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Education and Training

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

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NOTES HOME THIS WEEK

YPS Walkathon

PARENTS' CHECKLIST

(Reminder of things to DO)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 28 August	Assembly hosted by Kindergarten 2.15pm
Friday 4 September	Father's Day Stall
Friday 11 September	Learning Journey 8.30am-10.30am, Assembly hosted by Yr 6
Mon 14 Sept – Tue 15 Sept	Birrigai Camp Year 3/4
Wednesday 23 September	YPS Walkathon
Friday 25 September	Y Factor Final, Assembly hosted by Yr 4/5 ad SLSU, Last Day of Term 3
Monday 12 October	First Day of Term 4

Our 3i school values: Integrity ~ Inclusion ~ Innovation

Cari genitori

Cars and Kids don't mix! PIANO, PIANO per favore!

It was only two weeks ago that I reminded parents and carers to follow the rule about 'NO PARKING - Drop off and Pick up only' at the front of the school. Today I need to remind you to actually SLOW DOWN when you drop off and pick up as there have been a few near accidents with cars and kids this week. Piano, piano per favore.

Welcome to new Italian staff member

This week we welcomed maestra Paola Tonel to our school. She has taken over classe Blu (Wednesday – Friday) as maestra Sabrina has accepted another teaching position in Brisbane. We will miss maestra Sabrina very much and her caring and happy disposition. She has contributed much to the implementation of the Italian program in the Kinder class as well as many other classes across K-6 over several years. We wish her every happiness and success in her new role in sunny Queensland. We hope she will get too hot in QLD and come back to cool Canberra. Arrivederci!

Student Surveys

All ACT Public school staff, students (years 5-12) have been invited to complete the Australian School Climate Measurement Tool (ASCMT) survey (parent/carer and staff ASCMT surveys are a part of the School Satisfaction Survey questionnaire). This survey provides a valuable lens through which to understand our student, staff and parent/carers' perceptions of the school environment.

The ASCMT survey has a particular focus on a school's 'social' environment with regard to:

- Relationships – being valued, respected and listened to in our dealings with others
- Connection – a sense of belonging and connection to the school and what it stands for, and
- Engagement – investment in and enthusiasm for the school.

This information gained from the collection and analysis of this data is an integral part of whole school planning and informs our strategic direction over a four year period. The three priorities in our current strategic school plan all relate to relationships, connections and engagement and the staff review these priorities on a regularly basis to ensure that we are addressing the social environment of the school.

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Although not compulsory, students in years 5 and 6 should have completed the survey by Monday 31 August. The students have been given an opportunity to participate in the survey at school. If you have any questions about this survey, please contact our Deputy Principal, Arianna Cansdell on 61423253 or Arianna.cansdell@ed.act.edu.au The parent school satisfaction survey is also due by Monday 31 August. Thank you for participating in this survey as it will reflect the opinions of the entire school community. I am most grateful to Signora Cansdell for her smooth coordination of the surveys this year.

Great news for the Preschool and Montessori villas – Exceeding the National Quality Criteria!

Under the National Quality Framework, our Preschool and Montessori villas were required to undergo an assessment and rating of their programs. Its aim is to raise quality and drive continuous improvement in services in children's education and care across Australia. This is a rigorous two day process for each villa which involves observations and discussions with the Principal, teachers and support staff about seven quality areas. These include: Educational Program and Practice, Children's Health and Wellbeing, Physical Environment, Staffing Arrangements, Relationships with Children, Collaborative Partnerships with Families and Communities and Leadership and Service Management.

I am very pleased to announce that both the Preschool and Montessori programs have been rated overall as **EXCEEDING the National Quality Criteria**. Congratulations to all of the staff in the two villas. Through your quality programs, practices and dedication, you are providing the best possible start for the youngest of our school community. An awesome result! Grazie mille a tutti!

LIMELIGHTers sung their hearts out last night at the AIS

Under the awesome leadership of maestra Veitch and her staff support team, around YPS 70 students performed as members of the Combined Choir last night at the AIS. It was a wonderful showcase of students' creativity and talent in the area of the performing arts.' Watch this space for details about their performance next week.

NAPLAN results indicate we are improving individually and as a school

I've been spending significant time over recent evenings analysing the data that the school receives about our student performance in the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy.

My findings are very positive and most encouraging as they indicate that we are moving our students and school forward in literacy and numeracy and even exceeding the median scores of schools at both territory and national levels. In fact, the year 3 student cohort exceeded all ACT and South Weston network schools' median scores in all areas of literacy and numeracy. The results in both years 3 and 5 indicate that the strategic priorities we set in place in 2013 for the 2014-2017 plan and the subsequent annual operating action plans, after our school underwent an External Validation process, were the right ones to move our students and school forward. Parents and carers would have had an opportunity to view your child's performance in their individual reports by now too. If you wish to discuss any aspect of their reports, please make a time to meet with their teachers, however, please take into account that this assessment is only a snapshot of learning and not a comprehensive assessment of all areas of learning. Congratulations to all staff who have contributed to this wonderful result.

HATS ON PLEASE!

It's time to be wearing hats again. Please ensure that your child has a broad brimmed hat for the playground and outdoor learning activities such as Physical Education or gardening. Please write your child's NAME on the inside label so it can be returned if found all alone on the ground and missing its owner!

RECOGNITION of Service to the MLTA

I wish to make a special mention of the recognition of the extraordinary efforts of Meri Dragicevic by the Modern Language Teachers' Association of ACT. Maestra Meri, teacher of Classe Rosso, has contributed more than 20 years of service to the MLTA and was made Honorary Life member for her commitment and dedication to the advocacy of languages education in the ACT. Bravissima Meri!

Cordiali saluti

Signora Marli



Quote of the Week: 'Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counsellors, and the most patient of teachers.' Charles W Eliot

Bouquets:

Students: To our top overall performers in NAPLAN in year 3- Bruno W, Brandon T, Lila G, Laura C, Chloe R, Antonio C, Sabita A.

And in year 5 – Lavinia A, Carl V, Max V, Taina QPR, Jake D, Ellen M, Tilly S. – Bravissimi tutti!

Staff: To maestra Veitch, signora Thomas, maestra Couch and maestra Stewart for their commitment to YPS students and their learning in the performing arts. They spent all day with the students at the AIS.

Parents: To all the parents who transported their children and others to participate in Limelight

P&C News

Fathers' Day Stall - Friday, September 4th

Fathers' Day is on Sunday, September 6th. We're holding a stall, like the Mothers' Day stall, on Friday, September 4th so the children can buy a small gift priced between \$2 - \$5.

I'm looking for five volunteers to help the students choose a gift at the Fathers' Day stall, to be held in the school foyer on Friday, Sept 4th from 9.00-11.00am.

Please contact Mel Jamieson at melindajamieson@hotmail.com or 0403124290. Many thanks from the P&C.

Canteen News

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING AT THE CANTEEN!!!! The canteen is primarily staffed by volunteers, without regular volunteers the canteen will NOT be able to operate.

If your kids LOVE the canteen experience, show us some love in return!

We need 1 or preferably 2 parent helpers each week to ensure that we can provide lunches to the children on time. We need help between 9.15 to 11.15. **Please check the attached class roster and email: canteen@ypspandc.com if you can help out.** If you can't help on your rostered day, we would love to have you any other day that you may be available!

Next week is chicken nuggets. Keep those orders coming via Flexischools! To register or order please go to www.flexischools.com.au

A big thank you to Madeline and Claire also to our student helpers for volunteering last week, it sure was busy!

Thanks and regards
Raeleigh and Sarah

Canteen Volunteer Roster Term 3 2015

	Date	Class	Year
Week 6	28 Aug	Marino	2/3
		Verdolino	2/3
		Perla	JLSU
Week 7	4 Sept	Rosso	Kinder
		Scarlatto	1
Week 8	11 Sept	Bronzo	4/5
		Argento	4/5
Week 9	18 Sept	Menta	2/3
		Oliva	2/3
Week 10	25 Sept	Sausage Sizzle	Everyone!

Term 3 Assembly

Week 6	Kindergarten
Week 8	Year 6
Week 10	Year 4/5 +SLSU

*The 2015 School Satisfaction Survey for Parents and Carers is now open. If you have not already completed the survey, please complete the survey by **Monday 31 August 2015**. A letter about the parent and carer survey was emailed to parents and carers or sent home with students. If you do not have a letter for each child in your family, please contact the school office. The letter contains all the information you will need to access the survey. The key ACT results from the 2014 School Satisfaction Surveys have been published on the Education and Training Directorate website (www.det.act.gov.au) and a summary of our school results is provided in our 2014 School Board Report. Thank you in anticipation of your participation in this important school survey.*

Year 4/5/6

It has been a very busy and exciting fortnight in Gambarri. We are in full swing into our new Inquiry unit looking into inventions and innovations that influence society. Students are exploring and doing experiments across four science topics; light, friction, forces and electricity. The 4/5/6 students have also been busy preparing activities to do with the younger students in Book Week. They demonstrated great leadership skills in running activities.



Maestri Stewart, Couch, Brancato, Thomas and maestro Scerri

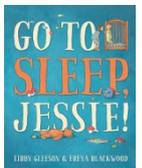
Library

Library Happenings



It is BOOK WEEK. In Australia this is a chance to recognise the quality work released by Australian authors and illustrators for Children to Young Adults in a publication year. This year the winners were;

Early Childhood: Go to Sleep, Jessie! By Libby Gleeson & Freya Blackwood



Picture Book: My Two Blankets by Irena Kobald & Freya Blackwood



Early Chapter Book: The Cleo Stories by Libby Gleeson & Freya Blackwood



Non Fiction Text: A to Z of Convicts in Van Diemen's Land by Simon Barnard



Older Readers: The Protected By Claire Zorn



The library has all of these except the older reader, along with the short listed books in each category.

In fact over the first 6 weeks the students have been looking at a number of these books, talking about themes, author ideas, illustration type,

FAREWELL TO OUR VISITING ITALIAN TEACHERS AND CELEBRATING OUR SUPPORT AND ADMIN STAFF



Last week saw the conclusion of our visiting Italian teachers' stay at Yarralumla School. Staff and Executive teachers farewelled Luigia, Paola and Martina with a culinary feast at morning tea time in conjunction with the celebrations for our wonderful support and admin staff. We are very grateful to the host families that welcomed the Italian teachers into their homes and lives and we are sure that lasting friendships have generated from this experience. We also would like to thank maestre Meri, Federica and maestra Sabrina for organising the visit and ensuring a smooth and successful outcome. Bravissime!

Woolworth's Earn and Learn

Thank you for the great number of stickers coming in, to date we have 7000 worth of points to spend. Woolworth's Earn and Learn ends on 8 September, so please keep collecting until then.

Thanks
Ciao Yarralumla Staff



Picasso Cow at Yarralumla 2015

PICASSO COW UPDATE

As you know our school has received a Picasso Cow. We are having a competition to name our cow.

Students are invited to enter this competition. If you have any suggestions for a name there will be an entry fee of 50c payable to maestra Fielding or maestra Thomas.

Names will go into a vote. The person with the best name will get the honour of naming the Picasso Cow!

Kind regards

Rachael and Alyssa

Year 6 Platino

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

It is extremely important for the Front Office at Yarralumla Primary to have up to date emergency contact and correct email details of parents and carers for all of our students. If you have had a change of contact details or are unsure if your details are current, please contact or see the Front Office as soon as possible.

BOOK COVERING



If you can help with doing a basket of covering for the library, please wander up to see Maestra Jayne. There are baskets of

books, scissors and contact ready to go.

With Thanks

Sports News

Have a Go “ / Season Warm up Tee ball sessions

For existing tee ballers, and anyone interested in possibly joining up for tee ball, please come to a fun “**Have a Go “ / Season Warm up session**, on Friday 28 August and Friday 4 September after school. We’ll get together beside the covered play equipment just above the oval after school, have something to eat and then go down onto the oval for a play. If its unbearably squelchy, we can play on the asphalt. We will have a few different stations – ball throwing (how far can you throw? can you hit a target?), running between bases (how fast can you run? who’s the fastest?), catching with a glove on (we’ll try a tennis ball for starters!), and hitting a ball from the tee (that’s the most fun of all!). All existing players please bring your glove – we have some spares that can be borrowed if you are just coming for a “try”. Each station will be attended by some of the bigger kids who have several years of experience and who will be helping me run the session, and there will be some little treats for motivation (nothing like a chocolate frog to make a child feel good about their performance!)

Come along, have some fun, and see what tee ball is all about!

Libby Anderson libby.ccc@aapt.net.au

Community News

The best mid-week lunch option is at CIT Café’s Wednesday Lunch Club

Today, 26 August and 2 September

And you can’t beat this exciting fresh spring menu:

- Grilled pork chops marinated in Chinese five-spice served with fresh green apple salad, steamed jasmine rice and plum sauce (GF)
- Pepperoni pizza - topped with rocket and honey mustard balsamic glaze (GF base available on request)
- Tomato based beef curry with eggplant served with green vegetables and steamed rice (GF)

- House made fish cakes served with green beans, cucumber salad and red nam chim sauce
- Roasted Jerusalem artichoke soup topped with crispy sage and accompanied with a bread roll (V) (GF bread roll available on request)

Don’t forget CIT training café’s convenient location a few minutes’ walk from the city centre.

Sit down inside or out and enjoy a fantastic meal experience or grab a yummy meal on the go to take back to work.

All meals \$10

You can’t beat these prices for fresh seasonal quality!

CIT Café, Ground Floor, K Block CIT Reid, 37 Constitution Avenue

Open Wednesdays 11:30am–2pm

Mugga-Mugga

Listening to the past: Music in Historic Places Saturday 29 August: 11am–1pm

Musical performance is essential to how we express our thoughts, emotions and stories.

Join ANU School of Music Visiting Fellow, Jennifer Gall for an exploration of the different kinds of sounds heard at Mugga-Mugga. Open your ears to the sounds of this place prior to European settlement, to the music that the new settlers of the 1830s brought to the landscape, and beyond.

Enjoy an opportunity to try instruments like those used by members of the Curley family. Sing along with songs from the house music collection, and hear hidden voices of history from inside Mugga-Mugga cottage.

This program is offered with the kind support of ACT Heritage.

Cost: \$15 (ACT M&G members free)

Bookings:

www.muggalistingtothepast.eventbrite.com.au.

Meditation for Children Program

Yarralumla Primary School



Meditation has valuable benefits for the present and future lives of children.

- Promotes health and wellbeing
- Encourages self-awareness and self-reflection
- Strengthens academic skills, memory and concentration

Program Includes:

- Mindfulness meditation
- Guided visualisation
- Emotional/body awareness
- Relaxation activities

Facilitator:
Dianne Bourke

More Information:
0422068825
dianneb888@yahoo.com.au

A certified 'Child Meditation Facilitator', 'Certified Guided Imagery Specialist for Children and Mindfulness Instructor for Children'

11+ years of primary teaching experience

Has associated with any particular religious/spiritual philosophy or school of thought



Meditation Workshops

Building on the school's initiative of daily mindfulness

For: K-6 students, with parents welcome

When: Tuesdays- 11:10-11:45am, \$7 / after school for 45-60 minutes, \$10

Please contact the school to register your interest and preferred timeslot by Friday, 4th September 2015

YPS Canteen Menu Term 3, 2015

Week	Date	Item	Notes	Price
7	4/9	Chicken Nuggets	5 Nuggets per serve, choice of sweet chilli/tomato sauces.	\$3 serve
8	11/9	Nachos	Beef and tomato sauce or vege sauce, with corn chips.	\$3 bowl
9	18/9	Wedges	Choice of sour cream, sweet chilli/tomato sauces.	\$3 bowl
10	23/9	WALKATHON Sausage Sizzle	Beef, Vegetarian or Halal sausages available	\$2 ea

YPS Canteen Weekly Snacks

Item	Notes	Price
Jelly Cups	Variety of flavours	\$1
Yogurt Berry Crunch Cups	Berries, Greek yogurt with toasted muesli - in a cup	\$1
Popcorn	Small bowl	.50
Muffins	Variety of flavours	\$1
Anzac Biscuits	No nuts	\$1
Hot Chocolates	Made to order	\$1
Quick Noodles (hot)	Cup of hot noodles	\$2
Paddle Pops	Variety of flavours	\$1.50
Icy Poles	Variety of flavours	.50
Fruit Piece	Variety of fruit	\$1