NOTES HOME THIS WEEK

World of Maths Permission Notes

PARENTS' CHECKLIST
(Reminder of things to DO)
Return Year 5/6 camp notes

Are there any families interested in hosting a young female Italian student (aged 19) who will join our school for learning support in Italian classes. Duration would be 1, 2 or 3 terms. Please see Signora Chapuis

DATES TO REMEMBER

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REMINDERS:
We are still seeking volunteers to be class liaison contacts between the class teacher and parents. Please email Signora Chapuis if you are interested.

Your 2014 voluntary contribution to our school for the education of your child/ren would be greatly appreciated.

Please keep up the vigilance and good practices with the front driveway into our school. Adhering to the sign ‘Drop off and Pick up Only’ and NOT PARKING on the grassy mound are ensuring our children’s safety. Grazie mille!

Cari Genitori

It’s hard to believe that we are already at the half way mark of the term. Students are to be congratulated for ‘choosing their attitude’ with their learning in new classes and adapting to new school practices such as lining up outside and using the Piazza as a learning space. Ensuring each student has a hat every day is a perennial issue and time consuming for teachers to ‘chase up’ with repeat offenders. The rule is simple: ‘No Hat, No Play’ and that includes participation in special sports clinics such as the cricket one this week. I urge all parents to remind their child/ren EVERY day to check they have a broad brimmed hat to bring to school.

Festa Acquatica
What a successful day we had last Thursday for our Festa Acquatica! It was heartening to see so many students participate in the 25 metre races and to watch many of the 50 metre race swimmers extend themselves to doing 100 metres or the 200 metre medley. It was indeed a case of ‘Making the day’ of all their house members as the points mounted up. Menzies was the winning house but all house captains and students are worthy of praise for their enthusiastic participation. Such carnivals cannot run smoothly without hard work prior to the day and the participation of parents in Junior school rotations, timekeeping and marshalling. There are lots of Bouquets today for our volunteers but special mention must be made of Maestra Julie Bomball whose superb organisation ensured all races were on schedule and sufficient breaks were timetabled for students, staff and parents. Brava Maestra Bomball!
Nuovo sito web della scuola

Next Tuesday, our school website is being rolled over to a ‘new look’ and revised format to now include weekly newsletters, notes home, a calendar and updates on events and the latest happenings. This has been on the agenda of the IT coordinator, Maestra Nira Grujic and myself since early last year and we have worked hard to finally get a version that we hope will meet the community’s needs. The format is compliant with the ACT Education Directorate’s school websites’ guidelines and whilst content and photos can be regularly updated by us at school, there are other features such as certain heading sizes and layouts that are fixed. We would appreciate your feedback about the user friendliness of the site and any suggestions to make it the best it can possibly be. Our next step will be looking at incorporating a social media site such as Facebook (with strict guidelines) which many schools now feature to enhance communications.

Mindfulness Practices – paying attention to what is happening now!

Teachers have now introduced ‘Brain breaks’ into their routines when students are being taught how to be quiet and mindful of the present and to become more aware of their breathing and the sounds around them. This may include relaxing music that is played during these few minutes and/or teachers explaining to students how to progressively relax their muscles and to focus on their breathing. There has been a steady bank of research to indicate that regular mindfulness practices can help children calm their emotional and stress responses, improve attention spans, foster better sleep and strengthen self-awareness. Our school is about developing the ‘whole child’ and we believe in fostering their social and emotional wellbeing as much as their cognitive and physical capacities. I encourage you to help your child/ren to have ‘no thing’ reflective moments at home as well without digital screens and headphones during their busy days.

You may like to check out the following websites for more information – in particular Professor Jon Kabat-Zinn who is a leading researcher in this field.

- [http://www.mindfuleducation.org/mindfulnessforchildren.pdf](http://www.mindfuleducation.org/mindfulnessforchildren.pdf) - lengthy article from researchers on how to teach mindfulness to children.

I wish you all a happy and relaxing time over the Canberra Day long weekend. We are indeed fortunate to live in such a beautiful city.

Cordiali saluti
Lea (Signora Chapuis)

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

“Reflection is no longer a luxury but necessary for our survival.” Dr Dan Siegel

“All of man’s difficulties are caused by his inability to sit quietly in a room by himself.” Blaise Pascal

BOUQUETS

**Students:**

To Ben Buckley in Year 1/2 Diamante for sharing his excellent Bee spelling work with Signora Chapuis. Bravo Ben!

To Menzies House Captains and Vice Captains - Noah Buchanan (Captain), Lucy Darcy (Captain), Gil Martin (Vice Captain), Anela Romeo (Vice Captain) for their leadership and encouragement of their house members to win the carnival. Congratulazioni ragazzi!

To Olivia Hicks for always being cooperative and caring for other members of the Class.

To Allegra Senti for ‘Being there’ and helping other students with their Italian language learning.

To Laura Castle for displaying leadership, helping others and being a consistently attentive learner.

To Samuel Fyfe for growing in confidence and ‘having a go’ in all areas of learning.

To Kalista Haureliuk for ‘choosing her attitude’ and trying her best with all her work.
To Grace Wills for consistently working on-task at a high standard and being a role model for her classmates.

To Jude Ferguson for ‘being there’ and ‘choosing his attitude’ with all learning tasks.

To Amanda Vunipolo consistently on task and choosing her attitude so that she is a role model for others.

**Staff:** To Maestra Julie Bomball for ‘Making our Day’ through her thorough and efficient organisation of the swimming carnival.

To Maestra Lisa Lockey for ‘Being There’ for all students who won a ribbon at the carnival. Her endless patience at writing them out was amazing!

To Maestra Anna Alberti for her excellent support of Piazza Italian classes with preparing Italian readers for children to take home.

**Parents:** To all the following dedicated parents who volunteered their time at the Festa Acquatica last Thursday.


Marshalling: Raleigh Rogers.

To all Junior parents who assisted on the day with the Junior School rotation activities.

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**Canteen News**

This week the canteen will be offering homemade NACHOS - $2 each. Children should go to the canteen at lunchtime to purchase their food. The usual snacks will also be available.

We have made some progress with the canteen coordinator positions thanks to Caroline Scerri and Shannon Spencer – now we definitely 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

**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.

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**Mother-Daughter Bookclub**

Our new mother-daughter bookclub will meet for the first time next Tuesday night 11 March at 6.30pm in the school library. The bookclub is for girls who are confident readers or who like to read with their parents. We will be reading books that are appropriate for 9-12 year olds to read and discuss. If you would like to join us, please come along to the school library next Tuesday or give me a ring on 0424 808 919.

Lisa Ramshaw

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**2014, Term 1 Assemblies**

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Preschool

It has been an amazing start to the year here at preschool. Both Wombats and Bilbies classes are settling well into routines and it is pleasing to see friendships forming.

We have a few exciting events over the next few weeks, these include Constable Kenny week 6, Harmony day and Duncan Smith in week 7, Bus Wash week 8, the chicken hatching program in week 9 and Pirate Pete in week 10. Busy! Busy! Busy!

We will be holding a working bee and meet and greet on Saturday 29th March 10-1pm. It would be great to have as many families as possible to help improve the preschool grounds and then share in a picnic together. We will be emailing out more information shortly.

If you have any questions about the preschool program please feel free to ask us at anytime.

Thank you,

Rebecca, Vanessa, Anne and Patricia

Year 1/2

This week year 1/2 have begun their literacy rotations. We have been learning the routine of Bee Spelling and working collaboratively with our groups. In maths, we have been identifying numbers and exploring patterns in hundreds charts. We have continued work on our inquiry unit, focussing on the difference between natural and man made features in our local and wider environments. Our recounts have been improving as we really focus on the essential elements of the text type.

Some of us hosted the latest assembly where we showcased some of our work and a wonderful song written by Maestro Scerri. The Water Fun Day was a great experience with students enjoying the variety of activities provided.

Maesta Cooper and Maestra Fielding

In Italian class we have had a go at writing a brief recount about our Festa Acquatica (in Italian).

Together we have also deconstructed and analysed various literacy components of the Big Book we are reading in class, such as the vocabulary used and the chronology (development) of the events in the story. This is closely connected with our maths topic, where we are learning the days of the week and the order of those days. We have also begun to learn the months of the year in Italian, which will help us when we are discussing the seasons of the year in our inquiry unit. We have also been grouping up with the other 1/2 classes to do our Social Skills activities, where we have been discussing and sharing ideas of how we can implement and be role models of our Fish Philosophy: Playing, Being there, Choosing our attitude and Making someone's day.
As usual the start of the year is always so busy. We have particularly enjoyed getting to know one another through a variety of activities and especially through circle time discussions. We have a wonderful class and have high expectations for our year ahead. We have spent time establishing our codes of conduct and values to assist with our learning.

It was lovely to catch up with parents during our ‘Meet and Greet’ sessions in week 3 and we also appreciate the time that many parents gave to helping out at the Festa Acquatica last Thursday.

The 5/6 students are looking forward to camp Cooba in week 7 and all notes should have been returned by Monday of this week so that we have an idea of how many are attending. Camp is a great experience for students as it helps them to become more independent and encourages them to try different things and to challenge themselves. It is also a great way for students to get to know other students and staff.

This week we started our homework grid for English, which gives each student a choice of activities to work on at home. Students will then share their homework with the class. Sharing with others requires good speaking skills, as well as being organized in presenting information. For example, students may share a story they have written, something they have read or something they have made. Homework will be due on the Friday of week 6 as camp is the following week. Homework will go home as hardcopy but will also be emailed to parents. If you have changed your email address - please let us know.

Mathletics and Spelladrome are up and running for students to use at home and in addition we have Reading Eggs available. The log-in is the same as Mathletics and we encourage students to try some of the activities from Reading Eggspress once they are logged on. There are also a variety of on-line books to read in the ‘library’ part of this site.

You should have received an overview sheet last week. Our integrated unit is ‘How do living things adapt to their environment? Enrichment activities start this Friday and will be held on alternate weeks to assembly.
Achievement Awards

PRESENTED AT OUR LAST ASSEMBLY

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Mathletics Awards

Mathletics Awards – Week 4, Term 1

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These certificates will be announced at their presentation on Monday 17 March 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
Sports News

PE/SPORTS UPDATE

We had a great time at our swimming carnival last week. The students competed enthusiastically in the races and the junior school had fun doing the water activities. A big thank you to all staff and parents for running all events so smoothly!

The sports room is open for borrowing equipment every day at lunch time. Our Year six sports leaders, Zelta, Magnus, Gianna and Noah are doing a fantastic job of monitoring the sports room equipment and supervising safe play.

The ACT cricket clinics have commenced this week. They will run every Tuesday for four weeks. All classes are participating and the feedback from our first sessions was extremely positive.

Joanne Webster PE/SPORTS Coordinater

Kidsoccer – pre-season skills based program

Is your child playing soccer this winter? Give them a great headstart by joining our skills based term 1 program.

Kidsoccer runs skills based, age appropriate programs for pre-school and primary aged children. Our program is designed specifically for children – from age 3 to 12. Whether you are new to soccer or wanting to play Division 1, we have the program for you.

We have sessions available at O’Connor, Bonner, Garran and Hughes – visit www.kidsoccer.info for all the details. It is never too late to register with us. Keep fit, make new friends and impress your old ones with your new found agility and ball skills.

Community News

AEONCADEMY NEWS

For Your Calendar:

- Term One Open Day - Saturday the 15th of March, 10am to 4pm

Term One Open Day

That’s right, our first Open Day for the year is fast approaching! On the 15th of March, we will be flinging open the hall doors for a day of fun for everyone. We will be putting on a stunning Exhibition of Ceramic pieces from the January Vacation Program (Which will be available for collection by their owners), running Creative Catalyst Art Activities, a Vala Dramatic Mini-Adventure and dressups, a sausage sizzle, and most of all, the official release of the April Vacation Program!

The Open Day is a great day to come along to, for some fun, to pick up some works, have something to eat, and get your holidays sorted. We will be offering a 20% Discount on all bookings made on the day.

Paper invitations are available from the Sign In Desk.
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.