

25 July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term three! It was great to see our students, parents and teachers back on Monday, so many happy, smiling and refreshed looking faces.

Improve student learning and achievement for all students

As part of our reporting process, we will again this year be conducting three-way interviews in weeks three and four of this term. This is a collaborative process involving the teacher, student and parents and provides an opportunity to discuss and celebrate student progress and set future learning goals. It is imperative that your child attends with you as they are an integral part of the process. Information about the interviews went home today so please check your child's bag for your preferred interview time. This will be on a 'first in' basis but if none of the times are suitable, please contact the teacher for an alternative time. A three way interview script is also included to support you and your child/ren participate in the interview.

We are proud to partner again this year with Annie from the Clubhouse on the School's Reconciliation Challenge. A group of students from our senior classes will work with Annie and Taylor every Friday afternoon. They will use curriculum, activities, ideas and resources to inspire and inform lessons about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues. These lessons will be used to assist students to develop artworks or stories which reflect their ideas about reconciliation and this year's theme, *Speaking and Listening from the Heart*. The competition runs until 30 August. Winners will be announced in November at the schools Reconciliation Challenge exhibition launch. Selected works will be exhibited in Sydney, Canberra and regional locations across NSW and the ACT over 2019-2020.

Develop an expert teaching team

Last term we farewelled Ms Rozlyn Mitchell as she had won an executive teacher position at Wanniasa School. This term we welcome Ms Jasmin Nuzda to our team. Jasmin joins us from Gilmore Primary and is working in year 1/2 with Ms Queripel and Ms Watling.

Friday marks a significant milestone in the lives of our kindergarten students and their families as they celebrate 100 days of school! Since the start of the year the Lady Bugs and Bees have been counting the days. Throughout the week Kindergarten have read stories, sung songs, made collections of 100 things, written 100 words, played maths games, counted 100 shapes, put 100 dots in a gum ball machine, skip counted to 100, did 100 exercises, written about our favourite memories over the past 100 days and best of all, tried to do 100 acts of kindness. On Friday they will celebrate with a 100 day cake and will mark the occasion by wearing necklaces made with 100 Cheerios, 100 day crowns and glasses, and the children will also be proudly displaying the 100 collections they made at home. Well done to you all, you are all now 100 days smarter!

Provide a safe, inclusive and respectful school culture

Next Wednesday 31 July our whole school will celebrate NAIDOC with an amazing day of fun and engaging activities around the theme of *Voice, Treaty, Truth; Lets Work Together for a Shared Future*. Students will spend the day in multi-age groups, rotating through activities. Just as we did last year, the day will culminate in a P-2 then 3-6 Deadly Disco, run by Taylor. Parents and carers, you are most welcome to attend for part of or all of the day.

At Richardson Primary we are: Respectful, Positive Learners and Safe.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is an evidence-based, school-wide approach that supports student behaviour in order to improve social and academic outcomes for all. One of the guiding ideas of PBL is that we can't 'make' students learn or behave but we **can** create environments that increase the likelihood students learn and behave. Environments that increase the likelihood are guided by a core curriculum and implemented with consistency and integrity. As a PBL

school we have collaboratively developed our school-wide Expected Behaviour Matrix. The “All Settings” section is for everywhere in the school at all times. There are also some more specific expectations depending on the location within the school. The expectations are positively stated and form the foundation of our school-wide Positive Acknowledgement System, DABs, as well as providing a consistent language when talking about behaviour. So far this year, we have had several students receive their gold DAB certificate. Very impressive!

I would like to make you aware of a thoughtful initiative that has been developed in our community by an ex student’s mother. Jessica Kremp has created the **Richardson Community Street Pantry** at her home at 4 Vidal Street. The idea is that people can donate a variety of food and toiletry items to the pantry for those people in need. Information about this can be found on the Richardson Community Pantry Facebook page. Jessica has asked me to specifically mention that the pantry can be accessed at any time and that if anybody needs further referrals to other services, that she would be happy to help. I thank Jessica for her kindness and hope that other members of our school community can ‘pay it forward.’

Kind regards,
Anna Wilson
Principal

Enrolments for 2020

All ACT children are guaranteed a place in their local public school for Kindergarten to year 12. However, due to growth in recent years in enrolments in the public system, some schools no longer have the capacity to take “out of area” enrolments. These schools have been identified as “Category A” schools and a list appears on the Education Directorate website.

You will not be able to seek enrolment for your child at one of these schools unless you live within the school’s priority enrolment area (ie the school’s geographic zone). All schools will, however, consider cases where there are legal issues, or exceptional circumstances based on student wellbeing. To avoid disappointment, you are encouraged to check the information on the Education Directorate’s website so you can make the best decision for your family from the options available.

If you require any further help please call 6205 5429.

SCHOOL TIMES

9:00 - School Begins

11:00 - 11:15am Supervised Lunch Eating

11:15 - 11:45am Lunch Time/Play

11:45 - 1:15pm Middle Session

1:15 - 1:45pm Recess/Play

1:45 - 3:00pm Afternoon Session

Caring and Sharing



TERM 2 STAFF 2019

Executive Team & Administration Staff

Principal – Anna Wilson

Deputy Principal – Brooke Calvert

Executive Teacher Kindergarten/ Preschool - Nicole Agius

Executive Teacher Year 1/2 and LSU – Deborah Watling

Executive Teacher Year 3/4/5/6 – Ben Smith

A/g Business Manager – Stephanie Bermingham

A/g School Secretary – Marie Annesley

Building Service Officer - Branko Novakovic

Koori Preschool Staff on Mon -Tues

Sue Turtle & Taylor Fitzgerald

Seahorse / Dolphin Preschool Unit Staff

Bianca Moore, Jenny Glover, Glenise Henderson & Taylor Fitzgerald

Possum Magic Unit Staff

Michelle May – KM

Barbara Martin - KB

Kirrang Unit Staff

Jasmin Nuzda - 1/2N

Jayne Queripel & Tamara Blake - 1/2Q

LSU

Anne Tow & Kylie Crabtree - 2-6T

Iterika Unit Staff

Emma Vince & Marcus Vaccaro - 3/4V

Kakadu Unit Staff

Ben Smith, Jenny Glover & Tamara Blake - 4/5SG

Aaron Scarcella & Marcus Vaccaro - 5/6S

Creative Arts Teacher

Andrew Fraser

Library Staff - David Hutchison

EALD - Deborah Watling

School Psychologist - Lukasz Kucharski

Chaplain - Hazel Maniti

Indigenous Student Support - Taylor Fitzgerald

School Band Teachers - Ben Smith, Aaron Scarcella & Evan Thomas from the Instrumental Music Program

REMINDERS:

School Phone Number: 6142 3630

School email: info@richardsonps.act.edu.au

1. Accidents at school:

Any member of our school or local community who has an accident before, after or during school please come to the front office or ring the front office as staff trained in First Aid are available to assist, support and offer First Aid. We certainly want to know about all accidents, offer whatever support we can at the time and follow up as well as rectify any safety risks we are unaware exist around the school. Thank you for your cooperation.

2. Allergy Aware:



We currently have a number of children and staff with Asthma and gluten, nut, artificial colouring / preservatives allergies presenting in our school and the wider community. Our staff supervise eating duties at lunch time every day and train the children to eat their own food, NOT to share food and NOT to borrow or swap food. In particular peanut butter products, fresh peanuts or nutty muesli bars.

Richardson Primary School is a nut aware school. We ask families not to bring nuts or nut products to the school or to school activities in order to minimise exposure to students who do have allergies.

While this is an acceptable strategy to reduce the risk of exposure to known allergens, it is never possible to guarantee a school site is nut free.

Richardson Primary School cannot claim that we are nut or peanut free. Such a claim could not reliably be made and, if made, may lead to a false sense of security about exposure to peanuts and peanut products.

Some food packaging have the words 'may contain' in relation to nuts. The 'may contain' statement is voluntary information provided by the manufacturer in order to inform the consumer that the product may have been inadvertently contaminated during the manufacturing process. It does not necessarily mean that the product will contain the allergen (this information is on the ingredient list). Some children who are at risk of anaphylaxis eat the products that have the 'may contain' statement while others do not. Products with the 'may contain' statement do not need to be removed from the school.

3. Medication:

Departmental policy requires schools to ensure that: Any request for administering medications must be in writing. The medication must be accompanied by clear

written instructions on the method of administration, timing and dosage, and signed by a doctor. Forms can be provided by the school upon request. **We would be grateful if such letters regarding medication could be sent as soon as possible.**

4. Bikes and scooters:

Bikes & scooters are to be left locked at the bike & scooter racks. The school does not accept responsibility for lost or stolen bikes or scooters. By law, a helmet must be worn while riding.



5. Canteen:

Healthy Kids Association will operate from Calwell High School and deliver lunches to Richardson Primary School every Friday at 11:00am. The menu has a variety of freshly made food and drinks that have been approved by the National Healthy School Guidelines. The ordering process has been streamlined using an online service called flexi schools where you can plan ahead and make an order the night before. All orders must be completed online



6. Children arriving after 9.00am or leaving school before 3.00pm:

If you need to keep a medical or dental appointment or for any reason, please come to the front office and sign your child /ren back into/out of school. This is for safety and security reasons so that we know exactly who is on the premises.

7. Containers for food:

Tins (especially lids) and glass containers are dangerous to have in lunch boxes. We encourage you to use reusable plastic containers at all times.

8. Current Contact Numbers:

It is **very important** that we have your current contact numbers and at least one other emergency contact number. If your child is sick or has an accident we need to be able to contact you immediately.

9. Dogs:

ACT Dog laws prohibit dogs from being on the premises (including the grounds) of primary schools at any time. For the safety of our students, dogs should not be on the school grounds. There are obvious problems when dogs use the playing areas as a toilet. We also have some students who are very frightened by dogs.



10. Information Regarding Events, Excursions and Performances:

Please remember all notes that go home have a definite closing date. Your assistance with returning all notes, along with your permission is crucial to informing us as to whether the event can proceed or not. There is a section in the newsletter advising when notes are sent home and a list of coming events.

11. Liability for the Loss, Damage or Theft of Students' Personal Property at School:

Advice from the ACT Government Solicitor indicates that notwithstanding the merits of each particular incident, schools generally cannot be held responsible for the intervening acts of third parties, resulting in the loss, damage or theft of students' personal property. Parents and students are advised that schools do not provide private insurance cover to automatically compensate for the loss, damage or theft of bicycles or other personal property and nor will they be legally liable for the loss.

12. Lost Property:



Parents are requested to label all items of school clothing, as staff endeavour to ensure all labelled items misplaced are returned to their owners. All lost property is at the front office area in a basket labelled "lost property". At the end of each term, school uniform lost property items **WITHOUT** any identification, are washed and donated to charity. Please visit the lost property area regularly throughout each term to claim items.

13. Mobile Phones and all Electronic Equipment:

All mobile phones and electronic equipment brought to school must be left at the front office in the morning. Phones and any electronic equipment can be collected at 3pm. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

14. Playground Equipment:

The school playground equipment should only be used by students during school hours under the supervision of staff. **In the interests of the safety of all children, parents should ensure that their children do not use this equipment before or after school or when a staff member is not supervising, unless of course you are there providing the supervision outside of school hours.**



15. Retrieving Items from the Roof:

Mr Branko is the only staff member who has undertaken additional training regarding safety with accessing the roof. As a result, he will only be able to access the roof once a fortnight to retrieve any items that have found their way onto the roof.

16. Safety in the Car Parks:



The aim is for people to park in the various designated spaces, which have been designed to minimise the risk for children and adults, particularly as pedestrians, as they move into and out of the car parks. Double and triple parking is particularly dangerous, as children can be hidden as they move between cars. As well as the central car parking spaces in front of the school, please consider using the car parking areas marked out next to the oval or along the side streets bordering the school such as Rohan, Mack, Pritchard or Chauncy Crescents. We appreciate your cooperation, as keeping our Richardson children as safe as possible is our main focus.

17. School Psychologist:

We have a registered psychologist, Lukasz Kucharski, who can provide individual support to students, parents and teachers. Parents or carers will always be contacted to give permission for the School Psychologist to work with a child. If you wish to make an appointment contact our Deputy Principal on 6142 3630.

18. School Chaplain:

Our RPS chaplain is Hazel Maniti. Hazel works at the school on Wednesdays and Thursdays. She provides support and referrals to students, parents and teachers. Parents can contact the chaplain through the school office. Parents or carers will be contacted to give permission for students to participate in the voluntary programs run by the chaplain. She also works with students in class settings. If parents have any questions or comments, please contact the school office.

19. School Uniforms:

We wear GREEN AND GOLD with pride. Uniforms with the school logo are available from Savvy's at Home World Tuggeranong. Alternatively green shorts and gold polo shirts can be purchased from local providers.

20. Smoke Free:



All public school grounds in the ACT are now smoke-free. A government policy, which prohibits smoking at all government schools came into effect on January 1, 2008. It

applies to all staff, departmental officers, students, contractors and visitors, including volunteers. Under the policy, smoking is no longer allowed in enclosed and open spaces, such as ovals and car parks, or in grounds managed by the ACT Department of Education and Training.

21. Student Absences:

Class rolls are marked both morning and afternoon by the class teacher each day. All student absences are recorded using the following code. An **S** for when written advice has been received by the class teacher to explain that the student has been sick or ill for a particular day or for a specific number of days. An **L** for when written advice has been received by the class teacher to explain that the student has been on leave for a particular day or for a specific number of days. If the class teacher does not receive any information regarding a student's absence, then an **A** is recorded for the specific day. All student absences and late arrivals are totalled at the end of each term and recorded on student records. Children arriving after 9.15am are asked to report to the front office and collect a late note to take to the class teacher. Your assistance with providing information for every student absence is greatly appreciated.



22. Sun Hats and Keeping Safe at All Times:

Richardson Primary school recommends that children wear broad brimmed sun hats for Terms 1 and 4. Hats are not required to be worn in Terms 2 and 3. We ask all families to be aware and take extra care regarding safety for your child/ren wearing any earrings other than studs, necklaces, jewellery, clothing or hats which have long cords that could possibly get caught on equipment. At RPS we support the safety of all children at school.

23. Unauthorised Access to School Roofs:

Parents are reminded of the dangers inherent when children climb onto the school roof. Your support in reminding children of these dangers is requested. Signs have been erected at the school warning of dangers of accessing the school roof.



24. Volunteers and Visitors:

All visitors, classroom helpers, and volunteers must come to the front office to sign in. This is for safety and security reasons so that we know exactly who is in the building.



25. Complaint or Concerns

Many concerns are resolved quickly and easily by discussing the matter directly with the school.

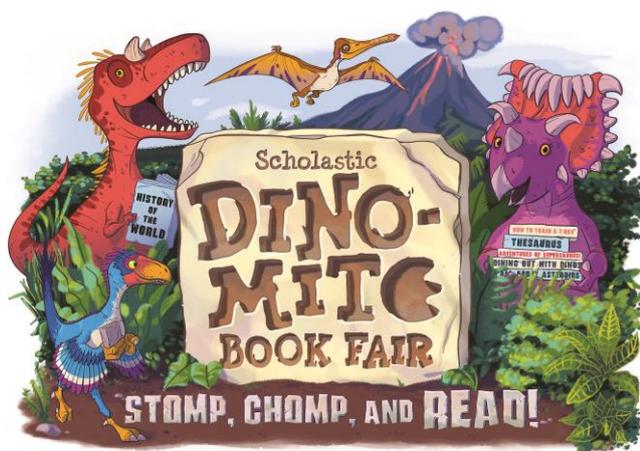
Firstly speak directly to your child's teacher or talk to a member of the executive team. If you continue to be concerned please make an appointment to see your principal.

If you are not satisfied you may lodge a written complaint. The Complaints Policy and Complaints form are available from the policy section of the Directorate website: www.education.act.gov.au

You have the right to approach the ACT Human Rights Commission. Details are available from the Commission website: www.hrc.zact.gov.au/humanrights.

If you need assistance, or you would like to compliment us, contact the ACT Education and Training Directorate's Liaison Unit on 6205 5429 or visit www.det.act.gov.au/contact_us

Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.



Dear Parents and Families:

Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here's what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

- Set the example. Let children see you read.
- Have a collection of books in your home. Update this collection routinely to keep up with changing tastes and reading skills.
- **Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.**

The theme of our Scholastic Book Fair is **Dino-Mite**, where we hope you will **Stomp, Chomp, and Read!** It's a fun reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Book Fair dates: 19 August 2019 – 23 August 2019

Shopping hours: Before and after school each day in the Meeting Room

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember every dollar raised at the book fair helps the school to purchase more books for the children at Richardson.

Richardson Primary School acknowledges the Ngunnawal people, the traditional custodians of this land. We would also like to pay respect to the United Ngunnawal Elders Council and to the Elders, both past and present of the Ngunnawal nation. We also extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our community.



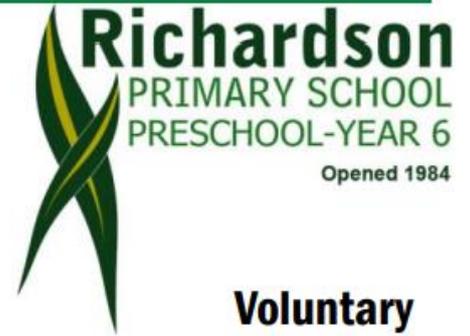
**Thank you
for supporting
our school**



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**Voluntary
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2019**



2019 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Dear Parents & Carers

The School Board is writing to give you information about Voluntary Contributions. Donations from families are an important way to raise money for our school. A request for a Voluntary Contribution is no more than a request to help our school.

Why does the School Board Request Voluntary Contributions?

Each school is given an allocation of money from the ACT Government and this is linked to enrolment numbers. This money is carefully budgeted by the School Board to pay the costs for running the school such as the cleaning contracts, electricity, water, sewerage, maintenance, resources for all teaching units, photocopying, postage, IT and all operating costs. While funding is adequate for most of the school's basic needs, there are always other important items, which are needed to enhance the learning programs. Such as targeted teaching resources, sporting equipment and books for children. From time to time there are also unexpected expenses, which need to be met from the school budget.



How much in 2019

For 2019 the School Board has suggested an amount of \$60 per family. This is a **suggestion only** and other options are available.

Deb Clarke – School Board Chair

Emily O'Neil – PGC President

Anna Wilson – Principal (02) 6142 3630

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

Yes I want to contribute \$60 per family to the school as a Voluntary Contribution.

Please select

- \$60 yearly contribution in full	Per Family	<input type="checkbox"/>
- \$30 x 2 semester instalments	Per Family	<input type="checkbox"/>
- \$15 x 4 instalments per term	Per Family	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Nominated amount of \$_____		

Family Name:

Child's Name: Class:

Payment options: Cash/Cheque/Direct Deposit
BSB: 032-777
Account: 001770
Reference: Vol Cont /Family name

PLEASE NOTE:

Voluntary Contributions can be paid by cash, cheque or direct deposit. These can be made at the front office on any school day. All information regarding payment of contributions is strictly confidential. If you have any questions, concerns or comments please contact the front office on (02) 6142 3630.



Breakfast Club

A great way to start your day!

When: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday And Friday

Time: 8.40am (Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri)
8.15am (Thurs)

Venue: Canteen

Who: All students Preschool to Year 6

We look forward to seeing you there

Parking unsafely and illegally around schools

As we drive and park our cars around schools we all need to ensure the safety of school students is our priority. Parking illegally and unsafely across pedestrian crossings, corners and verges puts children at risk. We all need to help keep our children safe. Here is a short video

demonstration: <https://youtu.be/AsIMVXpA9Zc>

Access Canberra inspectors will be patrolling our school zones to help us ensure drivers do the right thing.



SCHOOL AGE CARE

Before and after school care is available at Richardson Primary School.

Enrolment forms are available from www.ywca-canberra.org.au or from the front office. Once you have completed the enrolment form you will need to scan and email to childcareaccounts@ywca-canberra.org.au.

Contact details for the YWCA:

Phone: 6180 5777

Address: Level 2, 71 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra ACT 2601

Postal Address: YWCA Canberra, GPO Box 767, Canberra ACT 2601



Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

- laptops & tablets
- lessons & activities
- uniforms & shoes
- books & supplies
- sports fees & gear
- camps & excursions

To join Saver Plus, you must be at least 18 years or over, have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself, have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner), have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment*



*many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information. Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information.

Contact your local Saver Plus Coordinator

Phone or SMS your name and postcode to 1300 610 355

Email CanberraSP@thesmithfamily.com.au

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KAMBRI FAMILY FILM FEST



JULY 5 –
SEPTEMBER 1
2019

KAMBRI AT ANU

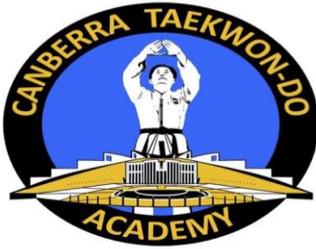
This winter, get a warm glow from the silver screen at the inaugural **Kambri Family Film Fest!**

There are 18 days of fun on offer (from Friday, 5 July to Sunday, 1 September) with recent release and classic film screenings for the young and young at heart, plus short film screenings from Little Big Shots, pre-movie entertainment, storytelling at Harry Hartog, and dozens of amazing eateries where you can redeem your included \$10 food voucher* for a delicious lunch.

By registering on EventBrite (<http://bit.ly/KambriFilmFest> - \$10 plus \$1.54 booking fee), you'll get access to all the activities, plus your ticket doubles as your \$10 food voucher! Looking forward to seeing you there!

FEATURE FILM — 12:40PM

JULY	FRI 5	MARY POPPINS RETURNS
	SAT 6	CHRISTOPHER ROBIN
	SUN 7	ALICE IN WONDERLAND
	FRI 12	THE NUTCRACKER
	SAT 13	THE GRINCH
	SUN 14	CLASSIC: HOME ALONE
	SUN 21	A WRINKLE IN TIME
	SAT 27	TEEN TITANS GO!
SUN 28	INCREDIBLES 2	
AUGUST	SAT 3	SMALL FOOT
	SUN 4	THE HOUSE WITH A CLOCK ON ITS WALLS
	SAT 10	JOHNNY ENGLISH STRIKES AGAIN
	SUN 11	EARLY MAN
	SAT 17	RALPH BREAKS THE INTERNET
	SUN 18	SPACE JAM
	SAT 24	SGT STUBBS
	SUN 25	MAMMA MIA! HERE WE GO AGAIN
SEPT	SUN 1	HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON: HIDDEN WORLD



Come and learn ITF Taekwon-Do in a fun and safe family-friendly environment from Australian ITF Team Representative and International Gold-Medalist, Instructor Ben Mott.



Classes held every Monday & Wednesday at 6pm in the Richardson Primary School Hall.

Contact Ben on 0431 730 025 or email ben@canberratkdacademy.com.au

Special discounts for Richardson Primary Students



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With winter upon us, it's important to remember that Canberra has lots of health options that don't involve a trip to a hospital emergency department. Many of these are free and available after hours.

Walk-in Centres provide free, one-off treatment of minor injury and illness, including colds and flu. They're a great choice for children over 2 years of age – children under 2 should see their GP.

Walk-in Centres are open from 7.30am to 10pm, every day of the year. They are staffed by highly skilled nurses who can provide you with a sick certificate and in some cases, medication, saving you time and money.

The service is free and no appointments are necessary.

Walk-in Centres are located in Tuggeranong, Belconnen and Gungahlin.

To find out more about getting the right health care for your symptoms, visit www.act.gov.au/yourhealthoptions

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