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## NEWSLETTER NO. 17 7 NOVEMBER 2019

### NOTES HOME THIS FORTNIGHT

Academic Reporting Test

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

Drop off donations for Fete
Go to Fete on Sunday
Return academic reporting test note

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Sun 10 Nov	Festa Fantastica 10am till 3pm
Mon 11 Nov	P & C Meeting
Wed 13 Nov	Yr 3-6 Walkathon Disco
Wed 13 Nov	Academic Reporting Test Note due
Mon 18 Nov	Yr6 Bandstrav Rehearsal
Tue 19 Nov	Yr6 Bandstrav Performance
Tue 19 Nov	Kindergarten Parent Info Night
Wed 20 Nov	Assembly Yr 1
Wed 20 Nov	Signor Evans taped to the Hall Wall
Thu 21 Nov	Beach to Bush Surf Life Saving Presentation

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Festa Fantastica

On Sunday, 10 November 10-3pm YPS will be holding its Festa Fantastica. A big thank you to all the families that have already entered the times they can volunteer on the day to assist their child's class stall. The P&C have been working extremely hard to make the day a success. Please make sure you spread the word amongst your family and friends to come and join us on the day. Please be extremely careful with how you park around the school on the day. The school has received notice that parking inspectors are targeting school fetes during November and December.

The online auction has already raised \$6,916.50. Please make sure you view all the items and place a bid. There are some great items including two MotoGP Paddock passes, Taronga Zoo passes, trampoline, Kings Swim passes, Seg Glide Ride, YMCA sailing just to name a few. There are some amazing bargains still out there for families to take advantage of.

### Walkathon

Our walkathon fundraising has reached \$10,000! The students were extremely excited in assembly this week when it was announced that on Wednesday, 20 November they would stick Signor Evans to the wall. I will spend the entire assembly on the hall wall. Thank you to all the families and community who donated to our walkathon. The money raised is going towards strengthening our robotics program in 2020 that is accessed by all students.

### Playground Equipment

The students at YPS have three playground areas to use based on their year level before school, recess and lunch. The new equipment built outside Gambari is for our K-2 students, the middle playground is for Yrs 2-6 and the playground near the basketball court is for all students K-6. It has been fantastic to observe the joy the students in years K-2 have been receiving from playing on the new equipment.

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### Before School Supervised Areas

A teacher is on duty before school from 8:30am-9:00am. All students are encouraged to play on the large concrete area between the middle playground equipment and the new junior playground. The basketball court and the area outside of the library and junior classrooms is out of bounds. Students in K-2 are encouraged to drop their bags off at line and come back onto the other side of the building where there is supervision. As parents please encourage your child to remain in the supervised area.

Keep Smiling,

**Rohan Evans | Principal**

### Term 4 Week 6 MERIT AWARDS

Classe	English	Italian
Kinder Rosa	Juliet S	Martina M
Kinder Scarlatto	Molly N	Lilla T
Year 1 Fucsia	Lumina L	Maggie B
Year 1 Magenta	Edward T	Hamish M
Year 1 Corallo	Sarelia N	Amber W
Year 1/2 Giallo	Cam A	N/A
Year 2 Verde marino	Rowan S	Zachary O'R
Year 2 Verolino	Maya H.B	Enzo M
Year 2 Verde menta	Sabina M	Maxwell A
Year 3/4 Turchese	Aronin R	Poppy H
Year 3/4 Celeste	Claudia K	Dylan W
Year 3/4 Acqua	Ariel M	Spencer S
Year 3/4 Azzurra	Will B	Olivia C
Year 3/4 Blu	Ella X	Inge C
Year 5/6 Ambra	Jaydon S	Sam SC
Year 5/6 Oro	Maja K	Sofia P
Year 5/6 Zafferano	Angel T	Charlotte C
LSUA Perla	Joss E Eric O	

## Star Awards



# STAR AWARD



November 2019

Awarded to

***Tija M***

You are a kind and responsible student who is always inclusive of your friends and classmates. You are a diligent and hard worker who is willing to take risks with your learning. Your work is always presented to a high standard because of the effort you put in. Well done Tija on being such a wonderful role model in Kindergarten.

***Eason L***

You are a cheerful student with a great sense of humour. The progress you have made this semester is something you should be extremely proud of. You are willing to have a go at your learning tasks independently in both English and Italian. Congratulations on an amazing year Eason.

***Gabriel L***

Gabriel is a responsible school leader who is diligent in his duties to keep the piazza safe. He is a team player who promptly comes to group learning to check the schedule and start the day. Gabriel has made great improvements in learning by actively participating in discussions, completing writing tasks and has had great success in mainstream mathematics, technology and sport. Gabriel respects his teachers, peers and the school rules.





## New Playground Arrangements

Dear Parents

With our new play equipment now open, we are adjusting the areas for supervision in the mornings as well as specifying age groups for all of the equipment.

1. New Equipment K-2
2. Middle equipment Yrs 2-6
3. Basketball equipment K-6 4.

Please remind all students in the morning that they need to stay between the middle equipment and the new equipment. The area outside the junior classrooms is out of bounds. As always, garden areas and trees are also not for play.



# Important Information Regarding Reports

## Academic Reporting Test Note

The Education Directorate are introducing a common report format, for students in Kindergarten to Year 10, through the new Student Administration System (SAS). The most significant change will be the electronic distribution of reports to a registered parent email. This will occur in Week 8 from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

On Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November an Academic Report test email was sent to all registered email accounts. To ensure accurate delivery and a smooth transition for this new reporting process, please complete the form below for each of your attending children and return to the front office by **Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November**.

Kind regards,

The Academic Reporting Team

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Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I received **my child's** test report in my registered email account.

☐ I **did not** receive my child's test report in my registered email account.

Correct Email: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I received an email, however, the name on the report was incorrect.

Incorrect Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Correct Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Key Information Regarding Academic Reports

Please be aware some servers have high level firewalls. In particular .gov.au addresses can be affected. Home internet firewalls can also be affected. Please check your trash/junk folder.

One report per household for each student will be generated by the system.

For any queries please email Claire Sturgess at [claire.sturgess@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:claire.sturgess@ed.act.edu.au)

## Surf Life saving Beach to Bush Presentation

On Thursday, 21 November we are lucky enough to have Surf Life Saving New South Wales coming to the school to talk about beach and aquatic safety.



### What is Beach to Bush?

Beach to Bush is a **FREE** engaging, interactive presentation delivered by experienced and enthusiastic lifesavers across schools in rural and regional NSW.

The aim is to improve the beach safety knowledge and awareness among primary school students that they can then pass onto their families when visiting the coast over the summer.

### What Does the Program Cover?

- General beach safety messages
- Skin cancer prevention strategies
- Rip and wave identification
- Sea creatures and first aid
- Rescues and getting help
- Safety in other aquatic environments (pools, creeks, waterholes)





## P&C News

Dear Parents and Carers

Big shout out to the Knox cafe in Watson, which this week donated a month's tips (\$345) to YPS P&C. Look them up on Facebook or at [www.theknox.com.au](http://www.theknox.com.au).

This weekend we are of course holding our Festa Fantastica!

Please join us at the school between 10 and 3 on Sunday. Enjoy some music or games for kids (big and small :-)). Check out our garden stall, book stall and trash and treasure, and enjoy some of the food and drinks on offer. There will be pizza, biscotti and cakes, sausage sizzles, doughnuts, coffee and spritz. This event is about meeting and sharing as a community, and raising important funds to help support the schooling outcomes for our kids. Hopefully you have had a look online (<https://www.32auctions.com/YarralumlaPrimary2019>) at the fantastic range of offers in our silent auction. There will be a stall on Sunday to promote the auction further, and remember the auction is open until 9pm Sunday night. The auction is one of our biggest fundraisers, and this year we have been generously supported by a great range of donors. Participation has been terrific so far but it would be great to see if we can really punch well beyond our goal.

There are lots of items going cheap like the Vuly Trampoline, Gymbaroo, ECC tennis and Woden Valley Gymnastics fees. Don't forget the MotoGP passes supporting A Cure for Frejya too. Now's the time to get bidding to grab a great deal!

Wristbands for the Fete are on sale before school from the front office up to tomorrow, and at the fete on the day. Cash only purchases before school so if EFTPOS is required we'll be out front after school as well.

Pre-purchase pass options include:

- \$20 festa fast pass – FOOD AND INFLATABLES
- Unlimited Obstacle Course and inflatable giant slide
- Food - 1 x sausage OR slice of pizza
- Drink - 1 x water OR juice popper
- 1 x lucky dip
- 2 x sideshow alley

Or

- \$15 festa fast pass INFLATABLES ONLY
- Unlimited Obstacle Course and inflatable giant slide

KIDS AND ADULTS CAN JUMP, RUN AND SLIDE – SO GET A PASS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.

EFTPOS will be available on the day.

Thankyou to all the volunteers who have been busy preparing the stalls and logistics for this weekend - it can never happen without you - and of course folks helping out on the day.

Please note the P&C Meeting scheduled for this Monday night is postponed to Monday 2 December.

Cheers

Phil Hartley  
P&C President



# FESTA FANTASTICA

Yarralumla  
Italian-English  
primary school  
fete

Sunday  
10 Nov  
10am - 3pm

## Going green at Festa Fantastica

To minimise those pesky single-use plastics at our Festa Fantastica, we encourage you to bring:

- water bottle (using the school's water fountains)
- keep cup (to caffeinate the grown ups)
- container (cake stall of course)
- bags (for all those pre loved books)
- cutlery ('cause you're a real waste warrior)

**BYO = happy planet**





YPS P&C acknowledge the generous support of sponsors for the 2019 Festa Fantastica including:



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### Safe Parking Behaviours

With the Fete coming up here is a timely reminder from the ACT Government.

Unsafe driving and parking behaviours increase the potential road safety risk for children around schools. Road safety is a shared responsibility, it is important the road rules are followed near our school to ensure the entire school community feels safe.

Please remember children are more at risk than adults around schools because they are smaller and less visible to drivers. They are also less predictable and less experienced, which makes them more likely to make errors of judgement.

Failing to follow simple road rules like parking on the verge, in no stopping zones, in bus stops, near children's crossings, on footpaths or across driveways increases the risk to children around schools. Please do the right thing to create a safe environment around our school

Please watch this short video on parking fines <http://bit.ly/safeparking>

## Community News

### New parenting series from ReachOut

ReachOut Parents Live is a video series available on Facebook where we explore tips for parents and carers on communicating with their teen. Host [Melissa Hoyer](#), interviews experts in their fields on topics like mental health, drugs and alcohol, rules and boundaries and more. We're also including some young people so you can hear directly from them, too.

Episode 3 is focused on talking to your teen about mental health. It will be airing at 5:30pm AEST on Thursday November 7 featuring a ReachOut Youth Ambassador as well as a Child and Family Practitioner.

We take questions in advance as well as live on-air, so it's a great chance for parents to ask all the curly questions they've been wondering about.

Ask a question: [www.ReachOut.click/ParentsLive-MentalHealth](http://www.ReachOut.click/ParentsLive-MentalHealth)

Put it in your calendar now, and tune in for ReachOut Parents Live at 5.30 pm on Thursday 7 November.

Link to register: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2213259012112569>

**ReachOut Parents Live is your chance to build on your skills around communicating with your teenager.**

#### FIGURING OUT WHAT'S UP WITH YOUR TEENAGER



##### ASK THEM TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION

'How are you on a scale of 1 to 10?'  
(1 = pretty awful and 10 = smiles all round.)



##### IF THEY ANSWERED 7 OR ABOVE

Awesome! Ask them what's going well in their world, and remind them of these things the next time their score is low.



##### IF THEY ANSWERED 4 OR LOWER

Ask them what might need to happen to bring them up to a 7. Check out [ReachOut.com](http://ReachOut.com) together for some advice.



##### ASK REGULARLY

It'll help you to spot trends and act quickly.

Supporting parents to help their teenagers deal with whatever life throws at them. [ReachOut.click/Communication](http://ReachOut.click/Communication)

#### Tips for creating a safe and trusting conversation:



##### LET THEM SPEAK

Give them time and space to talk, and avoid interrupting them.



##### REMOVE DISTRACTIONS

Put away your phone and give them your full attention.



##### ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR FEELINGS

Respond with comments like 'That must have been hard' or 'Sounds like it was exciting'.



##### GIVE PHYSICAL CUES

Nodding, making eye contact and facing the person you're talking with show that you're really listening.



##### PLAN FOR LATER

Ask them if they'd like to chat about the issues again, and lock it in.



[Click here to download a text only version.](#)

#### Did you find what you needed?

- Yes - Hear from other parents how they chat to teenagers
- No - Check out some questions you can ask to start conversation
- I need to know more - Read our factsheet on effective communication



## After School & Weekend Junior Tennis - Free Trials - Tennis Canberra

Term 4 is when tennis comes alive in the Nations Capital. We thank you for your continued support. If you can place the following information in the upcoming newsletter or school communication networks it would be greatly appreciated.

### After-School & Weekend Tennis Coaching by Tennis Canberra

We invite new and returning players to join a weekly tennis junior program at a Tennis Canberra Club. A free trial is available for players who are new to the game or if you are returning after a break from the sport.

To request a trial session please email [play@tenniscanberra.com.au](mailto:play@tenniscanberra.com.au) your kid/s age, experience and which part of Canberra you want to play. We will get back to you with the best options available.

**Sign up:** [www.tenniscanberra.com.au/junior-tennis](http://www.tenniscanberra.com.au/junior-tennis)

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- Barton Tennis Club
- Erindale Active Leisure Centre (Tuggeranong)
- Majura Tennis Club (Dickson)
- Old Parliament House Tennis Club
- Reid Tennis Club
- Turner Tennis Club
- Wesley Tennis Club (adj. Telopea Park School)