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*"Certamen Praeter Palman" - "The endeavour is more important than the prize."*

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### NOTES HOME THIS WEEK

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### PARENTS' CHECKLIST (Reminder of things to DO)

**\*Walkathon Sponsorship  
Money due back 12 October**

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 25 September	Assembly hosted by Year 4/5 and SLSU
Friday 25 September	Y Factor Final, Last Day of Term 3
Monday 12 October	First Day of Term 4
Wednesday 21 October	How to teach your child to read 3.30 – 4.30pm
Thursday 29 October	P&C Meeting 7pm
Tuesday 3 November	Jump Rope for Heart Jump off

*Our 3i school values: Integrity ~ Inclusion ~ Innovation*

Cari genitori

### Annual Walkathon

Yesterday's walkathon was a great success on all fronts despite the icy wind. Weston Park was an easy walk and a beautiful location for the students to enjoy play time in the sun followed by a picnic lunch. A sausage sizzle was provided by a wonderful group of a dozen parent helpers who were responsible for either cooking or serving up around 600 sausages! The students were also treated to an icy pole for their efforts on returning to school. We are most grateful to all students and their families who sought sponsors and raised money for the school. This will help to replace sporting equipment and books. Please help them to collect the money and send it to school in a clearly labelled envelope as soon as possible. Thank you to Bernadette Mihaljevic, Raleigh Rogers and Sarah Lee for their excellent coordination of the sausage sizzle. See bouquets for other parents who contributed their support. Bravissimi! Grazie a tutti!

### A Challenging but rewarding term

We have almost made it to the end of term 3 – just one more 'get-up'! This term has challenged all of us in the area of health. Until last week, I think I was the only member of staff who had managed to avoid the flu or virus this year but I spoke too soon and was ordered to bed. Winter bacterial and viral infections have been particularly nasty and prolonged in many cases and the implications have been equally challenging. When staff become unwell and unable to attend work, we need to find relief teachers to take the classes. Due to the severity of the winter infections across Canberra, many relief teachers have not been available either. This leaves us few options other than to split classes and distribute students across other classes. Teachers are prepared for these times so that students can join in the learning in another class or work on independent learning tasks previously set, for example, research tasks. I wanted to reassure you that children are still learning but it's not their usual teacher. I especially wanted to thank staff for their outstanding commitment to catering for the needs of all children whether they are students of their usual class or not.

### Staffing update

I wish to thank all staff for their ongoing dedication to their role as teachers, administrators and support staff. In particular, I thank and commend Maestra Brancato who has taken on additional responsibilities as a School Leader C for the past two terms. Carmela has excelled in this role, particularly in the coordination of relief staff which she undertook jointly with Signora Thomas. In addition, she has made significant improvements in a

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number of administrative processes and provided insightful professional learning for her colleagues. She will continue to teach year 6 students in Italian as well as support students who speak a language other than English. Grazie Carmela e bravissima!

I will continue in the principal's role and Signora Cansdell will continue to shine in her role as deputy principal. Maestre Thomas and Brissoni will also continue as magnificent members of our highly capable, hard-working leadership team.

### **Invitation to reading workshop for parents on how to support your child to read**

All interested parents are invited to come along to a reading workshop specifically designed to support you with ways to help your child become an effective reader. The workshop will be held from 3.30 - 4.30 on Wednesday 21 October in the library. Our specialist Reading Intervention teacher will be there to pass on some valuable tips. If you have any questions about this event, please contact [Arianna.Cansdell@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Arianna.Cansdell@ed.act.edu.au) or 61423253.

### **Italian Week**

Italian music will be the focus of Italian Week next term. The entire week, commencing Monday 19 October, will see students participating in a range of activities associated with music. Watch this space for further details!

### **Y Factor Final**

Finalists will have an opportunity to show their talents at the final of Y Factor tomorrow from 12-1.30pm. Parents and family members are invited to attend. We ask that you be seated by 12noon please. It's always highly entertaining and a chance for students to show their talents.

### **Lunchtime activities**

We have now added meditation and tennis to our lunchtime activities. These are in addition to Lego, gardening, makerspace, chess, drawing and library.

### **Students leaving YPS**

It is always sad to see our families leave the school and it is especially sad when they have been here for a long time. Thank you to Haeden and Vhairi Bonney for being wonderful members of our school community. The Bonney family is returning to the UK after this term and we wish them much happiness settling back into familiar surrounds. We also extend our best wishes to the Archibald family for their move to QLD. Lola and Matilda have been fabulous students and will be greatly missed for their many contributions to the life of the school.

### **Welcome to new students**

We would like to welcome the Rinaudo family to YPS this week. Charlotte has joined year 1 and Alexander has joined year 3.

Please have a safe and happy holiday break and we expect to see you back on deck on Monday 12 October. Buona vacanza

Cordiali saluti  
**Signora Marli**

**Quote:** 'The problem is not the problem; the problem is your attitude towards the problem.'



## Bouquets

**Students:** To Alec W for being a wonderful buddy to Sebastian L by caring for him at the walkathon.  
To Avery H for his extra effort and success in Italian class this week.  
To Jayden A for being a great class mediator.  
To Olivia H for outstanding work in class, particularly in mapping.

**Staff:** To Paul Hyde for the support provided to the staff, students and parents at the walkathon.  
To all teaching and support staff who battled the bitter wind to lead the students on the walkathon.

**Parents:** To Libby Anderson for establishing a new website for YPS players of T-ball and softball. This site will soon be linked to the YPS website.

To all of our Annual Walkathon sausage sizzlers: Bernadette Mihaljevic, Sarah Lee, Raleigh Rogers, Paul Vitolovich, Anthony Sirr, May Truong, Bella Insch and Laura Fuhrmann. Thank you to Beth Allan for handing out the icy poles when the children returned from their walk. Your support is vital to the success of YPS.

## P&C News

On behalf of the P&C I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped at the Walkathon Sausage Sizzle. It was great see so many parents, carers and grandparents lending a hand. Over 600 sausages were cooked and served and your involvement meant that the event ran smoothly and contributed to an enjoyable day.

Thank you to Raeleigh and Bernadette for co-ordinating the volunteers at the school and at Weston Park.

*Craig Fitzgerald*  
P&C President

### **P&C Meeting - 7pm, Thursday 29 October 2015**

The next P&C meeting will be held in the school staffroom on Thursday 29 October at 7pm. All members of the Yarralumla Primary School community are invited to come along. If you would like to put any items on the agenda please email me at [secretary@ypspandc.com](mailto:secretary@ypspandc.com).

The following expenditure motions will be decided at the meeting:

1. That the P&C donate up to \$500 of soccer equipment to the school
2. That the P&C donate up to \$1000 of softball equipment to the school

Hope to see you there  
Susan Pratt – P&C Secretary

### **Festa Italiana in the Embassy Gardens**

Festa Italiana is almost upon us and the P&C is looking for volunteers to be involved in this great day. This is a Canberra community event sponsored by the Italian Embassy to celebrate Italian food and culture on November the 8th in the Embassy Gardens in Deakin. There will be a full program of entertainment plus produce, food, drink, retail stalls and raffle. Fifty percent of the proceeds will be donated to Yarralumla Primary School's Italian program.

YPS is running a Biscotti stall and a Degustation stall and we will also assist with setting up. There are sign up posters hanging up outside the front office along with the Mission Statement from the Italian Ambassador, HE Pier Francesco Zazo, outlining the objectives of the event. Please volunteer to help, even one hour on a stall makes a huge difference....more hands make light work and more fun!

If you would like more information, please contact Mel Jamieson:  
0403 124 290 or [melindajamieson@hotmail.com](mailto:melindajamieson@hotmail.com)

For those families who have already volunteered, would you mind putting your name and details on the sheets hanging up near the front office please. Also write down the hour/s you are available where appropriate. Thank you.

## Canteen News

Thanks to all helpers for there excellent effort at the sausage sizzle. We cooked nearly 600 sausages! Great work!

**Please note there is NO Canteen this Friday.**

Flexishools menu for term 4 will be ready for week 1.

Regards  
Raeleigh, Sarah and Madeline

## Preschool

What an exciting and productive few weeks we have had.

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers at our Teddy Bear picnic and Bunnings sausage sizzle!



Have a safe and happy holiday.

Cheers,

Vanessa and Anne and Rebecca

## Montessori

A couple of weeks ago, Red Group children walked to the Royal Australian Mint to investigate how our money is made. It was an amazing day weather wise and we stopped in a park to have morning tea. When we arrived at the mint, we saw lots of coins on display and watched several robots working to make \$2 and 50 cent coins.



In week 8, we had an incursion of reptiles for all the children at Montessori and it was very interesting to see and be able to touch lizards such as the blue tongue, the shingleback and goanna, turtles, snakes such as a python and boa constrictor and a baby crocodile!

Last weekend, some of our parents helped refurbish our garden with tanbark and the rock river got some new rocks. Many thanks to those parents who gave their time and labour for this exercise.

Julie and JB

## Term 3 Assembly

Week 10

Year 4/5 +SLSU

## Jump Rope for Heart



*Heart disease is still the single biggest killer of Australians and that is why it is so important that we raise vital funds to support heart health research. We want to help*

*reduce premature death and suffering from heart disease that affects Australian families every day, families just like yours.*

*On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October, Week 1 next term, Yarralumla PS is launching Jump Rope for Heart. In the following weeks, students will learn a range of skipping skills through lunchtime and in class skipping opportunities and are encouraged to fundraise online (details to come). Four weeks later, on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, our whole school will have their Jump Off.*



## HOW TO TEACH YOUR CHILD TO READ



Next term, we are holding a reading information session for parents and carers to learn how to teach and assist their child with reading at home. The session will run for an hour from 3.30 to 4.30 on Wednesday 21st October (week 2).

Please lock this date into your calendars and come along and learn important skills in teaching reading.

## FLORIADE



Bulbs 50c and Blooms \$5 a bunch are on sale at the school on Monday 12 October from 2.30pm. This is a Year 6 fundraiser.

## BOOK COVERING



If you can help with doing a basket of covering for the library, please wander up to see Maestra Jayne.

There are baskets of books, scissors and contact ready to go.

With Thanks

## LOST PROPERTY IS OVERFLOWING !!!!!



Are you missing uniform items, hats, lunch boxes etc.? As the end of term approaches we again will be looking at disposing of lost property which is not labelled. Uniform items will be given to the uniform shop and non-uniform items will be given to charity, **if not claimed by 25 September**. So please check, or get your children to check, the lost property area for anything that may be yours.

Please write your child's name on their belongings and regularly check lost property for lost items.

## Sports News

### Touch Football

ACT touch football have extended registration until the end of this week. At the moment we have five teams across all age groups at school. Apparently it's a great sport for fun and fitness. There are several venues around Canberra but, the one we are interested in is Deakin. It seems a particularly good game for families as both genders and several age groups play at the same time. It is 5 a side and play is for 15 minutes each half with a 2 minute break. Cost is \$65 for K-4 and \$85 for the Y5 and above.

If anyone is interested in participating in a team please contact [colette353535@gmail.com](mailto:colette353535@gmail.com) with child's name, age and class ASAP.

Deakin: Thursday

School Year K-2 (Mixed) 5:10pm  
School Year 3/4 (Mixed) 5:10pm  
School Year 5/6 (Boys, Girls and Mixed) 6:00pm  
School Year 7/8 (Boys, Girls and Mixed) 4:20pm  
School Year 9/10 (Boys, Girls and Mixed) 4:20pm

NB - Times are preliminary and may be influenced by competition numbers.

### Futsal at YPS

Is anyone aged 7/8 interested in Futsal/indoor soccer? We have permission to use the school hall before school for some informal round robin games. Numbers are limited due to the capacity of the hall, so it will be first in best dressed. Hopefully we will have enough to play two games simultaneously starting around 8.15 Some year 6 kids will be the referees/coaches with adult supervision. Cost: nil

If you are interested please email me [colette353535@gmail.com](mailto:colette353535@gmail.com) with your child's name, age and class.

## Community News



Enrolments open for term 4.

Please contact Cameron to reserve a spot!

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[lessons@mojoguitarteachers.com](mailto:lessons@mojoguitarteachers.com)

### ***Spring into CIT Hair and Beauty for a new season look***

Our amazing CIT hair and beauty students are ready to help you look your best this spring!

Enjoy a wide range of services including semi, demi and permanent hair colouring, style cuts, conditioning treatments and blow-dries. Pamper yourself with our range of body treatments, massage, facials, body-wraps, manicures and pedicures and waxing treatments.

Our salon is Sustainable Salons Australia affiliated, which means we successfully recycle 95% of all salon waste. We are committed to ensuring environmentally responsible salon practices and

embedding sustainability values into our curriculum.

We use leading treatment products including Dermalogica, Ultraceuticals and Schwarzkopf.

Hair salon times:

- Monday to Thursday 9am – 4pm

Beauty clinic times:

- Monday 4:45pm – 7:30pm
- Wednesday 6:15pm – 8:15pm
- Thursday 1:15pm – 3:45pm

These times are current **until 26 November**, and change according to each semester training timetables.

CIT Hair and Beauty is conveniently located at CIT Reid, 37 Constitution Avenue. See our [service menu](#) for a full list of offerings.

Book now: call CIT Hair and Beauty Salon reception on (02) 6207 3246 or [enquire online](#)

CIT Hair and Beauty is a training salon open to the general public and staffed by apprentices who work in industry. Services offered are often part of student assessment. If you are late or unable to make it to your appointment, let us know so your appointment can be rescheduled. CIT Hair and Beauty can then offer this time to another client and the student can still complete their assessment.

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## YPS Canteen Weekly Snacks

Item	Notes	Price
Jelly Cups	Variety of flavours	\$1
Yogurt Berry Crunch Cups	Berries, Greek yogurt with toasted muesli - in a cup	\$1
Popcorn	Small bowl	.50
Muffins	Variety of flavours	\$1
Anzac Biscuits	No nuts	\$1
Hot Chocolates	Made to order	\$1
Quick Noodles (hot)	Cup of hot noodles	\$2
Paddle Pops	Variety of flavours	\$1.50
Icy Poles	Variety of flavours	.50
Fruit Piece	Variety of fruit	\$1