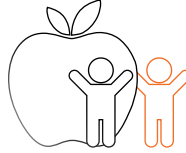


OUR CBR

Woden, Weston Creek
and Molonglo edition

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Free education for three-year-olds starts



A group of local three-year-old children will start receiving free early childhood education this month.

The children are part of a trial offering 15 hours a week of free education for three-year-olds.

The program will start at three locations in Woden, Weston Creek and the Molonglo Valley area.

→ More at education.act.gov.au/early-childhood

In our back-to-school issue

- New CIT campus for Woden
- Indoor sports hall at new Molonglo school



A message from the Chief Minister

This summer's bushfires in our region, and associated smoke, have been a challenge for all Canberrans and I thank you all for your patience and hard work over recent weeks.

I would particularly like to thank our staff at the ACT Emergency Services Agency, Canberra Health Services and ACT Health, and the ACT Rural Fire Service volunteers, for keeping our community safe and healthy in difficult and testing circumstances.

I'm proud of the amazing community spirit Canberrans have shown over the summer and the ACT Government will continue to work hard to protect Canberrans throughout the remainder of the bushfire season.

Andrew Barr



MORE NEWS, MORE OFTEN

The Our CBR email newsletter is now published fortnightly.

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School cleaners now on staff



Canberra's school cleaners are now ACT Public Service staff.

More than 300 former contract cleaners have accepted secure jobs with the ACT Government.

→ More at act.gov.au/ourcanberra



From left to right: Sahlu Mebrahru, Ucubatinasae, Van Phuc Le, Kiba Lhamo, Kinley Pem and Lydia Utting.

Devices for all high school students

Every ACT public high school student will have use of a Chromebook this year.

This enables all students to access a device regardless of family circumstances.



New Motor Accident Injuries Scheme in place



If you are injured in a motor vehicle accident from 1 February you will receive fairer, faster and more comprehensive support under the ACT's new Motor Accident Injuries Scheme.

The scheme will provide lower premiums, too.

→ More at act.gov.au/maic



Better safety around local schools



Remember to slow down to 40km/h in school zones once school goes back from Monday, 3 February.

You'll notice improvements around some Canberra schools, including new footpath connections, refuge islands, speed humps and children's crossings, some with school crossing supervisors.

Parents should familiarise their child with their school route so they can

confidently and safely walk, ride or catch the bus or light rail each day.

→ For more and to use the TC journey planner, visit transport.act.gov.au



Free school vaccinations



Free vaccinations are offered to all Canberra students in Years 7 and 10 to keep them, their families and our community healthy by reducing the spread of preventable diseases.

→ More at act.gov.au/ourcanberra

Gym to star at new Molonglo school

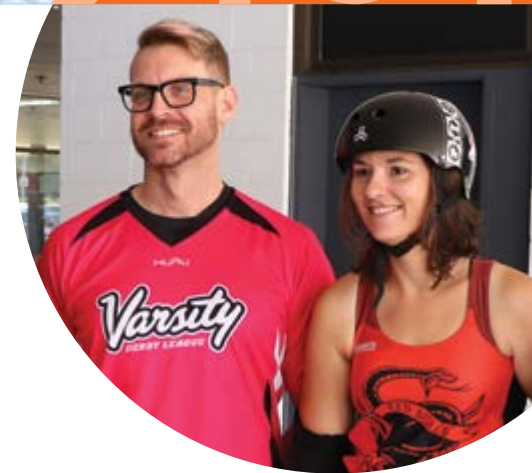


The Molonglo Valley's new public school will include a high-quality purpose-built double gymnasium space suitable for roller derby and other indoor sports.

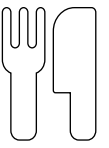
The gym will include two full-sized courts with line markings for roller derby as well as basketball, futsal or indoor soccer, netball, volleyball and badminton plus seating and extra community storage space.

The new gymnasium is expected to be completed in mid-2021.

→ More at education.act.gov.au



New teaching kitchen to encourage healthy living



Students at Torrens Primary School will soon learn about healthy home-style cooking and growing fresh produce in their new kitchen learning space.

The previous canteen area has been upgraded with new ovens, fridges and food preparation areas for students.

The new facilities are among many upgrades taking place in our region, as part of a significant investment in public school infrastructure across the ACT.

→ More act.gov.au/ourcanberra



More psychologists in local schools



More psychologists are supporting our schools in the Woden, Weston and Molonglo area.

Five new school psychologists joined the ACT public school system this year. The total number working across our schools is now 81.

School psychologists work with families, school staff and other allied health professionals to provide a strong support network for students.

→ More act.gov.au/ourcanberra



*Raelene Farrell is one
of the psychologists
supporting ACT students.*

CIT Woden campus



The state-of-the-art new CIT campus planned for the Woden Town Centre will be a specialist technology and service skills learning precinct.

It will deliver courses to prepare students for roles in industries including business, cyber security, IT, the creative industries, hospitality and tourism.

→ More act.gov.au/ourcanberra



Festival of culture returns



Get set for your annual summer fix of world street food and cultural diversity.

The National Multicultural Festival is back from 21 to 23 February. More than 200,000 people are expected to flock to the festival's food stalls and enjoy performances from many lands on six stages over the three days.

There will be information stalls, cultural displays, and on Saturday, the vibrant sea of colour and sound that is the festival parade.

→ More at multiculturalfestival.com.au



Celebrate **Enlighten**

Canberra and the skies above will be transformed during the annual **Enlighten Festival** from 28 February to 15 March.

Illuminations will light up national attractions and more after dark from 28 February to 9 March. The Night Noodle Markets will operate alongside the light displays. Also on the program are:

- **7 to 15 March:** Canberra Balloon Spectacular
- **6 March:** Lights! Canberra! Action!
- **8 March:** Symphony in the Park
- **9 March:** Canberra Day celebrations
- **14 March:** Hit 104.7 Skyfire

→ For more, visit enlightencanberra.com

Balloon Spectacular
7-15 March



Rugby is back!

Catch the Brumbies v Reds when Super Rugby returns on 31 January.

→ For tickets, visit premier.ticketek.com.au



Howzat!

See some of the world's best cricketers in action when five matches of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup are played in Canberra from 26 to 28 February.

Catch the following games at picturesque Manuka Oval:

- **26 February:** England v Thailand and West Indies v Pakistan
- **27 February:** Australia v Bangladesh
- **28 February:** South Africa v Thailand and England v Pakistan

→ For tickets, visit tickets.t20worldcup.com



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