FOCUS THIS WEEK

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Are you interested in student leadership, community involvement, or participating in college life? A meeting will be held today (Monday 23rd February) at lunch time in the Professional Learning Space to gauge interest and hear what students have to say about what student leadership could look like at Erindale College.

Hope to see you there. Vanessa

STUDENT ID’S AND DEANE’S BUS PASSES

There are student ID’s, and Deane’s Bus Passes at the front office for collection, can you please come and see us as soon as possible

PAYMENTS TO THE FRONT OFFICE

If you need to make a payment to the front office, whether it is for an excursion or to make any other contributions, payments are to be made BEFORE 2:00pm.

CAFÉ

Tuesday Lunch: 1:05-1:45pm

Wednesday Recess: 10:45- 11:05am

Coffee: $2.50
Chocolate Brownie: $2.00
Coffee and Brownie Combo: $4.00
Greek Salad: $4.00
Caesar Salad: $4.00
**IMPORTANT DATES**

**FEBRUARY**

25th February: Parents of Year 10/11 Information Night @ 5 to 7pm

**MARCH**

2nd March: AST training 11.50-12.20
3rd March: MODERATION DAY (Student Free Day)

**COLLEGE DRESS CODE/STANDARDS**

Erindale College’s dress code policy aligns with the policies of other ACT government colleges and aims at providing an adult environment where students are accorded high levels of trust to develop skills for independent decision making and self-responsibility. It also takes into account the diverse nature of the student population and the economic, personal, social and cultural factors affecting students and their families.

Students are expected to adhere to standards of cleanliness and dress that are compatible with the requirements of a good learning environment. The standards will be those generally acceptable to the community as appropriate in a school setting. Standards of dress normally acknowledged in an employment environment also inform this policy.

In certain practical or specialised areas general safety and OH&S rules must be applied to clothing and followed at all times, eg closed footwear and no loose clothing around machines.

Students are discouraged from wearing clothing that may cause offence.

**BEACH VOLLEYBALL:**

On Friday of week 6 the inter-college beach volleyball comp will be held at civic pool. Enter your name in a pairs Men’s or Women’s at the PE office, and collect a permission note. There are limited spaces – so get in quick.

See Glenn about the comp.
On Wednesday 18th February the AFL Squad was fortunate to have spent time with Giants Co-Captain Phil Davis and Star player Stephen Cognilio. The players put the students through some drills, commenting on their talent and enthusiasm, and then answered many questions relevant to the development of aspiring AFL players.
GIRLS INDOOR SOCCER

GIRLS (YOUTH)
INDOOR SOCCER

**Competition Start Date:** Sunday 15th February 2015  
**Competition End Date:** 29th March 2015  
**When:** SUNDAY AFTERNOONS from 4.30pm (16-19 years)

**Registration**  
Register at Weston Indoor Sports - 45 Liardet St Weston  
or post in or drop off your forms into the centre weekdays between 10am and 8pm.  
(Bring Rego form, Registration fee and birth certificate (if you haven't played before with us.).)

**Fees** - $30 per player

**Registrations due by Tuesday 10th February 2015**

**Team Make Up**
- You can register up to 10 players per team, with 4 players on the court at any one time.  
- Register as an individual or as a team (If you have a couple of friends we will find you a team together).  
- It is compulsory for all players to wear long socks, shin pads and non-marking shoes (shoes should be just normal runners, they cannot have studs, spikes or blades on the sole, and don’t need to be any special type of soccer shoes).  
- We will be using a size 4 "Fluffy Ball”.

**Further Information**  
If you require any additional information please check the website,  
or contact us at soccer@westonis.com.au or at  
Weston Indoor Sports

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Illegal Drugs -What you need to know
Drug education resources for teachers, parents and students

Research suggests the teenage years are when alcohol and other drug use are first initiated. This highlights the importance of intervening early to prevent drug use uptake and associated harms. To achieve this, there is a critical need for accurate and credible evidence-based information that can be accessed by young people, their parents and teachers.

To meet this need, the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre and the National Drug Research Institute were funded by the Australian government Department of Health to develop an illegal drugs resource package for use by teachers, parents and students. Informed by expert review of research evidence and consultation with teachers, parents and students, the booklets in this series have been developed to:

- Provide accurate, up-to-date information about illegal drugs, their use, effects and potential harms
- Help students to make informed choices and deal with pressure from peers
- Provide guidance about how to talk to a young person about illegal drugs, or help someone who has taken a drug
- Give information about school-based drug prevention programs that have demonstrated positive outcomes in Australia
- An online drug education game, “Pure Rush” is also available. Designed for students in Years 9-10, Pure Rush provides a fun and interactive way to educate students about drug effects and harms.

Drug Information booklets for teachers, parents and students.

Copies of the booklets will be delivered to every secondary school in Australia in Term 4, 2014. Electronic versions of the booklets and the online game “Pure Rush” are freely available from www.positivechoices.org.au
ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Students who will be in year 9, 10 or 11 and aged between 15 and 17 ½ age group in December 2015 have the opportunity to undertake a life changing 12 month exchange with Rotary International from January 2016.

Applications to travel in 2016 will close in late April, 2015 by sending it to the local Rotary Club for a club interview. After that, a Rotary District selection interview will be held on 16 May 2015 at Cotter, ACT. The successful students then undertake training on two weekends in the latter part of 2015.

Students who wish to seek more information and apply for this program should go to www.rotaryexchange.org.au. You can also contact John Britton on johnbritton.yep@bigpond.com

LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The Lions Youth Exchange Program gives Australian youth aged 16-21 years the opportunity to live with Lions families overseas during their end of year summer holidays. The Program does not involve tuition or school attendance but is rather a cultural holiday whereby students can immerse themselves in new culture, enjoy supervised sightseeing and practise second language skills such as French, German, Japanese, Italian, Spanish, etc.

For more information: www.lionsclubs.org.au/ye

LEO CLUBS

Leo Clubs focus on the individual and social development of teens, and the personal and professional development of young adults. Membership is open to teenagers and young adults aged 12-30 years. Each Leo Club is mentored by, and works in partnership with, their local Lions Club

For more information: www.lionsclubs.org.au/activities/youth/leos
GEORGIA BAFF: SNOWBOARDING

Georgia Baff recently returned from Canada having competed in a number of Snowboarding races including the NorAm in which she finished 9th (she was the highest ranking Australian). Georgia has been officially invited to join the Australian team for the Junior World Championships in China in March. Also a member of the NSW Institute of Sport, Georgia is on track at this stage in her efforts towards making the 2018 Winter Olympics.

SIAN A’HERN AND JACKSON FREW: MOUNTAIN BIKING

High praise is given to Sian A’Hern and Jackson Frew who have been competing in the Subaru National Series for Mountain Biking.

Recently Sian (Far Left) finished 2nd in the U19’s Thredbo race which moved her into first place within the Series.

Jackson (Above Right) finished 3rd in U19’s and currently sits 3rd in the National Series.

The next race is in Toowoomba.