FOCUS THIS WEEK

ABSENCES:

IT IS A LEGAL REQUIREMENT THAT ABSENCES BE COVERED IN WRITING

In accordance with the Board of Senior Secondary Studies policy, it is expected that students will attend all scheduled classes/contact time/structured learning activities for the units in which they are enrolled.

If you are absent from class for one lesson, a day or longer, you will need to bring in a detailed NOTE FROM YOUR PARENT with your full name, dates and/or lines and reasons explaining the absence. A medical certificate is preferred for 3 or more consecutive days for an absence.

Absentee notes from your parent can either be a handwritten note or an email sent from the parents work email address.

NOTES/CERTIFICATES MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN FIVE SCHOOL DAYS AFTER ANY ABSENCE.

ADVANCE NOTICE FORM is available from student services if your family is planning a holiday or you have a sporting commitment and MUST be completed prior to your absence.

If your parent rings the school, it is appreciated; however, they will be informed that written documentation is required on return to school.

G’DAY USA PROGRAM 2015

An opportunity exists for students at our school to take part in a 20 Day Cultural Exchange tour to the United States of America, travelling in January 2015 school holidays.

Travel with your school friends, live with an American family for 10 days. Visit Disneyland, Universal Studios, San Francisco, San Diego and an American School.

Please see Ruth in the Maths and Science staffroom for further information, or phone EWT.
**Toll Free Number: 1800 337 930 or (03) 9830 4545**
BEACH VOLLEYBALL

If you registered your interest in Beach Volleyball last week you now need to identify your team. Teams are in Pairs for Men and Women or a Mixed team of 4 players (2 Male, 2 Female). Please do this no later than tomorrow at the ESA staff room or you will miss out.

Thanks Mark Armstrong

TUCKWELL SCHOLAR LUCY KIRK MEETS THE PM

Prime Minister Tony Abbott has taken time out of his busy schedule to meet with the first 25 Tuckwell Scholars at Parliament House.

After a quick photo outside his office, the 25 scholars, along with Graham and Louise Tuckwell and ANU Vice-Chancellor Professor Ian Young, were invited into the Prime Minister's suite for a chat.

The Prime Minister congratulated each of the new students for their success in being awarded one of the first Tuckwell Scholarships and acknowledged the extraordinary gift from Graham and Louise in establishing the scholarship program.

The Prime Minister asked the students about their study plans, how they intended to use the scholarship and their long-term plans for the future.

Scholarship recipient, ACT cycling champion and first-year medical science student Lucy Kirk, was able to compare notes with the Prime Minister about cycling, having ridden with him during one of the Pollie Pedal rides.

"We knew the Prime Minister was doing Pollie Pedal so a group of us waited outside his motel and when they were ready to ride in the morning we asked if we could ride with him," she said. "I was lucky enough to ride alongside him for a while."

The Tuckwell Scholarship Program was established by ANU alumnus Graham Tuckwell and his wife Louise. Their $50 million gift to the University was the largest ever donation to an Australian university by an Australian citizen.
CANBERRA SNOWBOARDER GEORGIA BAFF IS RACING TO EMULATE HER OLYMPIC IDOLS

She's the Canberra high school student who grew up around Australia's Winter Olympics icons, like Torah Bright and Alex "Chumpy" Pullin.

Erindale College 16-year-old Georgia Baff is aiming to follow the trails of the snowboard sensations, setting her sights on the 2018 Winter Olympics.

Baff's preferred event is the snowboard cross discipline - the same one Pullin, a world champion and gold medal hope, crashed out of on Tuesday in Sochi.

Baff grew up in Jindabyne as a skier before switching to snowboarding two years ago on the advice of her father, renowned coach Peter Baff. Peter coached both Pullin and Bright in their junior days and has helped his daughter progress on the world stage where she has competed in both Europe and the US.

After a four-week trip to France and Switzerland at the end of 2012, Baff has recently returned from a month-long tour of the US and Canada. Training as part of "Team Utah," she competed in six events in the space of six weeks and finished on the podium at Copper Mountain in Colorado. That booked her ticket on to the Australian team for the junior world championships in Italy in April.

Baff is humble enough to know there is plenty of hard work to go if she wants to reach her goal of becoming an Olympian in 2018.

"I'm very lucky to be given what I've been given and the training I've grown up with. My goal is definitely to qualify and hopefully to make it to the top 10."

Source: The Canberra Times

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Give a bowl of rice to a man and you will feed him for a day. Teach him how to grow his own rice and you will save his life.”
— Confucius
ERINDALE SPORTS ACADEMY – TALENTED SPORTS PROGRAM
ANNOUNCEMENT

The following grants have come to our attention that you may be interested in. Please note that Erindale College has no say in who wins the grants.

Member for Canberra Gai Brodtman has indicated to our Principal that the grants available are for $500 per successful student.

Applications close Friday this week – February 28

LOCAL SPORTING CHAMPIONS

Grants to help young people pursue their sporting dreams

The Local Sporting Champions program is an Australian Government initiative designed to provide financial assistance for young people aged 12-18 towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing, coaching or officiating at an official national sporting organisation (NSO) endorsed state, national or international sporting championships or a School Sport Australia state or national championships.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The Local Sporting Champions program is designed to support young people participating in state, national and international level sporting championships as an athlete, coach or official.

In order to be eligible to apply for a Local Sporting Champions grant, young people must meet the following criteria:

- Be between 12 and 18 years of age (inclusive) at the time of the nominated sporting championship.
- Be an Australian citizen or have been granted permanent resident status, residing in Australia.
- Be participating as an athlete, coach, umpire or referee in:
  - an official state championships endorsed by the relevant Australian Sports Commission (ASC) recognised national sporting organisation (NSO), or
  - an official state school sport championship endorsed by a School Sport Australia member body, or
  - an official national championships endorsed by the relevant ASC recognised NSO, or
  - a national school sport championships endorsed by School Sport Australia
  - an international competition as a member of an official Australian team, endorsed by an ASC recognised NSO or School Sport Australia.
- Be living more than 125km from the championship venue and travelling greater than 250km returning to participate in the nominated championship.
- Must complete and submit application to the ASC prior to the nominated championship commencing.
- Must not have received a Local Sporting Champions grant (individual grant or as a member of a team grant) for an application submitted in the same allocation year (1 March - 28 February).
- Must not have received $500 or more in federal government funding for the nominated championship.
- Must not be participating in a professional competition that involves prize money greater than $500.

An application form and frequently asked questions can be found at

FULLTIME APPRENTICESHIPS

Full time apprenticeships are available in Butchery at the Jamison centre or Hairdressing at University of Canberra.

Please see Lyndall in e-knex if interested.

GIRLS IN CONSTRUCTION

International Women’s Day
School Girls Luncheon
Hosted by Minister for Women

Friday 14 March 2014, 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm
CIT Restaurant, 1st Floor Block K, CIT Reid

RSVP Wednesday 5 March 2014
women@act.gov.au 02 62050215
GIRLS IN SCIENCE MORNING TEA

Blow Your Mind with a Career in Science

Hosted by Minister for Women in partnership with The John Curtin School of Medical Research, ANU

Wednesday 12 March 2014
10:30 am to 12:30 pm
The John Curtin School of Medical Research, Building 131 Garran Road, ANU

RSVP Tuesday 4 March 2014
02 6205 0215 women@act.gov.au

DEFENCE FORCE RECRUITING IN MARCH 2014

We will be running the following information sessions:

- Army Reserve Information Session: Tuesday 25th February
- Careers Advisors Information Session: Wednesday 5th March (8:30 am – 12:30 pm)
- Women in Defence Careers Expo: Thursday 6th March
- RAAF Information Session: Tuesday 11th March
- Navy Q & A Information Session: Tuesday 18th March

All information sessions will be held at Defence Force Recruiting Canberra – Level 2, 64 Northbourne Ave Canberra at 6:00 pm except for the CA’s Information Session.

These information sessions will be attended by an ADF member who will give specific presentations on the night relating to the particular aspect of the Australian Defence Force.

See Stephen Smith in Careers for more information