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Education and Training

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

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### NOTES HOME THIS WEEK

NPG Permission Note – Yr 2/3

### PARENTS' CHECKLIST

(Reminder of things to DO)

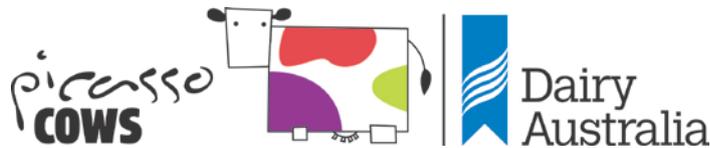
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### DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 4 August	Integrating Learning Technologies at Yarralumla Primary
Tuesday 4 August	Preschool Wombats Kenny Koala visit
Thursday 6 August	Board Meeting 5pm-7pm, P& C Meeting 7pm
Friday 7 August	Preschool Bilbies Kenny Koala visit
Thursday August 27	Step into the Limelight 2015
Friday 11 September	Learning Journey 8.30am-10.30am
Mon 14 Sept – Tue 15 Sept	Birrigai camp Year 3/4
Wednesday 23 September	Walkathon

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

**NO ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK DUE TO STUDENTS ON EXCURSION**



### Picasso Cow at Yarralumla 2015

*Kids, a cow, paint and glue. Curious? Over the next 6 weeks Yarralumla is bringing the farm to the classroom with the Picasso Cows program.*

*The program celebrates one of Australia's biggest agricultural industries, the dairy industry, and also teaches kids that milk doesn't just come from the supermarket!*

*All Yarralumla all students will get to Name, design and paint a life-sized fibreglass cow in one of three themes – Unbeatable Bones, Fuel for Life or Farm to Plate – documenting their findings from start to finish in a learning journal. It's interactive fun with an important educational message.*

*We often hear from nutrition experts that Australian children aren't having enough calcium every day and that dairy foods such as milk, cheese and yogurt are one of the biggest sources. Despite this, most primary school kids aren't having enough. This program will tie in with our classroom nutrition education, teaching children about the importance of the five food groups, including dairy foods, for good health and wellbeing.*

*And that's not all! Our school is one of several schools in the ACT participating in Dairy Australia's Picasso Cows program, creating some healthy competition! At the end of the program there'll be a presentation day and the winning school will be awarded \$250.*

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We look forward to keeping you updated on the program. Any ideas or suggestions you have to celebrate dairy within the school community, let us know. You can also find out more about dairy foods at:

[www.legendairy.com.au](http://www.legendairy.com.au)



#### Bouquets:

Students: To Eliza C and Olivia C for taking on a voluntary peer mentor role.

To Heleen O for settling into Yarralumla Primary.

To Guy G choosing his attitude and being very helpful in PE class.

To Nici for being a caring and friendly member of classe Rossa.

To Alan O for settling into Yarralumla Primary.

To Jett Kanard for always 'being there' for teachers to solve IT problems!

Parents: To Zoltan Bacskai for organising the Australian Mathematics Competition and inspiring our young mathematicians.

To our canteen helpers – Raleigh, Madeline, Hamida and Meg.

Staff: To maestra Simone Thomas and family for safely transporting and delivery of our Picasso Cow

To maestra Sabrina for teaching maestra Meri's class over the past fortnight.

### P&C News

#### **P&C Meeting - 7pm, 6 August 2015**

The next P&C meeting will be held in the school staffroom on Thursday 6th of August at 7pm. All members of the Yarralumla Primary School community are invited to come along, if you would like to put an item on the agenda please email me at [secretary@ypspandc.com](mailto:secretary@ypspandc.com)  
Coming to the meeting is a great way to catch up on what is happening in the school, hope to see you there.

Susan Pratt – P&C Secretary

### Canteen News

This week's special is wedges and next week is sausage rolls/spinach and cheese triangles. \$2 per small serve.

Thanks to Madeline, Hamida and Meg for help last week also student helpers Alec and Sam  
To register or order please go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

**The Canteen Volunteer roster for Term 3 is attached, please check for your class week.** If you can help out please email: [canteen@ypspandc.com](mailto:canteen@ypspandc.com)

The Term 3 menu is attached at the back of this newsletter. Keep those orders coming via Flexischools!

Thanks and regards  
Raeleigh and Sarah

## Canteen Volunteer Roster Term 3 2015

	Date	Class	Year
Week 2	31 July	Bronzo	4/5
		Argento	4/5
Week 3	7 Aug	Menta	2/3
		Oliva	2/3
Week 4	14 Aug	Rosa	1
		Corollo	1
Week 5	21 Aug	Platino	6
		Oro	4/5/6
		Avorio	SLSU
Week 6	28 Aug	Marino	2/3
		Verdolino	2/3
		Perla	JLSU
Week 7	4 Sept	Rosso	Kinder
		Scarlatto	1
Week 8	11 Sept	Bronzo	4/5
		Argento	4/5
Week 9	18 Sept	Menta	2/3
		Oliva	2/3
Week 10	25 Sept	Sausage Sizzle	Everyone!

### Year 2/3

The school theme for this semester is 'Innovation' and our year 2/3 students have been exploring what this concept means and how

different innovations have impacted on their lives. In English all of our literacy work (including spelling, grammar and comprehension) has been based on the inspiring true story non-fiction book *The Little Refugee* by Anh Do. In the coming weeks Year 2/3 will be using the book *Lowitja* by Lowitja O'Donoghue

Our Inquiry question this semester is *What's our story?* An important aspect of our inquiry is understanding the role that people of diverse backgrounds have played in the development and character of the local community. To support students in their inquiry Years 2 and 3 will be participating in an excursion to the National Portrait Gallery on Monday 17 August (Week 5). Notes were sent home this week and permission forms and payment are due by Thursday 13 August (Week 4). In Italian the students have had a Geography focus. We are able to compare and contrast the geographical features of an Australian map with that of Italy. The use of mapping skills include paired coordinates, use of a legend, distinguishing between natural and artificial features and labelling aspects in Italian.

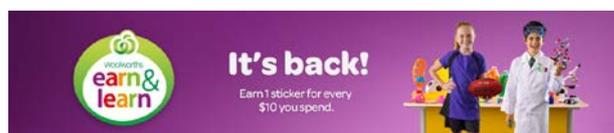
In Maths some of our students are working on the relationship between addition and subtraction while others are exploring fractions. In Italian students are working on measurement. Students have participated in practical activities with both arbitrary and formal units of linear measurement.



More than 15 of our Year 3 students participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition this week.

Year 2/3 would also like to welcome our visiting Italian teachers and we have already enjoyed interaction in class with maestra Paola and maestra Luigia.

Maestri Fielding, Giampietro and maestro Matthews



### Woolworths Earn & Learn is back!

Yarralumla is registered for the school to participate in Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Primary and Secondary schools earn valuable resources just through shopping at Woolworths, so start collecting your stickers now. Simply start collecting stickers at the checkout of your local Woolworths supermarket (self-service too) and place on your child's sticker card. There'll be one sticker for every \$10 spent. Once completed, simply drop the sticker card into a collection box, located at the front foyer or Woolworths Woden.

If you don't have any children at school, you can still help support a local school simply by dropping your stickers into one of the collection boxes found at the front of the store.



## *It's that time of year again!*

Rehearsals have started for Yarralumla's biggest Limelight performance yet!

### 28 DAYS AND COUNTING!

This year we will have 65 students from years 4-6 participating in the Southside Primary School Massed Choir to perform at 7pm on 27 August at the AIS Arena. All students involved have received their information packs and permission notes for our first massed rehearsal at Namadgi School TOMORROW.

**Please return all notes to your class teacher ASAP.**

Any questions please see Maestra Veitch.

[Sarah.veitch@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Sarah.veitch@ed.act.edu.au)

## Community News

### BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

Can anyone recommend a nanny/babysitter that could help with before school care for approximately 2 months?

Alternatively, I am happy to share the cost of care if anyone has pre made arrangements and wouldn't mind an extra child coming along temporarily.

Please email [edcreative@exemail.com.au](mailto:edcreative@exemail.com.au) if you think you can help

### **SPECIAL GROUP PHOTOS**

Special Group photos are now available to be ordered from MSP photography. All orders are due by 14 August 2015. Talk to the school front office if you have any questions.

## A Message from the Minister

During Public Education Week this year, I launched the Canberra Public Schools web portal. <http://www.det.act.gov.au/canberra-public-schools>

The *Canberra Public Schools* webpage is a 'one-stop shop' for you to find information specifically about Canberra public schools. The webpage has a fresh look and feel, and contains important information, feature articles and useful links. It also has a search function for you to search for schools by geographic area, details on curriculum, programs and student enrolment. The page also links to useful information including school websites, holiday and school term information, ACTION Buses and SunSmart.

The *Canberra Public Schools* webpage is also links to the '[Parents and Students at the Centre](#)', '[Trending #successtories](#)', and '[Public School Alumni](#)' pages. These pages contain stories and articles about the achievements our schools, teachers, principals, alumni and students.

I encourage you to explore the new webpage, and let us know your thoughts. Please email [DET.Media@act.gov.au](mailto:DET.Media@act.gov.au) with your feedback. As you know, Canberra public schools are fantastic and students deserve to have their successes shared.

Kind regards

Joy Burch  
Minister for Education and Training



# Integrating Learning Technologies at Yarralumla Primary

Dear Parents and Carers

You are invited to an information evening showcasing how Learning Technologies are integrated across the curriculum at Yarralumla Primary School. This evening is offered in addition to the Cybersafety workshop already held on Monday 29 June and Thinkuknow evening on Tuesday 28 July.

The evening will provide an opportunity for participants to gain an awareness of the Directorate's relevant policies and procedures as well as an understanding of the how teachers are expected to integrate learning technologies from Foundation – Year 6 through the General Capabilities of the Australian National Curriculum.

There will also be opportunities for participants to explore a range of learning programs and resources used across the school.

Date: Tuesday 4 August 2015

Time: 5:30-6:30pm

Venue: Library and La Piazza classrooms

If you wish to attend please email an RSVP to [teresa.smith@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:teresa.smith@ed.act.edu.au)

We look forward to seeing you there!

Signora Marli and YPS staff



# Understanding Learning Difficulties

## A Practical Guide for Parents

Presented by developmental and educational psychologist Mandy Nayton from Western Australia

### A workshop for parents of students with learning difficulties who may have dyslexia, dyscalculia and/or dysgraphia

This free workshop has been developed for parents and caregivers of children with learning difficulties. It will provide attendees with a greater awareness and understanding of the impact learning difficulties can have on children of all ages. The recently released *Understanding Learning Difficulties: A Practical Guide for Parents* will be reviewed and information will be provided on using the Guide effectively. The workshop will also examine issues such as self-esteem and dyslexia-friendly schooling, to ensure parents and caregivers are better equipped to support students with learning difficulties both at home and through effective communication with schools.

**Presenter: Mandy Nayton** is the Executive Officer of DSF Literacy and Clinical Services and the current President of AUSPELD. She is an educational and developmental psychologist and qualified teacher with extensive experience in the field of literacy education. Mandy supports schools with literacy planning and recommends appropriate classroom-based and individual strategies for struggling students. She is an adjunct research fellow at Curtin University and was awarded the 2015 LDA Mona Tobias Award for making an outstanding contribution to the field of learning difficulties.

#### WHEN

Wednesday 5 August 2015  
4:30pm - 6:30pm

#### WHERE

Centre for Teaching and Learning  
Hall (Level 4)  
51 Fremantle Drive Stirling ACT

#### CONTACT

Email: [brooke.jermyn@act.gov.au](mailto:brooke.jermyn@act.gov.au)  
Phone: 6205 7943

#### REGISTRATION

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Registration close 3 August 2015

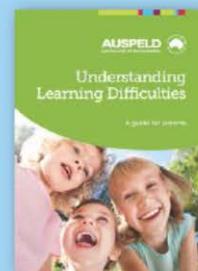
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*This workshop is free and open to parents of students currently enrolled in a public school within the ACT.*

The session allows for 1/2 hour question time.

The session time will be strictly adhered to as the presenter will need to depart for travel. Any further queries please contact your school's Learning Difficulties representative teacher.

The *Understanding Learning Difficulties: A Practical Guide for Parents* booklet is designed to provide parents, caregivers, and/or family members of children with learning difficulties with a greater awareness and understanding of the impact learning difficulties can have on children during their school years. This Australian resource provides an overview of the nature of learning difficulties and the most effective assessment and intervention strategies currently available. Information is shared regarding effective support strategies and evidence-based remediation approaches in order to equip parents and caregivers with the tools and knowledge necessary to assist their children throughout their education and beyond.



*Copies of the Understanding Learning Difficulties Guide for Parents will be provided at the workshop, compliments of the ACT Education and Training Directorate.*

## YPS Canteen Menu Term 3, 2015

Week	Date	Item	Notes	Price
2	31/7	Wedges	Choice of sour cream, sweet chilli/tomato sauces.	\$3 bowl
3	17/8	Sausage Rolls/ Cheese & Spinach Triangles	Small serve- suggest 2 serves for hungry kids	\$2 ea
4	14/8	Quiche Slices	Homemade in the Canteen 2 varieties	\$3 ea
5	21/8	Pizza	Hawaiian, meat lovers or vegetarian	\$3 large slice
6	28/8	Soup	Homemade vegetarian minestrone	\$2 cup
7	14/9	Chicken Nuggets	5 Nuggets per serve, choice of sweet chilli/tomato sauces.	\$3 serve
8	11/9	Nachos	Beef and tomato sauce or vege sauce, with corn chips.	\$3 bowl
9	18/9	Wedges	Choice of sour cream, sweet chilli/tomato sauces.	\$3 bowl
10	23/9	<b>WALKATHON Sausage Sizzle</b>	Beef, Vegetarian or Halal sausages available	\$2 ea

## 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