Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you enjoyed having your children home for a couple of weeks and that they followed all my instructions for you (clean up their bedrooms, be kind to their parents, have a pyjama day and not to eat too much chocolate!) I had a wonderful long weekend in Sydney with both of my children and their partners, eating way too much and spending too much money, but now it’s time to regain some focus and knuckle down…That’s what Term 2 is about too! It is a term where teachers expect that students will fit straight back into established routines and focus on their personal learning goals to improve their academic and social outcomes.

Sand Pit
The long awaited sand pit was completed during the holidays and officially opened on Monday morning. The sand pit was the inspiration of last year’s year 1/2 students who put forward a detailed submission to the P&C seeking financial support for what they thought would be a welcome addition to the playground. Indeed it has been! It may just be a novelty at this stage but the children are flocking to it each recess and lunch time. At the end of last term two enterprising year 6 students Lindsay and Riley organised a multi day to raise money for sand pit toys. I believe these have been ordered.

Online enrolments
Enrolments for public school placements from Preschool to year 12 for 2015 are open now. The process is entirely online and you can access the enrolments forms at this link: http://www.det.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_a ct_public_school
If you do not have access to a computer, please contact the school who will make a computer available to you.

Term 2 Calendar
You will see that the Term 2 calendar is attached with this newsletter. We hope that we have included all of the important dates for you. For specific information that relates to your child, please refer to the class Term Overview which should be sent out by the end of next week.

ANZAC Day
This Friday morning at 10:15am the 3/4DWC students will be leading our school in an ANZAC Day assembly. You are cordially invited to attend this special event.

We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people – traditional custodians of the land on which our school stands.
A Message from the Minister

Getting Involved in Your Child’s School is a Key to Education Success

The ACT’s national leadership in education is founded on the quality of our schools, our teachers, and our focus on putting parents and children at the centre of everything we do.

I recently announced the Progressing Parental Engagement in the ACT project, an Australia-first to help parents and families get more involved with their children’s schools and education.

Simply by reading this newsletter, you are showing your interest in being involved with the education of your children. We know children do better at school when parents and families are actively engaged. After all, you are your child’s first teachers and I encourage you to maintain connected throughout their schooling.

There are many ways of doing this and, as part of the project, your school will be invited to develop innovative ideas to help you to be an active part of your school community. We will keep you updated on how the project will support you in doing this.

With your help we can ensure that your child will get the very best education, tailored for them – and that the ACT will continue to lead the nation in educating our children.

Joy Burch MLA
Minister for Education and Training

Library News

Hi everyone and welcome back to Term 2. So many exciting things are happening this term:

- National Simultaneous Storytime – Wednesday, 21 May

Written by: Ursula Dubosarsky
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_In Eric's house there were too many elephants - in the living room, in the kitchen, in the bathroom, even in his bedroom! The elephants take up a lot of space, but Eric loves every one of them. So when his mum says they have to go, Eric comes up with a clever solution to a very BIG problem..._

- Annual Scholastic Book Fair, 10 – 13 June.

Mother’s Day Stall

Next week the P&C will be holding a Mother’s Day Stall in the hall on Tuesday, 6 May and Wednesday, 7 May. Tuesday 6 May will be for the Preschool Blue Group, Kindy, years 1 and 2 and the junior LSU.

Wednesday, 7 May will be for the Preschool Yellow Group, years 3-6 and the senior LSU.

We have some beautiful handmade gifts for Mum ranging in price from 50c to $4. Please ensure your child brings their money in a ziplock bag or envelope with their name clearly marked. Lost money results in tears!

Preschool enrolments,
High School enrolments
and transfers between ACT public schools

New arrangements for 2014 and 2015

The ACT Education and Training Directorate has updated the enrolment and transfer arrangements for all ACT public schools.

All new student enrolment applications for 2015 opened on 28 April 2014 (day 1 term 2). If you are enrolling your child to start school or preschool in 2015, or if your child is transferring to an ACT public school at any stage, you will need to use the same online form.

To make this process easier for those wishing to enrol or transfer, please use the online enrolment/transfer form and Parent/carer guide to enrolment/transfer for ACT public schools located on the ‘Enrolling in an ACT Public School’ section of the Education and Training Directorate website [www.det.act.gov.au](http://www.det.act.gov.au).

If you have difficulty accessing a computer to complete the online enrolment form, please come to the school for assistance. A translator can be arranged should you require one. Please make an appointment on 6205 7345.

To make the process more equitable, there is no longer any need to queue at the school on 28 April to enrol your child. All enrolment requests are stored electronically and sent to the first choice school after 30 May. Decisions regarding offers of enrolment/transfer are made after the closing date.

Applications for all 2015 enrolments close on 30 May 2014.

Health Warning – Death Cap Mushrooms

(Amanita Phalloides)

As you may have heard via the media, it is Death Cap Mushroom season. Children should be warned not to touch any mushroom growing in the garden, under trees or lawn. This mushroom is extremely poisonous. One mushroom contains enough poison to kill an adult. Cooking or peeling does not make the mushroom safe to eat, and all parts are poisonous.