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## NEWSLETTER NO. 18 21 NOVEMBER 2019

### NOTES HOME THIS FORTNIGHT


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

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 27 Nov	Choir singing at Parliament House
Fri 29 Nov	Library Books Due back
Fri 29 Nov	Piano Concert 3.30-5pm
Fri 29 Nov	Montessori End of Year BBQ
Fri 29 Nov	P&C School Disco
Mon 2 Dec	Board Meeting
Mon 2 Dec	P&C Meeting
Wed 4 Dec	Volunteers Morning Tea
Wed 4 Dec	Preschool Wombats End of Year Concert
Wed 4 Dec	Montessori New Parent info Session
Fri 6 Dec	Preschool Bilbies End of Year Concert

Dear Parents and Carers,

### 2020 Classroom Parent Requests

Over the next fortnight in our staff meetings the classroom teachers are starting to form the 2020 classes. As a year level teaching team the teachers ensure the classes have an equal gender balance, student numbers, academic abilities, social and emotional needs, behaviour management, student friendship groups and student working relationships. The teachers are not aware of what class they are teaching in 2020 as we are still finalising our staffing. If you would like to make a parent request please email [debra.sayers@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:debra.sayers@ed.act.edu.au) Once all the classes have been formed maestra Sayers and myself collect any parent requests and make necessary adjustments to classes. In most cases the teachers have done an amazing job of the classroom compositions.

### 2020 Classroom Composition

Based on the schools current enrolment numbers the following classes will be formed in 2020:

Kindergarten	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Kindergarten	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Year 1	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Year 1	Year 3/4	Year 5/6 English Stream
Year 1/2 English stream	Year 3/4 English Stream	LSUA
Year 2		
Year 2		
Year 2		

### English Stream Classes 2020

At YPS we provide an English stream for those families who wish not to participate in the bilingual program. Due to an increase in parent demand our English stream will increase to three classes in 2020. English stream classes will be available in year 1/2, year 3/4 and year 5/6. If you would like your child in one of our English stream classes or you are unsure of where your child would be best suited in 2020 please have a conversation with your classroom teacher or an executive team member.

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### YPS Festa

Thank you to all the parents and community members who assisted with our YPS Festa. The day was extremely successful and I received numerous positive comments including potential new enrolments. The variety of stalls ensured that all participants left the school with a positive experience. The silent auction was a real hit with over \$9000 raised. Thank you to all the sponsors who donated items for the day. The P&C and Festa committee worked tirelessly in the lead up to the event and on the day to ensure it was a success. We look forward to the P&C announcing the final amount raised.

### Pavers

We have a beautiful path at the front of the school which was established for the schools 60th birthday. Families had the opportunity to purchase a paver to have their family or child's name in the ground as a memory of their time at YPS. We have many blank pavers in the path that can be removed and replaced with named pavers. An email will be send home to all families with all the details of the pavers.

Keep Smiling,

**Rohan Evans | Principal**

## Term 4 Week 8 MERIT AWARDS

Classe	English	Italian
Kinder Rosa	Leo B	Lachlan M
Kinder Scarlatto	Blake A	William B
Year 1 Fucsia	Ava O'N	Meredith J
Year 1 Magenta	Valentio F	Edward T
Year 1 Corallo	Cleo St	Zoe F
Year 1/2 Giallo	Poppy T	N/A
Year 2 Verde marino	Sebastian B	Natalia S
Year 2 Verolino	Bella B	Saxon S
Year 2 Verde menta	Max A	Leonardo F
Year 3/4 Turchese	Giacomo V	Amanda I
Year 3/4 Celeste	Kai F	Gabriel P
Year 3/4 Acqua	Stella P	Oliver J
Year 3/4 Azzurra	Koya N	Lily C
Year 3/4 Blu	Matereti C Hamed A	Hugo P
Year 5/6 Ambra	Lucas S	Sofiia P
Year 5/6 Oro	Asali W	Harrison LP
Year 5/6 Zafferano	Charlotte C	Elizabeth F
LSUA Perla	Gabriel L	



# STAR AWARD



November 2019

Awarded to

**Ada T**

Ada is a STAR as she consistently displays a positive attitude and faces learning challenges with a smile. She is kind and respectful towards her teachers and classmates and is always ready to lend a hand and assist whoever needs some help. During group activities and sport games, Ada strives to follow the rules and be a fair 'team player'.

**Valentino F**

Valentino is a role model in the classroom, consistently displaying our STAR values and showing positive work habits. He is well-mannered and is always respectful in his interactions with peers and adults. During class discussions, Valentino listens to others and patiently waits for his turn, demonstrating how to be a kind classmate and a 'team player'.





## Recycling refundable containers for 'WWF Adopt a Koala'



Last Sunday, I began collecting 10c refundable bottles and cartons at the Festa for a recycling and fundraising activity I am doing with Year 1/2 Giallo (Claire Sturgess) class this term. We are collecting as many refundable containers as possible to raise much needed funds for 'WWF Adopt a Koala'. Koalas, Australia's endangered iconic symbol have suffered yet more devastation during the recent bushfires that have cost 350 more koalas their lives.

This learning activity not only diverts refundable containers from landfill but also provides a source of fundraising for WWF. Sustainability is a cross-curriculum priority and as such this learning activity is fundamental to 'participating critically and acting creatively in determining more sustainable ways of living' ([www.australiancurriculum.edu.au](http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au)). Through the priority of Sustainability, students develop the knowledge, skills, values and world views necessary to contribute to more sustainable patterns of living ([www.australiancurriculum.edu.au](http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au))

Rubbish bins have been placed outside the library, the year 1/2 (Claire Sturgess) classroom, in the front office, the staff room and in the year 3/4 block and I will also place one in the year 5/6 block. Students please place all your refundable items into one of these bins. The bins will be emptied every Tuesday. If a bin needs emptying before that please tell myself (maestra Lisa) and I will ensure we empty them earlier.

Please place your refundable container in the bin after 'eating time' at lunch and recess. Please also ensure that the straw is removed from juice boxes and placed into landfill bins. As we have had issues with students placing containers that still have liquids in them, into the bins, which were attracting insects, we have had to re-locate the bins from outside to inside.

So, please make sure that you have finished all your drink first and then perhaps empty the dregs of the container onto the grass (not gravel, dirt, concrete or pathway)!!!!!! Before placing it into the special bin. Please note: all non-refundable containers e.g. milk bottles and large cartons should still be placed in the regular recycling bins.

Any questions please see maestra Lisa.

## Salvation Army Christmas Food Collection Appeal



Yarralumla Primary School SRC is organising a Christmas food collection for families in need through The Salvation Army (please see information below).

The non-perishable food collection at YPS will run over two weeks, from Monday 2nd December until Friday 13th December.

At the front of the school there will be boxes where families are encouraged to leave one or more items included in the Salvos' list below.

***We kindly ask families and students to drop in the boxes only items included in the Salvos' list and to avoid leaving shopping bags/plastic bags in the boxes.***





## Here are some items you might like to donate this Christmas.

### *Christmas items*

- Puddings, cakes, mince pies, shortbread
- Long-life cream, custard
- Snacks (biscuits, chips, chocolates, lollies)
- Table décor (bonbons, decorations, tablecloths, napkins)

### *Tinned foods*

(Ring-pull tins only, please)

- Fruits in juice
- Vegetables
- Soups
- Meats or fish
- Meals (baked beans, spaghetti)

### *Meal bases*

- Pasta and pasta sauces
- Rice
- Curry and stir-fry sauces
- Meal kits (Mexican, Asian

### *Other*

- Cereal
- Spreads
- Savoury biscuits
- Packet of jelly
- Liquid gravy
- Sugar
- Tea, coffee, hot chocolate
- Long-life milk or juices
- Iced tea
- Baby food

### *Additional grocery items*

- Personal toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, hairbrush, toilet paper)
- Cleaning products (multipurpose cleaner, dish detergent, washing powder)
- Baby care (nappies, baby wipes)

**For further information please get in touch with your regional Salvos representative.**

## GUIDELINES

- Where appropriate please ensure items have long expiry dates and are non-perishable.
- Supermarket gift vouchers make a great addition to food hampers, allowing the recipient to purchase fresh fruit, vegetables and meat at Christmas.
- Think Christmas: people will be receiving these packages as gifts. Buy brand-name products where possible, and include some special items to help people celebrate on Christmas Day.
- Pack your groceries into a washing basket, reusable shopping bag or laundry bucket that can be reused by the recipient.
- Consider providing choices that suit families with young children, people with allergies, the elderly or newcomers to Australia.
- Please donate all items as early as possible in December, or even in November to ensure that all food hampers and gifts are delivered to families by Christmas.

**Thank you for making Christmas brighter for families in need.**

— YOU CAN GIVE —  
**H O P E**  
WHERE IT'S NEEDED MOST

## Lids for Kids

Thank you to all those who brought in bottle tops for the "Lids for Kids".

This project is now closed as they have so many lids, which is fantastic!!!!!!

## Volunteers Morning Tea



Volunteers are important individuals. In every successful school, there are many who devote their time and efforts to ensure that things go smoothly. As a way to show our appreciation, the Yarralumla staff will be hosting a Volunteers Morning Tea.

If you have been involved in working in the library, P&C, School Board, uniform shop, school banking, sporting, musical events, gardening, the Festa or assisting in the classroom or helping in any capacity, you are invited to join us for a celebration of your efforts and of our school.

It is with our sincerest gratitude that we invite all volunteers to join the staff at a Volunteers Morning Tea to celebrate your support for our School.

Event: **Yarralumla Primary School Volunteers Morning Tea**  
Date: **Wednesday 4 December 2016**  
Time: **11am**  
Location: **Library**

To assist with catering, can you please RSVP to [info@yarralumlaPS.ed.act.edu.au](mailto:info@yarralumlaPS.ed.act.edu.au)

### **Library Returns**

As of next week (week 7) all student loans need to be returned by the Friday. Stocktake will be undertaken for the rest of 2019. Borrowing will restart at the beginning of term 1 2020.

Many thanks  
Simone Thomas

## P&C News

Dear Parents and Carers

On a very sad note, the P&C want to pass on our condolences to Kate and Travis Harvey, William and Alexander; Kate's father helped run the sausage sizzle at the Festa, but tragically he was caught up in a car accident just this weekend gone. Our thoughts are with you.

As I emailed last week, Festa Fantastica 2019 was a great success with great crowds with a genuine community feel. Thanks to all of you who came (or contributed in other ways) to support fundraising for the School. We are still chasing up some final reimbursements to finalise the fundraising tally, but we are confident of having raised between \$20k and \$25k – a great effort.

As I mentioned last week there are many volunteers and contributors, and to all of you our big thanks; I hope you had a chance to "enjoy" your efforts as well – I still think the sheer act of participation in these events is worthwhile; as well as raising money for the kids, we actually meet and connect briefly as a bigger community.

I hope most of you have seen the notice that the annual P&C disco is scheduled for next Friday evening, 29 November from 5:30 PM. This is another great chance for folks to connect (without forking out more money!). This is run solely by the P&C and the entry fee for kids helps us cover the cost of the DJ and a sausage sizzle. Every kid needs a supervising adult, but bring a picnic and make it an evening for everyone. We need around 20 volunteers for the evening; we already have a couple of dab BBQ hands, but there's some minor logistics, handing out icy poles, keeping up water to the hard dancers, and clean up at the end. Please let us know if you can help out by emailing us at [president@ypspandc.com](mailto:president@ypspandc.com)

Please be reminded the next P&C meeting is 7:00 pm Monday 2 December at the School (not much more than a week away). In particular I would like to notify the community that there will be a number of P&C committee and key volunteer roles, including president and treasurer that will be vacated from early next year. These positions are essential to the ongoing operation of the P&C and I encourage anyone who has a passion for continuing the contribution that the P&C makes to the school to attend to explore opportunities in 2020.

Cheers

Phil Hartley  
P&C President



## YPS Disco

Hi YPS community - time to get your groove on!

YPS Disco - Friday 29 November

5.30pm - Doors open

6.00pm-8.00pm - Dancing starts with DJ Cliff

\$5 per child - pay at the door; non-YPS siblings welcome

Includes sausage sandwich, glow stick & icy pole

The disco is a P&C event - Children must be supervised by a parent or carer.

Bring some nibbles to share and enjoy the night! Extra sausage sandwiches and icy poles can be purchased.

We need at least 20 helpers on the night to:

- work BBQ magic to get the groovers fed;
- hand out icy poles to keep the groovers cool;
- set up the hall and keep water stations filled;
- clean up after it's all over.

Email us to help out at [president@ypspandc.com](mailto:president@ypspandc.com)



## HeartStory Donation Opportunity

\$400 Photography deals for a \$50 donation to our school

Missed out on a photography package in the recent silent auction?

Heartstory photography are offering \$400 gift cards to anyone who donates \$50 to our school's P&C fundraising efforts.

The \$400 gift card includes a Heartstory Portrait Experience and a print credit of \$200 towards your order.

To take up this offer email [yarralumlaprimaryevents@gmail.com](mailto:yarralumlaprimaryevents@gmail.com)

### About Heartstory:

Canberra's leading family portrait studio and currently holds the title of 2018 AIPP ACT Professional & Family Photographer of the Year 2017 as well as 2017 AIPP Australian Family Photographer of the Year. The Heartstory Portrait Experience includes a portrait consultation, a full length portrait session in studio or outdoors, and a personal purchasing appointment to view your portrait collection and place your order.

Find out more at [heartstoryphotography.com.au](http://heartstoryphotography.com.au)

Terms of use apply to gift cards:

<http://heartstoryphotography.com.au/gift-card-terms-of-use/>



## Plastic Free for Freyja - Start Your Plastic Free Challenge Today!

Former YPS student Eliza Coggan and her Canberra Girls Grammar School buddy Nicky Duncan are raising awareness of single-use plastics and also fundraising for Freyja. Please support them in these worthwhile causes.

Help support Freyja and our environment by purchasing your plastic-free pack or items. These packs include reusable alternatives to commonly used wasteful plastic items: Reusable String Shopping Bags, Mesh Produce Bags, Beeswax Wraps, Bamboo Coffee Cups, Silicone Straws, Thankyou Soap Bars and Reusable Facial Cotton Rounds. Make a difference and save money by ordering your pack or individual items here: <https://plasticfreeforfreyja.weebly.com/>





## Community News

### Smith Family Saver Plus Program



## Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

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|  laptops & tablets  |  lessons & activities |
|  uniforms & shoes   |  books & supplies     |
|  sports fees & gear |  camps & excursions   |

To join Saver Plus, you must be at least 18 years or over, have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself, have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner), have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment\*



\* many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to [www.dss.gov.au](http://www.dss.gov.au) for more information.

#### Contact

your local Saver Plus Coordinator

#### Phone or SMS

your name and postcode to 1300 610 355

#### Email

CanberraSP@  
thesmithfamily.com.au

#### Online

[saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)

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## Safe Cycle for Families - new ACT health online resource for families



This online resource has tips and information to get families riding and walking to school. Topics include:

- Getting ready to ride a bike
- Riding a bike
- Bike maintenance
- Independent active travel
- Let's talk road safety
- Active travel resources
- Hazards game (kids will enjoy playing this one with you!)

You can work through the resource in bite size chunks and enter or return to topics at any time. There are lots of short videos and posters to download too!

Enjoy the resource! We welcome any feedback via email at [healthpromotion@act.gov.au](mailto:healthpromotion@act.gov.au)

**Start the Safe Cycle for Families online resource >**

If you are looking for more information on active travel initiatives in the ACT visit [Transport Canberra](#).

Online resource link - [https://www.health.act.gov.au/sites/default/files/rwts\\_families/index.htm](https://www.health.act.gov.au/sites/default/files/rwts_families/index.htm)

## ThinkUKnow Presentation

The ACT Education Directorate has partnered with the Australian Federal Police to host a **ThinkUKnow** cyber safety presentation, and all parents, carers, youth workers and teachers are encouraged to attend!

*When?* Tuesday 26 November 2019 @ 6:30pm-8:30pm

*Where?* Gungahlin College Lecture Theatre, 23 Gozzard Street, Gungahlin Town Centre ACT

ThinkUKnow Australia is a cyber safety education program that educates parents, carers and teachers on how people are using technology, the challenges they may face online, and how to help them overcome these in a safe and ethical way.

The presentation covers issues relating to children and young peoples' privacy and security online, their relationships with other users, and their online reputation. It provides insight into the devices young people are using, as well as the popular websites, apps and social networking sites they're accessing.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn more about young people and the online environment, and how you can help them to be safe and responsible users of technology.

The event is FREE but please register your interest on [Eventbrite](#).







## COLAZIONE PER I VOLONTARI VOLUNTEERS' MORNING TEA

Dear Volunteer,

**You are cordially invited to attend our  
2019 annual "Volunteers' Thank You" function.**

**It will be held in our school library  
at 11am on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December.**

We hope that you will be able to attend so that we have the opportunity to show our appreciation of the time and effort that you have generously given to our students and our school this year.

Please RSVP to the front office  
or email [info@yarralumlaps.act.edu.au](mailto:info@yarralumlaps.act.edu.au) by Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> November. Please include any dietary requirements.

We hope to see you there!

Yarralumla Primary School Staff

