

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - JUNE 2015



Students are currently in the last phase of assessment for the semester. Planning, Preparation and Persistence should be the focus of every student. This will allow each student to maximise results from their effort. Following the conclusion of the assessment period, students are encouraged to attend the feedback sessions in the last week of term. This will include

feedback for those students who undertook the AST trials. I encourage all students to get that feedback as the learning from mistakes is a very effective and meaningful strategy.

The spirit of giving is alive and well in the college. Congratulations to all those students who have been running various fundraisers for the Nepal relief fund. The recent talent quest coordinated by Emy O and Aidan L was a fantastic event and supported by a very talented cast and crew of volunteers. They collected over \$2500 on the night which was a brilliant effort. I add my thanks to the families who came along to support this event.

Congratulations to:

- Daniel L, Jessica Y, Riley A, Josh T and Michael H who this year won 1st place in the ANU Maths Day. The competition attracts over 60 schools from Canberra, Wollongong, the South Coast, Southern Highlands and Sydney.
- Riley G who was a member of the ensemble cast in the Jesus Christ Superstar
- Jazz Band who featured at the Merimbula Jazz Festival over the long weekend

Carpark safety. The college carpark is a public space and subject to normal road rules and potential fines. Many of our students are new licenced drivers and face the greatest risk of accidents and injury. Speeding, overcrowding cars and unrestrained riding in cars will inevitably lead to serious injury. I plead with families to support us to help students manage temptation to show off in and around cars. It is also timely to remind our community that the Department of Education and Training does not take any responsibility for damage or loss of personal property. Safety remains our key priority and I urge all students to be respectful of everyone's right to be safe.

I wish all students the best outcome in the final assessments and a safe and restful winter break.

George Palavestra



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SPORTS NEWS

The Boys Rugby League Team faced a well drilled Erindale side for the John Allen Cup Final. The boys put in a terrific effort and came away with the big win within the last minute of play, claiming the title of ACT Champions! We now also qualify for the next round, the GIO Trophy Competition which will be held at Wagga in late June. Special mention to Sam B yr 11 who was named Player of the Tournament!



The Boys Rugby Union Team got to play at GIO Stadium in front of a great crowd to compete for the ACT and Southern Region College 7's Tournament. The 4 teams included Canberra, Erindale and Koorungal Colleges (Wagga, Southern Inland Champs) and Carroll College (Broulee, South Coast Champs). Carrying in their title of Canberra Champions the boys were quietly confident and after a good warm up outside the stadium with many on-lookers, the nerves seemed to subside. The first game against the Southern Inland Champs, Koorungal, was tough but we overcame a slow start to roll over the top of them late and secure a final berth against Erindale – a rematch of the Canberra Final two months earlier. The boys were asked to give it their all and to believe in their ability and game plan, and they did not let each other down. We scored in the last 30 seconds of the game to secure a famous victory in front of an energetic crowd full of parents, coaches, friends, girlfriends, teachers and the wider rugby community. This team have now affirmed their position as ACT and

Southern Region Champions! The boys and their coach Rob Smethills wish to thank all that attended the game. Also in Rugby news we had 3 students represent Canberra College in the CSC Schools Rugby team (Public Colleges) vying for ACT Schoolboys Selection. Charlie J yr 11, Moala A yr 12 and Richard T yr 12 all had amazing games and caught the eye of selectors as they beat the ASC Schools Rugby team (Private Schools including Eddies, Marist, Grammar etc.), 31-14. This is only the 3rd time this has happened since 2001, with the last victory coming over 5 years ago in 2009. The ACT Schoolboys team will be announced in the coming weeks and we will be looking forward to hopefully seeing these boys included.

On the 20th May we had 2 teams entered in the Boys College Touch Competition. Both teams had a good run, winning 2 games out of 3 but unfortunately this wasn't enough to progress further into the finals. All



boys played with great enthusiasm and attitude both on and off the field and should be commended on their efforts, even filling in for other schools that were short on numbers. The College also had a delightful group of girls participating at the ACT Girls Colleges Touch Carnival where they had 2 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss and narrowly missed making the finals.

On 2nd June the Capital Football College Competition was held in Mawson. The cold and frosty winter morning threw everything it could at us but we got off

to a red hot start, beating Narrabundah and Lake Tuggeranong in our opening 2 games. Unfortunately, finding the back of the net found to be a difficult task after that and we ended up missing out on the semi-finals on a count back. The boys were very professional and enthusiastic throughout the day. Our boys softball team (with a few girls also filling in) played at the ACT Colleges Boys Softball Championships in May where we finished third. We had 4 students compete at the ACT Cross Country Carnival on Monday 1st June finishing in the following places for their ages- Liam Bu 5th, Liam S 6th, Larni R 4th and Jamie C 7th.

On May 13th our girls braved a very cold and windy day to play 5 games of AFL



at the College Girls Giants Cup Carnival where they had a few wins and a few losses.

For Intercol Sport our girls netball team

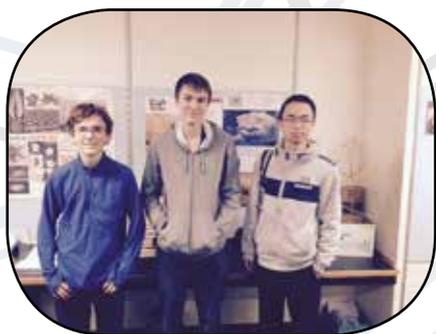


had a great win against Lake Tugg but lost some other close matches against Erindale and Narrabundah. Our girls futsal team is currently undefeated and will be heading into cross over finals against north side schools with much confidence, and our boys team has been trying very hard for a win after some close losses and a draw.



CAT Competition (formerly 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 some of our students keen to try this competition which is now aptly named Computational and Algorithmic Thinking Competition again. 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 for the first time we gained a High Distinction performance. Bob W in year 11 not only gained a HD but was one of the best performing students in the competition. This is no mean feat as there are students from all over Australia, New Zealand and South East Asia participating in this competition. There were over 7000 students from 229 schools who entered. Our year 12s continued to perform well also with Josh T and Daniel L gaining very solid Distinctions (90th percentile). All the students should be congratulated for their willingness to give up their time to participate in these extra curricula activities.



MATHS CAMP

On Thursday 30th April, 14 year 12 specialist mathematics students set off for Wombeyan Caves for the annual Mathematics camp. As a new experience for the year 12 specialist mathematics students, they were not

sure what to expect! Despite the advice of previous students that it would be fun they are always a little skeptical of this being true about a maths camp.

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.



The students were divided into 3 teams colour coded Red, Blue, and Tangerine (this team felt orange was

too mundane a colour for a maths team), and they completed 4 different mathematical activities over the two days. Interestingly the teams were very close in each event with the different teams at the top of the different competitions. This contributed to an excellent and enthusiastic atmosphere throughout. 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. This group of students was one of the most engaged and helpful of any I have taken over the nearly 25 year history of the camp. They simply stepped in and assisted at every turn and the rapport amongst the groups as they worked on the different activities was impressive. Their excellent attitude and behaviour was commented on and appreciated by the rangers at the caves and they were excellent ambassadors for the college. Thanks also to Himel and Richard (our honorary maths faculty person who drives the bus and is generally an enthusiastic supporter)

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 29. They are Daniel L, Josh T, Riley A, Michael H and Jessica Y, with Abby C our reserve.

Well done to everyone!

ANU Maths Day- WINNERS 2015

Following on from the Maths Camp, on Friday 29th May, 6 of our Specialist students attended the ANU Maths Day as has been the tradition for many years. This annual competition comprises 4 different competition activities throughout the day and is attended by 32 schools from the



SLG NEWS

This term has had a number of opportunities for the SLG to get involved in our school and wider community, with three main events all coinciding into two busy days.

Sunday May 31 the SLG braved the cold and volunteered for the annual MS walk and fun run. They were excellent ambassadors for the school and showed great community spirit.



Monday June 1 was the Youth Parliament on sustainability and Climate Change. The SLG were event coordinators and did an excellent job managing over 150 kindergarten to yr12 students from across Canberra, running activities, supplying afternoon tea and facilitating committee discussions. Our own Lillian R was elected as a student minister and will present her proposal to the legislative assembly later this year. Lillian R and Kristen M also had their proposal for international law on water chosen as one of the proposals to be presented. I could not be prouder of all the Canberra College students involved in this event they did the school proud.



This was followed in the evening by volunteering at the Canberra College Talent Show for Nepal. The night had a great atmosphere and \$2500 was raised for the people of Nepal devastated by the recent earthquakes. Special thanks to the student organisers and MC's Emy O and Aidan L. As well as our community sponsors who generously donated items for our charity auction. Lush, Pepe's Papery, Trilogy, Lost the Label, Tibet gifts, Ishka and Schramko photography.



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ARTY BITS

Canberra College Talent Show for Nepal

Monday night the 1st June was the Talent show for Nepal, we had a full house with 180 audience members and overall we raised \$2500. The students working behind the scenes were outstanding and most of all the superwoman herself Elena without whom the talent show could not have happened!! Congratulations to Emy O and Aidan L. They were not only the brains behind the idea but also did an amazing job of rallying community support, MC'ing the event, getting corporate sponsorship, finding the talent and staying positive and motivated throughout. Craig D was also an essential part by running the lights on the night. Thanks to all the Arts and other staff members who helped out, attended the event or made a donation and made the event a success.

TALENT SHOW PHOTOS TAKEN BY

Dayna Ransley



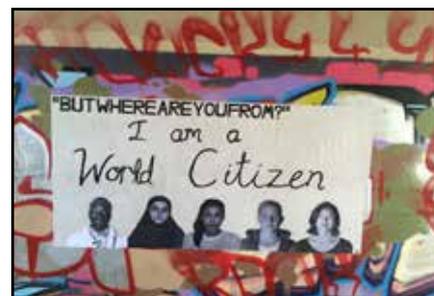
Photography News

This term the Photography class viewed 2 photography exhibitions. One was at the National Portrait Gallery and the other at the Australian National Gallery. At the NPG students viewed the National Photographic Portrait Prize exhibition which is selected from a national field of entries, reflecting the distinctive vision of Australia's aspiring and professional portrait photographers and the unique nature of their subjects. This included ex-Canberra college photography student Rohan Thomson and his photograph 'The Morticians'. The second exhibition 'Colour my World' which is the first exhibition dedicated to a significant aspect of recent Australian art: the hand-coloured photograph. Students who will be in the continuing photography

unit next semester will be hand-colouring their images and this was a good opportunity to view first-hand the revival of hand-colouring among a number of Australian photographers. It was a great opportunity to see a variety of photographers and photographs which students appreciated.

The Art Photography students are very busy in their local environment pasting large prints of their work on identity. The Introduction to digital photography class has been shooting on location at the Australian National Botanical Gardens. This work will be exhibited later in the year at the National Australian Botanical Gardens.

Kasumi Pasting (photos on right)



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This term we have had information sessions from the International College of Hotel Management focusing on the opportunities, types of jobs and possible pathways into the hotel services industry. The Australian Business Academy came to help students with resume development, cover letters as well as interview tips and potential career opportunities. Ormond College from Melbourne talked about accommodation and issues to consider when moving interstate to study. We have also had presentations from Charles Sturt University, Australian National University and have upcoming presentations from the University of Canberra and the Australian Catholic University.

Careers in Defence

Good luck to those students who have already applied for positions in

defence and who are in the middle of the application process. Please note that applications for students wishing to enter the defence force can take up to a year to complete so any student interested needs to either see the careers team as soon as possible or start the process soon. Visit www.defencejobs.gov.au for more information or to apply directly.

White Card and Asbestos Training Courses

We have run again this term, White Card Training and Asbestos Training for those students interested in careers within the building and construction industry, this also includes landscaping and architecture. We have also had students from Melrose High School, Alfred Deakin High School and Erindale College participate in these programs. So if you are interested, please pop into Careers and get some information about future courses.

Careers Interviews

If you want to have a Careers chat, you can book in for an interview. Please note that parents are also welcome to attend. Interview bookings can be made by placing names on the bookings folder which is located on the career front door. Generally interviews are conducted throughout

the day every Tuesday and Wednesday although there are spots available at other times. Parents and students are welcome to attend.

Work Experience

Work Experience Week is coming up at the end of this Semester (**29/6/15 – 3/7/15**). We encourage everyone to do work experience in their chosen area, it not only gives you a great insight into possible career pathways, but can also be a stepping stone for your future career path. Some of the placements we have already organized for this Semester are at the Canberra Hospital, NIDA, The Canberra Times, The Canberra Theatre, 104.7/106.3 Radio, Hospitality, Plumbing and Construction. So have a think about where you might like to go and pop in and see us.

Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) Certificate

Access Training provided 40 students with Responsible Service of Alcohol training this term and they have all received their certificates. Students are now able to find employment in the hospitality industry should they choose to do so.

Careers Expo

All students are expected to attend the Careers Expo held at Exhibition Park from 8:45am to 11:45am on Wednesday 29 July.



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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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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.

FRIDGE DOOR FOR PARENTS

Weeks 8 & 9 June 19 to 23	Testing Days
Week 10, June 30	Feedback Day - 8:45am students get S2 classes & academic records
Week 10	Work experience week
Week 10 July 3	Last day of Term 2
Week 10 July 3	Reports posted out
Term 2 Last Day, Friday July 3	
Term 3 First Day Monday July 20	

Mathematics tutorials are available at Canberra College on Thursdays 12.50–2 pm. For more information please call the front office.

Library News

The school library has been experiencing many exciting and wonderful changes over the past twelve months, the most obvious being the renovations that have seen the library transform into a really productive, busy hive of learning and research. The renovations have included new carpet, some new furniture and the inclusion of iPads and Chromebooks to our already significant pool of information technology resources.

In 2014 the ACT Department of Education and Training provided access to a collection of eBooks that can be accessed online to students on any web enabled device. The development of this collection began with titles suited predominantly to primary and high school students but, as the collection is developing, we now have titles available that are more relevant to college populations. This is a huge bonus to our students, of course, who now have many titles available to them that can be accessed at home to assist them with their studies or simply recreational reading. The Canberra College library collection itself can be viewed from any web-enabled device, making it more accessible than ever! Students now have the opportunity to view library resources at any time of the day or night. They can see what is available, have immediate access to eBooks, PDF Resources and related online links and also email library staff for enquiries and research assistance at school.librarian@canberrac.act.edu.au

The physical changes to the library layout have enabled us to utilise the library space much more efficiently. Students now have more space available in which to study and one of the new spaces that has become available is a multipurpose room that is attached to the library. This room has a large viewing screen for both computers and programs and is also used as a collaborative space for small classes and group work. Within this space, library staff are now able to offer tutorials for students to support their research and information literacy. Films and other activities will also occasionally be offered to students through lunch times in this room.

At the beginning of this term our wonderful Teacher Librarian Mali Jorm moved into a classroom teaching role leaving enormous shoes to fill. Mali managed many of the changes that have seen our library grow into such a dynamic and productive environment so we were very sad to see her go. We have had the indispensable support of Anne Glavimans as Teacher Librarian in the library this term and the position of Canberra College Teacher Librarian should be filled in Semester Two. We are really excited to meet our new information literacy leader and really looking forward to welcoming this lucky person into the team.

For further information about news and events please go to the [Canberra College website](#)



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