Introduction and welcome back to term 2.

It is my great privilege and pleasure to introduce myself to the Canberra College community as the newly appointed Principal. My name is George Palavestra and many of you will know that I was previously Principal of Melrose High School. My long term service as principal and educator in the South of Canberra provides me with a deep understanding of the diversity and needs of the local community. My focus on strong community values and commitment to the wellbeing of each student has underpinned the academic success of the students in my care.

I take over the leadership of the college knowing that it comes from a position of strength. I am looking forward to supporting the college community as we unite onto the one site at the end of the year. My focus continues to be on improving student outcomes through a diversity of learning pathways. These need to be tailored to the strengths and interests of every student. Equity, access and quality are equally important in building a passion and love of learning. With the support of a very dedicated and talented team of teachers, I am confident the college will continue to deliver outstanding results.

I acknowledge and thank the leadership team for their work over the past term ensuring the college had a smooth start to the year. Peter Clayden and Simon Vaughan jointly acted as Principal, Judy Talberg and Helen Uren-Randall jointly acted as Deputies and Murray Chisholm and Graham Monger who led their respective teams in Executive Teacher roles. Peter Clayden has now been seconded into DET Central Office for term 2 to work as a team on developing a resource model for ACT Schools. Helen and Graham have extended their higher duties roles until Peter returns.

This term has begun with the launch of a new DET enrolment database for all prospective enrolments into Primary, High School and College. All enrolments are now done online for all sectors through the one portal and will close on 30th May 2014. The College will hold its Open Night on 20th May from 6.00pm to 8.00 where we once again anticipate a large turnout.

I look forward to sharing more of the college’s success and meeting or reacquainting myself with families throughout the coming months.

George Palavestra
Principal

A Message from the Minister - Joy Burch

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.

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.
College Jazz Band

The Canberra College Jazz Band will be performing at the annual A.C.T Music Educators conference on the 27th of June. This is a prestigious musical opportunity as all music educators in the A.C.T attend. The invitation to play is a reflection of the ability of our music students. The College Jazz band will also be playing at the Merimbula Jazz Festival on the 7th and 8th of June. This will be the 14th consecutive year that the Canberra College Jazz Band has attended.

Photography News

Year 12 Art Photography students participated in an all-day cyanotype workshop on Monday the 5th of May. Also known as the blueprint or ferroprussiate process, the cyanotype was discovered by Sir John Herschel in 1842. The cyanotype was one of many iron-based photographic processes developed in the early days of photography and is an alternative processes that many photographic artists use. Students spent the day coating their own paper or fabric and using the sun to exposure their prints, we were very fortunately to have a very sunny if not cold autumn day. The students all produced some successful prints.

100 STORIES: CELEBRATING PUBLIC EDUCATION IN CANBERRA

This collection profiles some of the people who have influenced, or have been influenced by, the schools and workplaces within the ACT’s public education system. I would like to acknowledge the work of three of our photography students who participated as photographers for this publication Camille St, Robert L and Jordan W. If you are interested in viewing the publication it can be found at www.det.act.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf.../100-Stories-Publication.pdf

Photography Student Work exhibited as part of Public Education Week

During public education week which runs from Monday the 14th till Friday the 18th May, there will be an exhibition of student photographic work on display at Woden and Civic libraries. The following students are displaying their work; Kasumi H, Courtney H, Bonnie H, Sasha B, Matthew K, Lauren Q, Rhiannon W and Megan C

Mirani completing her pasting for photography
MEDIA NEWS:

A pop up event was held on the 8th April promoting Canberra students involved in radio/media, music, art and film

Thank you to Brianna, Corey, Elly, Emma, Riley, Katrina for assisting in organising the event together with students Patrick C and Darina M who participated in Live Sound training with 2XXfm presenter Leon Twandy.

The event showcased student films, art and music from our radio guests over the last 3 years. Headlining the event was local Canberra band Novia Scotia, supported by Grace Flowers, the Uke-ladies, Salale Faumius and many more.

Featured was art and photography from local students from Narrabundah and Canberra College.
Canberra college photography student Jordan W coordinated a ‘live POPup Photographic pasting during the event with journalist students canvassing the crowds responses.

Awards were presented to students who have been active contributors as journalists, panellists and producers to the show over the last year.

The Pop Up Live event was funded by the seeding grants for Youth Week.

NbC Radio will aim to continue promoting Canberra’s music, and youth journalism through the ‘new engaged ‘ youth focused radio on Saturday nights at 6pm 8 on 2XX Community Radio 98.3FM.

This was an amazing opportunity to share in the community of young emerging journalist, film makers, photographers, artist and of course amazing young songwriters and musicians living in Canberra.

Music Industry students involved with UC LIVE

A selection of recommended students from Canberra and Narrabundah Colleges were offered the opportunity to volunteer with UC Live! at Groovin’ The Moo Festival 2014. Volunteers were charged with the objective to enhance public awareness of UC Live! by engaging festival attendees with information about upcoming events at UC. Students were asked to meet at the University of Canberra prior to the event where they were briefed on all necessary information including site access, safety procedures and event information.

Local bands who featured on the GTM line-up were encouraged to have “meet and greet”/interview opportunities with aspiring music journalists.

The outcome of the day was very successful with UC Live! experiencing obvious social media growth. Students were encouraged to liaise with UC live! staff about working within the music industry and were also able to enjoy the festival when not on shift. The general feedback from festival attendees was positive with a demand for something similar to be present at next year’s event.

All students conducted themselves with the utmost professionalism and have laid the foundations for future collaborations with UC Live!.

Matt Barnes | Music Projects & Marketing Coordinator – UC Live! | UCU Ltd. | University of Canberra

Kim Walkom
SLC Arts

REELACT

Congratulations to Jack Mac who won first place for his music video in the REELACT film festival. Canberra College Media students had 7 finalists across 5 genres!

Well done to all the students involved!

Thanks to all the Music and Media students from Canberra College and Narrabundah College who were involved this year in National Youth Week 2014.

Kim Walkom
SLC Arts
CC Drama is proud to present

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By William Shakespeare

CCPAC theatre

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7.30 pm

Wednesday May 28

Friday May 30

Saturday May 31

1.00 pm

Thursday May 29

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Australian Informatics Competition

AUSTRALIAN INFORMATICS COMPETITION

We have been continuing to build our participation in this competition over the last three years and this year it was pleasing to see 27 students participate. This challenging competition is a cross between IT and Mathematics and is based on problem solving skills.

We are slowly improving our performances and this year we gained 6 credits in year 11 and 1 distinction and 5 credits in year 12 which is very pleasing. Our best performed student was Jed G in year 12 with a distinction (91 percentile) and Josh T in year 11 with a credit (81 percentile). All the students should be congratulated for their willingness to give up their time to participate in these extra curricula activities.

Shane Barrett

Australian School Climate Measurement Tool Survey

Last year the Senior Executive Team in conjunction with researchers from ANU developed the Australian School Climate Measurement Tool (ASCMT). This survey is specifically designed to ascertain a very detailed understanding of the social dimensions of each of our schools and colleges in the public system.

The Tool involves staff, students and parents completing the survey. This will require your time and effort but the rewards for the school community through the use of detailed and specific data will be extremely valuable to develop student engagement and school improvement. The survey will focus on key aspects of school functioning such as relationships, connections, engagement and wellbeing.

The survey will be conducted in schools between weeks 5-10 in Term 2, 2014.

For the ASCMT survey and the subsequent school satisfaction survey in Term 3 to be of value to Canberra College it is essential that we have your correct email address to be able to publish the survey on line.
Earlier this year I had the great opportunity to attend the National Schools Constitutional Convention for 2014. The convention brought together over 100 students from all over Australia to discuss constitutional matters including the courts’ interpretation of our constitution. I know this may not sound like the most exciting way to spend three days, but I had an amazing time debating and sharing ideas with other students who are as politically engaged as I am.

The convention ran for three days in March and was held in Canberra. The five members of the ACT delegation had an easy journey to the Rex Hotel in Civic, where we met students from every state and territory in Australia – some of whom had travelled overnight to get to the nation’s capital. We were addressed by Speaker Bronwyn Bishop at Parliament House, got to discuss the constitution in Old Parliament House, and finished off the three days with a formal dinner at the High Court.

The main focus of the convention was to reach a consensus on whether or not the constitution should be changed to give the Commonwealth government power to legislate about health-related issues and water-related issues. A simulated referendum was held at the end of the convention.

Over the three days I made some great friends and had several intense debates that challenged my views on contentious issues in Australian society. The accepting atmosphere of the convention allowed people to voice their opinions even when they were different from the opinions of others.

I’m not sure how much more content could have been crammed into those three days, but even with our busy itinerary we still managed to find time to belt out Let it Go on the bus rides and take selfies with tech-savvy politicians. Being able to attend the convention was an amazing opportunity for me and I am really grateful to have been chosen as one of the representatives of the ACT.

Caption – Tom C (left) with the ACT representatives at the National Constitutional Convention

Murray Darling School of Freshwater Research

Michael L attended the Murray Darling School of Freshwater Research in Albury Wodonga over the holidays. This school is run by La Trobe University and encourages scientific and interpersonal skills with their activities. Michael thoroughly enjoyed his week and came back excited about science and keen to get involved in other extension activities. Well done Michael. (see picture left).
**Attention Parent/Carer of Students with Medical Conditions**

It is essential that the college maintains 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.

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**Girls In ICT Day At ANU**

On the 24th April, I attended the ‘Girls in ICT’ day at the ANU. This is an international event designed to empower young women who have an interest in Information Technology or Engineering and to pursue a career in those areas. It is common knowledge that IT fields are occupied mainly by men. The purpose of events like these is to demonstrate to girls that a career in ICT is achievable and rewarding.

On the day, we attended several lectures held by women leading innovation in technology. For example, one speaker was using natural language processing as a tool for nurses in hospitals to quickly record the status of patients, and then convert this speech into health files. We also got to visit the National Computational Infrastructure: where the most powerful supercomputer in the southern hemisphere is housed. The computer is made up of 57,000 cores, weighs 70 tonnes, and can perform $10^{15}$ calculations per second. The computer is named Fujitsu, after the Japanese Shinto God of Storms, and is mostly used to produce graphical representations of climate data. It has also been involved in animating the popular penguin film Happy Feet 2! Overall, the day enlightened me about the broad range of fields IT is required in. I highly encourage any girls interested in IT to attend the upcoming GET Set Program at ANU on Friday the 16th.

-Claudia S

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**Student Services News**

It is, as ever, a busy time in Student Services. The most important change is that the fabulous Cheryl Diggins won a promotion to another area of the Directorate. While this is excellent and thoroughly well-deserved news for Cheryl, it has meant some changes in the Student Services structure. Fortunately, we have been able to secure the services of Jo-Anne Lee as a Student Advisor for students with surnames H – O. Jo’s wealth of careers and transitions information will be invaluable.

In another change, Diana Kanard is away this term and we have been lucky enough to have Alex O’Brien step into the role to maintain the services we offer for students in the P- Z range.

Student Services staff are currently making contact with those students who had several alerts on their mid-semester report or who are looking as though they may struggle to gain enough points for their Year 12 Certificates. Our doors are always open for students and parents to make appointments.

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Leanne P (yr 12) finished first in the women’s division of the 2014 Camp Quality Verticool Challenge, running 3km and 400 stairs up Black Mountain, great effort.

Jean B (JP) S (yr 11) went to Perth in the April holidays representing NSW for Water Polo at the National Championships. From this he has been selected into the Australian under 18’s team, congratulations!

ACT Swimming – Ceilagh and Annika S (yr 11) participated, results next newsletter.

Kasey D (yr 11) has been selected in the NSW under 21’s State of Origin team for Touch Football, to play against QLD in Caloundra in September. Also she was selected in the under 16’s Indigenous Australian Oztag team which recently competed in NZ, what an athlete!

Bella A (yr 11) played Hockey in Melbourne in April representing the ACT in the women’s under 16’s side. Ryan C (yr 12) also represented the ACT in Hockey in the men’s under 18’s side at Nationals. Well done to both.

Djakirri C (yr 11) has been selected to represent the ACT in Trampoline Gymnastics at Australian Championships, to be held in Melbourne from 26th May to 2nd June 2014, and Lachlan P (yr 12) has also been selected to represent the ACT in Men’s Artistic Gymnastics, best of luck to both.

Laura Skeates
Sports Coordinator

On Thursday 1st May, 13 year 12 specialist mathematics students set off for Wombeyan Caves for the annual Mathematics camp. As a new experience for the year 12 specialist option mathematics students, they were not sure what to expect!

But, they enjoyed wonderful weather, excellent mathematics, excellent food they prepared under expert direction from the staff, and a great trip through the caves to top things off.

The standard of mathematics was sensational with all students performing well. They were motivated and enthusiastic even at 10pm on Thursday night when we were still doing number puzzles in front of the fireplace. This created a lot of guessing and laughter. Everyone survived the maltezer competition, and I believe cards and games, not to mention excellent conversation continued late into the evening. Richard took on the challenge of tennis against a variety of opponents on Friday morning-no comments were made on the outcome!

The students were divided into three teams colour coded Green, Blue, and Yellow and they completed four different mathematical activities over the two days. Interestingly the teams were very close in each event with the Blue team winning by a small margin. This contributed to an excellent and enthusiastic atmosphere throughout. Although a very difficult task with so many able performances, we have selected five students to represent the Canberra College at the ANU Maths Day on May 30. They are Sunny X, Lachlan W, Gary X, Jed G and Adam R.

We thoroughly enjoyed working with the students and they gained good experience working together in teams, learning organization and collaborative skills whilst doing some interesting and different types of mathematical activities as well as producing culinary masterpieces. Their excellent attitude and behaviour was commented on and appreciated by the rangers at the caves and they were excellent ambassadors for the college. Well done to everyone! (see picture on left)

Shane Barrett, Himel Ghosh and Richard Johnston(bus driver extraordinaire and honorary maths teacher).
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Masters of Teaching

Ten Masters of Teaching students began their pre-service training at Canberra College at the beginning of this term. They are the first students to go through the new program at the University which is designed to train the students in a more collaborative way with schools and the university working together to teach the students. The ten people at Canberra College are part of a cluster group of eighteen which includes Alfred Deakin High School and Melrose High School. Many of these students have already had careers in other areas and hold higher degrees in their professional areas. They have settled in well with some wide eyes and lots of steep learning in the first few days. They are now well into teaching classes and enjoying the experience of being teachers. One lesson they imbibed very early on was how to be innovative and resourceful in their practise. It has been a real privilege to work with these students at the very beginning of a new innovation in teachers’ training. They each have more than one mentor for one or two teaching lines and work closely with the Canberra Cluster co-ordinator and the two Canberra College Professional Associates who are all now associate teachers with the University and deliver training workshops and mark the assignments the students will complete on prac. Ask your children whether they have been taught by an inaugural Masters of Teaching student yet. I am sure they will have some very positive stories to tell.

And here are some final words from the students themselves after a fortnight in schools:

I am glad I have survived the first two weeks. There is so much to learn here; I have picked up a few things so far.

I don’t think I have ever taken in so much information in such a short period of time. It’s hard work but I love it. Placement for me is going well considering it is stressful at times and I have personally received plenty of support and feedback from the teachers at Canberra College.

It has been a steep learning curve but Canberra College has provided a very supportive and enriching environment for us to begin our teaching careers. It’s been an amazing two weeks so far working with such great students and teachers. I’m really looking forward to learning a lot more from everyone.

I’ve learnt so much already! Prac has been both challenging and rewarding.

Hiria Reppion
An opportunity for you to participate in cultural programs for school and college students from overseas.

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