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DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 8 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 16 June	Preschool Duncan Smith Performance - Wombats
Wednesday 17 June	Montessori Duncan Smith Performance
Friday 19 June	Preschool Duncan Smith Performance - Bilbies
Friday 3 July	End of Term 2
Monday 20 July	Start of Term 3

Our Vision

Insieme, creiamo, studenti per tutta la vita -Together we create lifelong learners.

Dear families

This week at YPS

Yesterday in our school assembly, I talked to the students about the three reasons this is a very big week at school.

Number 1 – Tuesday saw the return of remaining years 5 and 6 students, completing our school once again. I told them what a delight it is to have them back and how lonely it was without them!

Number 2 – We recalled that Monday was La Festa Della Repubblica Italiana and how the whole school spent a minute of silence then a minute of clapping to express solidarity with our sister country Italy, and the difficulties they have experienced this year.

Number 3 – was a yarn about Reconciliation Week; what it means, why the whole of Australia observes this week and why we all need to be involved in acts of reconciliation.

The assembly included awards for students showing great behaviours in terms of our STAR values, and awards for 50 nights and 100 nights of home reading. For those who are missing attending our assemblies, they are now pre-recorded and available on your child's Google Classroom.

Principal news

Signor Evans has advised the Directorate he will extend his leave and stay in Qld for the remainder of the year. I was delighted to accept the invitation to extend my time as principal of this wonderful school until the end of 2020. I do have a personal situation that may require short periods away from the helm, but these will be easily managed. I look forward to a productive year ahead with a sharpened focus on our strategic priorities, particularly improving student outcomes in writing and maths.

Ciao for now
Jennie

Board News

FROM OUR NEW BOARD CHAIR

Dear YPS Community,

I've been privileged to be a member of the school board for over two years and now look forward to an exciting chapter in my new role as Chair of the board. I wish to acknowledge and thank the previous Chair, Rachael Smith-Cianchi, for her outstanding leadership and guidance.

The start of 2020 will never be forgotten - bushfires, air pollution, hail and now COVID-19, have impacted our community in ways we don't yet realise. As a mother of three children at YPS and as a medical practitioner, I'm acutely aware of the 'new normal' our children and our school community are facing. As Chair of the board I look forward to representing our bilingual community on the future direction of our school, along with the other parent representatives Alan Laing (Deputy Chair) and Rachael Trump. Together we will work with Signora Lindsay, teachers, staff and the P&C, to represent the very best interests of our community.

You will see myself, Alan and Rachael in the school playground and at the many wonderful YPS activities - like learning journey, athletics carnival, school disco and more. These events will return at some point and I look forward to seeing you there. Please take the time to introduce yourself to us and share your thoughts on the future direction of YPS.

I hope you and your families have remained well during these challenging times. If you haven't already, please thank the wonderful teachers and staff at YPS who continue to support us, children and parents, during the challenges of 2020.

State bene e felici
Katrina Sanders

Names: Katrina Sanders
Board Chair

Rachel Trump
Parent Rep

Alan Laing
Deputy Chair

CHANGES TO SEMESTER 1 REPORTING

Due to the unprecedented circumstances faced by schools across Australia this year, a national agreement has been reached to modify school reporting for Semester 1. In the ACT we will reduce the level of Semester 1 reporting for students from Kindergarten to year 10. We recognise that providing families with information about their child's progress and learning is crucial and will be especially valuable after the start to the year we have all experienced. Semester 1 school reports for 2020 will still include information about each student's level of progress against specific achievement standards for the learning areas that were covered in Semester 1. Teachers will still make a judgement about the level of engagement each student has demonstrated with their learning and, where appropriate, work habits. Personal and Social Capability will still be included. Reports in Semester 1 will not include overall grades for learning areas/subjects or a comparative AE grade summary. Additionally, reports will not include attendance information for Semester 1. If you would like further information about your child's progress please consult with your classroom/subject teacher. For any other queries or concerns, you can contact the Education Directorate via the Education Directorate Contact Form or call 6205 5429.

Around the School

IF YOUR CHILD IS SICK

As students have returned to the classroom, it is important we are vigilant about health and hygiene. This means if your child has any kind of illness, even if it is just a runny nose, they must not come to school. If your child comes to school unwell, you will be asked to collect them. The front office staff will be diligent in implementing this. Students will not be able to "have a rest" or "see how they go" in the sick bay. Parents and carers will be requested to pick the child up immediately. We will be stricter in implementing these rules than you are perhaps used to, but it is for the health and safety of everyone in our school community.

CHANGE TO PRIMARY SCHOOLS CENTRAL PLACEMENT PANEL DATE FOR SMALL GROUP PROGRAMS (LSU, LSU-A, LSC) AND SPECIALIST SCHOOL PLACEMENT

The 2020 school year has started unlike any other, and this has caused significant disruption to usual routines for students, families, and schools. As we welcome students back into our schools, planning is underway to minimise long term impacts of these unprecedented times on our students and their ongoing schooling. In line with this, the date for Primary Schools Central Placement Panel (where small group program placements for LSU, LSU-A, LSC and Specialist Schools are determined) has been changed, with applications now due in Week 6, Term 3 and letters of offer sent to parents in time for schools and parents to develop a transition plan together in Term 4.

The Secondary Central Placement Panel will proceed as anticipated with outcome letters for Year 6 student applications for high school in 2021, sent to parents early in Term 3.

If you would like to access more information regarding the Disability Education Central Placement Panel and process, please see the Students with Disability webpage on the Education Directorate website or speak to school staff. If you need further information, you can email your query to DisabilityEducation@act.gov.au.



End of May is Hats Off Day for Canberra schools.

In Canberra, May is when we start to witness daily UV levels take a nose dive during certain times of the day, to what is considered "low" levels (under 3). This generally occurs during the morning and afternoon periods. However by the end of May UV levels drop and remain low (under 3) ALL DAY and so the **End of May is Hats Off Day** for Canberra primary schools and early childhood services (for a few months anyway).



Le Frece Tricolori – La Pattuglia Acrobatica Nazionale (PAN)

La Festa della Repubblica Italiana

The 2nd of June was the Italian National Republic Day because on that day in 1946 they held a referendum in which Italians were asked to choose which form of government they wanted: a republic or a monarchy.

Due to COVID-19 in Italy, the Italian Government cancelled all celebrations in every part of Italy for this year. However, we here at Yarralumla School organised a commemorative celebration for this very important day in Italy and for all Italians around the world.

As of 25 May, in recognition of the 74th anniversary of the Proclamation of Italy as a Republic, le Frece Tricolori (the Three Coloured Arrows), called Pattuglia Acrobatica Nazionale (PAN), carried out a series of fly-bys all around Italy.

This was a symbolic gesture that carried with it a message of hope. The Frece Tricolori passed over the skies of all the 20 regions in Italy streaming the three colours (green, white and red) as a symbolic sign of unity, solidarity and a new start in the Italian nation.

The trip around Italy by the ‘Three Coloured Arrows’ concluded symbolically on 2 June with a fly-by over Rome.

The link below is a short video clip of our commemorative celebration at Yarralumla on Tuesday, 2 June.
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Bq8CCxb9vnOSptf7SslgXHLKwL-yNGkO/view>

Maestra Lynden
Coordinator of Italian Language Program





Taste of Languages Competition

Free and open to students from preschool to Year 12

PRIZES (each category)

First	\$100
Second	\$50
Third	\$20

To Enter

1. Choose a favourite meal or dish which involves another language
2. Make a short video (up to 3 minutes) to illustrate how and when the dish or meal is prepared and/or eaten.
3. Write a short piece (in English) – maximum 250 words, which
 - briefly describes the dish or meal and why you chose it
 - explains the meaning of the non-English names/words/phrases in the video or associated with the dish/meal
 - explains how the meal or dish relates to your life in Australia and/or to a particular culture or cultures.

Eligibility

Open to all students in the ACT and neighbouring NSW schools from pre-school to Year 12.

Only ONE entry per student

Categories

1. Preschool – Year 2 (with help of parent/guardian)
2. Primary (Years 3-6)
3. Middle School (Years 7-9)
4. Senior High/College (Year 10- 12)

Prizes in each category

1st prize \$100, 2nd prize \$50, 3rd prize of \$20.

Other finalists will receive a Certificate

Submission process

Email canberrabilingual@gmail.com with

- a link to your video
- written piece (max 250 words) and
- completed [Student Declaration Form](#)

NOTE: If you do not have an app to share videos or to create a link on your device, you can use <https://wetansfer.com>. Or contact us by email or mobile (0408 089 235) to discuss alternative methods to submit your video.

All entries must be received by

1 September 2020

Judging criteria

The judging panel will evaluate entries based on how well they:

- Illustrate the dish or meal and identify how or when it is prepared and/or eaten
- Explain its name in the relevant language and other special terms related to the preparation and/or occasion when the dish or meal is eaten
- Show the relationship between the dish/meal and a particular culture or cultures and/or your family, identity or life in Australia.

Up to 20 finalists will be shortlisted.

Winners will be notified by email and/or phone, and results will be posted on the ACT Bilingual Education Alliance website (<https://actbilingual.weebly.com/>)



Organised by the ACT Bilingual Education Alliance (ACTBEA) with support from Canberra Multicultural Community Forum Inc.(CMCF) and an ACT 2019-2020 Participation (Multicultural) Grant



TASTE OF LANGUAGES COMPETITION 2020

STUDENT DECLARATION

I declare that all parts of this competition submission (i.e. video clip and written piece) are my own original work (assisted by parents in the case of students in pre-school to Year 2) and have not been copied.

I confirm that any individual featured close-up in the video (so they are clearly recognisable) have given their permission to be so featured.

I understand that if I am a prize winner or a shortlisted finalist, the ACT Bilingual Education Alliance (ACTBEA) may seek written permission (from my parent/guardian if I am under 18 years old) to display my video and/or written entry on the ACTBEA website, Facebook page and/or at a future ACTBEA-organised event.

I understand that there is no obligation to allow my entry to be published or displayed publicly, and that I (or my parent/guardian, if applicable) am/are free to decline to provide permission.

My name _____ My age at last birthday _____

Name of my School _____

Year level: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Contact details (only if you are 18 years old or over)

Phone number _____ Email _____

The following section **must be completed** if you are under 18 years of age

PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION

I have discussed the above points with my child.

I have viewed my child's work to be submitted in the Taste of Languages Competition 2020.

I declare that the above child is eligible for the following category (**please tick only one**):

- Preschool – Year 2
- Primary (Years 3-6)
- Middle School (Years 7-9)
- Senior High/College (Year 10- 12)

I understand that my child's entry will not be published or displayed publicly in any way without my express written permission.

Signed: _____ Print Name: _____

Contact email address: _____

Phone number: _____ Date: _____

If you have any queries about this form or the competition in general, please contact ACTBEA (ACT Bilingual Education Alliance) at canberrabilingual@gmail.com



Ambasciata d'Italia
Canberra

Messaggio dell'Ambasciatrice Francesca Tardioli in occasione della Festa della Repubblica 2020

"Illustri Autorità, signore e signori, cari amici ed amiche dell'Italia, cari australiani di origine italiana, cari cittadini italiani che vivete in Australia, quest'anno non ho altri mezzi se non questo messaggio scritto per condividere con voi alcuni pensieri, nel celebrare la Festa nazionale italiana, il 2 giugno.

Dal momento in cui sono arrivata in Australia come Ambasciatrice d'Italia, a settembre 2019, ho atteso l'arrivo di questo giorno, pensando che avrei celebrato la Festa nazionale italiana con tutti voi in un modo molto più appropriato, ma le cose sono andate diversamente, nelle circostanze attuali.

Dovrò aspettare ancora un po' quindi per riaprire le porte della Residenza, stare con tutti voi di fronte alle bandiere nazionali, italiana e australiana, e dell'Unione Europea, ascoltare e cantare i nostri inni nazionali, salutare tutti voi di persona e condividere il calore dell'ospitalità italiana.

Vorrei ringraziare sinceramente ciascuno di voi per le espressioni di solidarietà e vicinanza nei confronti dell'Italia e della sua popolazione, nell'affrontare a pandemia, che ha portato via così tante vite e ha procurato tanta sofferenza, e per i riconoscimenti di ammirazione per il coraggio e determinazione a sconfiggerla e superare un momento così difficile.

Desidero continuare a lavorare con tutti voi al fine di consolidare ancora di più la bella amicizia e la cooperazione tra Italia e Australia, bilaterale e multilaterale, basata su valori comuni, legami culturali e sul nostro comune desiderio di vedere fiorire le nostre società in modo globale modo e in un quadro di approccio sostenibile.

Attendo con ansia di tornare a condividere con voi presto l'emozione di viaggiare in Italia, per rivivere momenti di incomparabile bellezza, arte, storia e stile di vita unico.

Sono determinata a continuare a lavorare con tutti voi per promuovere ulteriormente il nostro originale, ineguagliabile Made in Italy, in tutte le sue forme, dai settori più antichi e tradizionali ai settori più recenti, tra cui innovazione, tecnologia, ricerca e sviluppo.

Viva la nostra bella, ed unica, Italia. Nostra. Vostra. Patrimonio unico, sempre innovativo, sempre alla ricerca di nuove opportunità di cooperazione e di condivisione con l'Australia, grande paese amico."



Ambasciata d'Italia
Canberra

Official remarks by Her Excellency Ambassador Francesca Tardioli for the 2020 Italian National Day

"Distinguished Authorities, ladies and gentlemen, dear all, friends of Italy, dear Australians of Italian origin, dear Italian nationals living Down Under, this year I do not have other means but this written message to share with you a few thoughts in celebration of the Italian National Day, the 2nd of June.

From the moment I arrived in Australia as Ambassador of Italy, in September 2019, I have been looking forward to this day, when I would celebrate the Italian National Day with you all in a much more appropriate manner, but things have gone differently, under the current circumstances.

I will have to wait a bit longer therefore to open the gates of the Residence again, to stand with you all in front of the National flags, Italian and Australian, and of the European Union, to hear and sing our National anthems, to greet you all in person and to enjoy together the warmth of the Italian hospitality.

I would like to all heartedly thank each one of you for the expressions of solidarity and closeness towards Italy and its people facing the pandemic, which claimed so many lives, and brought so much sorrow in our homes, and for the acknowledgments of admiration for the courage, and determination to defeat it and overcome such difficult time.

I look forward to continuing working with you all in order to foster even more the beautiful friendship and cooperation between Italy and Australia, bilateral and multilateral, based on common values, on cultural ties and on our shared desire to see our societies flourish in a comprehensive way, and within a sustainable approach framework.

I look forward to sharing with you soon the emotion of traveling to Italy, to encountering incomparable beauty, art, history and unique way of life.

I am determined to continue working with you all in order to further promote our original, unequalled, Made in Italy, in all its forms, from the more ancient and traditional sectors to the more recent fields including innovation, technology, research and development.

Viva la nostra bella, ed unica, Italia. Ours, yours. Unique patrimony, always innovating, always moving ahead to new avenues of cooperation, and way of living, with our friend Australia."

Out of Area Kindergarten 2021 enrolments

Please be advised that if you are currently enrolled in the Preschool 2020 cohort, but living outside of the Yarralumla Primary School Priority Enrolment Area (PEA), you are required to submit a new online enrolment form to attend Kindergarten.

You are welcome to apply for a 2021 Kindergarten placement at Yarralumla Primary School, however as you live out of area we cannot guarantee you a place due to a very high demand for places from our local families.

Your application will be assessed and prioritised against the criteria on the Education website at: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school/enrolling-in-kindergarten-to-year-12>.

Enrolments received prior to this Friday, 5th June (end of Round 1) will be receiving letters in response to their applications in the week commencing 27th July.



Enrolling in Preschool in 2021

If your child turns four on or before 30 April 2020, they were able to start preschool in Term 1, 2020. **If your child turns four after 30 April 2020, they can start preschool in 2021**

All four year old ACT children are guaranteed a place in a public preschool. However, you are not guaranteed a place at the preschool site of your preference, due to capacity constraints at some sites. All preschools offer a high-quality early childhood education.

Enrolments for 2021 open from 6am on Tuesday 28 April. Apply before 5 June 2020 to receive an offer from 27 July 2020. Apply online at [education.act.gov.au](https://www.education.act.gov.au)



Education



2021 school enrolments now open

- 1. Go to [education.act.gov.au](https://www.education.act.gov.au)** for information on your local school and to enrol online.
- 2. Apply before 5 June 2020** to receive an offer from 27 July 2020. This means there is ample time to submit your application to be included in the initial round of offers.



Education

Community News



Yarralumla Primary Canteen

Healthy Kids Association is pleased to be reopening the school canteen on Friday 5th June.

The canteen service will still operate Fridays with online ordering for lunch only.

We will still be offering a full menu for lunch and encourage you to please continue using the canteen service for hot meals, cold meals, drinks and snacks.

Please log onto www.flexischools.com.au and set up your account ready to start ordering.

THANK YOU



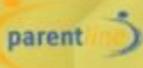
CANBERRA WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

FREE telephone counselling sessions Monday to Friday 9am-5pm

Sessions via Zoom or Skype
Limited availability for FREE face-to-face counselling sessions

Sadly our groups and training are temporarily suspended

Contact us for a FREE confidential chat

 **6287 3833** 

 parentline@parentlineact.org.au

Recipe for Antipasto



Ingredients

- Selection of thin slices of salami, prosciutto, mortadella
- Selection of tomatoes, such as yellow, orange, cherry tomatoes
- Green and black olives
- Bocconcini, shaved Parmesan cheese and other hard cheeses
- Olive oil and balsamic vinegar

Method

1. Curl the meats into cones and place them on a wooden platter or large plate
2. Decorate the platter with your cheeses, olives, slices fruit of your choice (figs, grapes)
3. Add grissini sticks and sliced bread
4. Have a small bowl of olive oil with a splash of balsamic vinegar to dip your bread



A treat the children can prepare at home for the entire family!