NOTES HOME THIS WEEK
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PARENTS’ CHECKLIST
(Reminder of things to DO)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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THIS WEEK’S UPDATES

TWO LANGUAGE ASSISTANTS FROM ITALY are on their way to us in Term 2! As a result of our school’s status with the Department of Immigration as a sponsor school of SALs (School Language Assistants), two young Italian university students are now able to come and ‘work’ in our school for two to three terms on a SAL 416 visa. This has been organised through the WEP (World Education Program) – [www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au) which arranges student exchanges and seeks host families to provide accommodation and meals for students. **If you are able to host either of these students for even just one term, please contact Signora Chapuis.** Two families have indicated their interest so far, but it would be helpful to have more families. Please note that we will also be hosting 8 qualified teachers from Italy in the first four weeks of Term 3, so that may determine your availability as well. Grazie! We couldn’t do this without the support of so many of you wonderful families!

WEBSITE FEEDBACK! Grazie mille to the keen families who have already given feedback about our new website. It has been very positive! We are now going to start adding some photos to brighten up the drop down pages that have a lot of content. 

Don’t forget you can access the weekly newsletter, notes that go home in students’ bags and the school calendar directly from the home page of the website. Hopefully it will help keep that kitchen bench tidier!

TANTE AUGURI to all the tee, diamond and softballers this Saturday in their last games of the series at Mawson fields (8.30 – 9.30am and 10.15 to 11.30am).

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY – Wednesday 19 March – If you are within cycling distance, you are encouraged to ride to school next Wednesday with your child/ren as a way of encouraging us all to be healthier and fitter!

Please remember we are an Anaphylactic Friendly School. Please do not bring nut products into the school, and be aware that “Nutella” spread and many muesli/health bars contain nuts.
BOUQUETS

Students: To Guy Gilmour and Sophie Hehir for ‘Choosing their attitude’ as members of the ‘Green Gang’ and ‘Being There’ for Kindergarten students by emptying and cleaning their chook bins.
To Avalon Frezza, Iman Moharam and Scarlett Fittler for working co-operatively on World of Maths activities and staying focused. Brava ragazze!
To 5/6 – Acquamarina class for their wonderful leadership of the Kindergarten session of World of Maths.

Teachers: To Maestra Grujic– for ‘Making everyone’s day’ and ‘Choosing her attitude’ with all the challenges of the website upgrade. An outstanding job! Grazie Maestra Grujic!

To Maestra Cooper and Maestra Maggioni for their coordination of Student Representative Council this year and the first meeting last week. Brava Signore!

To Maestre Vietch, Grujic, Maggioni, Cooper, Fielding, Lynden and Maestri Scerri and Synnott for giving up their time last night to give a parent presentation on how to help their child with reading.

Parents: To Libby Anderson, Rebecca and Boz Sostarko, Helen Eastley, Chris Heaphy and Zoltan Bacsksai for their enthusiasm and dedication to developing our students’ sportsmanship and skills with their tee ball, diamond ball and softball teams.

QUOTE of the WEEK: in light of our ‘having a go’ at new ways of doing things!

“A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks others have thrown at him.”
David Brinkley (American newscaster)

P&C News

Well done to Lea and team for bringing the new Yarralumla Primary website to life. Good to see a relevant and current format and content. We look forward to contributing and developing the P&C content. If you have any ideas about information that you believe is relevant for the P&C to reflect on the website, please feel free to email me.

On this note we have scheduled the next P&C meeting for the evening 27 March, commencing at 6pm in the staff room. We would like to trial something new once a term, and invite Parents and Citizens to attend a Forum with a specific topic to be discussed for 30 minutes at the commencement of the meeting. On the 27 March we would like to discuss the experiences of families and parents during these first few weeks of the 2014 School Year. We are looking forward to hear good news stories as well as where you believe further information could be provided. We will stick to the 30 minute time frame, so come along with your information and/or suggestions. We will then proceed with the P&C meeting, planning to stick to no more than one hour.

We would like the school community to be aware that 2014 P&C meetings will be scheduled for Thursday evenings commencing at 6pm in Weeks 3 and 8 of each term. The Parent and Citizens Forum discussion will take place during the week 8 meeting of each term.

As you will have seen in previous newsletters, the Yarralumla Community Twilight Market is quickly approaching. Please find below information regarding the Market and how to register as a Stall Holder. Make a note in your diary and with any luck this pleasant weather will continue for an enjoyable evening for all. We are also asking for book donations for our stall – books, DVDs, puzzles and games (no trash and treasure, magazines, encyclopaedias or other items) Donations can be left and sorted into the boxes in the Piazza. Thank you! More information as it is confirmed will be shared either through emails or the website.

Renee Shuttleworth has volunteered to be the YPS P&C Council Representative – this involves attending the ACT Council of Parents & Citizens Associations general meetings and presenting issues for discussion raised by our own P&C, learning about issues being raised by other P&C s
and report back to the YPS community on issues discussed.

The P&C has a few volunteer positions which we need filled. Please let me know if any of the following interest you or you require further information:

- Volunteer Coordinator – this involves assisting with getting volunteers in touch with ways they can help in the school including in the classroom, from home or at special events

- Communications volunteer - this involves communicating key issues from the P&C to the wider school community. This may be about decisions, upcoming events, feedback etc.

I am also taking a leaf out of Lea’s book and will be submitting a contribution to the newsletter on a fortnightly basis.

Gudrun Northrup
P&C President

Yarralumla Community Twilight Market and Residents’ Picnic

Saturday March 29, 3-7pm at Yarralumla Primary School

…..trash and treasure, car boot sales, cakes, plants, craft, food, books, live music, 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. Extra forms will be at the front office.
NOTE - If you are a member of the P&C you are covered by the P&C insurance.

Are you able to give an hour on the day to volunteer at one of the P&C stalls? Sausage sizzle, cake stall or book stall.

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

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Canteen News

Thanks to everyone who assisted in the canteen last week.

This week’s Friday lunch item is sausage rolls and ricotta and spinach rolls for $2. Please get your orders in asap! In addition to pre-orders there will be some serves available at the canteen plus kids can purchase the usual snacks.

If you need the menu for the last 5 weeks of term please email me, and it will also be at the end of the newsletter.

cheers,
Caroline Scerri (little-a@bigpond.com)

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2014, Term 1 Assemblies

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Montessori Villa

Red Group has started learning about growing seeds and plants.

Our first research project was to cultivate a bean plant. Conducting a traditional life cycle experiment with big bean seeds captures children’s excitement and interest as they check their seeds daily to see when they sprout. Because bean seeds emerge quickly once they receive moisture and warmth, they keep the children’s attention and demonstrate, in an easy to understand way, the entire process of germination, growth and flowering in plants.

We planted the seeds on Monday and the children kept them damp using spray bottles. What a surprise when we returned after the long weekend to see roots, stems and leaves!
The next step will be for the children to take their bean plants home. They can put them in the garden, watch them mature and eat the beans.

Perle and Opali also started their Integrated Inquiry unit of work “Plants in Actions” with a science focus. Students are investigating the process of germination learning to identify stages in a plant’s life cycle.

On Wednesday the activities provided by World of Maths engaged all students with some great hands on mathematical challenges. All year 4 students from Opali and Perle were able to work in groups with year 4 students from other classes.

We’re looking forward to continuing our work with vertical groups and year level groups where possible but always in a supporting learning environment allowing each one of our students to reach their full potential through a differentiated curriculum.

Cordiali saluti,

Maestre Carmela Brancato e Cheryl Couch

Harmony Day 2014
Friday 21st March
Yarralumla Primary Celebrates!

This year the SRC has joined with Harmony Day celebrations to raise money for Bandaged Bear and the Children’s hospital at Westmead.

We are asking all students to come to school dressed in traditional dress from their country of origin or to wear Orange. Students will be asked to make a gold coin donation for this privilege.

We are also asking students to bring in a plate of food from their cultural background to share with their class at lunch. Please remember to be allergy aware.

Harmony day is about recognising that we are ‘One Country’ made up of ‘Many Cultures’.

Perle and Opali have enjoyed the cricket clinics. Both classes are on the field together practising specific skills every week and building very important team playing abilities. Last Friday all students started the enrichment groups being very excited to be part of the many activities offered by the staff at Yarralumla Primary School.

Year 3/4

Julie Dodd and Petro Purcell
Classroom Teachers
Mathletics Awards

Mathletics Awards – Week 5, Term 1

Silver Awards

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These certificates will be announced at gli annonci on Monday 17 March and distributed in class.

Derek Synnott
Mathletics Coordinator

Community News

2014 Holiday Program Enrolment packs are available from:
  Website – www.ywca-canberra.org.au
  Email – childcareaccounts@ywca-canberra.org.au
  Or from the ASC/BSC Programs

Please return completed enrolment forms to childcare accounts for processing by Friday 4th April, 2014:
  Fax - 6175 9992
  Email - childcareaccounts@ywca-canberra.org.au (scanned)
  In Person – ASC/BSC Program
  Post - GPO Box 767, Canberra ACT 2601
  In person - Central Office Level 5, 161
London Circuit Canberra ACT

For further information please phone Childcare Accounts on 02 6175 9922.

School Holiday Program
14—25th April 2014

Cost per day $65.00

Holiday Program available at:
  Turner
  Kingsford Smith
  Majura
  St Benedict’s

Holiday Care is a prepaid Service, in order to secure a place for your child it is important that all enrolments must be received by
Friday 4th April 2014

Sports News

PE/SPORTS UPDATE

On Wednesday 19 March it is NATIONAL RIDE 2 SCHOOL DAY. This is about celebrating active travel within the school day and encouraging students who haven’t started to give it a go.
An active school is a healthy school! I encourage all students, teachers and parents to support this by riding, walking, scooting or skating to school on this day.

Joanne Webster
PE/Sports coordinator
Hi everyone,

I am married to that nice Roz Elliot, an LSA at your fine school.

In July 2014 I will be doing a charity bike ride from Copenhagen to Paris as part of a team from Canberra and I would really appreciate your help to raise money that will go to 'The Kids Cancer Project'. TCKP is a fantastic organisation and a fantastic cause. Among other things, they fund research into childhood cancers and rely on donations for this work. You can find out more about The Kids Cancer Project at their website www.thekidscancerproject.org.au.

If you can help, your donation is tax deductible. You can donate in two ways.

1. You can donate direct to our team Rynkeby bank account via EFT. The details are:

   BSB: 032 010 and
   Account no: 291 311.
   Please include 'David Elliot' as the reference so it will count towards my fund raising target and email me to let me know (david.elliot@health.gov.au);

   OR


If you're interested in finding out about the Team Rynkeby story, here is a bit more info. Team Rynkeby sponsorship.docx

Thanks so much on behalf of kids with cancer and their families!!

David Elliot

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**ACT PRIMARY CONCERT CHOIR AUDITIONS**

The ACT Instrumental Music Program is seeking students from Year 4 to Year 6 to audition for a new vocal ensemble, The Primary Concert Choir (PCC). The PPC will rehearse on Thursday afternoons from 4.30pm till 5.30pm during school terms at the IMP in Kaleen.

Auditions for the PCC will be held in Week 8 and 9 of Term 1. Students will be notified of their audition time in Week 7 of Term 1. You will be advised of the audition during week 10. Rehearsals will commence in Week 1 of Term 2 on Thursday 2 May.

How to apply for an audition:

The form can be accessed through the IMP website at: www.imp.act.edu.au for phone 6205 8265

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**RELAY FOR LIFE.**

The ‘Relay for life’ this year will be held at the AIS track at Bruce on the 29 to 30 March. It is a 24 hour event where you can run, walk, skip, dance or however you wish to do it around the track to help raise funds for cancer patients and research.

As I’m sure we are all aware, cancer affects 1 in every 2 people at some stage of their lives and in its various forms is one of the leading causes of death in Australia. The money raised from this event goes to research and assistance to patients and families of sufferers. This is a cause close to all people and especially close to the staff, students and parents of the YPS community. Our BSO Paul has undertaken the task of team captain and organiser for the event and will have a tent and seats set up at the track for the 24 hours of the event. We need participants to do laps for us. You can do it for 30mins, an hour or two or for however long you wish. There is a list in the foyer to put your name on to register for this great event. Each participant must register for the event at a cost of $25.00. This fee gets you into the event and a relay for life shirt. We have set a target of raising $2000.00. You can get people to sponsor you per lap that you do, donate directly online or donate in the collection box on the front counter at school. All donations over $2.00 are tax deductible and we have official receipt books at school. Please see Paul for more details and how to register as we would love to see as many parents, students and staff there as possible.
ICAS is a highly regarded assessment program for students offered in the key subject areas of Mathematics, English, Science, Computing Skills, Spelling and Writing. It has taken place annually in schools across Australia and our region for over 30 years. Educational Assessment Australia (EAA), who design and deliver the assessments, is the not-for-profit arm of the University of NSW.

Each year we provide an opportunity for students in years 3-6 to enter the ICAS tests and to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. The tests provide teachers, parents and students with an independent and comprehensive report of results in key subject areas.

All students participating receive a certificate and an individual diagnostic report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested.

Certificates are awarded for each year level as follows:
- High Distinction to top 1% of entrants
- Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
- Credit to the next 25% of entrants
- Merit to the next 10% of entrants
- Participation to all other students.

A UNSW medal is awarded when the highest score in each subject and year level in each state is judged to be sufficiently meritorious. Students must sit on the official sitting dates to be eligible.

More information about ICAS is available at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au

To participate in ICAS, please complete the entry form below and return it with your entry fees to the front office by the end of Term 1 Friday 11 April – no late entries accepted.

Julie Bomball (ICAS coordinator)