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Parent Forums: Children with complex needs & challenging behaviour

What will the Expert Panel's report on students with complex needs and challenging behaviours mean for schools? The Education and Training Directorate invites parents to attend a forum to learn more about the contents of the report, how the Government has responded and what this means for students in ACT schools. There is no need to book, just go along to one of the free sessions:
Wednesday December 9 (today), 4:30-5:30pm at the Centre for Teaching and Learning, Fremantle Drive, Stirling
Thursday December 10, 4-5pm at UC High School Kaleen, Baldwin Dr, Kaleen
Friday December 11, 10-11am, at UC High School Kaleen, Baldwin Dr, Kaleen
If you are unable to attend and you would like to discuss the report, please contact the Director for Families and Students (phone 6207 3723 or email).

Canteen WiFi connections

Over the next few years, the WiFi networks in all public schools will be upgraded. If your canteen does not get an adequate WiFi signal, now is a great time to bring this up. Note that the updated version of the Canteen Deed which was approved by Council (hopefully this was the version you signed) includes an undertaking by the school to provide WiFi for your canteen.

Calling rappers and slam poets in various languages

Do you know anyone into rapping or performance poetry in languages other than English? Plans to celebrate International Mother Language Day on Sunday 21 February 2016 include a spoken word event. If you know of anyone – particularly young people - who might be interested in participating, please contact Canberra Languages Forum.

Council office closed

Our office will be closed for the summer holidays from December 19 and will reopen on January 25, 2016. From January 18, staff will be available on limited hours, so if you have an urgent request, email us or leave a phone message and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Everyone at Council wishes you a happy and safe school holiday period