term 3

If you would like the video link from our "Sing Around the World" evening at Llewelyn Hall in term 3 please [email Nat info\\_COOP@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:info_COOP@ed.act.edu.au) to send through the link.

Regards *Jenny*

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## Before and After School Care Service

### Monday – Thursday

Bookings / re enrolment are required for students wishing to utilise this service in 2018. Please call Childcare Accounts on 6180 5777 or see Vikki in Redgum Forest today or tomorrow.



YWCA CANBERRA

Vikki  
YWCA O'Connor School Age Care Program Manager

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## Community News

### Music for Canberra

Music For Canberra offers group and individual lessons in a wide range of instruments to all ages and abilities. Lessons are held at the Ainslie Arts Centre in Braddon and we are now taking enquiries for Term 1, 2018 classes. Call us on 6182 0030 or visit [www.musicforcanberra.org.au](http://www.musicforcanberra.org.au).



#### **Beginner music groups at Music For Canberra**

- Music Play for toddlers (18 months – 4yrs)
- Choir (4yrs +)
- Ukulele (5yrs +)
- Hand-drumming (5yrs +)
- Recorder (5yrs +)
- Guitar (7yrs +)
- Violin (7yrs +)
- Brass instruments (8yrs +)
- Drum-kit (10yrs +)

#### **Ensembles at Music For Canberra**

- String Stream – four levels of string ensembles starting from AMEB 1 and up.
- Brass ensembles – junior (8yrs +) and youth (AMEB 4 +)
- Schnabelflotes recorder ensemble (10 – 18yrs)
- James McCusker Orchestra (AMEB 5 – 7) – subject to audition
- Canberra Youth Orchestra (AMEB 7 – 8) – subject to audition
- Adult ensembles for recorder, strings or woodwind
- Seasoned Voices senior choir for over 55s

To attend a free trial class in any of the above groups or ensembles please let us know by emailing [info@musicforcanberra.org.au](mailto:info@musicforcanberra.org.au). For more information visit

[www.musicforcanberra.org.au](http://www.musicforcanberra.org.au)

We are also looking for a new choir conductor! The position is out of school hours, 2 hours per week on a Thursday afternoon for our Canberra Children's Choir and Training Choir.

We are hoping to find someone new and enthusiastic for the role, so if there is anyone within the school that may be interested in the role, could you please pass this on to them?

<http://musicforcanberra.org.au/conductor-canberra-childrens-choir-and-training-choir/>

# Do the simple things

Reduce energy use in your home



Set your air conditioner to 23°C or turn it off in summer if possible



Close curtains and blinds during the day



Cook outside on the BBQ to reduce heat inside



Consolidate refrigeration and turn off additional units



Avoid using appliances during peak times\*



Dry your clothes in the sun

Visit [actsmart.act.gov.au](https://actsmart.act.gov.au) for more tips for saving energy at home

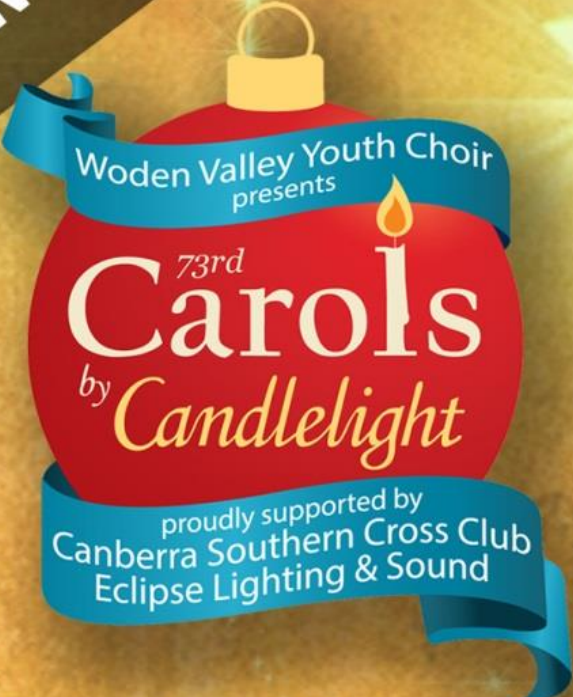
\* Peak times are from 7-9am and from 5-8pm



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**FREE EVENT**



**7pm Wednesday 13 December 2017**  
**Stage 88, Commonwealth Park**

Bring a picnic dinner to enjoy on the grass  
Canberra Weekly songbook available to buy or on your mobile

**FEATURING**

Woden Valley Youth Choir   Canberra City Band  
Special Guest Artists   MC: Ian McLean

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Auslan interpreters will be signing throughout the evening for members of the Canberra deaf community