NOTES HOME THIS WEEK

Water Fun Day Notes

PARENTS’ CHECKLIST
(Reminder of things to DO)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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THIS WEEK’S UPDATES

2014 WELCOME AFTERNOON TEA is on TOMORROW for ALL PARENTS AT 1.30PM BEFORE OUR FIRST ASSEMBLY. Please come and meet teachers during the recess break, new parents and catch up with ‘old hands’.

MORNING READING HIT has now commenced in all Year 1 – 6 classes Tuesdays to Fridays. (Kinders have Year 4/5 buddies for Term 1). All parents are encouraged to come into their child’s classroom at 9am and read with children for 15 minutes.

‘BELL’ TRIAL We have been trialling a two minute classical music excerpt in lieu of a loud hooter to encourage children to come off the playground, do their ablutions and be lined up ready for the teacher at the conclusion of the music. It is working beautifully with the children but we’ve had some feedback that the oboe gets a certain pitch outside. We will work on getting this right and would appreciate your patience!

CAR PARKING is now available in the ‘tennis’ carpark off Mueller Street at the library end of the school. Grazie to all parents who are observing the ‘drop off and pick-up’ protocol at the front of the school and keeping the area safe for our students.

WATER FUN DAY notes go out today. Please note that NO LATE ENTRIES will be accepted. All volunteers welcome - information on how to help is in the note.

Please note in the term’s even week newsletter that there will be updates as above to keep you apprised of school happenings. This week the focus is very appropriately on Bouquets after the outstanding effort of our community last weekend at the Multicultural Festival.

HUGE BOUQUETS go to the following parents for giving up their valuable weekend family time for our first fundraiser of the year and for bearing up so well in the hot conditions:

Organisers: Eric Nelson and Lisa Ramshaw - especially with all the preparatory liaison work prior to the festival

Trailer delivery: Iain Martin and Peter Ramshaw

Set Up of the stall (banners, signs etc): Eric Nelson and Mark Snow

Pack up: Mark Piva

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SCHOOL BOARD

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Gelato sellers /helpers/cashiers:
Sam Birch, Bernadette Mihaljevic, Scott and Lisa Lockey, Mark Snow, Libby Anderson, Jo Andrews, Anna Alberti, Sally Macourt, Jo and Mark Piva, Renée Shuttleworth, Rachel Smith-Cianchi, Raeleigh Rogers, Alison and Daniel Senti, Mariana Iafelice, Lisa Hanbridge, Gudrun Northrup, Eric Nelson

Gelato maker: Garry Bertoldo of GELATO MIO – the best gelato in Canberra! And double bouquet for his generosity of donating half the stall’s takings to our school.

A particularly big Grazie to Lisa Ramshaw and Bernadette Mihaljevic who manned the stall with Garry until very late on both nights.

Bravo to you all for your magnificent efforts and your generosity with your time. It is a great way to start our year!

Teacher Bouquets: Jodie Stewart, Bruna Krstulovic, Sarah Veitch, Arianna Cansdell, Lea Chapuis, Marli Ayrton for their help at the Gelato stall;

To the kindergarten team – Sarah Veitch, Nira Grujic, Federica Maggioni, Sabrina Beber and their executive, Derek Synnott for their excellent presentation to the kindergarten parents on Wednesday evening;

Student Bouquets:
To the new 2014 House Captains and Vice-Captains listed later in the newsletter: Brooklyn, Isaiah, Jacinta, Lars, Mateo, Marcus, Lola, Rachael, Noah, Lucy, Gil and Anela. Congratulations to you all! Well deserved!

To Samara and Yasmin Mistry, Tahlia and Zoe Ramshaw who did our school proud by holding up signs and doing a bit of rap to get the crowd’s attention at the Multicultural Festival.

Marley Campton and Antonio Calabria for demonstrating their understanding of re-cycling. Bravissimi ragazzi! Siobhan Forlong and Sebastian Lee for their focused work in writing the letter ‘a’ in kindergarten.

School Board News

What a weekend! Thank you to all who helped us with the school’s stall at the Multicultural Festival. We had a good weekend despite the heat, the power outages and our stall placement.

We made around $4000 for the school which was a good outcome. Events like this don’t happen without a lot of hard work by a lot of people and the board is grateful to everyone who helped. Thanks go first and foremost to Garry Bertoldo of Gelato Mio who partnered with us to provide all of the gelato for the stall. Thanks go too to all of the school staff who came out and helped: Bruna Krstulovic, Jodie Stewart, Sarah Veitch, Arianna Cansdell, Marli Ayrton and Lea Chapuis. And to all of the parent helpers: Sam Birch, Scott and Lisa Lockey, Libby Anderson, Jo Andrews, Anna Alberti, Sally Macourt, Mark and Jo Piva, Raeleigh Rogers, Alison and Daniel Senti, Rachel Smith – Cianchi, Renee Shuttleworth, Mariana Iafelice, Lisa Hanbridge and Gudrun Northrup. A special mention goes to Bernadette Mihaljevic who just showed up on Friday without anyone asking her to and worked until midnight. She also worked until midnight on Saturday! I’d also like to thank Mark Snow and Iain Martin (who provided the trailer for getting the freezer there) for helping set up the stall on Friday and Mark Piva, Gudrun Northrup and Peter Ramshaw (who provided the trailer to get remove the freezer) for packing up the stall on Sunday.

Finally, I’d like to thank Eric Nelson who did a fantastic job of organising the stall, making sure all the shifts were covered and was there on site for most of the weekend. It all would not have come together without Eric’s leadership.

It was a great opportunity for us to be seen in the community. Check out the photo below.
Welcome Back
Yarralumla Primary School has an active and enthusiastic P&C which usually meets twice a term in the school library. As a parent or carer of a student, you are automatically part of the P&C community and are welcome to participate in all its activities. In 2014 the P&C and School Board are trying to coordinate their efforts for volunteering and fund raising and this will be a very exciting year for our School Community.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 20 February at 6pm, where we will review the accounts from the prior year and elect office bearers for 2014.

The principal activities of the P&C will include:
- Raise money for the purchase of equipment, facilities and appropriate services for the school
- Manage a number of ACT Government grants and apply for new grants
- Operate the school canteen and the uniform shop
- Assist the Principal with activities at the school.
- Co-ordinate social events including the Festa della Repubblica (Italian National Day), Mother’s and Father’s Day events and the end of year disco.

The following roles for Office Bearers for 2014 will be elected at the AGM. If you would like to nominate for any of these positions please complete the attached form and email it to Alex Fahey at alex@uia.com.au

P&C Office Bearers Roles

President:
- chairs all general and executive committee meetings of the association
- acts as a spokesperson for the association;
- reports to P&C meetings about the activities of the P&C;
- ensures communication between P&C members and school board members;
- exercises some supervision of the functions of other office bearers; and
- encourages parents to participate in activities of the P&C.

Vice-President:
- presides as chair at meetings where the President is absent;
- is familiar with the operation of the P&C and duties of President;
- has a working understanding of meeting rules and procedure; and
- undertakes tasks to assist the President.
- acts as the P&C Council Delegate

Secretary/Public Officer:
- draws up, in consultation with President, the meeting agendas;
- keeps full and correct Minutes of the P&C’s proceedings;
- looks after P&C documents and attends to the correspondence of the P&C;
- acts upon decisions as directed by the meeting; and
- maintains a register of members if applicable.

Treasurer:
- holds responsibility for all funds received and expended by the association;
- prepares regular reports to P&C meetings and
- holds ultimate responsibility for all funds, including all subcommittee funds.

Assistant Treasurer
- Assist the Treasurer
- Manage P&C financial matters if the Treasurer is absent
- Assist with the management of the Library Trust Fund

In addition, we generally nominate a number of sub-committee management roles including
- Canteen co-ordinator – assists the canteen manager, looks after the accounts and the volunteer roster
- Fundraising co-ordinator – manages fund raising activities for the P&C
• Garden co-ordinator – assists the garden teacher and manages the ACT Health garden grant. A key responsibility this year will be to develop and manage a plan for the longevity of the garden
• P&C website co-ordinator – updates the P&C website where required
• Uniform Shop co-ordinator – managed the uniform shop including stock ordering and accounts management
• Delegate to ACT P&C Council
• Pre-school representative – represents issues regarding the YPS pre-school and acts as an Assistant Tresasure for the pre-school funds.

If you are unable to make this meeting, but would still like to be nominated, please contact Alex Fahey at alex@uia.com.au.

The 2013 Audited financial statement will be sent out with the Newsletter as an extra attachment.

Alex Fahey
P&C President

Canteen News

This year canteen will continue to open on Fridays only, usually offering one menu item and snacks. We’ll be in touch about this soon.

However, this week (Week 2, Friday 14) canteen will only open for snacks (muffins and popcorn $1 each and apple slinkies $.50c – an apple sliced into one long piece) and ice-creams.

If you would like to volunteer to assist with the canteen this term please email me. There are 2 vacant co-ordinator positions (these can be done from home) and we always need some parent helpers on Fridays (usually from 9:30 until 12:30). Kids love to see their parents at the canteen once a term!

Cheers,
Toni Dawes

Canteen coordinator tonid@iinet.com.au (mum to Charlotte Yr 5 and Jake Yr 4)

SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

The old school bank account with the Commonwealth Bank has now closed.
The new School Bank Account details are as follows:
BSB: 032-777  WESTPAC
ACCOUNT NO: 001906

Please ensure your details are up-to-date.

Captains and Vice Captains

McKell (Red)
Brooklyn Suraci (Captain)
Isaiah Wilson (Captain)

Jacinta Wright (Vice Captain)
Lars Widdicombe (Vice Captain)

Slim (Yellow)
Mateo Biscotti (Captain)
Marcus Mele (Captain)

Lola Archibald (Vice Captain)
Rachael Sailer (Vice Captain)

Menzies (Blue)
Noah Buchanan (Captain)
Lucy Darcy (Captain)

Gil Martin (Vice Captain)
Anela Romeo (Vice Captain)

Preschool

It has been a pleasure getting to know the preschool children and as the ‘about me posters’ come in, we will learn more about each other. This also provides an opportunity for the teachers to demonstrate questions and then for the children to be encouraged to ask questions of each other.

It has been pleasing to see how well the children have settled into preschool. What a busy and exciting time it has been!
The children have enjoyed their first Italian lessons with Anna Maria, singing songs about numbers.

Our programs and photos are available for viewing and comments. These are located on the round table inside the classroom.

Vanessa, Rebecca and Anne

Maestra Lynden has been reviewing the Fish Philosophy, emotions, our similarities and differences in Italian. We have played grouping games, drawn our feelings, explored our new class room and the school grounds. We have also been reacquainting ourselves and getting to know our new students. It has been a very pleasant and exciting two weeks.

The Year 1/2 team is looking forward to a fun filled year with innovative learning.

Maestra Cooper, Maestra Fielding, Maestra Lynden, Maestro Scerri

Gentili genitori,

It is with great delight that I return to Yarralumla Primary School this year to work with the Year 1/2 students in Italian. Semester 2 in 2013 I taught Italian and Geography at Stromlo High School. During that time I also completed my Masters in Education Policy International at the University of Melbourne. It was a fascinating degree and pertinent to language teaching and learning at Yarralumla Primary School and in schools around the world. We are participating in and paving the way in global trends in teaching our children to become competent speakers of multiple languages and capable individuals who are able to move with ease between diverse cultures with understanding, empathy and confidence.

My name is Lynden Lawton and I learnt to speak Italian as a child and teenager while living in Rome. Initially, at age six, I attended the local ‘asilo’ at Monte Mario in Rome.

I then attended Marymount International School for three years in Primary School then another three years in High School. At Marymount we had intensive language lessons in Italian that covered Italian language and grammar, Italian reading and comprehension, writing and the study of Italian literature. I have also had the privilege of teaching Italian to Year 1 children at Marymount International School.

In between these years I lived in Germany and attended the local Middle School down the street where I had to learn the language and participate in all lessons and complete all homework and assignments. The only concession made for me was I didn’t have to go to French classes. It was impossible to learn French when taught through German!

I continued my studies in Italian at the Australian National University. Upon graduating I taught all
levels of Italian at the ANU for a period of ten years in various capacities. I have taught Italian at
the University of Melbourne and at the Centre
of Italian Studies in Melbourne where I taught
Italian at all levels, high school students, Year 12
VCE students and adults from 18 years to adults
in their 70s.

I graduated from the University of Canberra with
a Graduate Diploma in Education specialising in
Languages Other Than English. I have also acted
as Convenor of Languages Other Than English in
the Education Faculty at the University of
Canberra.

I have taught Italian for over twenty years at
university level and language schools in Australia
and in Italy to children and adults alike. I look
forward to teaching at and being a part of the
Yarralumla Primary School community in the
coming years.

Buona settimana a tutti,

Maestra Lynden

Yarralumla Community
Twilight Market

Saturday March 29, 3-7pm

Come along and wander through the stalls,
invite family and friends.

kids activities, sausage sizzle and cake stall

Stallholders wanted - create, make, re-
purpose, paint, potter,
grow or sew ... have trash and treasure to
sell?

Apply for a stall
yarralumlaprimaryevents@gmail.com

$25 flat rate
3x3m stall space or car boot

(supported by the P&C)

Mathletics Awards

Mathletics Awards – Week 1, Term 1

Silver Awards

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These certificates will be announced at gli
annunci on Monday 17 February and distributed
in class.

Derek Synnott
Mathletics Coordinator

WANTED
WANTED VOLUNTEERS TO COVER BOOKS IN LIBRARY SEE JAYNE

School Banking

School banking will start again this Friday.
Remember to bring in your deposit books and
money to collect another token. There are new
and exciting rewards to earn this year. There is
no minimum amount for deposits.

If you are interested in joining the school bank
you need to go to your nearest Commonwealth
bank and bring some ID for your child. The aim
of the scheme is to teach children the value of
saving. The school bank also contributes to the
fundraising efforts of the P&C. Every new account
earns $5 and every deposit earns us a
commission. If you would like more information
please contact colette Harkin on
thayes69@hotmail.com
Sports News

NETBALL NETBALL 2014

It’s on again. Registration for the Netball Winter Competition is on Wednesday at 3.15 pm on the netball courts. All students in year 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 can register.

Netball is played on Saturday mornings at the Deakin Netball courts. Netball is fun and an amazing sport.

"ARE YOU ROCKING UP FOR NETBALL THIS YEAR?"

Jill Weickhardt.

Netball Co-ordinator

Community News

BUS SERVICE TO QUEANBEYAN

I would like to ask any parents interested in a bus service to school from Queanbeyan and back. To please call me Kiera Biscotti 0414 521 136 or send a quick email to ssts@deanestransitgroup.com.au

I have already discussed with Deanes that I am interested and they just need to have an idea of numbers. This will also get pushed through faster with more interest.

Kiera email me: nitoutwit@gmail.com

Calling all Mother & Daughter Bookworms!

Do you love to read books? Does your daughter love to read books? Would you like her to read something other than Harry Potter or vampire stories? Would you like to find an activity that the two of you can do together that is fun and where you can both share your opinions? Tahlia and I are starting a Mother-Daughter Book Club at Yarralumla Primary this year for girls who are 9 - 12 and confident readers and their mothers (or grandmothers) who want to read some interesting books and have some interesting discussions.

We will read one book each month that will be age appropriate for girls 9-12, and meet one evening a month in the Yarralumla Primary school library to discuss the book. If you are interested in being a part of the group or would like to know more about how it works, give me a ring on 0424 808 919 or email me on lisaramshaw@yahoo.com

Lisa Ramshaw
YARRALUMLA PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

NOMINATION FORM

I nominate _______________________________ for the position of _______________________
on the Executive Committee of the Yarralumla Primary School Parents and Citizens Association.

Nominated by: __________________________________________________

Signature  __________________________________________________

Full Name and Contact Number _________________________________

Seconded by: ____________________________________________

Signature  __________________________________________________

Full Name and Contact Number _________________________________

I, _______________________________, accept my nomination for the position of
______________________________ on the Executive Committee of the Yarralumla Primary

Signature and Contact Number  ______________________________________

Please forward completed nomination form to the President at alex@uia.com.au or leave
at front office for collection.
YARRALUMLA PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – AGENDA

Date: Thursday, 20th February 2014
Location: Yarralumla Primary School Library
Time: 6pm

Agenda Items

1. APOLOGIES

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM

3. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

4. ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

5. ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
   5.1. President
   5.2. Vice President
   5.3. Treasurer
   5.4. Secretary/Public Officer
   5.5. Ordinary members (x2)

6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

7. OTHER BUSINESS