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"Certamen Praeter Palman" - "The endeavour is more important than the prize."

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NOTES HOME THIS WEEK

PARENTS' CHECKLIST

(Reminder of things to DO)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 10 April	Last Day of Term 1
Tuesday 28 April	First Day of Term 2 - NOT MONDAY
Tuesday 28 April – 5 June	Online Enrolments Open for 2016
Tuesday 5 May	South Weston Cross Country
Saturday 9 May	Open Day 12pm-2pm

REMINDERS:

DON'T FORGET TERM 2 RECOMMENCES ON TUESDAY 28 APRIL

Farewell Assembly for Signora Chapuis is on Friday 8 May - Week 2 next term, NOT tomorrow's assembly. All welcome!

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A Final Arriverderci (I will see you again)

It is with mixed feelings and a sense of the surreal that I write my last Newsletter to everyone. A big part of me is still unhappy about leaving as Principal whilst another smaller part is relieved that the constantly postponed decision to take premature retirement has now been made and I can focus on restoring my health. As many a person has told me recently, choosing a time to leave a profession to which 38 years has been dedicated is never easy even in the best of circumstances. I have certainly appreciated the many thoughtful gifts, hugs and comforting words I've received in school corridors and via cards and emails over the past fortnight. Grazie mille!

This week as I've prepared to leave, it is satisfying to know that our school has found its rhythm to keep driving forward are vision with sound processes, teaching practices and a highly visible culture of learning.

The achievements and developments in the past three and a half years demonstrate our teachers' and students' commitment to their learning and our whole community's enthusiasm for raising the bar and expectations in everything we undertake. They include:

- reversal of a previous declining enrolment trend so that we are now double the enrolments of 2011;
- the building of trust with our community and valuing our parents' knowledge, perspectives and insights;
- introduction of the 3i school values – *integrity, inclusion, innovation*, the FISH Philosophy and the Friendly Schools Plus program to build students' social and emotional skills;
- a revised school logo and banners to reflect our school's bilingual focus
- the raising of our school's bilingual profile nationally and internationally through collaborative forums with the Italian Embassy, annual hosting of Italian teachers and language assistants for sabbaticals, interstate bilingual school network teacher workshops and the biennial Community trips to Italy;
- excellent collaboration with the Directorate's Capital Works section, architects and contractors to deliver the desired upgrade and re-furbishment of our school's administration and classroom wings;

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- implementation of innovative Australian curriculum planning documents that include CLIL – Content Language Integrated Learning – the internationally recognised bilingual teaching methodology to raise our students’ bilingual standards;
- the recruitment of two specialist Executive teachers to coach and mentor teachers and to coordinate the Italian bilingual program;
- the implementation of the Early Childhood National Quality Standards in our early childhood villas, including the transformation of the outdoor play area;
- implementation of best practice literacy and numeracy methods in all classrooms (eg. Reading Hit, differentiated groups across grades, Daily 5 and Middle Years Mental Computation) to improve students’ skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, mental computation and maths language problems;
- the introduction of Mindfulness at the conclusion of lunch every day;
- more targeted integration and support of students with learning difficulties and disabilities;
- integration of learning technologies (eg. ipads, Macbooks, online resources on Interactive White Boards and next term, Google Apps for Education on chromebooks) to engage students in meaningful, relevant and creative ways of learning;
- recent introduction of personalised learning and three way conferencing for Years 4 to 6 students in the Gambarri Villa;
- and last but not least the impressive engagement of parents at school functions, coordinating and coaching school tee-ball and netball teams, and fundraising through Fetes, Twilight Fairs, Trivia and Social evenings, electoral day and Open Day stalls and the Multicultural Festival.

Phew! – by no means, an exhaustive list but definitely testament to the hard work of our staff, our parents and everyone’s tenacious efforts to make a difference to our students’ learning and to our community.

Through all the joys and challenges of the past three and a half years and trying to ‘Be There’ as much as possible for students, staff and parents, it has been easier with the trusting, positive and unwavering support of my leadership team – Sharon Brissoni, Arianna Cansdell, Simone Thomas and in particular Signora Marli. Marli has been by my side every step of the way since she came to the school at the beginning of 2013 and I am very grateful for her amazing counsel, wisdom and experience. She will be Principal of Yarralumla for the remainder of this year and I am confident that she will be an excellent leader of an effective and strong leadership team that will also include Maestra Carmela Brancato in an acting Executive role and maestra Cansdell as acting Deputy for Term 2. The demanding role of Deputy will oblige maestra Cansdell to gradually transition her Year 1 class to maestra Dee Nelson who is an experienced teacher and has been in a support role at Yarralumla since Term 4 last year.

Other staffing changes next term include maestra Rita Prevato joining the Year 1 team and working closely with maestra Sharon Brissoni. We were delighted to welcome her as another native speaking Italian teacher on staff earlier in the term when she began providing release lessons in Italian. She will now take over the Year 1 Scarlatto class from Maestra Webster who once again will take on a PE release role which she did so effectively last year. Maestra Webster will also be supporting students of non-English speaking background both in the classroom and for withdrawal periods in the first half of the week.

Other shorter and longer farewells: In the Gambarri Villa, Maestra Cheryl Couch is taking Long Service Leave in the United States during term 2 and we are fortunate to have Maestra Shae Souden who has previously taught at Yarralumla as her replacement.

We also wish all the best to two students who are changing schools – Gemma F-M in Year 5 Oro who has made such an impact on our school in her short time with us and is returning to Cootamundra. We also are sad to say goodbye to Annabel S Year 4 Bronzo who is moving to Forrest Primary School.

It is appreciated that changes for some students and staff can be unsettling at this stage of their schooling year. However Signora Marli and I have put considerable thought into how to best manage the necessary changes required for the school leadership and teaching teams to continue functioning smoothly. We seek your trust in us as experienced educators and to understand that the one constant in life IS change – for both ourselves and our children and that resilience can only be instilled through learning to cope with change and the unexpected.

I wish everyone relaxing, quality time as a family during the autumn break and I look forward to seeing many of you at Week 2 assembly next term when I believe there are plans to send me on my way!

Cordiali saluti e Arriverderci!
Lea (Signora Chapuis)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK – too close for comfort!

'Experience is not what happens to a man; it is what a man does with what happens to him.' Aldous Huxley

Bouquets:

Students: To Amanda V for her leadership demonstrated in the way she organised the year 6 student helpers for the kindy world of maths activities;

To Jackson W for putting the Fish Philosophy in action by 'Being There' to help someone in need (he helped Richard during an art lesson by being 'his hand');

To Richard M for choosing his attitude during challenging learning tasks.

Staff: To Maestra Brancato for organising the World of Maths activities yesterday and today for all classes;
To Maestro Dave Matthews for his coordination of the ANZAC Day ceremony tomorrow underneath the COLA;
To ALL MY STAFF FOR BEING THE MOST HARD WORKING, CHEERFUL AND DEDICATED BUNCH OF EDUCATORS THAT ANYONE COULD HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF WORKING WITH!

Parents: To all the thoughtful parents who have 'Made my Day' with their cheery hugs, smiles and words of support as I come to terms with 'leaving' Yarralumla.

Dear families

The Community Trip to Bergamo 2015 has been postponed to next year. A decision was made to postpone the Community Trip to 2016 following the response of only 4 families who were interested in taking part in the trip this year.

Thank you to those families that have expressed interest in travelling this year, we have added your names to next year's trip alongside the other families that have already signed up for 2016.

Please be aware that the primary school we are affiliated with in Scanzorosciate also has a high school attached, it is possible therefore, for our Year 6 students (and older siblings) to attend the high school during the week long school visit.

Thanking everyone again for your interest in the Community trip, we will be in touch later next term to commence preparation for next year's trip.

Maestra Brissoni



Board News

A reminder that nominations for the vacant P&C position on the Board – mentioned in the newsletter last week, will open 11am on Tuesday 28 April 2015 and close 11am on Tuesday 12 May 2015. If voting is required it will take place from 11am Tuesday 19 May until 11am Tuesday 26 May.

Nomination forms will be available from the front office.

Canteen News

End of Term Sausage Sizzle - YUM!

P&C are running an 'End of Term' Sausage Sizzle lunch on **Friday 10 April**. Let's celebrate a great first term of learning with our children and the wider school community.

Sausages are \$2 each. Standard Beef, Halal or Vegetarian.

Canteen will be opened tomorrow for usual snacks.

Menu for term 2 will be available on Flexischools by start of term.

Thank you and regards
Raeleigh

Uniform Shop – Change of opening hours

In terms two and three the uniform shop will open every second Friday, from 8.30am – 9.30am, on **even** weeks (assembly weeks). You can still place an order:

- by completing a form and leaving with the front office
- by emailing your order form (download from ypspandc.com/uniform-shop) to uniform@ypspandc.com
- through flexischools

Orders will be delivered to your child's classroom the Friday after your order has been received.

Regards
Susan

Assembly Roster

Week10 : ANZAC Assembly – Yr 1

Year 1

Wow, what a term! It has flown past and we are very close to our well-deserved break. Year 1 have been doing some fantastic learning this term. In Maths, we have been focussing on counting by 2s, 5s and 10s, dividing numbers and 2D shapes. In English, we have successfully started reading groups and the students are learning how to make connections and comparisons with texts. Students have also been learning how to spell in both Italian and English and are working in groups to sort words into sounds, find words in our environment and correctly write words in sentences.

Over the past few weeks, students have been bringing in toys from the past to talk about. Toys like Donkey Kong and Barbie have reminded me of my childhood.

maestra Cansdell on behalf of the Year 1 team.



2016 ENROLMENTS FOR YARRALUMLA



PRESCCHOOL AND MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Online Enrolment opens for the 2016 school year begin

28 April and close 5 June.

The online enrolment application form can be accessed from the ETD website at [Application to Enrol/Transfer in an ACT public school](#)

Raccolta fondi della classe Platino

Our wonderful year six students have decided to raise some funds in order to be able to purchase some hand free microphone sets for the hall and some other much needed resources or just enough money to build a nice bench under our fantastic trees. We invite all students to come to:

La pasticceria della classe sesta. Dolci per tutti.

The year six bakery.
Sweet treats for everyone.
From 50c to \$2.00

Open on Friday 10 April at recess under the
COLA.
Vi aspettiamo!!!!



We have organised a Family Fun Day to be held this Saturday at the Queanbeyan Show Ground 11th April

As part of this Fun Day we are having an attempt at the Guinness Book of records for the most people in Superhero costumes in the one location.

Entry is by a gold coin donation. We have lots of stalls and activities planned for the children, along with the attendance of some of our community groups.

We would really appreciate it if you could share this information with your students.

Kind Regards
Shelby Mills

Mother's Day Classic Fun Run and Walk

Sunday 10 May 2015

The Mother's Day Classic is an annual fun run and walk raising funds and awareness for breast cancer research. The aim of the event is to deliver a fun, healthy and inspirational event that brings the community together on Mother's Day to support and remember those touched by breast cancer.

Participants entering the Canberra Mother's Day classic can choose to take part in either a 5km run or walk or a 10km run around the Central Basin of Lake Burley Griffin.

All proceeds from the Mother's Day Classic are donated to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, a not for profit organisation that supports research into breast cancer prevention and treatment. Participants are also encouraged to fundraise for the National Breast Cancer Foundation with online fundraising pages available during the registration process.

The Mother's Day Classic includes extra activities for kids and adults including warm-up aerobics, roving performers, a food court, free massages, entertainment plus a kid's activity area with face painting and a jumping castle.

Community News



Book now for lessons in Term 2
Call or email
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Capes 4 Kids is a program that donate superhero capes to children who are suffering from illness in hospital.

YPS Canteen Menu Term 1, 2015

Week	Date	Item	Notes	Price
10	10/4	Sausage Sizzle	Standard Beef and Halal sausages available	\$2