As another college year draws to a close, students, staff and parents can feel justifiably proud of what we have achieved as a community this past year. As we prepare for 2014, the college is in an excellent position to build on its recent successes. We are expecting an increase of about 100 students in our enrolments next year, taking our total population to around 1100. As a college, we will continue to recognise the need to cater for the full range of student abilities, talents and learning styles.

Senior Executive Team

I would like to highlight my colleagues on the senior executive team at the college and acknowledge the ongoing contributions they make to Canberra College and to the ACT public school system. All three deputy principals are recognised as system leaders: Peter Clayden for his work on improving the quality of classroom teaching by promoting the use of the University of Newcastle’s framework for classroom observations (Quality Teaching Model) and reflection; Simon Vaughan for his leadership in the field of online professional learning for staff and Jan Marshall for her ground breaking work in the provision of education and support services for young parents. The other member of the team is our business manager, Roseanne Campion. On top of her other duties, Roseanne has played a key role in our two major construction projects since 2011 – the performing arts centre and our new young parents’ facility. With a total ACT government investment of $24M in these projects, you can appreciate the scale of these endeavours.

Staff Farewells

Four long-term members of our staff are retiring. I extend my thanks on behalf of the college community to Lindy Babington, Jim Gibson, Greg Irvine and Ruth Reinhard for their outstanding contributions and wish all of them a long and happy retirement.

Season’s Greetings

Finally, I wish you and your families a happy and safe Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Brick & Block Program

Congratulations to the dedicated group of Canberra College students, who spent a week in the wind and rain building a new herb garden for the hospitality students. The students were taught the fine art of brick laying conducted by a Sydney bricklaying and blocklaying training school. The boys “enjoyed” the week of aching backs and sore muscles – but it was all worth it in the end. So thank you to the great team of “brickies” and their trainer Todd Farrawell, for their contribution to the College – a great job guys!

Students involved in the program were:
Adrian A. Michael W. Raphael K. Hsa P. Ruben H. Adam B

Clearance Forms for Year 11 & 12

Must be returned to the Library by 28.11.13
All materials loaned by the College (books, CDs, calculators, cameras, tablets etc.) must be returned before you can Clear.
Spare forms available in the Library

Canteen News

At its 13 November meeting the Canberra College Association, which runs the canteens at Woden and Weston campuses, reluctantly took the decision to close both canteens at the end of 2013. The Weston canteen was scheduled to close at the end of 2014 with the move of CC Cares to the Woden campus. However, throughout this year the canteens have been operating on an increasingly small margin and the Association was concerned for their immediate financial viability. Closing a business is never an easy decision when it means the loss of jobs and the Association members thank the canteen staff for their work and wish them well for the future.

John Stenhouse
As the year draws to a close…we find ourselves extremely busy in the Arts! I will abbreviate the last two and the next two weeks below as a way of acknowledging the continued excellence and commitment of our ARTS students and teachers.

**DANCE**

13th November – Students performed at CSIRO at the Opening of Sea change.

15th November - students were warmly welcomed at the Southern Cross Village retirement home where they performed a variety of dance styles for the residents.

19th November - Dance Showcase in the CCPAC Theatre

17th December – A Dance item is in rehearsal for the year 12 Graduation at Canberra Theatre

**DRAMA**

13-16th November - POST – A Musical written and directed by Year 12 student Alex M - was held with fabulous reviews in the CCPAC theatre

21st November –“Theatre for Young People” students performed for Kindy-year 2 students at Arawang Primary School

26th November –“Taking It to the Stage” students’ performance in the CCPAC Drama Studio

**MUSIC**

8th November - M.I students hosted YUDDAH Music/ band comp in CCPAC - Congratulations to Canberra College student Kashia and her brothers who won first prize

9th November - Jazz Band performed at Arawang Primary School Twilight fete

15th November - M.I students involved in the “Smells like Centenary Spirit” Centenary Battle of the Bands

17th December - Jazz Band is in rehearsal for the Year 12 Graduation

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

Congratulations! –Four of our Photography students were awarded prizes in this year’s Botanical Gardens Comp. The students won two out of the four categories, and came second in the third. We also received two highly commended awards.

**MEDIA**

18th November - Examples of exemplary media work and student film shared with College executive

**ART**

3rd December - Semester 2 student Art exhibition to be held in the Art Room. All welcome!

AND FINALLY ….A MASSIVE CONGRATULATIONS TO CC Year 12 student Alex M – who has been awarded the very prestigious 2013 YOUNG CANBERRA CITIZEN OF THE YEAR Youth Arts and Multimedia award on Friday night. An extremely well deserved reward which acknowledges Alex’ selfless and remarkable contributions to both Canberra College and Melrose High School.

Kim Walkom
Executive Teacher
The Arts

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR IN RECENT CANBERRA TIMES**

College’s ‘Post’ delivers

Canberrans should be aware that in their midst is a talent of exciting potential.

I attended a production by Canberra College drama unit titled Post, initially as a family responsibility. The story, the lyrics of the songs and the direction were all the responsibility of a young man, Alexander Moffat. One would have to admit to some trepidation in attending the premiere of a young writer’s initial effort, but there was no need to have worried. It was an exciting and rewarding evening of surprising maturity. I will follow his name with interest.

Gus Plater, Saratoga, NSW
Ryan H yr 11 (pictured below left) and Hayley N (pictured below centre) yr 11 competed in the ACT Road Cycling Championships Wed 6th Nov at Stromlo Forest Park. Ryan came 1st in the Criterium and 2nd in the Road Race, and Hayley finished 3rd for her events.

We had 2 students participating in the ACT Colleges Squash Championships on Tuesday 29th Oct, Amanda K yr 12 (pictured above right) who made it to the grand final where she finished as Women’s Champion and Limar L yr 11 who finished a very pleasing 3rd for the Men’s division.

On Friday 25th Oct we had many students participating in the ACT Colleges Table Tennis Championships. Congratulations to Emma S yr 11 who was crowned the ACT Women’s Singles Champion, and Libby H and Elana C yr 12 (pictured right) who finished as ACT Women’s Doubles Champions. Well done also to Kelly A, Ryan C, Lewis O, Karl W and Pat L for great sportsmanship on the day.

Our Mixed Touch team came 3rd in the South for Intercol Sport.

The ACT Athletics Carnival was unfortunately cancelled due to rain.

A special mention to retiring PE teacher and Canberra College favourite Greg Irvine. After many years of service (30+) at both the old Stirling College and Phillip College, now known as Canberra College, Greg has decided to hang up the whistle and take a well-earned rest. We thank him for his excellent work as a teacher and colleague, he was greatly respected and he will be greatly missed.

The ACT Colleges Ten Pin Bowling Championships was held Friday 15th Nov and our girls team had an excellent result coming in at 3rd. They were Brianna M, Marley M, Kaiti P, Georgina W and Leanne P, well done!
Fridge Door for Parents

Week 8 - 2 December — Year 12 Breakfast 9am

Week 8 - 2 December — Year 12 Formal 6pm

Week 10 - 17 December — Year 12 Graduation Ceremony, Canberra Theatre 6:30pm

Other College information

For information on Australian School-Based Apprenticeships (ASBA), Career & Transition and Work Experience (WEX), please call Canberra College and ask to speak to Jo-Anne Lee (Careers and Transitions) or Sonya Bell (WEX and ASBA Coordinator) or Alex O’Brien (Careers Advisor)

China Trip 2014

Day 1 Sept 28th  Depart Canberra and arrive in Guangzhou
Day 2 Sept 29th  Flight to Xi’an for lunch at No. 85 Secondary School
Day 3 Sept 30th Morning activities with No 85 Secondary School and visiting Bingma Young – Terracotta Warriors; after dinner, a fast train to Zhengzhou
Day 4 Oct 1st  Bus to Kaifeng visiting Qingming Shanghe Yuan and an evening performance of “Dream Back to Kaifeng”
Day 5 Oct 2nd  Bus to Shao Lin, visiting the Shaolin Temple and watch a martial arts performance
Day 6 Oct 3rd  Bus to Zhen Zhou then fast train to Beijing; free activity in the afternoon
Day 7 Oct 4th  Beijing – visit Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City; Qianmen Dajie and Dazhalan; Liuli Chang (shops of traditional arts and crafts); in the evening, watch an Acrobatics performance
Day 8 Oct 5th  Beijing – visiting the Great Wall and traditional compound houses and lanes
Day 9 Oct 6th  Beijing – visit the National Art Museum of China and the Capital Museum
Day 10 Oct 7th  Flight to Zhangjiajie and on arrival take a bus to Phoenix Town
Day 11 Oct 8th  Visit Phoenix Town including a cruise on the lake; after dinner a bus to Zhangjiajie
Day 12 Oct 9th  Flight to Guangzhou and a visit around the city; supper at the airport and then evening flight back to Sydney
Day 13 Oct 10th  Arrive in Sydney and then morning flight back to Canberra

The China Trip is open to all Year 11 and 12 students, their parents and staff. If you would like more information, please contact the following teachers:
Shaoli Tang via email on: shaoli.tang@ed.act.edu.au or Ph: 62055796
Kevin Howard via email on kevin.howard@ed.act.edu.au or Ph: 62056789

Canberra College’s aim is to have a 100% electronic communication with parents. If you provide your email address to the front office staff we can assure that you will receive information through our newsletter and updates on other college events.

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