NOTES HOME THIS WEEK

PARENTS’ CHECKLIST
(reminder of things to do)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 20 February    P&C Annual General Meeting 6pm
Thursday 27 February    Festa Acquatica (Water Fun Day)
Friday 28 February      Assembly 2.15pm hosted by Year 1/2 Topaz
Sunday 2 March          Clean Up Australia Day
Thursday 6 March        Board Meeting 5.15pm
Friday 14 March         Assembly 2.15pm hosted by Year 4&5
Wed-Fri 19-21 March     Camp Cooba Years 5 and 6
Saturday 29 March       Yarralumla Community Twilight Market
Friday 11 April         End of Term 1

THIS WEEK’S UPDATES

Information on the successful visit by the ACT Minister of Education, Ms Joy Burch last Friday to unveil the Capital Improvements plaque was featured in this week’s Chronicle. The article is repeated below after the Bouquets. The plaque is now located next to the flags in the front entry.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY (Sunday 2 March) is now CLEAN UP YARRALUMLA PRIMARY EVERY DAY. Starting tomorrow, students will be doing an ‘emu bob’ of class designated areas for just a few minutes each day at the end of lunch or recess.

CLASS LIAISON - Seeking parent volunteers to be the contact between parents and the teacher of each class. If interested, please forward your name to Signora Chapuis. Grazie.

DON’T FORGET TO VOTE in the BOARD ELECTIONS. The ballot box is at the reception desk. Voting closes at 11am on 3 March.

FESTA ACQUATICA news from today’s successful ‘swimming carnival’, thanks to the amazing organisation by Maestra Bomball will be in next week’s newsletter.

BOUQUETS

Students: To Lola Archibald, Noah Buchanan, Oliver Lockey and Alice Collins who did an outstanding job as Ambasciatori hosting Ms Burch around the re-furbished areas of our school and impressing invited guests with their Italian.

Teachers: To Piazza staff – Maestri Veitch, Maggioni, Grujic, Lawton, Scerri, Krustulovic, Hall, Cooper, Fielding, Bucke, Lockey and Pentony for their wonderful efforts with displays of student work and programs on the new noticeboards (in time for the Minister’s visit!)

To all staff for their endurance and patience with the number of parent/teacher interviews they conducted over the week. It’s a tough gig when you teach 40 to 50 students!

Parents: To the following parents who have volunteered to serve as executive members of the 2014 P&C. Grazie mille to you all.

President – Gudrun Northrup
Vice-President – Melissa Coggan
Secretary – Susan Pratt
Treasurer – Bernadette Mihaljevic

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Bouquets also to all parents who took the opportunity to meet their child’s class teachers’ last week and share information about their strengths and areas for development.

**School’s new upgrade will enhance learning**

Students working in one of Corrimal’s oldest buildings will enjoy learning in a revamped building this year. A $3 million upgrade of the Italian-English bilingual Yarramundi Primary School was officially completed last Friday, February 15.

Changes include a new administrative wing, a state-of-the-art video conferencing facility and the transformation of four original classrooms into six new rooms linked by a shared staffroom.

Other features include new toilets and internal painting and carpeting. The final cost is part of a $35 million rollout of public school upgrades across the territory completed for the 2014 school year.

Minister for Education Jeff Schultz said it was important for the territory’s oldest schools did not miss out on the modern facilities being incorporated into the capital’s newest schools.

She said the upgrade would enhance Yarramundi Primary’s bilingual education.

"This new half the classrooms taught to children from kindergarten to year 6 in English and the other half in Italian," he said.

"This is consistent with our government's commitment to provide a high-quality education for all students for years to come for students and educators at Yarramundi Primary School," she said.

"The refurbished school will enhance learning in all areas including Italian language studies, where students can participate in continuous back-up with students from all over the world." Ms Burch said the facility's design had involved extensive consultation with the school community.

Principal Lee Chaput said the upgrade was an important step in becoming “a beacon for school family engagement in Australia and meeting growing enrolments.”

**QUOTE of the WEEK:** in light of our focus on swimming this week!
"The water is your friend.....you don't have to fight with water, just share the same spirit as the water, and it will help you move". Alexandr Popov

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**P&C News**

**P&C 2014**

The AGM was held last week and the P&C Executive for 2014 appointed. Thank you to the following parents for choosing to help out in 2014.

Melissa Coggan - Vice President
Susan Pratt – Secretary
Bernadette Mihaljevic – Treasurer
Toni Dawes - Ordinary member
Alex Fahey – Ordinary member
Nim Hehir – Ordinary member

We look forward to working with the School, the School Board and our Community to further build on the great work done by the P&C to support our children’s education and environment.

We look forward to parents supporting both the Relay for Life and the YPS Community Market on 29 March.

Gudrun Northrup
P&C President

**2014, Term 1 Assemblies**

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Canteen News

This week the canteen will be offering homemade QUICHE (ham & cheese, cheese & tomato, plain cheese) - $2 each. Children should go to the canteen at lunchtime to purchase the quiches. 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

If you have some availability and interest please contact me as soon as possible and definitely by Thursday 27 February – tonid@iinet.com.au or on 0402 440 156.

SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS
The new School Bank Account details are as follows:
BSB: 032-777  WESTPAC
ACCOUNT NO: 001906

Please ensure your details are up-to-date.

Kindergarten

Hi Everyone,
Welcome to term 1! We have had a very exciting first 4 weeks in Kindergarten as we get used to the routines of big school. All of our classes have settled in well and we have enjoyed meeting our parents during ‘Meet and Greet’ interviews last week. If you did not make a time and would still like to do so, please email the class teachers to arrange a time either before or after school.

Maestra Grujcic and Maestra Veitch were very busy last week, completing the PIPS (Performance Indicators in Primary Schools) assessment with each Kindergarten student. This gives us a broad overview of each child’s skills that they bring to Kindergarten, and allows us to cater our programs to their needs.

In English we have begun to learn our sounds, starting with /s/, short /a/ and /t/. The classes have loved going on letter/sound hunts and learning to write these letters. We have also been talking about our favourite numbers and how we can represent these in different ways.

Our class mascots Helga, Harrison and Hugo Hippo have gone home for the first time and we can’t wait to see what they get up to at Matilda, John and Sofia’s houses over the weekend. We loved having Signora Chapuis as our first Mystery Reader this week. She read one of her favourite stories The Kinder Hat. Thank you Signora Chapuis! Please make sure you have your child’s Mystery Reader date in your diary. The yellow note was sent home last week with our letter of
introduction. **PLEASE DON’T TELL THEM** when it’s their turn, as it ruins the ‘mystery’!

In Italian we are singing songs and doing cooperative activities which help us learn greetings, numbers to 10 and colours. In geometry we have started to talk about shapes and we have been able to recognise many of them in the classroom and on the playground. In literacy, we have read our first big book ‘Attenzione, Gastone!’ and we have been searching for words starting with the Italian sound ‘a’. We have also met a new friend, Pina l’apina, who is helping us remember how to sound out the vowel ‘a’ in Italian. On Monday we enjoyed the visit of Gaetano and Nicolina, two visitors from Italy who taught us a very funny and action-filled Italian song, "il cocomero". How exciting!

Ciao,
Maestra Veitch, Maestra Federica, Maestra Sabrina and Maestra Grujic

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We have had a busy start to the term, getting to know each other and settling in to our class routines. The students enjoyed voting for our class name, participating in many cooperative activities, including art, writing, establishing class rules and debating.

They prepared speeches, which were recited in front of the class, or teams, in order to elect our class representatives for term 1 for SRC, Green Gang, Power Rangers and Ambassadors. I would like to thank the elected students for taking on these roles seriously and fulfilling their duties independently.

It was lovely to catch up with many parents during Week 3 to hear all about your child. Week 3 also saw us begin a more structured routine. The students have really enjoyed the hands on activities in the Maths groups and range of activities for Literacy. We have begun reading logs and they are enjoying reading each morning.

The students look forward to the Sport lessons with Maestra Webster on Wednesdays and have been learning a new song in Italian with Maestra Anna-Maria. Look out for Assembly time to share this with you!

Chao,
Jodie Stewart

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**Library**

Welcome back to the new school year. It is hard to believe that we have already reached week 4 of our 1st term. Time flies when you’re having fun.

By now every student at the school has had at least two visits to the library and with any luck borrowed a book. Your child’s library day is on the following day:

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Please be aware that this timetable is flexible and does change but we try hard to stick with this timetable.

**Library Bags:** It is really important that EVERY child has a library bag; this simple item helps to preserve the life of a school library book, protecting it from food, dirt and with any luck fluid. The aim is for books to have a shelf life of 8 years so all protection helps.
**Borrowing:** students are encouraged to borrow every week or at a pace that reflects their reading as they get older. The loan limits are:

- Kindy / Year 1/ Year 2 – 2 books per week
- Year 3 – 3 books per week, Year 4 – 4 books per week, Year 5 – 5 books per week, Year 6 – 6 books per week

Books borrowed are due back once a fortnight; they can be renewed if still being read.

**Choosing the Right Books:**

Students in Kindy and Year 1 are restricted to borrowing only from the yellow junior fiction shelves and nonfiction when we move on to look at them.

Students in years 2 to 6 can select their books independently from the whole library collection but will at times be asked by me to do the 5 word check. That is read me the 1st page of the book and if they encounter 5 words they cannot read or struggle with within the 1st two paragraphs, I will guide them toward other books that suit their interests but meet their reading level.

I am aware that students often select books that they are hoping will be read by their parents, but if this does not happen (as is often the case in our busy lives) the book can be read independently.

The library is a place of learning and fun. I hope that your children enjoy their time in the library every week throughout the year.

Parents are welcome to visit the library, have their own library borrowing card created and to help with book club and covering books.

*“Reading is the greatest gift we can give to our children.”*

Maestra Jayne

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**Mathletics Awards**

**Mathletics Awards – Week 3, Term 1**

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

Derek Synnott
Mathletics Coordinator
Yarralumla Community Twilight Market
Saturday March 29, 3-7pm
Yarralumla Primary School

Come along and check out the stalls
.....trash and treasure, car boot sales, cakes, plants, craft, food, books, kids entertainment

Got stuff to sell?
Garage overflowing?
Kids want to make some extra pocket money?
Book a stall - $25 gets you a space and you keep the money from your sales.

Let friends and neighbours know. Anyone can book a stall – individually or as a group.
Registration form attached to the newsletter. Extra forms will be at the front office.

Volunteers needed – cake stalls, sausage sizzle and general help.

Info at - yarralumlaprimaryevents@gmail.com
YPS P&C - supporting the Yarralumla Primary School community

SCHOOL BANKING ACCOUNT MORNING

Susan from the Commonwealth Bank will be holding a School Banking Account morning on Monday 17th March at 8.30am in the COLA area.

All parents will need to bring is your form of ID and the children’s birth certificate (if the school does not already have it).

Children learn to save their money by bringing it to school every week. No matter how small the deposit, the children receive a token. Once they have saved 10 they get to choose a fantastic reward!

Do you know that for every new child that joins the program the school receives $5.00 and 5% commission with all the children’s deposits throughout the term!

Come and join in the fun and learn to save with the School Banking Program and help your school in fundraising!

BANKING DAY IS EVERY FRIDAY.

Sports News

NETBALL NETBALL NETBALL

Training has started for the Winter Competition. It looks like we will have two Junior teams and one Net-Set-Go team. We still need players for the Net-Set-Go team, Year 2 and 3 boys and girls.

Training nights: You will be notified by email of the day you train on. All games are played on a Saturday morning from 9.00am-12-00pm.

See you all at training next week.
Jill
Netball Co-ordinator.

Calling all Mother & Daughter Bookworms!

Do you love to read books? Does your daughter love to read books? Would you like her to read something other than Harry Potter or vampire stories? Would you like to find an activity that the two of you can do together that is fun and where you can both share your opinions? Tahlia and I are starting a Mother-Daughter Book Club at Yarralumla Primary this year for girls who are 9 - 12 and confident readers and their mothers (or grandmothers) who want to read some interesting books and have some interesting discussions.

We will read one book each month that will be age appropriate for girls 9-12, and meet one evening a month in the Yarralumla Primary school library to discuss the book. If you are interested in being a part of the group or would like to know more about how it works, give me a ring on 0424 808 919 or email me on lisaramshaw@yahoo.com

Lisa Ramshaw
Stall holder Registration
Market Day Saturday 29th March 2014   3-7 pm
Yarralumla Primary School, Loftus Street, Yarralumla ACT
Please read the Stallholder Responsibilities attached.

First Name:       Last Name:
Business name (if applicable):
Website/facebook page (if applicable) :
Postal Address:
Phone number:
Email:

Stall type and Qty:      ☐ Carboot space - Qty:                                ☐ Stall space- Qty:

Provide a brief explanation of the items you intend to sell (attach extra page if required) :

Do you agree to the Stallholder Responsibilities & Information statement at the end of this registration form?
☐ Yes    ☐ No (cannot hold a stall if you don’t agree)

Payment: EFT or cash       Stall fee: $25
BSB: 062919
Account No: 00921007
Account Name: Yarralumla Parents & Citizens
Reference: surname and the last three digits of your mobile number (Eg Smith162)

Cash payments accepted at the School Office with a Completed Registration Form.
Email form to yarralumlaprimaryevents@gmail.com
Or by post attn. Market Committee, Yarralumla Primary School, 24 Loftus Street, Yarralumla ACT 2600

We look forward to welcoming you as a stallholder!
Stallholder Responsibilities & Information - The bits you need to know

Site Fees
- Site fees are $25 each for approx. 3x3m spaces or a car boot site
- The market is an outdoor market – under cover wet weather options will be decided on the day if required
- All sites fees will go to supporting the Yarralumla Primary School
- Fees cover the space only – tables, tarps, tents, stands or anything required by the stall holder for display purposes must be supplied by the stall holder and secured firmly at all times

Set Up, Tear Down and Vehicle Access
- Set up – 12:30 to 2:30pm.
- Tear down – from 6pm and completed by 8:30pm.
- Vehicles can only be moved in the market area 12:30-2pm and after 7pm.

Property and Removal of Un-wanted items
- Stallholders must remove ALL rubbish and unwanted items.

School run stalls
- The school P&C will run a sausage sizzle stall and a cake stall on event day

Approved Goods for Sale
- Stallholders must comply with ACT laws and regulations relating to goods for sale.
- Legally banned or dangerous goods cannot be sold.
- The P&C Market Committee can stop a stallholder selling items deemed inappropriate.
- Items NOT to be sold include (but may not be limited to): Food made on site, loose nuts, Alcohol, Chemicals, Fireworks, Flammable liquids, Weapons & Ammunition, Pharmaceuticals, Cigarettes, X & R-rated publications including computer games, videos and DVDs
- A full list of ingredients must be listed on all packaged food products.

Refund and Cancellation Policy
- No refunds will be given due to the cancellation of the market on event day due to unforeseen or adverse circumstances.
- Stall holder cancellations received via email by 5pm Friday 21st March (more than 7 days before the market) will be eligible for a refund of 40% ($10).
- No refund will be given for cancellations received less than 7 days before the market. If you find a replacement who pays you the stall fee, they will still need to contact the market co-ordinator and submit a new registration form.
- In the unlikely event that the market is cancelled on event day stall holders will be notified via SMS by 12:30pm Market Day Saturday 29th March 2014 and a message will be posted on the entrance to the school building.
- If goods are deemed inappropriate for sale, and the stall holder withdraws before 5pm on Friday 21st March, stall fees will be refunded in full.

Insurance
The Yarralumla Primary School and the Yarralumla P&C does NOT provide Public or Product Liability Insurance for stallholders. It is recommended that all stallholders have public liability and product liability insurance of their own. Stall holders without liability insurance trade at their own risk.