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

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NOTES HOME THIS WEEK

Learning Journey Invite

Walkathon Note & Sponsorship
Forms

PARENTS' CHECKLIST

(Reminder of things to DO)

Return Walkathon Note
Put Learning Journey in the
diary

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 30 Aug	Book Week Dress Up and Parade
Fri 30 Aug	Bilbies Book Week Dress Up
Mon-Fri 2-6 Sept	Yr 2 Aqua Safe Swimming
Tue 3 Sept	Yr 5/6 Girls Cricket Gala Day
Thu 5 Sept	Yr 5/6 Boys Cricket Gala Day
Mon 9 Sept	Board Meeting 5-7pm
Mon 9 Sept	P & C Meeting 7-9pm
Tue 10 Sept	Athletics ACT Championships
Wed 18 Sept	Learning Journey 8.30-10.00am
Fri 20 Sept	Walkathon

Dear Parents and Carers,

Italian Program

This week we were joined by two more university students from the University of Bergamo who will be with us until the 15th November. Please welcome Giulia Balduzzi and Sara Abbiateci. This week both students have been working in maestra Lynden's classroom assisting the students with their Italian language acquisition. Next week both students will move into other classrooms across the school. The school is extremely proud of the connection it has built with the university and looks forward to future graduates joining our teaching staff.

Staffing

We would like to announce that Bruno Santagostino Baldi has won the permanent Building Service Officer position at YPS. Bruno has already made a positive impact to the school with his warm nature and strong work ethic. Bruno has a strong connection to the school by being the former President of the Italian Language School for many years.

Maestra Carrin is going on maternity leave at the start of next week. Maestra Jarmen one of our experienced relief teachers will shadow maestra Carrin on Thursday and Friday to complete a handover before taking over the class next week. Due to study, maestra Jarmen will be away in weeks 8 and 9 of this term and a teacher has been booked to cover this time.

Satisfaction Survey

The 2019 School Satisfaction Survey for Parents and Carers is now open. If you have not already completed the survey, please complete the survey by Monday 2 September 2019. A survey invitation was emailed to parents and carers. If you do not have an invitation for each child in your family, please contact the school office. The invitation contains all the information you will need to access the survey. The key ACT results from the 2018 School Satisfaction Surveys have been published on the Education Directorate website (www.education.act.gov.au) and a summary of our school results is provided in our 2018 School Board Report. Thank you in anticipation of your participation in this important school survey.

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Father's Day Stall

A big thank you to all the mothers that came and helped out on the P&C Father's Day stall on Wednesday. Due to the outstanding work of Mel Jamieson and the P&C the students had a wide variety of gifts to choose from. We wish all our fathers and significant other males a wonderful Father's Day on Sunday.

School Review

Over the coming weeks I will be sharing feedback from our school review process. Please read the commendations that the school received:

- The positive relationships within the community of staff, students and parents is reinforced by the strong sense of belonging. Parents said, "there is a real sense of inclusion". Students said, "teachers are helpful, supportive and considerate of my way of working." Another student said, "teachers make learning fun."
- There is a strong sense of cultural inclusivity within the school community. The Italian heritage and culture are embedded and celebrated.
- The school is working actively to ensure qualified teachers are recruited to maintain the bilingual approach to schooling.
- All staff demonstrate a strong commitment to improving the outcomes of all students.
- The school has a strong partnership with the local community of Scanzorosciate, Bergamo to provide authentic learning experiences for its students.
- The school also has strong partnerships with parents and the wider community. Parents, students and staff described a strong sense of community in this school.
- The Montessori program provides an engaging student-centred curriculum designed to meet the needs of the whole child. Teachers in the primary school identified student strengths of learner readiness, respectful relationships, and self-regulation in those who have transitioned from the program into their classes.

Yarralumla Sportsground Pavilion Upgrade

The Yarralumla Sportsground pavilion located at the Yarralumla playing fields off Mueller st, has been programmed for refurbishment under the Sport and Recreation Facilities improvement program 2019/20. This program is an ongoing exercise that updates older assets helping to extend the life of our aging assets. Upgrade works consider the following items: roof (incl. sheeting, lining, downpipes, etc), internal and external lighting, ceiling, walls, doors and floors (incl. painting, etc), and toilets, showers, basins and fixings. It is anticipated that works will commence in mid-September 2019 and run for a period of eight weeks.

Keep Smiling,

Rohan Evans | Principal

Week 8 MERIT AWARDS

Classe	English	Italian
Kinder Rosa	Lachlan M	Elsa C
Kinder Scarlatto	Blake A	Mila C
Year 1 Fucsia	Anwen H	Ivy D-C
Year 1 Magenta	George S	Isobel T
Year 1 Corallo	Angelo P	William Steger
Year 1/2 Giallo		N/A
Year 2 Verde marino	Saskia C-O	Neko
Year 2 Verolino	Samuel R	Henry
Year 2 Verde menta	Tilly K	Samuel F
Year 3/4 Turchese	Alathea T	Jade W Nicholas C
Year 3/4 Celeste	Julia G	Tahlia B Carlo V
Year 3/4 Acqua		Charlie T
Year 3/4 Azzura		Olivia J
Year 3/4 Blu	Audrey L Syanna T	N/A
Year 5/6 Ambra	Hamish M	Darcey H
Year 5/6 Oro	Bronte L	William D
Year 5/6 Zafferano	Edie S	
LSUA Perla	Eric O Gabriel L	N/A

Star Awards



STAR AWARD



August 2019

Awarded to

Maeve McB

Maeve always demonstrates every star quality. She takes great pride and enthusiasm when sharing her vast general knowledge and personal experiences in group discussions. Maeve also works as an excellent team player, supporting her peers in set tasks and showering them with kindness when they are having troubles. Maeve can always be relied on to organise her work area and actively participates in all learning opportunities with a smile.

Rowan S

Rowan always tries his best in Italian lessons and is willing to help his classmates. He actively seeks new challenges in his learning and displays a fantastic attitude. Rowan loves contributing his thoughts and ideas in group discussions. He always demonstrates team player qualities and is passionate about sport.



Year 2 verdolino and verde marino

Year two have had a fun filled term so far exploring our semester theme 'Innovation'. We have been focusing on inventions that have shaped and transformed our world and our everyday lives in the past and present. In Science, we have been exploring 'push and pull' forces in everyday life and with toys from the past and present.

In English literacy, we have been exploring information texts with a particular focus on headings, subheadings and elaborating on information found. Perhaps you could enjoy reading some information texts with your child at home?

The students have been brushing up on their tennis skills at our local Yarralumla tennis courts on a weekly basis. This has been a five-week program focusing on forehand and backhand skills.

We also look forward to our swimming program in week 7 at CISAC pool in Belconnen. This will be a week-long program running everyday for an hour.

In Italian classes, students have been learning about different sounds and how to tell the time. There has been a particular focus on half past, quarter past and quarter to. The children have enjoyed making their own analog clocks and have been extremely engaged in learning about two dimensional shapes.



The children worked hard learning an Italian song for our assembly. They have also had the opportunity in Italian, to write a song and illustrate each action. There has been some impressive illustrations created from our cohort.

ANNUAL WALKATHON
TARGET: \$10,000
TERM 3: Friday, 20th September 2019 9.30am – 1.30pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year we will be holding our seventh annual Yarralumla Walkathon. The Walkathon has become such a successful school community day and fundraiser. We are once again aiming for a great day of fun and exercise, in early spring.

Being mindful of the need to have ready access to toilets, this year we are heading in a westerly direction to Weston Park as a whole school. There will be a sausage sizzle for ALL students at Weston Park and half way stop for an orange & water top up stop. Kindergarten students will walk with their 5/6 buddies to and from Weston Park, year 1 with year 4 and year 2 and 3 together.

As this is a planned excursion for all K-6 students, including a sausage sizzle, signed permission for student participation is required.

*****Please note that our canteen service will be unavailable on this day*****

PROPOSED ROUTE – Walk the path from Yarralumla Primary to Weston Park and return, crossing two roads.

TIMES - Depart at 9.30am; Lunch at Weston Park at 11.15am; Return by 1.30pm.

DISTANCE WALKED – Whole School 7.2km

WHAT TO BRING- Students MUST be wearing sunsmart hats and sunscreen, and they MUST bring a water bottle on the Walkathon.

We are looking for many volunteers to make this day a success. We will need help with preparing orange snacks, cooking and serving lunch and coming along for a walk! We look forward to an exciting and enjoyable day for our students and lots of parent/carers participation.

*****Please also note only one sausage sandwich provided per student. Make sure you pack enough food for your child to eat on return to school at 1.30pm.*****

If you are able to assist on the day please contact the front office via email: teresa.smith@ed.act.edu.au

Thanking you,

Abbey, Rita and Kirsty

Yarralumla Walkathon Committee

P&C News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thanks to parents who came along to the P&C meeting last week. We have approved purchase of new packable event marquees and IT equipment to improve sales and stock management in the uniform shop.

Big thanks to Mel Jamieson and helpers for coordinating the Father's Day stall yesterday. These are modest events, but generally kids love them and it's a little opportunity for a bit of fundraising for the school. With Mel, and a number of other parents leaving our community at the end of this year, we will need new volunteers to champion these occasions.

Emails have gone out to all stall organisers for our school fete next term. The stalls are organised along school class lines, and organisers will be in touch with you all in the coming weeks.

The different stalls will need various (but modest) levels of support such as organising stock, food, setup, decoration and so on. In addition to this there will be an invitation to general volunteers for help on fete day towards the end of this term.

Claire O'Neill has been doing a fantastic job organising the silent auction also for the fete, and if anyone can contribute with donations or sponsorship please let us know.

There will be a fete organising meeting at the School at 6pm on Wednesday, 11 September 2019.

In terms of other events, the school has advertised for volunteers to help at the walkathon on Friday of week 9. The P&C will be providing refreshments and a sausage sizzle lunch, and as well as helpers on the day (cooking and serving...) **we need someone to help with ordering and collection of food**. Please get in touch with us at president@ypspandc.com.

Cheers

Phil Hartley
P&C President

Legacy Appeal



Everyday next week at the pick-up and drop-off area between 8.30-9.00am, you will see some of our students with a representative from Canberra Legacy (a parent in our community) selling merchandise for Legacy Badge Week.

This is to raise much needed funds for their continued care and support to families of deceased and incapacitated veterans. Today, Legacy assists around 65 000 widow(er)s and 1,800 children and dependants with a disability.

Chair of the School Board

Dear Parents and Carers

In 2018 the school board initiated a survey on the effectiveness of YPS communication with parents and the community. Many of you would have participated in the survey (via survey monkey) that former school board member Tim Crosier put together and I thank you for your input. The board and I have spent many months reviewing the results, the key themes from the YPS community are:

- the newsletter and emails are preferred communication tools
- key information should be included at the top of emails
- you recognise teachers have an enormous workload and therefore administrative communication should not be their priority
- a phone/tablet application is preferred but you understand this is outside the influence of the school board

Over the coming months we will trial standard email templates to assist you in receiving relevant, timely and accurate information on YPS. Katrina Sanders, deputy chair of the school board, is working closely with our front office team to deliver this and welcomes your feedback at katrinasanders1@gmail.com

Kind regards

Rachel Smith-Cianchi
Board Chair

Community News

Term 4 Twilight Netball

Seeking interest from students who would like to play Netball for Yarralumla in Term 4 in the SCNA Twilight Competition which is played at 5:30pm on Monday evenings in Deakin.

The game format is modified to help children learn at a pace that's right for their age and ability.

Registration is \$95 for the 8 week program and each child receives:

- a size 4 netball
- NetSetGO t-shirt
- our Healthy Habits activity book
- Super Netball collectable player cards.

Kindy and Year 1 students can register individually [here](#) for the program based on developing fundamental ball and movement skills, as well as social skills like team work. Each session will be led by an accredited coach, using modified equipment.

From year 2 and up, children will play a modified game format. Depending on interest levels, we'll see how many teams we can nominate.

An optional training will take place on Wednesday afternoon after school.

The competition starts **Monday 21 October** and ends **Monday 9 December**.

If you have an interested child please email Yvette at yvettey25@hotmail.com with the name and year group of your child.

Children's Crossing – Safety

A children's crossing is provided on Loftus Street near the front of the school to provide amenity for children (and parents) who need to cross the road. When driving near the school, please remember to drive slowly and be alert for pedestrians who may be crossing.

A children's crossing is similar to a pedestrian crossing, when the 'children crossing' flags are displayed motorists must not proceed through the crossing if children or adults are crossing. Motorists must also stop when pedestrians are approaching the crossing and allow them to cross safely.

More information is available in the [children's crossing fact sheet](#) on the Transport Canberra website. Please help to keep our school community safe.



#SafeCrossings

The Ultimate Storytelling Battle



Join bestselling Australian kids' authors [Mick Elliott](#) and [Oliver Phommavanh](#) at Floriade as they face off on stage in the ULTIMATE STORYTELLING BATTLE. They have just ONE HOUR to come up with the most HILARIOUS, OUTRAGEOUS and UNTHINKABLY STINKY stories ever told. No drafts. No rewrites. Just instant storytelling to the max. But be ready! Oliver and Mick will be calling on the audience to unleash their imaginations and help them think up the craziest characters, silliest situations and all around excellent endings. There will be PRIZES, PRANKS and PLOT HOLES the size of Pluto. Suitable for ages 8 to 800. No bookings needed. A special storytelling event in conjunction with [Floriade](#), the [Australian Reading Hour](#) and [Libraries ACT](#).

When: 11 am – 12 pm on Sunday 15 September 2019

Where: Floriade

More information: www.library.act.gov.au/

ThinkUKnow Cyber Safety Presentation

The ACT Education Directorate is hosting a ThinkUKnow presentation for parents, carers and teachers.

Date: Wednesday 4 September 2019

Time: 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Location: Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning, 51 Fremantle Drive, Stirling, ACT



ThinkUKnow is a free, evidence-based cyber safety program by the Australian Federal Police. The presentation aims to provide you with the tools to create a safer online environment for young people in your care.

The presentation covers topics such as social media reputation management, cyberbullying, 'sexting', online grooming, online gaming, inappropriate content, privacy management, identity theft, how to protect your devices, and how to report matters when things go wrong.

The program bridges the knowledge gap between adults and young people so that everyone has an understanding of the roles they play and what they can do if something goes wrong online.

What young people SEE online

- We talk about challenges such as online grooming, 'sexting', cyberbullying and inappropriate content.
- What you can do to support young people through online challenges.
- We also explain how to report if something goes wrong.

What young people SAY online

- What you can do to help support young people understand what they say online can be permanent. We call this our 'digital shadow'.
- This includes talking about being respectful online, thinking before you post, knowing what information is okay to share online.

What young people DO online

- How they use technology to have fun online, such as applications (or apps), websites and social networks.
- How they can handle their digital shadow, including their privacy and relationships online.

To REGISTER for the event please [click here](#).

Capital Football October Holiday Clinic

Hello,

My name is Brandon Stroud and I am the Game Development Coordinator for Capital Football. I am in charge of setting up School holiday clinics and we have one coming up on the 9th - 11th of October at the Hawker Football Centre.

The clinics are for new and existing players aged 4-11. We believe the best way to learn football is by playing football and our curriculum is designed to cater to all skill levels. Our qualified coaches are there to guide players through fun and football relevant activities and games, which are stimulating and challenging for all involved.

WHAT TO BRING

Players are advised to bring a hat, full drink bottle, football boots, shin pads, healthy lunch and snacks to fuel them throughout the day, and to wear weather appropriate clothing. Football boots are not compulsory and players are welcome to wear joggers. Shin pads are compulsory for safety.

Please be aware that players attending the clinics may have allergies (e.g. nut) and we ask that you consider this when packing your child's food. We also have a no sharing food policy.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Basic first aid and sunscreen will be available to participants throughout the clinic, as will a drink station/taps for players to fill up their drink bottles. Mandatory breaks are scheduled throughout the day for players to eat, re-apply sunscreen and stay hydrated.

Participants who require medication will also need to provide the clinic director with an action plan and show that required medication has been packed each day/where it is kept in the bag. Alternatively you can leave it with the clinic director each morning when you sign in.

The program runs from 9am to 12pm each day, Parents/Guardians MUST sign their child/children in and out each day. If someone other than a parent is doing the pick up and drop off please notify the clinic director in writing.

PROGRAM FEES

\$175 per 9 hour clinic for all participants.

Family Discount of 10% is available when registering more than one sibling per clinic.

Daily rates available upon request

All participants will receive a Canberra United Participation pack and Aldi Miniroos Certificate as well as an exclusive Canberra United Kids Club Membership which gives your child access to all Canberra United home games and a chance to high five the players in the tunnel after their warm up.

Wet weather policy

Please note that in the case of field closures Capital Football are not notified until 8:45am at the earliest. If grounds are closed staff will notify registered participants ASAP and will do their best to find an alternate venue.

Clinics go ahead in the rain, unless there is excessive rain predicted, thunder, lightning, hail or grounds become unsafe.

If you have any questions feel free to send me an email.

Kind regards,



Brandon Stroud

Game Development Coordinator

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**Tuesday 17 September
7.00 - 8.30 pm**

**Centre for Teaching and Learning
51 Fremantle Drive, Stirling**

Transition to School Parent Forum

Tips for parents and carers to support children who are starting school

This forum will provide tips and resources to support you and your child's successful transition to school. Hear from experienced educators, researchers and parents who will also be happy to answer your questions.

This is a free event.

Register via email earlylearning@actparents.org.au or phone 6241 5759 by 13 September 2019

This event will also be made available as a podcast.



Registration now open at
WESTON INDOOR SPORTS

westonis.com.au

2019-20 SUM- MER REBOUND SOCCER



FOR KIDS AGED 5 TO 18

- * boys, girls and mixed teams
- * divisions for players of all skill levels
- * register as an individual or as a team (*we will find you a team for you and your friends*)

Season Starts: Sat 26 Oct 2019

Season Ends: late Mar/early Apr

Played: Saturdays - (*break over school holidays and long weekends*)

WHAT IS REBOUND SOCCER?

- * five-a-side game
- * played with a futsal ball
- * played on indoor courts with nets
(*more play time - the ball doesn't go out*)

APPROXIMATE AGE GROUPS & KICK-OFF TIMES

Rooball Divisions	5 to 8 years	1:00pm – 4:00pm
Junior Divisions	9 to 12 years	8:00am – 12:00pm
Youth Divisions	12 to 18 years	9:30am to 1:30pm
Girls Divisions	8 to 18 years	10:00am – 2:00pm

Fees: \$180 per player (*\$175 if paid by 12 September*
(*Discount of \$5 per child for 2 or more from the same family*)

What to Wear? Shin pads, runners/futsal boots, long socks and team shirt.

Pre-season Training will be available. See westonis.com.au for more information.

REGISTER AT: westonis.com.au. Register online or download a form and email it to soccer@westonis.com.au or drop it in to Weston Indoor Sports, 45 Liardet St Weston.

Further Info
Phone: 628

