NOTES HOME THIS WEEK

PARENTS’ CHECKLIST
(Reminder of things to do)

* Return Entertainment Fundraiser Flyer to Front Office
* Return Permission Note for Use of Third Party Web based Educational Services
* Please take note of the ICAS competition note at the end of the newsletter

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REMINDERS:
CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL NEXT TUESDAY 11.30 – 1.30pm
All parents are welcome to cheer, man running points and help out in any way you can on the day! Please note the later starting time and let’s hope for a beautiful autumn day!

Cari Genitori

Bentornati a tutti! Welcome back to Term 2 and another packed agenda. We are looking forward to many activities in and out of classrooms that not only focus on our students’ learning but also build our fellowship as a community.

Benvenuti
We were delighted to introduce four new students and two new Maestre to our community at the COLA (Covered Outdoor Learning Area) gathering on Monday. Alexandra and Sebastian Brew have recently moved into Yarralumla and are in Zaffiro Kindergarten class and the 4/56 Eliotrope class. From England, we welcome Haedon Bonney who is in Year 1/2 Granato class and we are also pleased to have the Italian Ambassador’s daughter, Isabella Zazo and family join our school community. Isabella is in Year 3/4 Opali class. Our students are being supported with their Italian learning by the arrival from Italy of two School Language Assistants – Michela Corbella and Mery Bellagamba. Michela is a newly graduated teacher and is supporting our kindergarten students whilst Mery is currently attached to Opali class. Grazie tante to the generosity of the girls’ host families - Libby Anderson and Andy Castle and David and Dominique Lowe. We are also grateful to other families who will also be hosting the girls later in the year.

Post Capital Works ‘beautifying’ our school
As we prepare for Open Day at the end of Week 4 (Saturday 24 May), we are focused on presenting our school in its best possible light particularly whilst the grounds look so beautiful in autumn. We are really pleased with...
the transformation of the ‘dust bowl’ adjacent to the upper playground. It is now landscaped with artificial grass and a new pathway as well as new borders on the garden beds in the inner courtyard area. New signage has been ordered for the school interior and more photos and student work are being displayed. Please also note our digital signage in L’Atrio (the front foyer) with updated events and photos of the recent Twilight Fair. A special thanks goes to our IT whiz - Maestra Nira Grujic who has put in extraordinary hours mastering the software that drives the displays for the front foyer and staff room screens.

Montessori villa teachers and students are also pleased with their new desks that arrived during the break. They are beautiful, sturdy and look terrific with the chairs that they purchased last year. A big thank you to Montessori’s Parent Association for their fundraising and generosity to assist our school in purchasing these tables.

At the end of the Bouquet section, please note the letter to all ACT families from the Minister for Education and Training, Ms Joy Burch encouraging all families to be involved as much as possible in their child’s school life.

Cordiali saluti
Lea (Signora Chapuis)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK – maybe an appropriate one for our students learning to pace themselves over the cross country distance!

“If you want to be fast, go slow!” Insoo Kim Berg

BOUQUETS

Students: To Amanda Vunipola for her interesting opening paragraph in creative narrative writing.
To Luca Punturiero for his excellent reading to Signora Chapuis during Reading Hit this morning.

Staff: To Signor Paul for his great efforts over the break with numerous tasks from constructing the shed for storage of chess pieces, to putting the new Montessori desks together and designing and building a new vandal-proof sand pit cover.

To Maestra Carmela Brancato for stepping up so capably to an Executive role this week whilst Signor Synnott is on one week’s Long Service Leave.

Parents: To Beth Allen for always being proactive with jobs around our school, this time taking on the role of ‘getting new plants for the re-furbished garden beds’.

A Message from the Minister

Getting Involved in Your Child’s School is a Key to Education Success

The ACT’s national leadership in education is founded on the quality of our schools, our teachers, and our focus on putting parents and children at the centre of everything we do.

I recently announced the Progressing Parental Engagement in the ACT project, an Australia-first to help parents and families get more involved with their children’s schools and education.

Simply by reading this newsletter, you are showing your interest in being involved with the education of your children. We know children do better at school when parents and families are actively engaged. After all, you are your child’s first teachers and I encourage you to maintain connected throughout their schooling.

There are many ways of doing this and, as part of the project, your school will be invited to develop innovative ideas to help you to be an active part of your school community. We will keep you updated on how the project will support you in doing this.
With your help we can ensure that your child will get the very best education, tailored for them – and that the ACT will continue to lead the nation in educating our children.

Joy Burch MLA
Minister for Education and Training

**CROSS COUNTRY UPDATE TUESDAY 6 MAY**
11.30am-1.30pm
We are currently seeking volunteers to help out with the Cross Country Carnival!
Please contact Joanne Webster or Carmela Brancato if you are able to help.
Grazie!

**Library**

May is National Family Reading Month
National Family Reading Month encourages students to Read Every Day with their families.
Now in its 17th year, this initiative was designed to get more kids reading with their families.
Challenge your children to read for 15 minutes every day with a family member.

Free Comic Book Day is this Saturday
3rd May 2014
Make sure you drop into your local comic book shop and collect some cool free comic books.
Belconnen: Dee’s Comic Shop
Civic: Impact Comic’s

**P&C News**

Fundraising meeting on Friday 2 May
We are putting together a major fundraising event mid year and need all the help we can get!
We will be meeting in the foyer at school on Friday 2 May at 1pm to discuss the event.

One of the main areas we need assistance with is gathering prizes for the live auction, silent auction and raffle. We want to go about this in an organised way, so if you have any contacts at local businesses or places that might donate tickets or prizes please let me know. If you can’t make the meeting but would like to help, please contact Melissa Coggan on 0407 540 549 or pcoggan@msn.com

**Canteen News**

The canteen is introducing a muffin and fruit combo to pre-order in addition to the main lunch menu item. This week we have delicious freshly made brioche bun Sliders with either a beef patty or haloumi filling. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who have come forward to help in the canteen this term and to the amazing help we had in the kitchen on Pizza day. Volunteers are always needed and always welcome. Contact me at canteen@thewoodfordchurch.com.au or on 0401577918.

Delicious brioche buns served with lettuce, grated carrot, grated beetroot, roast capsicum and zucchini, and either haloumi or a beef patty.

- Beef or haloumi
- Vegetarian
- beetroot?

Fruit Combo Fresh apple muffin and fruit combo (mandarin) Apple muffin

Achievement Awards

PRESENTED AT OUR LAST ASSEMBLY

Zaffiro
Abdulrahman Alateeq, Alessandra Calabria, Valentina De Robertis, Vera Potter Chalmers

Rubino
Arianna Wilson, Aqlan Mohammad Taufik

Smeraldo
Asali Wicks, Jackson Davis Balfrey-Boyd, Sebastian Lee, Oliver Fitzgerald, Olivia Heales, Sophia Santagostino Baldi

Granato
Rocco Theodorakis, Elizabeth Fahey, Antonia Calabria, Lillian Meads

Diamante
Sadie Hall, Armani La Vella, Ben Buckley, Freyja Bacskaia- Ruffolo

Giada
Eva Fuhrman, Ben Crawford, Riley Willis, Declan Lynch

Topaz
Ashton Casha, Jacinta Monteleone, Nicholas Bennett, Catie Harradie

Perle
Madeleine Nelson, Meg Harrison, Ioan Kendon

Opali
Zac Meads

Eliotropa
Alec Wilson, Shabnam Andisha

Agata
Mia Foley, Xi Rui Chen, Eliza Coggan, Daragh Hayes

Acquamarina
Richard Moir, Brooklyn Suraci, Milena Mojsovski, Zacary Hyland

Mathletics Awards

Mathletics Awards – Week 10, Term 1

Silver Awards
Owen Emery 1560 points 19 Apr.
Thomas Fahey 1011 points 14 Apr.

Bronze Awards
Owen Eastley 3002 points 15 Apr.
Noah Shuttleworth 1180 points 17 Apr.
Thor Bacskaia-Ruffolo 1150 points 20 Apr.
William Dolman 1100 points 20 Apr.
Elizabeth Fahey 1040 points 18 Apr.
Nicolo Vaccarella 1000 points 17 Apr.

These certificates will be announced at gli annunci on Monday 5 May and distributed in class.

Derek Synnott
Mathletics Coordinator

Continuation of Responses to the Q & A of the Italian Bilingual Program Information Evening

At the Presentation Night on ‘How and what we teach in Italian at YPS?’ we received questions to which we will continue to provide answers over the coming weeks.

One question that surprised us and indicated some confusion over terminology was:
‘Why did you abandon the immersion program?’

La diagnosi: ‘A rose with any other name…. (Shakespeare)

Il remedio: We have not abandoned the immersion program. We are still teaching content and concepts in Italian but are also now ensuring the emphasis on linguistic capabilities is just as much on speaking as listening.

Languages are many and different, but the need to use them is the same among all users. We all use language as a social tool. We communicate with others. Therefore, it is not acceptable that someone listens but cannot speak; that someone reads but does not comprehend the text.

Language, of course is not the only way to communicate. Other ways include visuals, body language, smell, touch, etc. To ‘communicate’ in this way one only needs to learn what is culturally acceptable behaviour, and does not need to learn another language system (pronunciation, vocabulary, sentence structure). This, however, means that the person is still a monolingual.

Students are not regarded as bilingual if they ‘understand’ the gist of what someone says and are still not able to reply correctly in that language. Students need to be encouraged to learn HOW something was said, not only WHAT was said. In other words, students need to understand not only the content but also to learn the linguistic structures and expressions used to deliver the content of the message. This is
achieved by students seeing connections between their mother tongue and the second language they are being immersed in for 2.5 days a week. Therefore by teachers being bilingual, they can anticipate students’ difficulties, plan the teaching sequence to minimise the occurrence of errors, and help them understand the nature of the errors they make in spoken or written form.

Therefore we have not abandoned the immersion program, but on the contrary strengthened it by employing language strategies that incorporate students’ prior language knowledge in both English and Italian and enable them to be more active language users. We provide students ample opportunities to learn and practise their second language immersed in meaningful content and in a supportive environment. Everyone learns to swim; nobody is left alone to sink. Our Content Language Integrated Learning methods are aligned with recognised European bilingual schools’ methodology the new Australian National Curriculum for Italian (the first language to be released) and Teachers’ Professional Standards.

Maestra Meri for the Yarralumla Team

**School Banking – Every Friday**

We will collect school banking again this Friday.

Please make sure that that the money is secure, that you (or your child) complete the deposit slip and that the money being deposited matches the amount on the slip.

If you would like to participate in school banking but your child does not have an account, you can set up a Youthsaver account at any Commonwealth Bank branch.

**Sports News**

**Fadden Pines Schools Cross Country Program (May 4 to August 3)**

The South Canberra Tuggeranong Athletic Club will be starting its Fadden Pines Schools Cross Country Program on SUNDAY, MAY 4 at 3pm at the Fadden District Park.

Events will be conducted every SUNDAY until August 3.

The cost for 14 weeks is $30, with discounts for additional children in a family. Alternatively people can pay $3 each week. Events are conducted for ages from 5 years (1250 metres) to 19 years (2500 metres). Parents can also run.

All participants will have their times recorded each week and a plot of performances over the season will be presented on the final day. Schools will accrue points based on participation. Trophies will be awarded to the best schools in each age and gender group. Ribbons will be awarded to individuals. All results will be posted on the club’s website [http://www.sctathletics.com](http://www.sctathletics.com)

We believe that the program helps identify students with potential as middle/long distance runners, but we are mainly concerned in getting kids and adolescents doing some exercise and challenging themselves.

Some students may be interested in participating at cross country championships later in the year. This would be an excellent program to prepare them.

Thanks
Mike Sexton
SCTAC

**Community News**

**AEONCADEMY NEWS**

Welcome back!

Wow, that holiday went super-fast! We had a splendid time with our Vacation Program; big thanks to everyone that came along to make it a success.

We’re back at it straight away with our After School Program this term, and already some days are looking pretty chockers! Make sure you give our office a call on 6205 5750 to book your place so you don’t miss out! If you send your children along without a booking and we are full we will have to call you to take your children home, so don’t delay!
Our program for After School will be available on our website mid next week, so keep an eye out to see what’s happening!

ACTION rewards early birds with $1 MyWay fares

Between Monday 5 and Friday 30 May 2014, MyWay cardholders who tag on to an ACTION bus before 7.30 am on weekdays will pay just $1 fare for that trip!

Commuters who recharge their MyWay card using Autoload or BPAY will bring in further savings, paying only $0.95 due to the 5 per cent discount received for paying via these methods. To take advantage of this offer tag on and off the bus with your MyWay card as usual and the early bird fare will be applied automatically. Please note the early bird offer does not apply to cash fares.

If you are not a bus commuter but are tired of paying for parking each day, or if you normally pay a cash fare, there is no need to worry as MyWay cards are quick and easy to purchase. MyWay cards can be ordered online or purchased at any Canberra Connect shopfront or MyWay Recharge Agent.

People who work in the city and have to pay for parking are encouraged to take advantage of this great offer. If you normally pay $10 for parking each day and became an early bird bus commuter for the length of the four week trial you would save at least $180, which is a significant saving. Be an ACTION early bird – save money, avoid parking hassles and beat the peak hour rush. There’s never been a better time to catch the bus!

For more information visit the ACTION website at www.action.act.gov.au or call the ACTION bus information line on 13 17 10.

AFL GIANTS v Port Adelaide at StarTrack Oval (Manuka Oval)

3 May 2014, Main Gate opens 10am, East Gate opens 12:40pm, Centre bounce 2:10pm

ACTION buses are providing special free shuttle services from and to Civic and Woden for GIANTS members and ticket holders for the GIANTS v Port Adelaide match on Saturday 3 May 2014. In addition, ticket holders and GIANTS’ members can travel on any ACTION bus across the entire network on the day for free. For more details go to www.action.act.gov.au

Catching a free ACTION bus is a great way to get to and from the game so leave the car at home and come along and enjoy the match. Be sure to arrive early and avoid the last minute rush.

If you are driving, some general road closures and managed access arrangements for residents will apply from 9am to 8pm in the Manuka Oval precinct. Parking officers will be active in the area during the event and drivers are reminded to park legally. View parking maps and event information at www.manukaoval.com.au
We are excited to be offering parents, staff and supporters the opportunity to purchase 2014/2015 Canberra Entertainment™ Memberships to help us raise funds for the school landscaping master plan.

This year you have a choice – to purchase the popular Entertainment™ Books or the brand new Entertainment™ Digital Membership, which puts the value of the Entertainment™ Book into your iPhone or Android smartphone!

The brand new 2014/2015 Entertainment Memberships feature many of the area’s best restaurants, cafés, hotel accommodation, attractions, and activities, and are packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers, valued at over $20,000 that you can enjoy until June 2015!

The best part is that for only $60 you’ll be helping us, with $12 from every Membership sold contributing to the school landscaping master plan. Please let everyone in your network know we are fundraising, as the more we sell, the more funds we raise!

A copy of the Entertainment™ Book will be sent home with your child on Tuesday 6th May.

If you pre-order your Entertainment Book or Digital Membership before 10th April you can choose six Bonus Offers valued at $110 that you can use straight away!

To purchase securely online OR to order your Entertainment™ Digital Membership visit:


Bernadette Mihaljevic, P&C Treasurer, 0404 061 201

**Parents who pre-order their books will be able to collect their books from the front office on the final day of Term 1, Friday 18th April. Those who pre-order a digital membership will receive an email on 19th April with download instructions.

If you do not have internet access please complete and return this form to the front office:

Please note Digital Memberships can only be purchased through the link above

Child’s Name: ___________________________ Class: ___________________________

I would like to order: (x) Canberra Books @ $60 each (GST incl.) = $__________

Method of Payment: □ Cash □ Visa □ MasterCard

Cardholder’s Name: __________________________________________ Signature: ___________________________

Card Number: _______________ Expiry Date: _____/____ CVV: _______

Phone: __________________________ Email: ____________________________

For those who do not wish to receive a Book:

(Please return this form to the front office by: 9th April or email bernadette.mihaljevic@hotmail.com)

☐ I am purchasing a Digital Membership - please do not send home the printed Book

☐ I do not wish to purchase a Book or Digital Membership, please do not send home the Book

CHILD’S NAME: ___________________________ CLASS: ___________________________