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## 30 July 2020 NEWSLETTER NO. 11

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Tue 28 Jul – Thu 6 Aug	Parent/Teacher Interviews via google meet
Monday 10 August	P&C Meeting
Monday 10-14 August	Winter Walk to School
Tuesday 18 August	Year 3/4 Birrigai Day Camp
Wednesday 4 November	School Photos

### **Our Vision**

**Insieme creiamo studenti per tutta la vita. - Together we create lifelong learners**

Dear families

Welcome back to term 3. We hope everyone has returned to school after a well earned and restful break.

I'm very happy to be joining the Yarralumla staff this term while Jennie Lindsay is on leave and we have had the chance to touch base prior to my arrival. I had the wonderful opportunity to be at Yarralumla earlier in the year for a few weeks and am grateful for the chance to return. I look forward to learning more about Yarralumla while I'm here and seeing the great things happening in our classrooms and broader community. I also hope to brush up on my Italian language skills!

I don't think anyone can dispute that we've had a year that has thrown us many challenges and curve balls. Hats off to everyone for being so flexible and supportive, as this week things have settled and everyone is focused on learning and having a great term. We are hoping that the building works will be finalised quickly so we can return to normal operations. We will keep you posted on the progress.

I was interested to discover that lost property is a problem here just like in other schools, particularly at this time of year. We encourage everyone to ensure belongings are clearly labelled so every attempt can be made to return them. Please check the lost property basket at the front office if you are missing items.

Just a reminder that this week and next we are holding parent/teacher interviews and due to COVID restrictions they will be online via Google Meets. Although restrictions are easing we still need to reduce the amount of adults in and around the school. If you have an interview time scheduled with staff they will email through a link for your interview five minutes prior to your appointment time. It won't be sent earlier as staff are in interviews with other families and this also reinforces the importance of sticking to the allocated interview times.

Have a great week and I look forward to meeting many of you as the term progresses.

Emma (Signora A)

COVID Impact - Schools are still being advised to minimise adults coming onto school grounds. We understand how frustrating this is, however, ask that you continue to support the school as we continue to work together to keep everyone safe and well.

## P&C News



### P&C Meeting Monday 10 August

Welcome to my newsletter update.

I hope you all had a great holiday and that you have returned to us safe and well.

Items to be addressed at our next P&C meeting on the **10<sup>th</sup> of August at 7pm:**

- I have been working further on the Schools on going pick up and drop off/parking area's and hope to have some further updates on this soon.
- The Pasta Alla Yarra Yum La food fest, currently to be held on September 12, is also progressing along nicely and further details will become available after the next P&C meeting.
- I also have come up with some fundraising plans for the day of the ACT election ( October 17 ) which I will be presenting to the School, P&C board and team members in the coming days and once there is an agreement on the finer details I will share these with you.

Our next P&C meeting will be on the **10<sup>th</sup> of August at 7pm.**

Due to ongoing social distancing requirements, there will be limited numbers allowed to attend the meeting in person. We would encourage attendance online via google meet.

**Please advise me via email if you will be attending either in person** or by google meet so we can ensure physical distancing can be maintained and links can be sent prior to the meeting.

To avoid another lengthy meeting please feel free to contact me or the P&C team via the P&C website [president@yvspandc.com](mailto:president@yvspandc.com) or on 0435 910 907 with any questions or queries that you might have so that if possible we can address them before the meeting.

Kindest regards,

Vincenzo Fotia

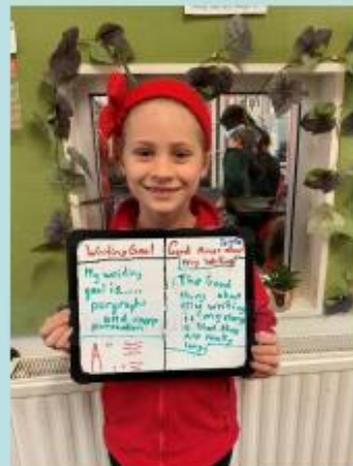
# Around the School

## Welcome to Year 2

Welcome to Term 3! Year 2 have settled back into class well and are looking forward to some fun this term. The year 2 teachers have been amazed by how quickly the students have stepped back into their normal learning routines.



This semester, we have created new individual reading and writing goals that we will each work on achieving. We have been working on editing our writing with a peer and giving useful feedback to help them improve their writing. This is something we are all getting much better at.

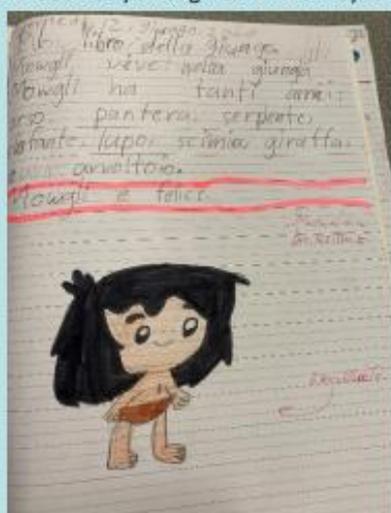


In science we were investigating the process and stages of what a living thing requires for growth and about changes to living things. Below are beautiful examples of connections through art

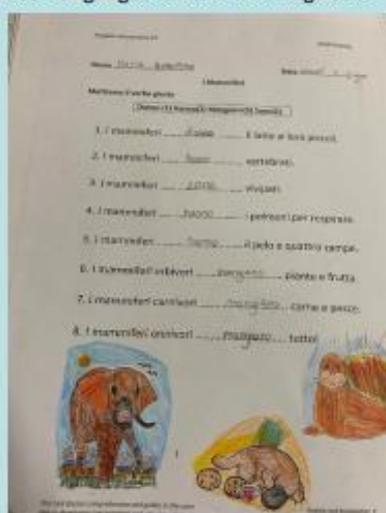


we have made.

In Italian we continue with learning to use the language in the classroom context and further develop knowledge in Science and Geometry through Italian with key concepts explained in both languages. Cultural and linguistic



awareness is developed through the study of classical and modern tales.



Warm Regards Claudia, Ercole, Gabriella & F1



# The ACT Government has provided the following cards to support reading at home.

### Learn about the world together

Children learn by exploring new things and finding new interests.




### Create a good homework environment

There are two important things you can do to get the most out of home learning: building your child's confidence and supporting them to learn independently.




### Aim high

One of the most powerful things you can do for your children is show them you believe in them and their ability to do their best at school.




### Learn about the world together

- Provide your child with the opportunity to be exposed to new things, to explore new areas of interest and to participate in community or cultural events.
- Learn about the world by enjoying sporting, multicultural and other community events together.
- Talk about your own learning. Share the message that learning is important at all ages.
- Everyday activities like shopping, cooking, eating, cleaning, gardening and playing provide opportunities to learn.

### Create a good homework environment

- Ask your child every day what they learnt at school or what they found interesting or fun in their day.
- Let your child know you think it's important they do well at school.
- Create a special space for study to make home learning a calm & organised experience.
- Be available to help if your child has a question. Make it a positive time you share together.
- Rules about homework are good to have but it's important to avoid confusion by pushing children to do more, or expecting them to do less, than the school asks. Talk to your child's teacher if you have questions about homework.

### Aim high

- Let your child know you think it's important they do well at school.
- Ask your child every day what they learnt at school or what they found interesting or fun in their day.
- Talk to your child often about the hopes, dreams and plans they have for the future.
- Talking about the value of learning will instil a belief in your child that education and learning are important.

### Support good relationships

Children tend to enjoy learning and being at school when they have strong friendships and get along with their teacher.




### Talk with your child

Just spending time talking with your child helps them to learn and grow.




### Make reading a family affair

It's never too early or too late to start reading with your child.




### Support good relationships

- Help your child to manage their social and emotional wellbeing, including negotiating peer relationships.
- Support your child to develop friendships through play dates, team sports and other activities.
- Be positive about school and respectful of teachers – help your child to build and maintain a positive relationship with their teacher.
- Help your child to respond to negative experiences. You can involve teachers and other key staff at your child's school to assist in this process.

### Talk with your child

- Have fun with language together. Play word games, sing songs and make up nonsense rhymes.
- Exposure to languages other than English is beneficial to your child's education and life experiences.
- Listen to your child and give them time to respond when you ask them a question.
- Share stories that are part of your family or cultural heritage.
- Talk about fun times. Talk about big ideas. Talk about what they're learning at school, what they enjoy and what they find difficult.

### Make reading a family affair

- Ask your child's teacher for advice to support your child's enjoyment and skill development in reading.
- Read and talk about books and stories with your child. Ask about their favourite characters or what they think might happen next.
- By creating a positive reading environment you will encourage your child to love reading.
- Praise your child for their effort and persistence when they are reading.



**Cancer  
Council**

ACT

## **It's still cold, but August is 'Hats On' again for Canberra Schools.**

With Spring just around the corner, Cancer Council ACT says it's important for Canberra schools, early childhood services and all outdoor workers to think ultra violet (UV) not heat, as we make our way into another hot summer, and remember to put 'hats on' when outdoors.

Whilst August is still a cold month in the nation's capital, ultraviolet radiation (UV) levels are on the rise to levels that warrant sensible sun protection, for at least part of the day.

The Cancer Council ACT message is pretty simple, when UV levels reach 3 and above, a combination of sun protection behaviour is required to protect against skin damage that can contribute to skin cancer later in life. The higher the UV level, the quicker unprotected skin can damage, sunburn or no sunburn.

"In Canberra, August is when we start to see daily UV levels climbing, and reaching 3 or above," said Cancer Council ACT's Chief Executive Officer, Sandra Turner.

"Regardless of the temperature and cloud cover, UV 3 or above warrants sensible sun protection behaviour. It doesn't matter if it's hot weather or cold, it's the UV that burns," Sandra said.

Evidence suggests that childhood and adolescence sun exposure plays a significant factor in the development of skin cancer in later life. Therefore it's vital that Canberra schools and early childhood services implement and manage an effective sun protection policy when UV levels reach 3 and above.

Aranda Primary School's Principal Mr Phil Gray, said that hats and SunSmart reminders are high on his school's agenda at this time of the year.

"Even though it is still cold, we know UV levels will reach 3 and above on most days from here on, which warrants sensible sun protection for students, and teachers as well," he said.

Wearing sensible clothing and hats, making sunscreen accessible to students and teachers and taking advantage of shade, means children, students and teachers can significantly minimise their lifetime risk of developing skin cancer.

Every year over 12,000 Australians are diagnosed with melanoma skin cancer and approx. 2,200 Australians will die from skin cancer each year. The majority of skin cancers are preventable.

### **Winter Walk to School Week 10-14 August**

*Winter Walk to School Week 10-14 August (week 4) aims to encourage students to walk, ride, skate, or scoot to school even in the colder months. During winter in Canberra it can be hard to stay motivated and to get the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity that children need every day. Many schools have implemented new pick up and drop off procedures in line with physical distancing measures that may mean increased congestion in carparks. Encouraging students and their families to ride or walk to school to avoid congestion is just another good reason to travel to school this way.*

## Internet filtering change

### What is happening:

Currently the Education Directorate filters the internet when a student is using their Chromebooks at school using the internet connection. We are extending this coverage to include all non-school based internet connections. This will enhance student safety when online studying at home. The extension will apply to Education Directorate supplied Chromebooks and personally owned Chromebooks when they are logged in using Education login credentials.

### Why are we doing this now?

To promote student eSafety and provide a safer learning environment for students irrespective of the location that they are learning from.

As a result of the exponential increase in students moving to home-based internet connections during the COVID-19 pandemic the Education Directorate is enhancing the safety of the learning environment of students when using their Chromebooks and Education login credentials outside of the school.

### When is this happening:

Starting from week 3 Term 3 (Tuesday 4 August 2020).

**How will this update happen:** The update will occur via a student's Education login credentials whether on their Directorate supplied Chromebook or when logged-in to their personally owned Chromebook. Should there be a requirement to use an unfiltered internet connection on a personally owned Chromebook then the user will need to sign out of their child's Education login credentials and sign-in with a personal login (e.g. a Gmail account).

### Do I need to do anything?

No action is required by parents/guardians around the extension update. However as always, we encourage parents/guardians to remain vigilant around their children's online activity.

## FAQs:

### Why are we doing this now?

As a result of the exponential increase in students moving to home-based internet connections during the COVID-19 pandemic the Education Directorate is enhancing the safety of the learning environment to students when using their Chromebooks and Education login credentials outside of the school.

Before implementation of this internet filtering extension a student's internet access outside of school remained the sole responsibility of parents with no supporting functionality for internet filtering provided. This extension was planned but given the exponential increase in online learning at home caused by the COVID-19 pandemic this initiative has been fast tracked to support parents/guardians in keeping their children safe when online.

### Why are you filtering personally owned Chromebooks that are not supplied by the Directorate?

In some instances, a personally owned Chromebook may have its internet connection filtered if it is being used with an Education user login. The Directorate must protect the integrity of data when a student is using their Education provided login credentials. Should students or families wish to have an unfiltered internet connection on their personally owned Chromebook then they will need to sign out of their Education account and login using a personal account (e.g. a Gmail account). Please see the attached guide on *Web filtering on a personally owned Chromebook*.

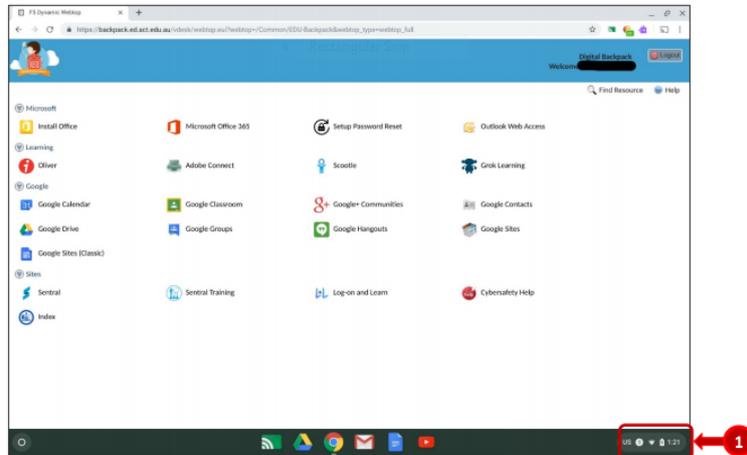
### What happens if a parent/guardian/family member/friend uses a student's Chromebook to access inappropriate content?

All parents and students signed the acceptable terms of use agreement upon receipt of a Chromebook and are expected to uphold the conditions outlined in that agreement. Access to inappropriate content will be flagged with the system administrator in the same way it currently is when a SchoolsNET connection is being used.

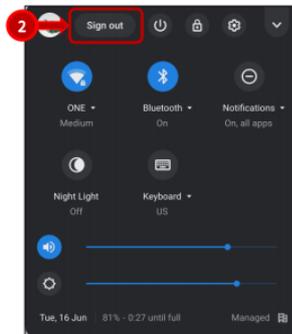
## Web filtering on a personally owned Chromebook.

Web filtering on a personally owned Chromebook is only enforced when Education login credentials are used. Should parents/students wish to have an unfiltered internet connection when using a personally owned Chromebook all they need do is sign into the Chromebook using their personal login credentials. Please see below for steps to do that:

1. Click the **menu item** on the **bottom right-hand** corner of the Chromebook home screen:

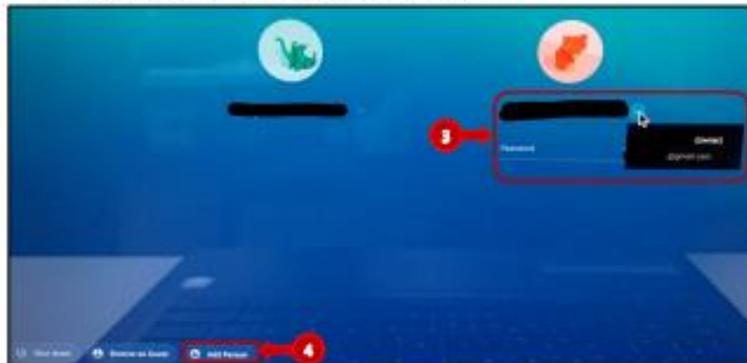


2. Select **Sign Out** from the menu:



3. Once on the initial sign-in page either select a **non-Education login** (e.g. @gmail.com) from the list, if you have previously used the Chromebook with a non-Education login; or

4. Select **Add Person** and enter your **non-Education login** credentials





## School Banking day is Tuesday

Remember, Tuesday is School Banking day and students can bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens, they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their regular savings habits.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

If your child has lost their book, please contact your School Banking Co-ordinator for a replacement or visit any Commbank Branch.

Getting involved in School Banking is easy! All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online Visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.
2. In branch Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account, they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

**2021**

### **ACT PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLMENTS PROCESS**

Preschool Enrolment. If your child turns 4 years of age before the 30th April 2021, they are eligible to be enrolled at Preschool for 2020.

First round Preschool offer letters were sent out on Monday 27th July. First round Preschool offer acceptances close on 14 August 2020.

NOTE: Second round offers will be sent out on Monday 19 October.

Every child from Kindergarten to Year 6 is guaranteed a place at their local public school, regardless of when you apply. The Education Directorate (ED) enrolment process has been updated.

## Community News



# Young Engineers AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

Education + Entertainment = Edutainment

We are extending our program to two groups due to popular demand.

(Limited seats available for each group)

### GROUP 1

**AGE 5 to 6**

Program

Build Up



### GROUP 2

**AGE 7 to 11**

Program

Engineering+Robotics



START DATE  
29<sup>th</sup> July 2020  
3.15 pm to 4.30 pm

Duration : 9 weeks

Yarralumla Primary School

Contact us for more information

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Young Engineers, Canberra



# CUA SAP Starts for Term 3 23 July - 21 Sept

**When: Mondays 5:45pm-7:00pm**

**Where: Hawker Football Centre**

**Who: U9-U12 Boys & Girls**

**Register your interest now**





### What are the benefits of Saver Plus?

- Participants have up to \$1000 upon completing the program (savings and matched funds combined)
- Builds confidence
- Develops long-term savings behaviour
- Realistic financial tips and advice
- Reduces stress around household finances
- During COVID-19, many of our participants bought laptops to help with home-learning

At Saver Plus, we do our best to ensure no family gets left behind when it comes to affording laptops, books and uniforms along with all the other resources needed for children to get the most out of their education.

As a reminder, to be eligible for Saver Plus, participants must

- Be at least 18 years old
- Have a child at school or starting kindy next year
- Have some regular income from work (them or partner), including JobKeeper and child support assessed by CSA
- Have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card

## Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

- laptops & tablets
- lessons & activities
- uniforms & shoes
- books & supplies
- sports fees & gear
- camps & excursions

To join Saver Plus, you must be at least 18 years or over, have a child at school or starting next year, or attend vocational education yourself, have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner), have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment\*



**Contact**  
your local Saver Plus  
Coordinator  
**Phone**  
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thesmithfamily.com.au  
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\*many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.  
Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ABC2, delivered in partnership with Betty Street, The Brotherhood Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ABC2 and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to [weebills.gov.au](#) for more information.

- Be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment (many Centrelink payments are eligible)

We've broadened our acceptable forms of income to better support Single Parent families and those on JobKeeper. Additionally, for a limited time all workshops, sign ups and appointments are online.



Offering a free and confidential  
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Assisting and supporting parents with  
ideas about raising children

Ph. 6287 3833

Interpreters available



# Healthy Kids Canteen Menu Yarralumla Primary School

Order online at [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

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## Fridays

### Sandwiches & wraps

Salad:	\$4.50
Layers of cucumber, lettuce, tomato, grated carrot	
Egg & Mayo:	\$4.50
Egg, mayo, crunchy lettuce	
Chicken & Salad:	\$5.50
Chicken, tomato, carrot, lettuce, cucumber, mayo	
Toasted cheese	\$4.00
<b>Extras:</b> cheese or chicken	add \$1.20

*Gluten free available on request*

### Salad

Design your own salad	from \$4.70
Caesar salad	from \$3.80

### + meals

Pasta Napollitana (with or without cheese. Gluten free available)	\$4.70
Veggie fried rice	\$4.70
Crispy chicken or Falafel wrap: with lettuce and your choice of sauce	\$4.20
Beef lasagne	\$5.30
Pasta bolognaise (with or without cheese. Gluten free available)	\$5.00
Mac and cheese (veg)	\$5.00
Sausage roll	\$4.00
Sauce sachet	\$0.30

### Snacks

Watermelon tub	\$2.00
Koala Popcorn: lightly salted	\$2.50
Jelly & custard	\$1.80
Banana bread	\$1.70
Warm cheese roll	\$3.20
Chocolate mousse cup	\$2.20
Milo cookie	\$1.20

### Drinks

Water: 600ml	\$2.00
Juice (tropical, apple)	\$2.00
Moove flavoured milk (choc, strawberry): 250ml	\$2.50
Plain milk	\$2.00

### Frozen

Frozen juice cup (apple, blackcurrant)	\$2.00
Twisted frozen yoghurt	\$2.80