Principal
Lara Coman
Deputy Principal
Bronwyn Motion

Executive Teacher
Professional Practice and Engage Executive)
Christine Kirk
Executive Teacher– Communication, wellbeing team
Kate Taylor
Link Executive
Andrew MacDonald
Compass Executive
Stephanie Nott

Executive Teacher Wellbeing & Futures and Connect Executive:
Jarrod McGrath
Youth Support Worker
Ben Pegram
Chaplain
TBA

Community Recreation Officer
Sam Galea
Building Services Officer
Darryl Cullen

Business Manager
Glenice Ugalde
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# Dates for your calendar

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| **Monday 5th November** | **Whole School Assembly**<br>**Black Mountain School Gym** |
| Thursday 8th November | Year 7 immunisations available to students who have returned permission notes |
| **Thursday 8th November** | **Year 11 and 12 Meningococcal Vaccinations available to students who have returned permission notes** |
| Monday 12th -Wednesday 14th November | Compass Camp<br>Borambola, NSW |
| **Saturday 17th November** | **Fete and Bricks Display**<br>**Black Mountain School (see page 5)** |
| Tuesday 20th November | Dental Screening available to all students who have returned permission notes |
| **Tuesday 4th December** | **Canberra Symphony Orchestra Christmas Concert**<br>**11am Black Mountain School Gym** |
| Thursday 13th December | Year 12 Graduation<br>Hellenic Club Woden |

# A word from Lara

Term 4 has begun with a range of exciting and informative programs to engage our community. Staff, students, and families celebrated Children's Week at Six Degrees with an excellent performance from the singing group and a lovely morning tea. Thank you to families for attending, and for the staff organisation of the event. This event would not have been possible without funding from a Children's Week grant. Thank you Bron for putting the application and event together.

We welcomed new families to the school with an orientation and morning tea. It was wonderful to spend some more time with families and students that are joining our community. We look forward to working together next year.

An evening information session for families on guardianship was well attended last week and received great feedback from our community. Thank you to the P&C for supporting the evening and to Jarrod for organising the event.

Our first siblings group event was a great success! Thank you to Bron and Alison for supervising the evening and to the P&C for providing dinner.

Black Mountain School held a stall at the Turner Fete. We sold plants and produce, soaps, silk scarves, gift cards, and wrapping paper, all of which was grown and made by our students. All items were of outstanding quality and members of the community were eager to take a piece home with them. We are looking forward to our own Fete on November 17th. Please read on for ways you can help out with our Fete. Thanks must go to our amazing Connect team and the P&C for all the time put into preparing the products and volunteering on the day.

This week we welcomed James Malone as Deputy Principal. James is very excited to be joining our community. James has a passion for high quality special education and a special interest in gardening and landscaping. Please read on to see a little bit more about James.

The remainder of Term 4 will be just as busy as the beginning as we move into our final reporting cycle for the year and reflect of the achievements of our students. I look forward to celebrating these successes with you at one of our end of year celebrations this term.

## New Staff

Hello to the wonderful Black Mountain community! I am very excited to be joining this amazing school as Deputy Principal. I look forward to getting to know everyone very soon.

A little bit about me… I have worked in a variety of educational settings in the ACT and Victoria, but my passion is in specialist settings that provide the very best in personalised learning pathways.

My family consists of my youngest George who is in Preschool, Eloise who is loving Kindergarten, my wife Danielle and our two dogs Molly and Obi.

Please feel free to give me a call, email or drop in and say hello if you would like to discuss anything at all.

Once again I am very excited to be joining the Black Mountain community and can’t wait to get involved!

James Malone

# P&C Update

**Six Degrees Cafe**

Term 4 has seen us starting our venture into after school hours opening for the cafe. This is an extension of the work training that is done with students during school hours, with 4 of our Six Degrees trained students now employed by the P&C to work on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Families from Aqua Tots have been enjoying the opportunity to have some afternoon tea after their swimming lessons and we look forward to further expanding our customer base as word filters out through the community.

A big thank you to Louise Walsh for the work that she has been doing as Cafe Manager, ensuring we have been ready to hit the ground running this term.

**Turner Fete**

We ran a Six Degrees Cafe Gallery Garden stall at the Turner Fete on Saturday, selling goods produced by our students as part of their work education program. This was an enormously positive experience, with lots of encouraging feedback and response from customers and passers by. We sold $780 worth of product on the day. This money goes back into the work education program, ensuring that the school can continue to provide relevant and practical work experiences for our students. Thank you to the work connect team for the great job that you do. Congratulations to all of our students for the excellent work that you do in making sure the products you create are of such high quality.

A huge thank you to the Turner School P&C for making us so welcome at their fete on Saturday.

**Parent / Carer Forum**

Thank you to Jarrod for organising a parent / carer forum last week on guardianship and financial management. Thank you also to ADACAS and Care Financial for presenting on the night. The theme for this forum was chosen based on feedback from the survey that many of you filled in earlier this year. It was obvious from the turn out on the night that this is an issue of high relevance and concern for many of us as parents / carers of teenagers. Some of the ideas raised during the evening are going to be taken into further consideration by the P&C as we look for ways that we can better support each other. If there are any specific issues that you would like to ensure we take further, please send through an email - bmspandc@gmail.com

**World Teacher's Day**

The P&C will be hosting a morning tea for all of our staff next week to celebrate World Teacher's Day. This is a relatively small gesture in light of the enormous job that the staff at BMS do in enriching the lives of our students. Thank you to all BMS staff. You are an amazing and greatly appreciated team of people.

CANBERRA LEGO USERS GROUP & BLACK MOUNTAIN SCHOOL PRESENTS

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# FETE AND BRICKS DISPLAY

NOV 17 @ BLACK MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

TOMBOLA,
WHITE ELEPHANT,
FACE PAINTING,
ARTS/CRAFTS

PLANTS
& FOOD

DISPLAYS &
DEMONSTRATIONS

CREATION
COMPETITIONS

FETE: 10AM – 2PM
BRICKS DISPLAY: 10AM – 4PM

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*PROVIDING QUALITY
& INNOVATIVE EDUCATION
TO HIGHSCHOOL STUDENTS
WITH DISABILITY IN THE ACT*

*PARKING OFF COCKLE
STREET, OCONNOR*

# Lego Creation Competition

## Great Prizes!

- The Lego Creation Competition is open to all BMS students and their siblings
- 1 entry per person
- Creations can be made following instructions or one-off designs
- Prizes will be awarded at the Fete and Bricks Display in the categories of MOST CREATIVE and BEST PRESENTED

## So get brick building!

- Entry submission is by photograph
- Once entry is complete, please send 1 photo of the creation and 1 photo of the child with the creation
- Photos, name, age and contact details of entrant to be sent to bmspandc@gmail.com
- Closing date for entries: 31 October 2018

# Siblings Group -

The corridors of our school were noisy with laughter last Friday night as the inaugural BMS Siblings Group took place!

A tour of the school elicited comments such as, “This is the best school ever, my brother is so lucky” and “Wow, can we can have a pool party next time?”

Thank you to Rosemary McKay for cooking us delicious pizzas donated by the P&C and to Alison Moore for giving up her Friday night to create badgemaking masterpieces, play table tennis ‘lolly pong’ and the Crazy Chocolate Game.

The next Siblings Group will be held on Friday November 30th 6:30pm-8:30pm. All BMS siblings are welcome-a note will be sent home in the coming weeks.

## Netball

Congratulations to Lachlain and Dylan for receiving awards at the Tuggeranong Netball Presentation. Lachlain received his award for 'best and fairest' and Dylan received his for 'best shooter'. Lachlain and Dylan were two of the many participants of the inaugural Participation Netball competition this season. All students had a fantastic season. What a great achievement and a well-earned award to both Lachlain and Dylan!

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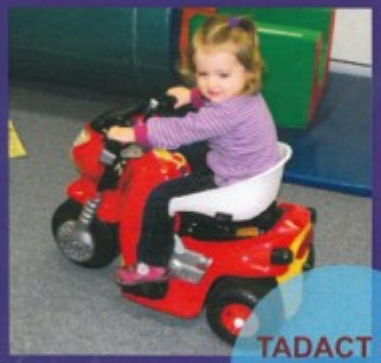
TADACT

Technical Aid to the Disabled ACT



TADACT is a registered NDIS provider

*Motorised trikes and block trolleys for mobility, tables and chairs for participation and stability and customised bicycle solutions to get your child on the move! These are just a few of the assistive equipment options available at TADACT. Visit our website or contact us directly to find out more.*


Address | 27 Mulley Street Holder ACT
Phone | 02 6287 4290
Email | projects@tadact.org.au OR info@tadact.org.au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## Does your child require assistive equipment?

Assistive technology or equipment can take many forms. TADACT is a registered NDIS provider and is able to source commercially available assistive equipment, but our talented engineers are also able to create and modify assistive equipment to suit the needs of an individual. At TADACT we can help with:

***Mobility*** - by providing block trolleys, motorised trikes and quads as well as modified bicycles to enable children to move about with less restriction.
***Participation*** - by providing supportive tables and chairs to enable children to eat, play, draw and use computer equipment more easily.
***Independence*** - by providing toilet steps and bathroom vanity steps to enable children to manage their own personal hygiene.

If your child requires assistive equipment, but it's not listed here, contact us at TADACT to see what we can do to help. Our talents know no bounds!

## Is your child registered for the NDIS?

To receive funding from the NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme) a plan needs to first be drafted by a staff member of the NDIA (National Disability Insurance Agency).
This process can be initiated by using the following contact details:

Visit: www.ndis.gov.au
Email: enquiries@ndis.gov.au
Call: 1800 800 110

## How can you ensure assistive equipment is included in your child's NDIS plan?

Two pieces of information are required by your NDIA planner, firstly a written price quote from the equipment provider (e.g. TADACT) and a letter of recommendation from your child's therapist.

## What if your child doesn't qualify for the NDIS, but would like a bike or other modified equipment?

At TADACT we will endeavour to help you and your child in any way we can. Contact us for more information.

**For more information on assistive equipment and how you can access it via the NDIS, please contact TADACT using the details provided overleaf.**

# Nice to Meet Me

## A group-based education program for people with Asperger's Syndrome
## Based on Isebelle Hénault's The Sociosexual Education Program

People with Asperger's Syndrome (AS) have the same sexual needs and concerns, and are as diverse in their sexuality as the general population. However, adolescents and adults with AS are different in terms of their ability to 'read' and understand the subtle and complex thoughts and emotions of people they engage with. Individuals with AS also struggle to effectively communicate their own inner thoughts and feelings.

*Nice to Meet Me* is designed for people living with AS to improve the quality of their life and their intimate relationships.

The program focuses on:

- Identifying your emotions and the emotions of others
- Recognising values with respect to love, friendship and sexuality
- Applying the concept of consent
- Discussing appropriate behaviours for private and public places
- Determining various aspects of sexual relations
- Improving communication skills

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**To register please complete an enrolment form**

**Sessions:** Five weekly group sessions from Tuesday 6 November 2018, from 11 am till 1 pm.
Plus two individual counselling sessions by appointment.
**Where:** SHFPACT, Level 1, 28 University Avenue, Canberra
**NDIS Categories Applicable:** Increased Social and Community Participation and Improved Daily Living Skills
**Cost:** NDIS $1038.65; NON-NDIS $1140 (GST included); Limited scholarships available

SHFPACT
SEXUAL HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING ACT

WE ARE AN NDIS REGISTERED PROVIDER

**Sexual Health & Family Planning ACT**
Level 1, 28 University Ave, Canberra City
02 6247 3077
training@shfpact.org.au
shfpact.org.au

RTO 4802

# SHFPACT Nice to Meet Me - NDIS Enrolment Information

**1. Details of person making the enrolment** (Who we can contact if we have questions about the enrolment)

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|---|---|
| Name | |
| Email | |
| Phone | |
| Postal Address | |
| Relationship to the NDIS participant *(delete ones that do not apply)* | Parent - Carer - NDIS/NDIA Planner - Other..... |

**2. Information about the NDIS Participant**

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| Name and NDIS number of NDIS Participant | | |
| NDIS Plan Number | | |
| Date of birth of NDIS participant | | |

**3. Information about the Training Participant** (If already noted above please put – "As Above")

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|---|---|
| Name | |
| Email *(so we can send information about the training)* | |
| Phone *(in case we need to contact regarding the training)* | |
| Gender | |
| Do you have a disability or other condition that we should know about in providing this training to you? If so, please tell us what assistance we can provide. | |
| Do you need an interpreter? *(please specify language)* | |
| Do you identify as: *(please delete those that do not apply)* | Aboriginal - Torres Strait Islander - Both Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander - Neither |

**Cost of attending *Nice to Meet Me***

The total fee for the *Nice to Meet Me* program is $1038.65. This includes:

- **2 x 2 hour group education sessions** (funded under Increased Social and Community Participation / Skills Development in a group)
  - 4 hrs + 2 hrs prep/tailoring/admin @ $28.66 = $171.96
- **3 x 2 hour group counselling sessions** (funded under Improved Daily Living Skills/ Group Counselling Group of 3 )
  - 6 hrs + 2 hrs prep/tailoring/admin @ $50.98 = $407.84
- **2 x 1 hour individual counselling sessions** (funded under Improved Daily Living Skills)
  - 2 hrs face to face + 1 hrs prep/tailoring/admin @ $152.95 = $458.85

**Please indicate where the invoice for the training cost should be sent:**

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| **1. Yourself** | **2. NDIS Planner** | **3. Portal** | **4. NDIS / NDIA** |

# SHFPACT Nice to Meet Me - NDIS Enrolment Information

***Nice to Meet Me* is delivered under the support items:**

| **SUPPORT CATEGORY: Increased Social and Community Participation** | | |
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| **Support Item** | **Support Item Ref No.** | **Description** |
| **Skills development in a group** | 09_007_0117_6_3 | Training for the participant in a group of 2 or more to increase their independence in daily personal activities |
| **SUPPORT CATEGORY: Improved Daily Living Skills** | | |
| **Support Item** | **Support Item Ref No.** | **Description** |
| **Counselling group** | 15_042_0128_1_3 | Facilitating self-knowledge, emotional acceptance and growth and the optimal development of personal resources through a group session. Assisting participants to gain their personal goals and gain greater insight into their lives. Group of 3. |
| **Counselling individual** | 15_043_0128_1_3 | Facilitating self-knowledge, emotional acceptance and growth and the optimal development of personal resources through a group session. Assisting participants to gain their personal goals and gain greater insight into their lives. |

**If these items are not included in your NDIS plan or you are not sure, please contact SHFPACT for further information.**

**SHFPACT training cancellation policy:**
Our policy is that cancellation without charge or with a full refund is available 7 days prior to the commencement of the course. If a cancellation is requested after the 7 day period a partial refund of 50% will be given. If the course has not been paid and a cancellation is requested after the 7 day period the participant will be invoiced for 50% of the course fees.

**As the person lodging this enrolment form I understand (and the participant of the program where applicable understands) that:**

- ✓ Only the training session can be invoiced to an NDIS/NDIA plan.
- ✓ By signing this I am confirming there are funds available in the support clusters indicated above in the NDIS plan in question.
- ✓ The resources of the session will be invoiced separately.
- ✓ It is up to the person lodging the enrolment form to supply all the details necessary for SHFPACT staff to process this enrolment – *SHFPACT staff will not be responsible for chasing up on details and may not be able to enrol participants if details are missing.*
- ✓ There is a cancellation policy and agree to the conditions.

If you have any questions about the enrolment process please do not hesitate to contact SHFPACT staff on (02) 6247 3077 or email – training@shfpact.org.au

Signed _____ (Digital signature acceptable – just type name)

**Please return completed enrolment form to training@shfpact.org.au and confirmation will be sent by one of our staff members shortly.**

# CAPITAL FOOTBALL POWERCHAIR DEVELOPMENT WEEKEND

## Australian Institute of Sport
## STF 5 COURT

**Saturday 3rd November**

**Games and come and try**

**10am – 4.30pm**

**Sunday 4th November**

**Game and come and try**

**10am – 2.30pm**

Find out more at capitalfootball.com.au

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# Save the date

# Pegasus Christmas Party and volunteer appreciation evening

**When:** Saturday, 8 December

**Where:** Pegasus Farm, 119 Drake Brockman Drive, Holt

**Time:** 5pm to 7pm

**Queries:** Please contact Chai on 02 6254 9190 or at admin@pegasusact.com.au

The evening will include our volunteer appreciation awards, a fabulous BBQ, gorgeous miniature ponies, live music, jumping castle, raffle, and even a visit from Santa!

Save the date and join us to celebrate another fantastic year at Pegasus!

## Looking forward to seeing you there!