NEWSLETTER NO. 3  19 FEBRUARY 2015

NOTES HOME THIS WEEK

Parent Teacher Discussion Questionnaire

PARENTS’ CHECKLIST
(Reminder of things to DO)

* Complete swimming entries/permission notes.
* Please pay your child’s S.E.P. (Student Educational Pack) for this year.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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REMINDERS:

**P&C AGM and FIRST MEETING OF THE 2015 SCHOOL YEAR! TONIGHT AT 6PM**
Please come along and have a say in how your fundraising efforts should be directed and get to know some other Yarralumla families. We desperately need new faces! Wine & nibbles included as inducement!

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL NOTES DUE BACK TOMORROW!** Late entries will NOT be accepted as teachers need to organise students into races well before the big day next Thursday 26 February.

**YEAR 1 TO YEAR 6 PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS – WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 5.30 – 6.30PM (more info below)**

**P&C SCHOOL FETE – Sunday 22 March** Please place your name on your child’s class roster that is posted in the Piazza foyer! Or email Renée Shuttleworth to indicate your preference if you are unable to drop into school. RSHUTTLE@nla.gov.au

**DID YOU CHECK AT THE FRONT OFFICE IF YOU’VE PAID YOUR CHILD’S 2015 STUDENT EDUCATIONAL PACK?**
Reminder notes will be going home to individual families next week as this expense cannot be absorbed by the school. Specialist programs (such as our bilingual program) require significantly extra funding of resources and these will be at risk if the school budget has to absorb stationery costs that should be paid for by families. If you are affected by extenuating circumstances, please let the Principal know. (Prices for bookpacks are further on in this newsletter)

*Cari genitori,*

What a busy time it was for many of our families last weekend. Between the Community Picnic on Friday evening at Nara Peace Park, Saturday morning tee ball and softball and the school’s stall at the Multicultural Festival, it was action packed. The picnic was a very relaxed and picturesque occasion at the gardens and it was great to see so many new Yarralumla families getting to know one another.
The stall was also fun for many of us – if not busy and hard work on the arms scooping gelati. A huge thank you to all parents and teachers who gave up one or two hours to sell gelati at the stall but an especially big grazie to our Board members - Chair, Deb Hicks and husband Travis and Rachel Smith-Cianchi who did a huge amount of work before and during the weekend to ensure our stall was well set up and ran smoothly. Of course without the delicious gelati that was prepared by our ex-parent/chef, Gary Bertoldo, we wouldn’t have had anything to attract interest to our displays and showcase our school. Big bouquets to Deb, Rachel, Travis and Gary and more news from Deb later in this newsletter about the stall.

Parent Information Session: Wednesday 25 February – 5.30pm in hall (Principal’s talk for 10 mins), followed by teacher presentations in respective classrooms until 6.30pm.

This year we are making a slight change to the format for information exchange between parents and teachers at the beginning of the school year. Your child’s teachers will be running an information session about their English and Italian programs – including an explanation of the semester overview that will be distributed. Parents will also be asked to return the completed questionnaire ‘Tell us about your child’ which will be emailed to you before next Wednesday.

The information session and parent questionnaire will replace the one on one ten minute parent-teacher interview which has previously been offered at this time of the year. The rationale is that these interviews have proven to be very costly to our staffing budget in school hours and disruptive to class routines at the beginning of the year when teachers have needed to be off class for up to two days to get through the number of required interviews. If you still have concerns and wish to meet with your child’s teachers at this stage of the year, you are welcome to make an appointment in after school hours between 3 and 5 or before school between 8.30 and 9. Interviews will be offered as usual in Week 10 of this term after the mid-semester Progress reports and also after the end of semester one (mid-year) reports in late June.

Minor works and refurbishments

During the summer break a number of minor works were undertaken to improve facilities at our school. These include the installation of a large, press button screen and wall mounted data projector in the hall to facilitate presentations at assemblies and functions (half of the cost being met by 2014 Walkathon funds), two new electronic Interactive White Boards in the Senior Learning Support Unit and an Italian classroom in West Wing, replacement of old, rotting window frames in the preschool kitchen and YWCA wing, re-sanded and polished wooden floors in the Junior Learning Support Unit, new shelving in various storerooms and also in the executive teachers’ office.

We’ve also had a facelift with the re-vamping of our school logo. You may have noticed new teachers’ badges which now display a description in Italian of our school and two branches of the ‘tree’ logo depicting Australian and Italian flags to represent our bilingual identity. New school banners will also display our updated logo.

Looking forward to seeing many new and familiar faces at our presentations next Wednesday in the hall and classrooms and good luck to all the Saturday morning teams as they near the end of the season.

Ciao
Lea (Signora Chapuis)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK – by Kofi Annan
"If our hopes of building a better and safer world are to become more than wishful thinking, we will need the engagement of volunteers more than ever."
**Bouquets**

**Students:** To all students who helped at the Multicultural Festival.
To Elise H for consistently demonstrating the Five Ls.
To Asali W for consistently being a respectful and cooperative student.
To Luiza I for helping her peers in Italian.
To Erika D for being a wonderful friend to a new student who has just arrived at our school.
To Luiza I for helping her peers in Italian.
To Amelia H for being a great buddy to Olivia in Kinder.

**Staff:** To all our teachers for ‘Being There’ – last weekend either attending the Community Picnic and/or manning the Multicultural Festival stall.
To maestre Brancato e Thomas for making our Year 6 students feel so special at last week’s assembly!

**Parents:** To Deb and Travis Hicks, Rachel Smith-Cianchi, Gary Bertoldo and Natasha Fox for ‘Being There’ – helping with the organisation and set up of our school stall at the Multicultural Festival; and to all other parents who gave up their valuable weekend time to help raise funds for our school. Grazie mille a tutti!

**Multicultural Festival**

On behalf of the Board and the School I would like to thank all of the wonderful parents and teachers who gave up their time on the weekend to help out at the Multicultural Festival. We had another successful event with lots of people interested in our school plus the Gelati were a big hit, thanks to Gary Bertoldo – owner of ‘Gelato Mio’ who gave up a considerable amount of his time to make sure we had enough gelato and that the stall would be a success.

We are still in the process of confirming our takings which we share with Gary. However I am very pleased to announce that the overall takings for the weekend totalled $7100. A great effort considering the rain gods decided to pour down on us on Saturday night. Thank you again for a great weekend; it certainly highlighted to me what a great school community we have and how lucky we are to have our children in such a thriving and inspirational school.

Ciao

Deb

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**P&C News**

Look forward to seeing you all at the P&C AGM TONIGHT! We will be in the staff room, starting at 6pm. The P&C AGM will be conducted first and be followed by an ordinary P&C meeting.

The following roles for 2015 will be elected at the P&C AGM. If you would like to nominate for any of these positions please complete the Nomination Form and bring it with you. We need at least of three of these roles to be filled to have an operating P&C which then flows onto the continued operation of the uniform shop and canteen.

- President,
- Vice-President,
- Secretary, or
- Treasurer.

In addition, we generally nominate a number of sub-committee management roles including:
- Canteen co-ordinator - assists the Canteen Manager. Looks after the accounts and the volunteer roster;
- Fundraising Coordinator - manages funds raising activities for the P&C;
- P&C website Coordinator - updates the P&C website where required;
- Uniform Shop Coordinator - manage the uniform shop including stock ordering and accounts management;
- Delegate to ACT P&C Council; and
- Pre-School Representative - represents issues regarding the YPS Pre-School and acts as an Assistant Treasurer for the Pre-School funds.

"a sense of belonging to the school community and participation in school activities can indirectly impact children's academic outcomes by conveying to children the extent to which
parents' value and support their education."

_Education Capital: Our Evidence Base Defining Parental Engagement_ (November 2014), ACT Government

Gudrun Northrup
P&C President

Fete 2015 - meeting this week
The fete is on Sunday 22 March 2015. This is the major fund raiser for this year and we hope that everyone can get involved in some way.
There are still some stalls that don’t have a co-ordinator. Please see the sign up sheets in the foyer or the fete newsletter for more information. _Any class without a contact noted on the sign ups sheets means we are seeking a stall co-ordinator_. The co-ordinator’s job is generally not too onerous, so if you have some time, please give us a hand.

We still needs lots of donations of books, quality children’s toys, trash n treasure (saleable items) and lollies. _No clothes or shoes, or adult non-fiction books please._

We would love to have more corporate sponsors, so if you have a business or know someone who does, please contact us for a sponsor program.
We would sincerely like to thank Mario Sanfrancesco from Peter Blackshaw Manuka. We would also like to thank Rideshop and Trek for their generous donation of a kid’s bike, which will be displayed in the foyer over the coming week.

We will have a _fete meeting on Friday 20 February after school_ near the covered playground at around 3.10pm. If you cant make it, but want to help, please email yarralulaprimaryevents@gmail.com

A big thank you to Pina and our year 6 helpers Amanda and Alice for volunteering last week, we were very busy! Please check the roster to find out when your class is scheduled to provide volunteers and please email me at canteen@ypspandc.com to volunteer. We do not yet have any volunteers for next week 27 Feb from years 2/3 Menta and Oliva.

This week’s special is Chicken &/or Salad Wraps, next week is a variety of toasted sandwiches. Please keep the orders coming via Flexischools, you can order for weeks in advance! To register or order please go to www.flexischools.com.au

Thanks and regards
Raeleigh and Sarah

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HELP! We need volunteers for tomorrow! Years 4/5 Argento and Bronzo are rostered to provide help tomorrow, please contact me asap if you are available. Thank you to those people that have already volunteered your help for later in the term, much appreciated.
Teacher contact protocols: If you need to inform the school about any concern with your child, please note that the chain of contact begins with the teacher. If it requires further action, the next step is the teacher’s team leader, then the Associate Principal and finally the Principal. We appreciate your patience by allowing at least a 48 hour turn around for email responses as teachers have numerous meetings for planning, assessing and professional learning etc after 3pm. If the matter is urgent, please advise the Front Office and they will ensure the message is sent through to the class teacher.

Student absences: Please also note that if your child is absent for any reason, you must inform the school. An email to the Front Office (copying in the teacher) is the process. Legislation requires a school to monitor all children’s school attendance and explain absences.

Still seeking Parent Class Contacts (PCC)
Teachers appreciate support in the classroom from parent volunteers for any amount of time you can afford. One of the most important roles is the Parent Class Contact. This involves being the key liaison person between the class teacher and the students’ parents of the respective class. It isn’t just about coordinating volunteer rosters (if you are able to do this) but also addressing any potential queries so that a teacher receives only one email (from the PCC) rather than 20+ from parents all requesting clarification about the same matter.

If you are prepared to be a Parent Class Contact, please email Teresa in the Front Office - teresa.smith@ed.act.edu.au and you will then be contacted by the class teacher to confirm your role. Once the PCC is known, the class teacher will inform their class’s parents and it will be assumed you wish to be part of the PCC distribution list unless you inform the teacher otherwise.

Welcome back to the new year and a special welcome to our new students Jacob C who have joined us in Year 2/3.

English: The Year 2/3 classes have started the year working on the semester 1 theme of Identity & Relationships. One activity that has been very enthusiastically received by the students has been the Brown Bag Biography. Each student took a brown paper bag home and brought back five items that represented something special for them and presented their items in class. Popular items included family photos and anything to do with favourite holidays. Year 2/3 have also started the Daily Five which consists of five literacy activities: Read to Self, Read to Someone, Listen to Reading, Word Work and Work on Writing. A focus at the moment is building our stamina when we read to ourselves.

Italian: “Benvenuti a tutti” (Welcome to all). Year 2/3 have settled well in Italian learning and are building skills on their past knowledge. The students are consolidating work on identity & self, numbers, family, the weather and school environment. We are also including the Daily Five in Italiano. In Science living and non-living things will be explored.

The water fun day is fast approaching (Thursday, Week 4). Notes have been sent home and need to be returned by the end of this week (Friday 20th Feb).
The Year 2/3 teaching team look forward to seeing many parents at the upcoming “Meet and Greet” session - Wednesday 25 February 5.30pm-6.30pm.

maestra Fielding, maestro Matthews, maestra Lynden, maestra Mimma

Year 2/3 Teaching Team

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**Preschool Fundraiser**

**Family Photo Day**

**Saturday 14th March 2015**

Come and participate in a fun Family photo session and raise funds for Yarralumla Preschool.

Cost is $20 for 15min session and you receive a free 10x13” enlargement for participating.

Pick up your free photos and view your other photos on Wednesday 1st April from 2.30-3.30pm at the preschool

The full package is $189 includes 4 poses printed in a range of different sizes and a CD of all shots (only available with full package, not sold separately). Or you can purchase part packages from $35.

**Contact Natalie Kingston 0412 750 732** to secure your session. ($20 is payable at time of booking your sessions, Credit Card Facilities available)

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**Sports News**

**Yarralumla Netball Program**

We are still looking for more players of all ages (ie. from Years 1-6) to join the YPS netball teams. Netball is a great team sport for children of all ages, boys and girls. If your child is interested in playing netball then contact Jill in the LSU or Bernadette at bernadette.mihaljevic@hotmail.com or on 0404 061 201.

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**Community News**

**Wednesday Lunch Club is back!**

Come on down **today** and try:

- Thai papaya salad served with sticky rice and traditional fried chicken (GF)
- Classic pad Thai with prawn and chicken, egg, tofu and mixed vegetables (VA)
- Spaghetti carbonara
- Chicken tikka served with steamed vegetables, coconut turmeric rice and poppadums (GF)
- Caesar salad (GFA)

Take advantage of CIT training café’s convenience and competitive prices.

Sit down inside or out and enjoy a fantastic meal experience or grab a yummy meal on the go to take back to work.

All meals $10

CIT Café, Ground Floor, K Block CIT Reid, 37 Constitution Avenue

Open Wednesdays 11:30am – 2pm
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

Dear Parents,

Our school has received requests by parents for their children to receive Christian Education (CE) as part of the school curriculum, based on provisions in the Education Act 2004. The Christian Education In Schools (CEIS) project of the ACT Churches’ Council provides a coordinated service to fulfil such requests. This service includes four modern and interactive CE sessions, varied each year, prepared professionally and delivered by trained and endorsed volunteers. The one-hour sessions are designed for groups of students to discuss and explore the topics outlined on the attached postcard.

Parent permission is essential for children to attend CEIS. Please use the section below to indicate your preferred request for your children. Requests will remain in effect while your child is at the school, but can be changed simply by contacting the front office. Each CEIS session will be advertised in our school newsletter.

For further information please contact the school or visit www.ceis.org.au.

Regards,

CEIS Coordinator

☐ YES, I request that my child/ren listed below participate in the CEIS sessions offered at school.

☐ NO, I do not want my child/ren listed below to participate in CEIS.

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