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World's Greatest Shave - Raising Money for the Leukemia Foundation



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As Term 1 draws to a close I would like to say I am especially proud of the work we do with students, and can see hard working staff providing numerous additional opportunities through which our students can shine. I am also impressed by the efforts of ADHS to engage with the community in significant issues/campaigns of concern, and the energy devoted to contributing support to the specific organisations. Here are some examples from the last two weeks.

- **Year 7 Camp:** 117 Year 7 students returned from Camp Wambaroo in the Southern Highlands and Wet'n Wild in Western Sydney. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive – our Year 7 students formed new friendships and really enjoyed the activities. Thank you to the 30 Year 10 Youth Leaders, Sam Gaskin (Year 7 Advisor) and the Tutor Group teachers who made this camp possible.
- **Shave for a Cure:** Congratulations to all ADHS students who shaved or coloured their heads, raising more than \$5,500 for the Leukaemia Foundation on Thursday last week. Jenny Feltham, Exec Teacher Tech/IT, also shaved her head, raising over \$1100.
- **National Day of Action:** This annual day provides a focus for all schools to say *Bullying No Way*. ADHS students participated in a forum on developing action plans to address bullying. Anissa Jones and ADHS students have prepared the videos for this forum and ADHS will be showcased as part of the National Day of Action.
- **Relay for Life:** Elements girls (Year 9 and 10) with Rechelle Turner and Toni Stewart will be participating in this 24-hour event at the AIS this weekend. They have raised more than \$2000 so far for the Cancer Council.
- **Earth Hour:** The entire school community engaged in this, with many lessons taught in the dark throughout Friday 28th March.

On March 21st we also celebrated **Harmony Day** by wearing the symbolic colour, orange, on this day. At our Assembly last week I asserted that *Everyone Belongs*, and expressed appreciation to our students for the cultural respect they show every day for the cultural diversity in our school community and for

everyone who calls Australia 'home'.

At ADHS we have

- 44 different nationalities represented
- Approximately 149 students born outside Australia (19% of students)
- 95 students speak another language at home (11% of students)
- 221 (28%) students have a Language Background Other Than English (LBOTE)
- 17 International Private Students
- 25 students' parents are Diplomats (Embassy staff).

Progress reports will be issued on Wednesday 2nd April to all students. The reports indicate each student's progress in subjects studied. ADHS is implementing the Australian Curriculum in Mathematics, Science, English and History. There are changes in the way we have framed learning outcomes, and in the manner we assess and report.

Parent Teacher evening (Monday 7th April, 4 – 7 pm) is an important occasion on our school calendar and enables parents/carers to meet and discuss student progress with each teacher. This year parent-teacher interviews will be managed online through Schools Online Booking System (SOBS) to assist parents in securing their preferred interview times. Appointments are generally 5 minutes in duration, and you are welcome to seek a double time slot, or to make an appointment to see the class teacher at another time if you feel a longer meeting is needed. A letter will be issued with the reports on 2nd April advising the procedure.

ADHS Maths/Science Outreach to cluster Primary Schools.

We are very excited to announce our Maths and Science Outreach program between ADHS and our cluster primary schools is continuing in Term 2. The program offers high performing and gifted and talented students an opportunity to come to ADHS once a week to extend and develop their interest in maths and science. The program is facilitated by Mr Andrew Mahoney. If you are interested in accessing this exciting program it is important to connect through your local primary school.

Congratulations to Nicola Strangward, Year 10, 2013 who has successfully applied for a week-long place at the UNSW on the United Banque Swisse Young Women's Leadership Academy. Nicola is one of only six students selected from across the ACT.

Belinda Bartlett

SCHOOL BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with great pleasure that we offer congratulations to the following people who were elected to the Alfred Deakin High School Board under section 41(2) of the *Education Act 2004* (the Act):

- Jeanette de Smet as *staff member*
- Robert Swain as *parent and citizen member*
- Hamish Williams as *student member*

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH

Sat 29 – Sun 30 ELEMENTS Girls’
Relay for Life – AIS

APRIL

Week 9

Wed 2 Progress reports Issued
Bell Shakespeare Production

Week 10

Mon 7 Parent Teacher Interviews 4-7pm

Tues 8 Assembly

Fri 11 Last Day Term 1

Mon 28 First Day Term 2

BENTON AND JONAH TACKLE CLASS CLOWNS HEAD HIGH!



Jonah Lafferty and Benton Adams-Walker entered the class clown competition on 14th March. Class Clowns

is Melbourne International Comedy Festival's development program for young people around the country. Each year hundreds of secondary school students from Years 9-12 participate in the Class Clowns competition across the country – discovering or refining their skills in writing and performing comedy and taking it outside of the classroom to a wider audience.



Jonah and Benton wrote and performed an original five minute comedy sketch for the Canberra Competition. Before the competition started all competitors participated in a workshop with Sammy J who is a professional stand up comedian. The show then took place, with Cara Irvine, Brendan Magee and Byron Hewson as part of the audience.

The crowd was small but good. Jonah and Benton smashed it by doing a fantastic performance, the judges said it was a difficult decision and Jonah and Benton were announced runners-up. Both boys are proud and happy with their achievement.

Cara Irvine
Drama Teacher

WORK EXPERIENCE & CAREERS NEWS

It is good to see that many Year 10 students are taking advantage of the weekly lunchtime sessions in the library to discuss work experience options. Some students have already organised placements and others have applied online for placements at the Canberra Hospital and CSIRO. It is worth noting that many of our institutions do require online applications and it is a good opportunity for students to dust off their resumes or write one. It is also worth noting that at least seven days' notice is needed to organise a placement and until the Four-Way Agreement is signed, and returned to me, students are NOT covered by insurance and so cannot attend a workplace.

There have been other opportunities that our students

have taken advantage of: Sophie Evans is attending a course at CHART where she is finding out about the finer points of hairdressing and Steven Broadbent is attending a week long course organised by the Master Builders Association which, among other things, will gain him the White Card and Asbestos Training Card which he needs for his work experience. Any student thinking about work experience on a building site does need to have White Card and Asbestos Training.

Parents can contact me on 6205 5551 if they have any questions about their son or daughter's work experience.

Christine Bowen
Work Experience Coordinator
Careers Adviser

THE SURPRISE TEAM THAT CAME FROM NOWHERE (AND THAT ADHS DIDN'T KNOW WE HAD!)



ACT Teams Racing (Sailing) Championships over the weekend. The ADHSs Sailing Team were:

Daniel Roos - Year 7
Tegan Hanrahan - Year 8
Nicholas Kortenhorst - Year 8
Alcuin Gardiner-Garden - Year 8
Eamon Gray - Year 8
Orla Gray - Year 10

The team had never sailed together previously, some had never sailed that type of boat before and we were the youngest team. We worked really well as a team and, given that we had had no prior training, what we achieved was incredible for a team.

There were eight teams competing, four university teams (ANU, USyd, UNSW, and ADFA) and four schools: (two Boy's Grammar teams, A and B, and a Girls Grammar team and ADHS.

ADHS came in the top four on Saturday after 28

aces. After being undefeated on Sunday, against all four university teams and Boy's Grammar A team, ADHS were in the top two teams of the Regatta. In the final race we came second against Grammar.

I was really pleased to be part of this event but even more proud to be part of the ADHS team!

Orla Gray

And this from an official:

What impressed me the most was the sportsmanship and manners of this team (ADHS Sailing Team). They came together very quickly as a team and gave each other great encouragement and support. I was sitting on the finish boat recording results, I witnessed the team thanking the race committee and their opponents after each race no matter what the result was. Even the final race when they knew Grammar had won they congratulated them as soon as they came across the finish line, thanking them for a great regatta.

BOYS RUGBY



Alfred Deakin High sent 20 boys from Years 7 to 10 to the Brumbies 7's competition. The Year 7/8 team in their first outing tried their best in a difficult situation. They came up against stiff opposition and learnt from each game. By their final game against Burgman College they had developed the confidence and skills practised through lunch to score a number of quality tries and come up bowl winners and receive a Rugby ball from the Brumbies. Well done boys.

The 9/10's, after four years of training and expert coaching by Mr Webb, were able to take out the senior competition. They played four games and were unbeaten, winning the final game against Caroline

Chisholm four tries to one. The team was awarded the Brumbies Cup which they handed to Ms Bartlett in a the whole school Assembly. The team is off to the Regional Finals on April 2nd to play teams from the coast to Cowra.



Excellent team effort and great leadership for the Year 7/8 boys. Well Done.



ELEMENTS is a Girls' Sports Leadership program. This program aims to provide an opportunity for girls to develop and improve their leadership and personal development through sport and community service.

Since 2012, the ELEMENTS girls have been involved in a number of community projects. Over the years they have supported the Heart Foundation, Relay for Life, Southcare Helicopter service and International Women's Day. They have raised over \$6000 for these charities through various projects they have run themselves.

The ELEMENTS girls are again participating in Relay for Life on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th March. Relay For Life is an incredible overnight event for the girls to get together with the community and **celebrate** cancer survivors, **remember** loved ones lost to cancer and **fight back** against a disease

that takes too much. The ELEMENTS girls are required to carry the 'baton' around the AIS track for the full 24 hours. Our aim this year is to raise over \$1000 for the Cancer Council. The girls have currently raised over \$600 and are well on the way to their target \$1000!

If you would like to donate and help the ELEMENTS girls reach their \$1000 target please click on the link below:

<http://act.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au/TeamPage.aspx?teamID=72280&langPref=en-CA&Referrer=http%3a%2f%2fwww.relayforlife.org.au%2fGetInvolved%2fFindARelay.aspx>

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The ELEMENTS girls

ELEMENTS

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Empowering
Motivating and
Encouraging
Needs
Through
Sport



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JAPANESE NEWS

日本語 にほんご Nihongo

みなさん、こんにちは！ おげんきですか。

Another busy and productive fortnight has gone and students are experiencing assessments and assignment submission now.

Japan Trip 2014 How exciting!! Another 174 days to go!!

Thank you to all the families who attended the Japan Trip 2014 meeting on 13th March. It was lovely to see you all. Please fill in the 'billet information form' online by Monday 31st March. Also, please be aware that another instalment is scheduled at the end of this term. We would appreciate your prompt payment. Thank you.



Ex-Alfred Deakin Graduate's visit to our Year10 class

As part of the Year 10 Pathways, the class had a guest speaker. A big *thank you* goes to Eleanor Dowse who gave us a valuable talk which was very inspiring! She passed the entrance examination to the master's degree and is moving to Japan in April to take the master's course at Tsukuba University in Japan. She gave us extra information regarding scholarships and how Year 10 students should study. It was very informative and insightful. Great help, Eleanor! I have wished her all the best for her future studies in Japan.



Japanese Presentation on Harmony Day Assembly

That was well done. You sang beautifully! Thank you so much for the students who willingly participated in this special event. Also a big thank you goes to our excellent Year 10s who demonstrated the leadership. I am proud of you.

Hinamatsuri Celebration

Students enjoyed making Onigiri, rice ball, and celebrated the festival. It was yummy.



Aidan Hilder Lachlan Dodd and Ms Barber

Japanese Tea Room

How exciting! Our Japanese Tea Room which is under construction has made huge progress. A big thank you goes to Ms Feltham, Ms Hopman and two Year 10 students. Thank you very much for your great work. Hopefully we can start making use of it very soon!

Shizuko Barber
Teacher of Japanese

ALFRED DEAKIN CELEBRATED THE FRANCOPHONE WEEK

As a part of the celebration of Francophone week, 15th -21st March, the Francophone Competition was held by the French Embassy and Alliance Française. The students had to illustrate ten random French words. The students of the French classes worked hard. They illustrated those words with paintings, drawings,

sculptures, videos, etc. Their fantastic works are displayed in the library. Ten works were sent to Alliance Française to represent ADHS.



Year 7 students of French performed a French song called “Alphabet” at the school assembly. That was *magnifique*. Monsieur Mr Saikal and Madame Mrs Ivanova shared the achievements of their students with the French teachers of ACT through the French teachers’ network. We are really proud of the French students’ performance.



Merci beaucoup!
Monsieur Mr Saikal and Madame Mrs Ivanova

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION



On Friday March 21st, five students from Years 8-10 attended the National Day of Action Conference at the Headley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning in Stirling. The five students who attended were Emma Bentley, Evelyn Pappas, Caiti Strangward, Holly Yarnold and Grant Davis (who is also an Executive member of the Minister’s Student Congress).

The aim of the day was to unpack and investigate the bullying dynamic and assist the Minister’s Student Congress in writing a new bullying policy for the ACT – written by students, for students.

Alicia Coutts, OAM and Olympic and Commonwealth swimmer was our ambassador for the day and she was able to bring along her five Olympic medals to show the students, as well as to discuss her own experience with bullying.



Ms. Jones also had the honour of presenting on the day discussing the bullying dynamic and the creation of three videos, by students here at ADHS, to demonstrate the three elements of bullying.

A BIG thank you to all the students who assisted with the creation of the videos, especially Lachie Barton, Lillian Rowland and Belinda Garcia who gave up their lunch times to finish editing the videos.



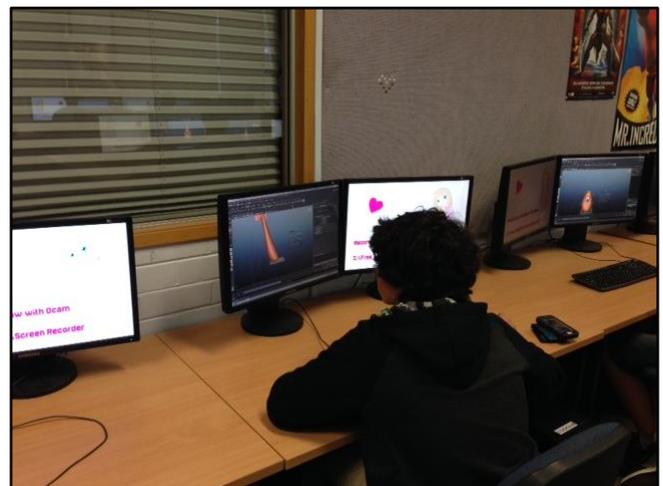
This was an extension activity for several of our Gifted and Talented students as well as students who are interested in 3D Animation and Design post high school. For students who did not attend the day, CIT Watson also offers a holiday program as well as after school classes for Year 10-12 students to complete a Certificate II.

AIE AT CIT



On Monday 24th March Ms. Jones and 16 students went to the Academy of Interactive Entertainment at CIT Watson.

The students were taken through the courses held at CIT and shown how to use software such as 'Maya' and 'Sculptris' to create 3D animation characters and explore the various elements of design.



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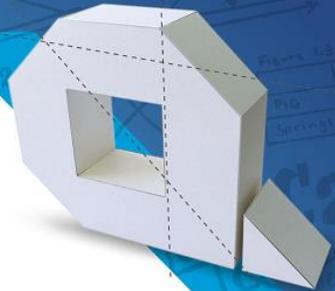
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FREE one day workshop for PARENTS/CARERS of school age students on the autism spectrum

Workshop: 2014ACTPC1 Location: Canberra

The Positive Partnerships initiatives have been developed and delivered by Partnerships between Education and the Autism Community (PEAC) and funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, through the Helping Children with Autism package. This workshop is the first of two workshops being held in the ACT this year. The second workshop is planned to be on the Southside around September 2014.

What will you learn?

Positive Partnerships has been facilitating workshops in the ACT since 2008. As per previous workshops parents/carers that participate in the workshops and information sessions will gain:

- a greater understanding of the impact of autism on your child, both at school and at home
- knowledge about how to develop effective parent, school and teacher partnerships
- specific strategies on how to:
 - advocate for your child
 - support your child's participation at school
 - develop an awareness of ongoing learning needs
- information about your local school system's processes
- opportunities to network and share strategies with other parents/carers and key community members
- opportunities for discussion around a range of topics relevant to students with ASD and their families

Some key community representatives that support families living with autism will be identified and invited to participate in the workshop with a view to supporting a community focus beyond the workshop.

Workshop details

Venue: Raiders Belconnen
Hardwick Crescent, Holt, ACT 2615

When: **One day workshop – Wednesday 2 April 2014**
Day 1: 9.00 am - 4.30 pm (Registration from 8.15am)

Registration opens Wednesday 19 February 2014, and closes 2 days prior.

Registration may stay open until one day before the workshop if spaces are still available, but we strongly recommend that you register as soon as possible.

You will receive a confirmation of your registration.

Online registrations preferred: please go to the website www.positivepartnerships.com.au.

Only complete the following form if you do not have access to the internet and fax or mail to:

Fax: 02 9451 9661; Mail: Positive Partnerships, ASPECT, PO Box 361, Forestville NSW 2087

Positive Partnerships Info Line number: 1300 881 971

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'The Other Talk' is a community program of the Australian Drug Foundation aimed at supporting parents to talk to their children about alcohol and drugs.

Parents are invited to attend a free 'The Other Talk' forum on Monday 7 April 2014 at the Woden Tradies Club, Launceston Street Phillip from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Please RSVP to Debbie Simms on 0425 754 741 or debbie.simms@adf.org.au by 1 April.



FORUM FOR PARENTS

The Other Talk

Let's talk about alcohol and drugs.

GEOFF MUNRO
NATIONAL POLICY MANAGER, AUSTRALIAN DRUG FOUNDATION

Date: Monday 7 April
Time: 7pm - 8.30pm
Venue: Phillip Room, Woden Tradies Club,
Launceston Street, Phillip, ACT
RSVP by: Tuesday 1 April
RSVP to: Debbie Simms on 0425 754 741
or debbie.simms@adf.org.au

At some point we have all sat down with our parents for 'the talk'. It's not always easy, but learning about sex is an important conversation that every parent and child should have.

The Other Talk is about Australian families talking openly about alcohol and other drugs. It's an initial conversation and an ongoing understanding that when it comes to alcohol and other drugs, no question is too silly and no topic is off limits. It's about letting your child know that they can come to you to discuss not only drugs and alcohol, but also related issues such as peer pressure, health, parties, safety and expectations.

many parents fear The Other Talk because it may raise questions that they feel ill-equipped to answer or explain appropriately.

Forum

Parents are invited to attend this free forum on The Other Talk. Information and strategies on how to start the conversation will be discussed with questions welcome.

About Geoff Munro

Geoff is the National Policy Manager at the Australian Drug Foundation. He has worked in the alcohol and other drug field for over 25 years specialising in drug training, prevention and community development.



The Australian Drug Foundation (ADF) is encouraging parents to have The Other Talk because research shows that young people consider parents to be credible sources of information about alcohol and drugs*. However,

The Australian Drug Foundation's Good Sports program has been working with community sports clubs for over a decade to reduce the harm associated with excessive alcohol use by club members and fans. Nationally more than 6000 sporting clubs are enrolled in the program, with many reporting positive impacts as a consequence.

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