NOTES HOME THIS WEEK

YPS Class structure
Early Years Assessment Program
Kingergarten and Red Group
Montessori (PIPS Brochure)
Voluntary Contribution Letter

PARENTS’ CHECKLIST
( Reminder of things to DO)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 11 February  
Nuts & Bolts of Kindergarten Information Evening 5pm

Wednesday 12 February  
Preschool Information Evening

Thursday 13 February  
Parent Information Morning 8.30am

Friday 14 February  
Assembly

Thursday 27 February  
Festa Acquatica (Water Fun Day)

Mon-Thurs 16-20 February  
‘Meet’n’Greet

Friday 28 February  
Assembly

Friday 11 April  
End of Term 1

Cari genitori (Dear parents)

Benvenuti al 2014
Welcome everyone to the new school year – our bright, sparky new pre-school, Montessori and kindergarten children, new students and their families in the autism units and other years, returning students, new staff and ‘old’ staff. How wonderful it is to be back in your midst and to see familiar faces and re-jig the memory with names! It has been a very busy summer break for many staff and the administration/executive team as they have set up their re-located classrooms (yet again!) and organised structures for the new school year. They are to be congratulated for their commitment and dedication in giving up so much of their valuable break to be ready this week.

Last week, all teachers and most of our Learning Support Assistants (LSAs ) also spent two days of professional learning focusing on how to best integrate both Italian and English language into the content of the new Australian curriculum. We were most privileged to be given a workshop especially for us by Professor Tony Liddicoat from the University of South Australia. He is a knowledgeable, eloquent and entertaining lecturer who also apprised us of the importance of intercultural understanding – one of the key capabilities of the Australian Curriculum. The workshop was equally successful for building bonds and understanding between staff and we all came away feeling excited and enthusiastic about what our students can achieve this year. I would like to acknowledge the huge efforts by Signora Marli and Signora Sharon Brissoni in organising the agenda for this professional learning and Signora Sarah Malam for her administrative support. I also would like to once again acknowledge the quality leadership of the school by Signora Marli during my absence and express my gratitude to her for her hard work and tenacity with everything that one has to juggle in such a role.

Strutture di classi
When students were allocated to classes on the first day back this week, a note was distributed to parents outlining the YPS 2014 class structures and staff roles. A Who’s Who is outlined again in the newsletter after this week’s Bouquets and the flyer is also attached with this week’s newsletter. At this stage, we would like to make special mention of our new staff – Maestra Katherine Fielding, Maestra Lynden Lawton and Maestro Peter Scerri who will teaching Year 1/2 classes. We also welcome Maestra Jodie Stewart who will teach the English component of the Italian Experience class. These teachers will share a little about themselves in forthcoming newsletters.

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Please remember we are an Anaphylactic Friendly School. Please do not bring nut products into the school, and be aware that “Nutella” spread and many muesli/health bars contain nuts.
New faces on board this year also include Maestra Anna Alberti (parent to Samara in Year 4) who will be working as a LSA in Italian Kindergarten, Maestra Kate Pentony with English kindergarten classes, Maestra Patricia Falcetta in the preschool and Maestra Lisa Lockey (parent of Oliver and Bronte) assisting English kindergarten classes and in the front office for two days a week.

Please note that in keeping with the nomenclature custom in Italian primary schools, our classroom teachers will now be referred to as Maestro or Maestra and the executive teachers will continue to be addressed as Signor or Signora (none of us are single!)

**Capitale Lavoro è finito**
We are most enthusiastic about our new school ‘look’. Both Stage 1 and 2 Capital Works have been achieved on schedule and now on top of our new administrative wing, we have new carpet throughout the piazza, excellent new toilet facilities, re-painted piazza walls and of course the newly re-furbished classrooms for Kindergarten and Years 1 and 2 students. I would like to acknowledge the excellent work done by our Education Directorate’s Capital Works section in representing our interests (and demands!) so well with the builders and for the building efficiency demonstrated by Binutti’s. Our Yarralumla community is most grateful!

This year, we are encouraging parents to drop off and pick up students either in the playground outside your child’s class or in the foyer/entry area (L’Atrio) before the glass doors. Whilst we acknowledge that the piazza is a thoroughfare to the Biblioteca (library), we’d like to take maximum advantage of the area (now referred to as the ‘Forum’) between 9am and 3pm as a ‘learning space’ so classes can break out from their classrooms and do cooperative group tasks. We would appreciate your understanding of our need to keep this space as designated in its original design and for parent gatherings to be outside of this area. If your child’s class is in the West Wing or Gambbarri, we would also appreciate you waiting outside the building until 3pm.

**Starting on time:** A reminder as well for children to be on time in the mornings. Already we are getting some late starters and it affects their capacity to start the day’s learning feeling prepared and positive. It is also interrupts class routines and the teacher’s explicit instructions. So we urge you to please have your child/ren at school by 8.55am.

**Informazioni per i genitori (Parent Information sessions)**
Next week there are two information sessions for parents. There will be a Nuts and Bolts Kindergarten Information evening on Tuesday 11 February at 5pm. Kinder parents will receive a reminder of details.

On Thursday morning - 13 February at 8.30am, there will be an Information morning for ALL parents. Staff will be introduced and the school’s values, goals and priorities for the year will be outlined. This is being offered in the morning rather than late afternoon or evening as we trust this may be more suitable for most families on their way to work. Students will be supervised from 8.25pm in the playground.

**Week 3 from Monday 16 February to Thursday 20 February will be ‘Meet’n’Greet for parents to speak individually with your child’s teacher.**
We believe that the combination of these three forums for communication will enable us all to be informed and cognisant of how your child will learn and progress this year.

**Elementi nella newsletter**
You may notice that my Italian is getting a much needed ‘work-out’ from entitling each section of this newsletter (hopefully correctly!) in Italian. Regardless of staff roles and student placement in our school, I believe we all benefit from sharing some language and intercultural insights. Whether you’re an Italian speaker or not, all community members are encouraged to contribute to the newsletter if you have something to share. Your child’s class teachers will be contributing items about learning in their respective classrooms three times per term and I will be doing a Principal’s message once a fortnight (and usually not as long as this!)
Producing a quality newsletter each week, error free, informative and acknowledging the efforts of our community takes considerable time and energy and I am mindful of reducing the administrative load of both the front office, executive and teaching teams.

In the week of no-Principal’s blurb (ie.Assembly week), there will still be Bouquets for students, staff and parents, the ubiquitous quote! and reminders of important dates and events.
Here’s to a great year for all of us. A year of learning, of good health and of sharing and being grateful for all that we have on both school and home fronts!

Grazie e cordiali saluti a tutti,
Lea (Signora Chapuis)

**Quote of the Week** – in light of changes we are all experiencing at the beginning of a new school year:

*‘Never believe that a few caring people can’t change the world. For indeed, that’s all who ever have.’*

Margaret Mead.

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**BOUQUETS**

**Students:** To Samara Mistry, Cameron Rogers, Ruben Shuttleworth, Bridget Wilson and Elizabeth Pratt for looking out for new students in the 3/4 classes - Opali and Perle. Great leadership from you all!

To Noah Buchanan Gianna Hyland, Zelta Medenis and Marcus Mele for taking on the role of Sports Captains. This is a new role that will require these students to work closely with Maestra Jo Wesbster organising physical education equipment, activities and sports clinics. Bravissimi ragazzi!

To Kindergarten students for being ‘awesome’ and hitting the ground running with routines and their learning!

**Staff:** To Signor Paul Hyde and Signora Sarah Malam for being the ‘mainstays’ during the summer break and liaising with the last of the Capital Works people.

To Signor Synnott for his keen eye and attention to detail in developing the staff timetables. It’s quite a job in our complex setting!

Maestra Sarah Veitch who has taken on a shared leadership role with Signor Synnott of the Early Childhood team.

**Parents:** To Susan Pratt and Nim O’Hehir for their organisation of the Uniform Shop and ‘manning’ the shop before school started to meet the high demand. Grazie mille lovely ladies! You are STARS!

To Beth Allen for her untiring efforts organising books in the Library.

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**Staff and Classes in 2014**

2 x Cycle 1 Montessori classes – Maestra Julie Dodd, Maestra Petro Purcell, Maestra Kanthi Rajapakse, Maestra Angela Rennie

2 x Preschool classes – Maestra Rebecca Higgins, Maestra Vanessa Taylor and Maestra Anne Birtwistle

3 x Kindergarten classes: Maestra Veitch, Maestra Grujic, Maestra Maggioni, Maestra Beber

4 x Year 1 /2 classes: Maestra Cooper, Maestra Fielding, Maestra Lynden, Maestro Scerri & Maestra Lola Menegazzo

2 x Year 3 / 4 classes: Maestra Brancato and Maestra Couch

1 x 4/5 class – Maestra Bomball and Maestra Brissoni

1 x 4/5/6 Italian Experience class (English focus) – Maestra Stewart and Signora Brissoni/Signora Webster

1 x 5/6 class – Maestra Cansdell and Maestra Brissoni

Junior Learning Support Unit – Maestra Krustolovic and Maestra Jill Weickhardt
Newsletter Items

Newsletter items from classes will start next Newsletter.

School Board News

Welcome Back to school to our old friends and families and a very warm welcome to our new families who have joined us this year at Yarralumla Primary! The school board is excited about 2014 and it is great to see our Principal, Lea Chapuis, back this year. With its’ strong executive team and excellent teaching staff, Yarralumla Primary is sure to have a fantastic year.

The board has been busy organising our stall for this year’s Multicultural Festival which takes place this Friday (tomorrow), Saturday and Sunday. Again this year we have partnered with Garry Bertoldo and Gelato Mio and will be selling gelato from 3pm-midnight on Friday, 9am-midnight on Saturday and 9am to 6pm on Sunday. We have had a number of wonderful parents and teachers volunteer to help at the stall but we would love to have more helpers especially for the late night shifts (8-midnight when the stall is BUSY)! The weather is forecast to be hot and we will sell lots of gelato! We have also been given a prime spot in front of David Jones on City Walk near the carousel. This is one of the most popular stall areas! Once again this year, Garry has generously offered the school 50% of all takings from the weekend. Last year we were able to raise $4000 for the school and that was despite the rain. This year, there isn’t a cloud forecast so let’s hope we can beat that total! If you are able to help, please let me know on lisaramshaw@yahoo.com or 0424 808 919. This is one of the easiest fundraisers for the school as we are not asking parents to purchase anything. It is a great way to raise awareness of the school AND raise money from members of the Canberra community. If you are new to our school, helping at the stall is a great way to meet other parents and staff members! Also, if anyone has a box trailer that we could use to transport a double freezer on Friday and again on Sunday evening, could you please let me know asap!

Please don’t forget that nominations for the school board elections need to be in to the front office by 11am on 17 February. There is one vacancy for a parent representative this year. Nomination forms can be collected at the front office. If you would like to discuss what being a school board member entails, please feel free to get in touch with me via my details on the front of the newsletter.

See you at the Multicultural Festival!

Lisa Ramshaw
School Board Chair

P&C News

Welcome Back
Yarralumla Primary School has an active and enthusiastic P&C which usually meets twice a term in the school library. As a parent or carer of a student, you are automatically part of the P&C community and are welcome to participate in all its activities. In 2014 the P&C and School Board are trying to coordinate their efforts for
volunteering and fund raising and this will this year a very exciting year for School Community.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 20 February at 6pm, where we will review the accounts from the prior year and elect office bearers for 2014.

The principal activities of the P&C will include:
• Raise money for the purchase of equipment, facilities and appropriate services for the school
• Manage a number of ACT Government grants and apply for new grants
• Operate the school canteen and the uniform shop
• Assist the Principal with activities at the school.
• Co-ordinate social events including the Festa della Repubblica (Italian National Day), Mother’s and Father’s Day events and the end of year disco.

The following roles for Office Bearers for 2014 will be elected at the AGM. If you would like to nominate for any of these positions please complete the attached form and email it to Alex Fahey at alex@uia.com.au

P&C Office Bearers Roles
President:
• chairs all general and executive committee meetings of the association
• acts as a spokesperson for the association;
• reports to P&C meetings about the activities of the P&C;
• ensures communication between P&C members and school board members;
• exercises some supervision of the functions of other office bearers; and
• encourages parents to participate in activities of the P&C.

Vice-President:
• presides as chair at meetings where the President is absent;
• is familiar with the operation of the P&C and duties of President;
• has a working understanding of meeting rules and procedure; and
• undertakes tasks to assist the President.
• acts as the P&C Council Delegate

Secretary/Public Officer:
• draws up, in consultation with President, the meeting agendas;
• keeps full and correct Minutes of the P&C’s proceedings;
• looks after P&C documents and attends to the correspondence of the P&C;
• acts upon decisions as directed by the meeting; and
• maintains a register of members if applicable.

Treasurer:
• holds responsibility for all funds received and expended by the association;
• prepares regular reports to P&C meetings and
• holds ultimate responsibility for all funds, including all subcommittee funds.

Assistant Treasurer
• Assist the Treasurer
• Manage P&C financial matters if the Treasurer is absent
• Assist with the management of the Library Trust Fund

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 co-ordinator – manages fund raising activities for the P&C
• Garden co-ordinator – assists the garden teacher and manages the ACT Health garden grant. A key responsibility this year will be to develop and manage a plan for the longevity of the garden
• P&C website co-ordinator – updates the P&C website where required
• Uniform Shop co-ordinator – managed the uniform shop including stock ordering and accounts management
• Delegate to ACT P&C Council
• Pre-school representative – represents issues regarding the YPS pre-school and acts as an Assistant Tresature for the pre-school funds.

If you are unable to make this meeting, but would still like to be nominated, please contact Alex Fahey at alex@uia.com.au

Alex Fahey
P&C President
Hi everyone – hope 2014 is off to a good start for all YPS staff and families. Thanks again for all of your support for the canteen last year and welcome back to Sarah Lee, our fabulous face of the canteen (canteen manager and YPS mum to Mahalia and Serenity).

This year we expect that canteen will continue to open on Fridays only, offering one menu item and snacks. We’ll be in touch about this in coming days. However, this week canteen will only open for paddle pops ($1.50) and snacks (biscuits and popcorn $1 each and apple slinkies (50c – an apple sliced into one long piece).

If you would like to volunteer to assist with the canteen this term please email me. There are 2 vacant co-ordinator positions (these can be done from home) and we always need some parent helpers on Fridays (usually from 9:30 until 12:30). Kids love to see their parents at the canteen once a term!

Cheers,
Toni Dawes
Canteen coordinator tonid@iinet.com.au (mum to Charlotte Yr 5 and Jake Yr 4)

NEW ONLINE PAYMENT FACILITY

There is now a new online payment facility (Quickweb) for parents to make payments to the school.

Please see the end of the newsletter for the procedure.

All families will shortly receive (via post) a letter with their child/ren’s information that is required for making a payment this way.

The school will still accept payments made by cash, cheque and direct deposit.

If you do not receive a letter, please contact the front office and we can provide you with the relevant details.

SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

The old school bank account with the Commonwealth Bank has now closed.

The new School Bank Account details are as follows:

BSB: 032-777
WESTPAC
ACCOUNT NO: 001906

Please ensure your details are up-to-date.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers for a YPS fund raising tent at the Canberra Multicultural Festival from Friday 6 February through Sunday 9 February 2014 (the first weekend of Term 1). With YPS parent volunteers providing the manpower, YPS parents of Gary Bertoldo from “Gelato Mio” and Marie Andersson from “Here’s the Coffee” will be selling Italian ice cream and coffee at the Festival from which the school will receive a share of the profits. We need as many volunteers as possible to cover the required shifts over the three-day festival. The more volunteers we have will result in shorter shifts for everyone. Last year, selling ice cream only, we earned over $4000 for the school as well as gaining broad community exposure for our educational programs. If you would like to help, please contact either Eric Nelson at ericnelson@live.com.au, Mark Snow at m.snow@unsw.com.au or Lisa Ramshaw at lisaramshaw@yahoo.com

ACT SCHOOL TERM DATES 2014

Term 1 Monday 3 February to Friday 11 April
Term break includes the Easter and Anzac Day public holidays

Term 2 Monday 28 April to Friday 4 July

Term 3 Monday 21 July to Friday 26 September

Term 4 Monday 13 October to Wednesday 17 December

FESTA ACQUATICA (WATER FUN DAY)

This year the Yarralumla Primary School Swimming Carnival and Water Fun Day will be held on Thursday 27 February at CISAC Pool Belconnen.
## Mathletics Awards

**Mathletics Awards – Week 10, Term 4 and the Christmas Holidays**

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These certificates will be distributed in class this week.

Derek Synnott
Mathletics Coordinator

## Community News

**AEONCADEMY NEWS**

Welcome Back! It’s been a long time coming it seems. We’re looking forward to meeting all our new families this year. Spaces in our After School Program are filling fast, so make sure you book a place to avoid disappointment. **We accept children from as young as four years old into our programs, which have been specially tailored for children of all ages.**

For families of Yarralumla Preschool and Yarralumla Montessori, our After Preschool Care Sessions run from 2:30pm to 4pm, and include Afternoon Tea, and pick up from their school by one of our staff. These sessions are $21 per child per session.

For families of Yarralumla Primary School, our After School Care Sessions run from 3pm to 4pm, and include Afternoon Tea, and collection from school. These sessions are $12 per child per session.

They are also able to then continue on in our Art Classes, which run from 4pm till 5:30pm. These sessions are $22 per child per session.

Families from Yarralumla Primary School, Yarralumla Preschool, and Yarralumla Montessori also get an **Automatic 10% Discount** on all session fees, which stacks with our Bulk Booking Discounts, and all sessions are eligible for the **Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate**!
YARRALUMLA PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

NOMINATION FORM

I nominate _______________________________ for the position of _______________________
on the Executive Committee of the Yarralumla Primary School Parents and Citizens Association.

Nominated by: __________________________________________________
Signature
________________________________________________
Full Name and Contact Number

Seconded by: __________________________________________________
Signature
________________________________________________
Full Name and Contact Number

I, ___________________________________ accept my nomination for the position of
______________________________ on the Executive Committee of the Yarralumla Primary

________________________________________
Signature and Contact Number

Please forward completed nomination form to the President at alex@uia.com.au or leave
at front office for collection.
ONLINE PAYMENT FACILITY

It is now possible for parents/carers to make online payments to the school for amounts requested for various student activities and contributions. These payments can now be made via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed through the school's website by selecting the Payments link.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, library and building trust contributions, subject contributions, excursions, in school activities and sport. There is also a section called Other, for any other items that you wish to pay that do not fit under the headings.

When you access Payments you must enter the mandatory fields.
1. Student details; Student Key, Given name and Surname (see below for your Student Key).
2. Payee details; Family Key, Payee full name and contact details (see below for your Family Key).
3. Fee code and description of payment (Fee Codes will now be printed on every excursion note)
4. Student ID Number (if known) or Class/Year level.

This will assist the school in receipting funds to your account more efficiently and these details will need to be entered each time you make a payment.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your bank branded credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed from the web site.

All Information you input will be held by Westpac subject to its Privacy Policy which is available at http://www.westpac.com.au/privacy/.

Westpac's payment system will supply all information apart from card details back to the school on a daily basis to enable the payment to be reconciled against your family’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment website by Westpac, a further receipt will not be issued by the school. If you require a tax receipt please contact the school office.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact Sarah Malam or Teresa Smith at the school front office.

Please put in a safe place for future reference

FAMILY KEY:

STUDENT NAME: STUDENT KEY: