Our students and staff have been working extremely hard on achieving the award of a strong Year 12 Certificate. The pressure of fulfilling all the assessment requirements in a timely fashion is becoming more intense as the last assessment period looms. It is very important that students don’t compromise on the quality of work at the last hurdle. Parent Teacher Night occurs on Tuesday 23rd September. This may be one of the last opportunities for Year 12 students and parents to get direct feedback from their teachers. All parents are welcome to attend the evening, irrespective of receiving a specific request from a teacher in the mid semester reports.

Our students continue to excel in a variety of academic competitions and forums.

Sunny J Y12 was awarded a credit prize in the senior division of the UNSW 53rd Annual Mathematic competition.

Ann S Y12 has won one of the top 14 awards worldwide in the BIG Science competition.

Tom C Y12 was acknowledged by the ACT Schools Constitutional Convention committee for his leadership where he addressed the Legislative Assembly and led discussion groups in combination with ANU law students. He was well supported by Grace P, Jasmine R, Nicola S, Jack, John C and Connor McF.

Students studying a Tertiary package for their Year 12 certificate have recently completed their ACT Scaling Tests. The staff and students working under the direction of Jaafar Tabandeh have had multiple opportunities to hone their skills in this important test which will influence their overall scores for University entrance.

Our sporting teams continue to show great sportsmanship and application to their respective sports. Congratulations to:

- the peloton of riders who competed in the ACT Schools Mountain Biking Championships at Stromlo. Congratulations to Nick W, Emma B, Jonathan D and Jacob B who came 1st in ACT and 2nd Overall in the College Mixed Team category.
- our students for winning the ACT Colleges Mixed Hockey Tournament.
- Annika S who came in 3rd the ACT Schools Rock Climbing Championships in the Yr 11/ 12 girls division.

Staff achievements: It is a great pleasure to announce that Ms Judy Bolton has been substantively appointed to the Executive Teacher role in Science /IT. Judy has been successfully doing the job in a Higher Duties capacity since late last year and has proven herself as a strong administrator and educational leader in this area. Graham Monger and Shane Barrett have both been nominated by parents and students in the ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards for 2014. Susan Johnson has also been nominated for the ACT Excellence in Teaching Awards which will be announced later this month. Canberra College has been working with Melrose High School and Alfred Deakin High School in the pilot of the Masters in Teaching Program at the University of Canberra. Both our staff and those training to be teachers have gained in this professional partnership.

The review and recommendations for the award of an ACT Year 12 certificate has now been announced. Community members are encouraged to read about these recommendations on the Board of Secondary Studies website at www.bsss.act.edu.au.
**College improvement:** The Wi-Fi access to support multiple devices for every student simultaneously will be upgraded in November. This will then enable us to move to cloud based access to the Schoolsnet. This will enable any device to connect to a student’s personal drive and provide more portable and ready access to their work.

The programmed removal of asbestos eaves from around the college is due to resume on the weekend of the 20/21st September and again on the weekend of the 27th/28th September. All work in the two identified areas will be undertaken and completed in a secure controlled environment and in the absence of staff and students. If you need further information please contact me on 61423288.

George Palavestra
Principal

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**Arty Bits**

**Sydney Drama Tour** to Sydney in week 3 this term.

Twenty students, accompanied by Kim Walkom and Ian Walker, enjoyed a Performance workshop and tour of NIDA, an acting and devising workshop at ATYP (Australian Theatre For Young People) A taste of Opera at the Opera House, an incredible performance of Macbeth at The STC (See fb update and review below) and a morning at the Art gallery of NSW enjoying the 2014 Archibald exhibition.

Attended Macbeth tonight with 20 wide eyed -jaw dropped year 11 and 12 students from Canberra College in the A.C.T.
We visit Sydney for three days every year to immerse ourselves in some of Sydney’s performing arts experiences. STC is always on our itinerary.
We are all still gobsmacked and awe inspired by the show that we saw tonight. The students and two drama teachers have collectively experienced something very very special.
We would like to thank the Company for the experience....and the ticketing staff for placing us in the front row!!
It was a true assault of the senses and the highlight of our trip. Thanks for trusting a school group of students with the gift of a front row experience at such an intimate and incredible show.

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Dance News

Semester 2 is a very busy time for the Dance students of Canberra College. It’s Dancefest in two weeks and the students are busy putting the finishing touches on their performances. It’s a very exciting event that takes the students to the Canberra Theatre performing in front of a sold out theatre along with 52 other school dance groups. This year we have two groups performing with themes of ‘The Great Gatsby’ performing on Wednesday 17th September and ‘Refugees coming to Australia’ performing on Thursday 18th September. Tickets can be purchased from the Canberra Theatre and are on sale now!!

Coming up in Term 4 is our annual dance Showcase on Wednesday 19th November so save the date and come and enjoy a variety of quality dance performances.
Congratulations to the students who represented the College recently at the ACT Constitutional Convention – Grace P, Jasmine R, Nicola S, Jack B, Tom C, John C and Connor McF.

The ACT School’s Constitutional Convention aims to:

- provide an opportunity for students in Year 11 to explore contemporary constitutional issues
- encourage students to become better informed about the Australian system of government and how the Australian Constitution provides the framework for our democracy
- encourage senior students to take an active interest in the traditions, processes and practices of government
- allow students to discuss and debate contemporary Australian political issues.

The program is designed specifically for Year 11 students. The convention is a two day program, with the first day taking place at the National Archives and Old Parliament House where students learnt about the Constitution and its role as a foundation document in Australia’s democracy. Students visited the new Museum of Australian Democracy for a historical perspective on constitutional issues, and took part in a role play on the Franklin River at Old Parliament House, using the Senate as the venue for this to take place.

The second day took place at the ACT Legislative Assembly where the students debated a topical constitutional change, namely the issue of whether the Commonwealth Parliament should have broad powers to legislate for the environment.

This year’s Convention investigated the constitutional powers that were the focus of the Franklin River issue from the 1980’s and the subsequent environmental issues, namely whether the Commonwealth Parliament of Australia should have the specific powers to legislate on the environment. The students considered a broad range of arguments for and against the issue and the question of whether such a change is appropriate with respect to the views of the states and territories. They also looked at how constitutional change is effected through Section 128 and the operation of a referendum.

The outcome of the two day convention was a mock referendum on the issue being debated, and the resulting vote was an overwhelming NO – so the convention decided that the power to legislate for the environment should stay with the states and territories.

Following on from the Convention, it was announced last week that Tom C has been selected to be one of five students to represent the ACT at the National School’s Constitutional Convention, which will be held in March, 2015. So a big CONGRATULATIONS to Tom on his selection. As well, a big WELL DONE to all the students for their participation in the two day convention – they were true ambassadors and representatives of the Canberra College.

Kevin Howard
Executive Teacher

Families Seeking Counselling Support as a Result of their Homes Being Identified as Having Ongoing Asbestos Problems

Some houses in Canberra have been identified as have ongoing asbestos problems. For these families this may lead to increased stress levels. Please be aware that confidential support is available through our school psychologist, David Austin.

Please phone the college or visit David in Student services

David Austin Ph 6142 3335
Star performer
Ann S performed outstandingly in the BIG Science competition held in May this year. She was one of only 14 students world-wide to obtain the top score. The BIG Science competition is one of the hardest of the science competitions and for Ann to receive this honour is unprecedented at this college. Ann received a special certificate, gift and cash prize at assembly last week. The staff and students of Canberra College are very proud of her accomplishments and we wish her only the best for the future.

Parents.....
Do these comments sound familiar?

“Oh no, I have an assignment due today”?

“I forgot to finish my essay - can you write me a note?”

“I have a test today and forgot to study!”

The Solution
Assessment Alert: The new smartphone app now available for our school.

Reminds parents/students of upcoming due dates/events

Get it from the appstore or google play for $1.99

Susan Johnson with the Yellow Food Van volunteers when they arrived to collect the huge Blue Bin full of goodies that students and staff generously donated as part of the of their ongoing support of this Communities at Work Program.

Year 12 Formal
The FINAL payment for the Year 12 Formal must be paid to the front office by the end of week 9, 19th September 2014.

The ticket price is $150.00/person, the formal is on 3/12/14 at the National Arboretum, arrivals starting at 6.00 pm finishing promptly at 11.00 pm.

If for some unforeseen event you are unable to attend the formal a refund request can be made up until Wednesday 12th November 2014.
Attention Parent/Carer of Students with Medical Conditions

It is essential that the college maintain accurate and up to date information on all student medical conditions.

If at any time the health care needs of your child change, please contact the front office on 6142 3288.

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 Sonya Bell (Careers and Transitions) or Richard Johnston (Careers Advisor)

Mathematics tutorials are available at Canberra College on Thursdays 12.30–1.45 pm. For more information please call the front office.

Student Services

It is, as ever, a busy time in Student Services. Our doors are always open for students and parents to make appointments.

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Limar L yr 12 has been selected in an ACT touch football team and will be participating in a national competition in QLD from 16-19 September.

Annika S yr 11 placed 3rd in the yr 11/12 female division at the ACT Schools Rock Climbing Competition.

On Friday 29th August, a peloton of riders attended the ACT Schools Mountain Biking Championships at Stromlo. We sent out our best 4 riders to compete and they did us proud, coming 1st in ACT and 2nd overall in the College Mixed Team category. These students were: Nick W, Emma B, Jonathan D and Jacob B.

On Wednesday 13th August we fielded 2 teams of our students for the ACT Colleges Mixed Hockey Tournament, and one of them are now the ACT Champions! We played Dickson in the grand final and it was all even at full time, then in the extra time we won the golden point, very exciting stuff. They all played terrifically well and behaved magnificently.

On Friday 15th August we had a boys and girls team participating in the ACT Volleyball Schools Cup. They had both progressed to the semi – finals, where the girls bowed out but the boys went on to the Grand final where they finished a glorious second. Well done all those who participated.

Pictured below are Nick W, Emma B, Jonathan D and Jacob B.
Applications for university entrance via the UAC website (for universities in NSW and the ACT) close 30th September (www.uac.edu.au) as do applications for Victorian Universities (www.vtac.edu.au). Any parents or students unsure or needing help with this process can contact our careers office on 6142-3330 or 6142-3317.

ADFA: Any year 12 student thinking of applying for ADFA need to apply ASAP as there is a dual application process. Ideally, this process begins in year 11 so if there are any students in year 11 interested in ADFA please come to careers for information.

CIT: Reminder that CIT is now open for applications into courses for next semester (2015).

The Canberra College Careers Website
A reminder to parents and students that we have a website dedicated to careers for students and for parents. Links to scholarships, information about post school options, workplace learning is available

www.canberracollegecareers.com

Career Starter Programme
If you are interested in a career with the Australian Public Service in the Department of Finance come and see Alex O’Brien in the Careers room asap for a brochure and information on the application process. Go to their website www.finance.gov.au and apply online. They are offering fulltime positions in their Careers Starters Program. Term 4 we will be running the following Courses.

BRICK AND BLOCK PROGRAM – WEEK 13 - 27/10/14 – 30/10/14
Are you interested in doing a week’s work experience at the College with a Qualified Trainer who comes to Canberra from Sydney once a year to train our students in Brick Laying? You have the opportunity to work alongside one of the industry’s best trainers gaining an insight into the building industry.

If you are interested please see Alex or Sonya in the Careers Room ASAP so we can organise your placement in the Group.

ASBESTOS AWARENESS COURSE
If you are interested in getting your Asbestos Awareness Card which is compulsory if wanting to do Work Experience and/or work within the Construction Industry come and see us in the Careers Room and put your name on the list ASAP. This course will be run in Week 14 Thursday 6/11/14 from 12pm – 4pm. Points are awarded on your Year 12 Certificate.

RSA COURSE
Holding an RSA certificate is now compulsory for anyone serving or supplying alcohol in the Australian Capital Territory. Access Recognised Training in partnership with the Canberra College is running a Nationally recognised RSA course for students at the college on Thursday 13.11.14 1.00pm - 4.30pm in the Lecture Theatre. Cost per student $65.00 (includes original certificate + postage and handling) See Alex O’Brien and Sonya Bell for more details in the Careers Room.

WORK EXPERIENCE Report
Work Experience Week for Semester 2 is the 1/12/14 – 5/12/14. This is for Year 11’s only. If you would like to organise a placement pop into careers and see Sonya.

So far this year we have sent out over 300 students for Work Experience which has given them valuable insights into the many different and diverse career pathways available.

Student Work Experience Report - It is a great experience having interacted with the Nurses, Doctors and patients at the Hospital. I learnt a lot and I felt so motivated towards my Career. I now believe I am in the right career path. Thanks to the organisers and the host Canberra Hospital.
The mathematics faculty runs a variety of extra-curricular activities for students in mathematics and this year has been no exception.

It has been a very full year with regard to the competitions we have run. Our Specialist Maths students have been a vibrant and enthusiastic group in 2014 who have willingly participated in quite a variety of competitions. We have been Maths camping at Wombeyan to set the tone for the year and we had 28 students participate in the Australian Informatics competition in May this year with our best performed Student Jed G with a Distinction. Jed also sought to challenge himself by sitting the Australian Olympiad Informatics Paper on the 4th September. Our results were very encouraging and are continuing to improve with this competition. I look forward to even better results next year.

The college had a very successful performance at the ANU Maths day in May where our team of year 12 Specialist students Sunny X, Lachlan W, Adam R, Gary X and Jed G finished fourth only a handful of points behind second and third. This was followed up with 10 students participating in the UNSW Mathematics Competition in June. This is the first time for the college to have this number of students attempt this very challenging competition. This competition is a 3 hour exam comprising six questions which are at a very high level of conceptual thinking. This requires a large commitment from these students. I am very pleased to report that Sunny X has received a certificate of credit in this competition for the second year running. She should be congratulated for her outstanding performance.

We also had 22 students from both year 11 and year 12 participate in the Australian Maths Competition in early August. We received their results this week and they have again produced excellent results with year 12 students Sunny X, Lachlan W, Grace G and Jed G gaining High Distinctions and year 11 students Josh T, Michael H, James C, Rich W, Anthony P and Andrew C gaining Distinctions. Overall we gained 4 High Distinctions, 7 Distinctions and 6 Credits.

The students are to be congratulated for their enthusiasm and willingness to give up their time to participate in so many extra activities and competitions and the Maths faculty would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge their efforts.

Shane Barrett
Mathematics Faculty.

L to R:
Jed G, Sunny X, Grace G and Lachlan W
**Australian War Memorial Excursion**

On Wednesday, August 20, the Literature of War and Peace class attended a moving and highly engaging production ‘Dusted Off’ at the Australian War Memorial. It was performed by Brett Hunt who is the son of Frank Hunt who was badly wounded in both legs after stepping on a land mine and later immortalized in the Redgum song ‘I was only 19’ with the line ‘Frankie kicked a mine the day that mankind kicked the moon’. Brett’s performance was an enthralling and mesmerising seamless fusion of music, sound effects, narration and voice characterisations. We were all not only captivated and entertained but were also given vivid insights into the realities of war experienced by Brett’s father and the physical, emotional and psychological struggles he encountered on returning home. The production was certainly memorable and the whole class had front row seats!

Paul van Diemen

**International Baccalaureate Diploma Program News**

The year 12 students are extremely busy finishing off their Extended Essays and Theory of Knowledge essays, both of which are due for submission at the end of week 8. The teachers associated with these undertakings are also finalising last minute suggestions. Quite a number of students are still struggling with their time-management.

One word of advice to the current year 11 cohort, not just those doing the IBDP – “get your act together! Keep a good diary and never put off what you can do today for tomorrow.” Tomorrow creeps up on you quite unexpectedly!

Please address any enquires to the Coordinator by phoning: 61423291

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**The London International Youth Science Forum (LIYSF) and CERN**

by Amy B

From the 23rd of July until the 12th of August I attended the London International Youth Science Forum and the extended trip to Geneva to CERN. I was one of 10 Australian students chosen through the National Youth Science Forum to attend LIYSF where there were 425 participants from 64 different countries. The program consisted of lectures by world renowned scientists, scientific trips, social events and of course sightseeing.

One of the standout lectures was by Professor Dame Carol Robinson on ‘Proteins in the gas phase’. She was the first female Professor of Chemistry at the University of Cambridge and the University of Oxford, so it was a huge honour to be able to listen to her. During LIYSF we had the opportunity to visit either Oxford or Cambridge. I visited the Oxford Biomedical Research Centre and Hospital. We had the opportunity to see an echo and actually use an ultrasound to try and locate an artery. It was much more challenging than you might expect!

During LIYSF there were many optional sightseeing excursions available. I was very lucky to be able to go inside the state rooms at Buckingham Palace which are only open three weeks a year! I also went to Stonehenge and Salisbury, Hampton Court Palace and the theatre, just to name a few.

37 students ventured from London to Paris and then onto Geneva to CERN. CERN is the largest particle physics laboratory in the world which is home to the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) and is where the Higgs Boson particle was discovered. As the LHC is currently under maintenance we were very privileged to be able to go 85m underground to see the Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS) detector. It was really overwhelming to stand in front of this huge piece of machinery that is so intricate and deals with such tiny particles.
Children’s Literature - Exhibition Report  
2014 
Bob Graham: A Bird in the Hand & 
the Lu Rees Archives 
by Chena F

Picture books are a valuable teaching tool. Is there any more evocative part of childhood? The story elements in picture books can be simple or complex; the vocabulary easy or challenging and the subject matter and genre may vary. But what does it ultimately involve in publishing a picture book? It truly is an elaborate procedure. From the early emails to the tea-marked sketches, the process of creating some of our most treasured tales really is a work in its own right!

Bob Graham’s retrospective exhibition was a true ‘Behind the Scenes’ experience. Held at Canberra’s Museum and Gallery, the visit proved a unique opportunity for all. Graham’s chronology of works and objects had been carefully selected from his personal studio and the Lu Rees Archives, University of Canberra, which transformed the public display into a personal hub of imagination and inspiration.

Following our exciting hour or so in the upstairs gallery at Canberra’s Museum, the next week brought an interesting outing to the main contributors: the Lu Rees Archives; a beautiful collection of resources encouraging and urging the research into Australian children’s literature. The collection contains many works of fiction and fantasy, poetry and drama, written especially for children and young adults, created by our own national authors and illustrators. Combining both outstanding original illustrations and drafts, complementing texts in various stages of completion and authors’ papers, the Lu Rees Library generously presents Australian Children’s Literature, preserving and displaying history as it has been formed in our favourite texts for children.

It was such a wonderful experience in both tours, and it is hard to say what was enjoyed the most. Viewing Bob Graham’s well chosen works and art in a cosy and comfortable layout really added extra life to his prized items. We wish to extend our appreciation toward the Lu Rees Archive and various donating authors and illustrators, and Bob Graham himself, for their collaboration in bringing this great material for us to engross ourselves in, and admire; an overall recommendation and a definite inspiration for aspiring authors and illustrators.
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LOVE FOREVER
A fated and lyrical coming of age story

ACTING OPPORTUNITY

Are you interested in auditioning for the lead role in an original short film supported by Arts ACT?

THE PROJECT
The project is a 15-minute fictional short film written and directed by award-winning documentary maker Clare Young, and mentored by Oscar-winning writer/director Jane Campion. The story examines with a tender and sensitive lens how we find meaning in a bleak world, where sex is cheap and romance is fantasy. LOVE FOREVER is the culmination of over three years creative development, to be shot in Canberra and Sydney in December 2014.

WHO WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

- The lead role is EMILY, a sensitive and courageous 15-17 year old girl.
- The story explores themes of love and sexuality, and the selected actor will be required to do some kissing on screen.
- Availability in December for rehearsals, fittings, and shoot days
- You don’t need any acting experience, just come along and give it a go. The audition process will be relaxed, no preparation required!

AUDITIONS
FRIDAY 24/10

PUT YOUR NAME DOWN WITH KIM BEFORE 26/9

SCOPE
LOVE FOREVER will be entered into prestigious worldwide film festivals and competitions, including Sundance and MIFF, as well as local festivals including Canberra Short Film Festival. This film will provide a rare and wonderful opportunity for a student to sink their teeth into a complex role in an original drama and work with a supportive and professional team.

DIRECTOR - CLARE YOUNG
Clare made her first film at 22 years of age: FIRING ON ALL PINS, which was awarded first-prize at the Canberra Short Film Festival. Collectively her films have won eight awards screened at international film festivals, and broadcast on ABC, Foxtel, and BBC Knowledge. In 2011 Clare Young was awarded an arts ACT grant for an intensive mentorship with Oscar winning writer/director Jane Campion, including an attachment as director’s assistant on Emmy Award winning television drama TOP OF THE LAKE, and the production of this short film.
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