NOTES HOME THIS WEEK
- School Sport Trials Yr 5/6
- Swimming Reminder and Request for Volunteers

PARENTS’ CHECKLIST (Reminder of things to DO)
- Swimming Notes to be returned

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Cari Genitori

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the presentation I gave last Thursday morning about how we are building our school culture and meeting strategic priorities identified through the Validation process last year. I introduced all the staff and then explained that the ‘tone’ of our school and how we support one another are built on our 3i values of Integrity, Inclusion and Innovation, the practices of the Fish Philosophy and the anti-bullying program - Friendly Schools Plus. The priorities we have identified in our Strategic and Annual Operating Plans are focused on building consistent and quality classroom practices by all teachers for continuous improvement in students’ learning in English, Italian and the Australian National curriculum. Creating more student leadership opportunities and engaging with the community are also high priorities and highlight our belief that every community member can contribute to our school through their time and talents. My take-home message was that all of the above is possible through positive relationships – between students, between staff and students and between staff and parents. We are in a ‘partnership’ and our school is your community asset - a learning hub for us all. Please be mindful of the role you play in educating your child and be prepared to ‘join-in’, volunteer, be generous with your interests and as the song goes: ‘be part of the family.’

Le Interviste (Parent/Teacher Interviews) This week has been a focus for you as parents and carers to meet classroom teachers and inform them of your child/ren’s personalities, strengths and areas for development. We see these interviews as a critical part of our communications with you to ensure each and every Yarralumla’s child’s academic, social and emotional needs are addressed. Thank you for your valuable time in attending these interviews. If you have not been able to attend an interview this week, you are encouraged to make another time during the term that is mutually convenient to you and the teachers. Any concerns about your child’s learning are best dealt with as quickly as possible through a phone call or email to your child’s teacher.

SCHOOL BOARD
- Lisa Ramshaw (Board Chair)
  - Phone: 0424 808 919
  - Email: lisaramshaw@yahoo.com

P&C
- Alex Fahey (President)
  - Phone: 0419 479 898
  - Email: alex@UIA.com.au

PRINCIPAL
- Lea Chapuis (Principal)
  - Phone: 6205 5766
  - Email: lea.chapuis@ed.act.edu.au
Elizioni consiliari (Board elections – details for voting later in the newsletter)
An email was sent out yesterday informing the community about 2014 Board elections. We have two nominations for one position currently held by Mr Eric Nelson whose term finishes at the end of March. In the meantime, Dr Mark Snow has informed me that his work commitments at home and abroad oblige him to resign his position halfway through his two year term. We thank both these gentlemen for their hard work and commitment to our school in their Board roles. If Mark Snow’s position cannot be filled by a casual vacancy (from Board election results last year) ETD Board guidelines require us to run a separate election after the current one. Once our Education Directorate has approved these appointments, I will be delighted to announce them in forthcoming newsletters.

Carnevale Sportivi (NO LATE Entries)
Sports Carnivals (Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics) are wonderful community celebrations but equally a huge amount of work for teachers as organisers (particularly swimming), above and beyond their normal workload. This year I am asking teachers to NOT accept any late entries into any carnival events. Whilst I do appreciate that life is very busy for families and the kitchen bench is notorious for getting covered in various school notes and forgotten return slips, I cannot endorse staff staying up until 2 am the night before a carnival to process late entries. This is what happened last year with our swimming carnival. Please, please get your child’s permission slip/entries in on time so there will be no little people disappointed on the day.
We look forward to seeing lots of families at the Festa Acquatica next Thursday at the Belconnen Aquatic Centre (CISAC).

Cordiali saluti,
Lea (Signora Chapuis)

Student Bouquets: Guy Gilmour and Sophie Hehir for choosing their attitude by modelling the appropriate way to walk through the piazza while on their way to empty the chook bucket.

To Richard Moir for ‘Being There’ at the Cerebral Palsy Alliance Charity Day and drumming up bids at the auction to help raise $140,000. Bravo Richard!

Teacher Bouquets: To the preschool team - Vanessa Taylor, Rebecca Higgins and Anne Birtwistle for their excellent presentation last week to preschool parents.

To our wonderful LSAs: Maestra Lola in the 1/2 team for ‘Being There’ for those students who are still settling into routines and needing extra support.

Maestra Roz Elliot for ‘Being There’ for the kindergarten team donating some Kimochi resources for teachers to use with the Friendly Schools Plus program.

Parent Bouquets: Eric Nelson and Mark Snow for their steadfastness and support of our school through their Board membership. Grazie mille signori for your conscientious efforts with a range of issues that have been on the Board agenda for the past two years.

To Rebecca Sostarko for competing in the charity tennis day for the Cerebral Palsy Alliance last Thursday and sending us the good news story about Richard. Grazie Rebecca!

QUOTE of the WEEK: Another way of remembering the value of positive relationships that we value in our school.
Four things come not back:
The spoken word, The sped arrow,
The past life, The neglected opportunity. Arabian proverb
School Board Election for P&C Representative (x1) on School Board

Voting opens 11am, 24 February and closes 11am 3 March 2014

As the school received two nominations, for the upcoming vacant P&C position on the School Board - EACH parent/carer of a child at Yarralumla Primary (this includes all villa classes: K-6, LSUs, Preschool and Montessori) is encouraged to vote for one of these two nominees. The nominees are Deb Hicks and Rachel Smith-Cianchi. They have both submitted short bios later in this newsletter to help inform your vote.

Please find an extra attachment to this newsletter with voting instructions and the ballot paper. Ballot envelopes are available at the School Front Office.

Please make time to come to the school Front Office and submit a ballot paper in the envelopes provided before the closing date. We thank all candidates for their commitment to our school by volunteering to serve on our Board and represent the community.

RACHEL SMITH-CIANCHI
Many of you know me as Sam and Luca’s (Yr1 this year) Mum or the mad woman who helped organised the fete last year. Community involvement has always been important to me. I was President of Ausdance ACT for 5 years, managing a board of 8 people, was on the board of the Choreographic Centre for 2 years and have run Board Governance workshops. I think a defined set of skills are extremely important when appointing a person to a board. The set of skills I bring are:

- Marketing
- Advertising
- Recruitment coaching
- Business consulting
- Stakeholder management
- Relationship management
- Event management
- IT consulting
- Fundraising

I am passionate about the importance of a bi-lingual education system and want to ensure YPS is seen as the ‘jewel in the crown’ by the Education Department. I want other schools to be directed to YPS to see how it’s done! I believe the board should support Lea and her team to achieve all their goals of providing our children a first class education and as importantly to help our children leave YPS being well rounded, caring, compassionate, responsible and determined individuals.

Please feel free to contact me on either 0412 598 138 or cianchi47@gmail.com

DEB HICKS
Hi my name is Deb Hicks. I am a mother of Callum ( year 3) and Olivia ( year 1) and am a local Yarralumla resident. I have been involved in the school community over the past 5 years through my involvement with the Montessori school and the past two years with YPS.

I have a vested interest in this fabulous school and have been on the board as a representative of the Montessori school for the past 9 months. I bring with me experience and knowledge of the current issues and strategic pathway forward of the school plus 5 years of background of the Montessori school and its alignment with YPS. This I obtained through my my role as president of the Montessori Parents’ Association during that time. I am passionate about the community and the future of Yarralumla primary school and with my professional background working in big corporate companies across a variety of government and private sector clients, I bring experience that will help drive the future direction and focus of the school so we can achieve even more wonderful things.

I wish all candidates the very best of luck and look forward to the opportunity of representing YPS.

Many thanks

Deb
The Annual General Meeting will be held on TONIGHT, 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 Treasurer 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

Alex Fahey
P&C President
Canteen News

This week the canteen will be offering TOASTED SANDWICHES - $2 each. The fillings will be one or more of: ham, cheese & tomato. Children should go to the canteen at lunchtime to purchase the sandwiches. The usual snacks will also be available.

We expect to return to last year’s system of ordering and delivering to classes in the next week or so.

Cheers,
Toni Dawes, Canteen Coordinator,
tonid@iinet.com.au

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.

Montessori

We welcome back our continuing students and families and have begun the staggered intake of 20 new 3 year old children.

We have been talking about our pets and how to care for them. On Monday, Paul brought his beautiful four month old pet rabbit, Sammy, in to show Red Group. It is a Flemish Giant who is toilet trained and lives inside. She is white with pink eyes. The children made a circle and Sammy moved around inside it twitching her nose while the children stroked her soft coat gently. A Flemish Giant can grow up to 10 kilograms!

Year 3/4

Le classi 3/4 Perle e 3/4 Opali have settled in very easily. In the past few weeks they have been involved in activities from the Integrated Inquiry “Creating Our Learning Community”. They read to their friends from kindergarten. They also used a Venn diagram with their friends in the year one classes to learn from each other about their differences and similarities.

Sustainability has also been focus of the integrated inquiry in the senior years. Together
with our friends from the 5/6 Acquamarina and 4/5 Agata we looked at degradable plastic bags from Australia and ‘borse di plastica biodegradabili’ from Italy. We then designed our own bags with an appropriate message: proteggi la nature/protect nature, rispetta la natura/respect nature.

Looking forward to seeing you at our meet and greet interviews.

Buona giornata and take care,

Maestre Carmela Brancato and Cheryl Couch

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**LOST JACKET AND HAT**

Isabella Hartley Year 1 has lost her school bomber jacket and red hat early this week. Could you please check the labels on your child/rens jackets and hats as they might have accidently picked up the wrong ones.

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**Mathletics Awards**

**Mathletics Awards – Week 2, Term 1**

Silver Awards

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These certificates will be announced at gli annunci on Monday 24 February and distributed in class.

Derek Synnott
Mathletics Coordinator

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**School Banking**

School banking is on this Friday. For those of you who missed out last week we will do two deposits this week.

Keep an eye out for the bright blue parent packs that went home with your children, inside is a fantastic token tracking chart that your children can use to let them know when they have saved for a reward! School banking has been teaching children smart savings habits and life-long money skills for over 80 years by simply bringing their money in each week, as little as 5 cents!

As we are an underwater theme this year there are fantastic rewards which includes, penguin or shark plush toy key rings, whale pencil case, swimming bag, sea streamers to name a few.

Don’t forget that your school earns commission thru the School Banking program with $5.00 for every new child that joins thru the school and 5% commission on all the children’s deposits throughout the term.

Why not join in the fun at your school!!
Swimming Carnival and Aquatic Activities Day Update

Thank you to those who have returned their notes and money for our carnival next Thursday 27 February at CISAC.

Please have all notes and money back to school as soon as possible so that we can check notes and collate them.

REMINDER - Entries for swimming events close this Friday 21 February

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

Volunteers for Swimming Carnival

If you would like to assist us at the swimming carnival and aquatic activities day on Thursday 27 February from 9:30 –2pm at CISAC in Belconnen please contact either Julie.Bomball@ed.act.edu.au or Cheryl.Couch@ed.act.edu.au

Please note there is a spectator fee of $2.50 and free entry for volunteers.

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)

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

Kidsoccer – pre-season skills based program

Is your child playing soccer this winter? Give them a great headstart by joining our skills based term 1 program.

Kidsoccer runs skills based, age appropriate programs for pre-school and primary aged children. Our program is designed specifically for children – from age 3 to 12. Whether you are new to soccer or wanting to play Division1, we have the program for you.

We have sessions available at O’Connor, Bonner, Garran and Hughes – visit www.kidsoccer.info for all the details. It is never too late to register with us. Keep fit, make new friends and impress your old ones with your new found agility and ball skills.

Woden Weston Rams Junior Rugby League Registration Day

Sunday 23rd February, 1-4pm at North Curtin Oval.

Teams in all age groups from Under 6 to Under 16.

New players please bring original (for sighting) and copy of birth certificate.
Further information available at the club’s website http://juniors.wodenvalleyrams.com/

Many thanks

David Burge
Mob. 0439 645 184
Email david.burge@bigpond.com

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 tossts@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

AEONCADEMY NEWS
As Aeoncademy commences its second decade of service to the community it is pleased to be celebrating the security of a new five year Licence to operate at Yarralumla Primary School. We wish to thank everyone who has helped us make this journey.

At the same time we are thrilled to find ourselves with stronger participant numbers than ever experiencing our famous creative programs. And we are excited to announce that we are initiating a new degree of programming.

Firstly, we have designed a new program, called Sparks, which is oriented to the needs of our 4 – 6 year old age group. It provides the introduction to Aeoncademy’s distinctive approach to education and total human enrichment through creative experience.

The Sparks Creative Play program affords the opportunity to mentally relax, physically move and to energetically and playfully engage in a selection of creative modalities framed to suit the age group.

At the same time we continue our commitment to our specialised Visual Art program, Creative Catalyst, and our specialised Dramatic Make-Believe program, Vala. The new degree of programming allows us to extend on the experiences of students enrolled in these senior programs.

Creative Catalyst has re-oriented to the 7yrs+ age group and more advanced projects. With students as old as 15yrs it retains the wonderful multi-age learning experience. There is now greater opportunity for older students to participate in such extension programs as the Shifting Sands Stop Motion Animation (from figurine to film) program, and the ATAC (Aeoncademy Teenage Art Club) mentorship program.

Participants in the Vala program have always been a minimum of 7 years of age. They now get to interface with the younger Sparks on a number of pre-planned occasions during the term. Unlike the younger Sparks, the older Vala participants get to use replica ‘boffer’ weapons in certain dramatic live action scenes.
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.