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SPECIAL AWARD

Congratulations
Mrs. Lawrence

It gives us great pleasure to celebrate with Mrs. Lawrence, who was one of five award recipients last Friday. Mrs Lawrence was acknowledged by the University of Canberra for her outstanding work in mentoring and supporting new educators and pre-service teachers.

Vaccination Information

While I am unable to share vaccination information about our teachers, please be assured that the ACT Chief Health Officer has issued a health direction requiring all workers in ACT schools that cater for children under 12 years of age to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination to their employer.

Staff who work in specific school settings in the ACT are required to have their first vaccination dose by 1 November 2021, and a second dose by 29 November 2021. All school staff can continue normal duties while their vaccination status is collected prior to 1 November 2021.

Any of our staff who choose not to be vaccinated will be unable to continue their duties at the school while the health direction is in place (unless they have a medical exemption from the ACT Chief Health Officer).

Vaccination coverage is a key component of the return to school plan for all ACT public schools. High levels of vaccination combined with public health social measures are the best protections against COVID-19.

Vaccinations are just one in a suite of measures being introduced by ACT public schools to minimise transmission of COVID-19. Masks, hand hygiene, improving ventilation, using the Check In app, physical distancing and minimising contact between different groups of students are just some of the other measures being introduced by our hard-working education staff to make sure term 4 is as safe as possible for everyone in our school community.

ACT school-based staff already have very high vaccination rates. When we surveyed public school teachers and staff, approximately 97 per cent of people who responded were already on track to be fully vaccinated.

Kind regards

Louise Owens (Principal)

Assessment and Reporting

As students return to face-to-face learning over the next two weeks, learning programs will continue to focus on the learning needs of students. A range of assessment strategies will continue to be used to determine students' progress and achievement.

Student reports will be issued at the end of the semester however they may look a little different from previous school years to reflect the remote learning period and this term's timetable change. Grades will be issued in subjects where schools have determined it is suitable to do so.

Teachers are trained to make judgements and determinations on students' progress, and this is carried out against clear benchmarks and guided by the Early Years Learning Framework and Australian Curriculum. Our teachers know their students well and are skilled in making judgments on learning.

If you have any concerns about school reports or assessment, please contact Emma Campbell at school.

Reminders

Please keep bringing back:

- Library books
- Internet dongles
- School devices
- Learning books

Canteen

The school canteen is open Tuesday to Friday for lunches only.

- Lunch orders can be placed by 8am each day as usual on Flexischools and will be delivered to students' classrooms using a contactless method.
- Over the counter service won't be available for the rest of this term.

If you have any questions Suzi the canteen manager can be contacted on 0432 519 628 or via email redhillcanteen@gmail.com

All orders need to be placed via [Flexischools](#) only, please do not email orders through.