

Telopea Park School / Lycée Franco-Australien de Canberra
Parents & Citizens Association

Agenda
Wednesday 27 July 2016pm

SECONDARY STAFF ROOM, NSW CRESCENT, BARTON

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| 1. | c Apologies/Attendance | 5 min |
| 2. | Business Arising | |
| | • Action Items from previous meeting (15 June 2016) | 5 min |
| | o Signage for secondhand uniform cabinets | |
| | o Ordering of French readers – Maria Madgic to follow up | |
| 3. | Report from P&C President | 5 min |
| 4. | Report from Principal - written | 5 min |
| 5. | Report from Proviseur | 5 min |
| 6. | Report from Treasurer - written | 5 min |
| 7. | Report from Before and After School Care Sub-Committee | 5 min |
| 8. | Report from P&C Delegate - written | 5 min |
| 9. | Report from P&C Communications Officer | 5 min |
| 10. | AOB | |

Estimated closing time

7.45 pm

Principal's Report P&C Meeting 27 July 2016

Welcome back to the second semester of the year. Thank you all for your support and continuing commitment to the school. As always this is invaluable to me and the leadership team as well as the teachers of your children.

As I have written the *Telopea Topics* update last week, much of this report will be the same, with the opportunity now to ask questions.

Peter Clayden has won the position at transfer of Deputy Principal, K-10. We look forward to Peter working with us. Peter is an experienced deputy principal so we are indeed fortunate that he has won this position. He will be on long service leave until week 4 of term.

Staff Changes

This term we have welcomed nine new French teachers. They are:

In primary – French teachers: Séverine Navaux (K3), Sarah Moncuquet (2.1), Séverine Bernard (2.2), Gwenaëlle Peyret (2.3), Ingrid Aubert (4.3) and Olivia Singier (5.1 and 5.2).

English teacher: Toni Brammall (Kindergarten and Year 1 English teacher.)

In secondary – French teachers: Yann Gouet (Science), Bilal Brahim (Français Philosophy), and Guillaume Schlomka (PE Narrabundah College).

English Stream teachers - we welcome back Meredith Box from study leave in semester 1

French Brevet and Baccaauréat examination successes

It is with pleasure that I again announce that all of our Year 9 French Stream students passed the Brevet examinations; 80% of whom did so with “mention”/merit. Congratulations to these students on their hard work and excellent results. You have continued the *Telopea* tradition!

Likewise the French Baccaauréat results for our Year 12 lycée students are outstanding.

Congratulations to these students and their teachers. Seven of these students have received results that will put their ATARS (university entrance ranking) in the top 1% of the ACT. We are very proud of them all! A ceremony was held at the French Embassy to award the Baccaauréat medals.

Brevet Award Ceremony

On Monday 25 July, at 5pm, the Brevet awards were presented to the Year 9 students in the presence of their parents and teachers. These students are now in the new academic year of *Seconde*.

Le Petit Journal de *Telopea*

We now have a group of Year 10 students as promising journalists in the school. This year they have interviewed several important guests both at the school and other venues, including the Prime Minister of France at the French Embassy. Due to their successes, they were asked to cover the

celebrations at the Australian War Memorial for the 14th July, Bastille Day. This was a huge honour for these students and for the school.

Professional Learning for teachers

The school is mindful of the need to keep at the cutting edge of best classroom practice. To this end many teachers attend external professional learning workshops throughout the year as well as within the school. Dr Emmanuel Bernet is visiting the school this week. He is delivering workshops to both French and Australian teachers on contemporary pedagogy and the best use of IT in the classroom.

School uniform

Thank you for ensuring that your children are dressed according to the school's dress code. At this time of year, as the cold weather continues, I ask that all accessories (hats, tights, scarves, etc) are in the colours of the school – navy and red.

Contributions from French Stream families – update

French Stream families will again receive a letter requesting French Curriculum contributions. If you are a family who has already contributed, we thank you for this. Other families will have the opportunity to contribute now. It is certainly not too late as we are sourcing an additional French teacher for the primary sector to support teacher absences and provide additional early French literacy during semester 2.

Library upgrade during the holidays

The Primary Library has had a facelift! New carpet has been laid during the holidays with bright new chairs. Of course we are constantly updating the books as well.

For your information also, the Primary Librarian will be absent for the first seven weeks of term. She is having a well-earned break on long service leave. We wish her happy holidays.

Australian Business Week (ABW)

Congratulations to all year 10 students who participated in ABW in week 10 last term. The students formed companies to run a hospitality facility from all aspects of its operation. It was a steep learning curve for them all but the final results from the company reports, oral presentations, advertising videos to the Trade Fair on the last day of term, were exemplary. A week not to be forgotten! Thank you to Hollie Aerts who led the week.

Personal Projects

Congratulations to students in Year 10 who show-cased their *Personal Projects* to the community this week as part of their IB requirements. The journey started in Year 9 last year and continued into Term 2 this year. The quality of the projects was excellent and a credit to the students who participated. Thank you to Ms Megan Taylor, the Personal Project Coordinator, for her hard work throughout the year in preparing the students and the teachers for this journey. Some of these

projects will now be sent off-shore for moderation with the IB. This ensures that the school is assessing at the correct levels.

School reports

End of semester 1 reports were sent home with your children in week 10 last term. If you did not receive your child's report, please contact the school office for another copy.

ManageBac

At the end of last term parents of students in secondary were sent their access to *ManageBac*. This was emailed on 28 June to all parents who provided their email details. This now enables parents to see how their child is progressing, what homework and assignments have been set and to connect with teachers. This is another way we are endeavouring to improve communication in the school. Students have had this access since last year. If you did not receive your log-on, please email your request to: telopea.enquiry@ed.act.edu.au

Road Safety

As we start the new term I ask that you take care when driving, dropping off and collecting your children near the school. This is an on-going request from me as the safety of your children is important to us all.

School Hours

There is supervision at the school for half an hour before and after classes.

School times are:

Primary - 9am to 3.15pm

Secondary - 8.45am to 3.15pm (3.09pm on Thursdays)

Please ensure that your children do not arrive before supervision starts for the day and leave the school promptly after classes are finished.

Best wishes for a happy and rewarding term. I look forward to working with you to support your children to learn in a happy, safe and caring environment.

Warm regards

Kerrie Blain

Principal

Report from P&C Delegate

Report of General Meeting, 28 June 2016

Robert Gotts, Director of Planning and Performance at the ACT Education Directorate presented to Council on **ACT school planning in the context of urban renewal and new suburbs** (*nb.* Gotts' children attended TPS). Gotts discussed school enrolment projections for 2017 and 2018, school capacity numbers and school census data (figures for TPS are copied below from data available at: www.education.act.gov.au).

SCHOOL NAME	2016 FEB CENSUS	2016 SCHOOL CAPACITY	2017 PROJECTED	2018 PROJECTED
Telopea Park Junior School	524	599	568	593
Telopea Park Senior School	837	817	850	847

The Directorate is projecting that some ACT public schools could soon exceed their current enrolment capacity, but no school is considered to be over capacity at this time. Enrolment pressure is particularly high and expected to increase in Canberra's northern suburbs, including Gungahlin, parts of Belconnen and Molonglo.

The Directorate requires schools approaching capacity to examine their use of facilities and other resources to ensure they are being used as effectively as possible and to put in place School Enrolment Emergency Plans before more permanent measures/investments will be considered. While the above figures for TPS are broken down on the basis of Junior and Senior schools, school capacity is ultimately assessed on the basis of the combined total.

Council representatives met with Senator Katy Gallagher ahead of the Federal Election to lobby for **funding equity between public and private schools**. Although their message was well received, there was little expectation that the ALP's existing approach to school funding would change.

Ahead of the **ACT Election** the Council will be meeting with candidates to discuss the priorities of public school parents. These priorities include: support for every student; safe school roads; strong parent bodies; better facilities; and coordinated management. Council will host an **Election Forum** on 1 September where it will invite ACT candidates to speak to P&Cs on their education policies and priorities.

The **next General Meeting** is scheduled for 7pm on 23 August and will be followed by the Council's Annual Policy Conference.