NOTES HOME THIS WEEK

PARENTS’ CHECKLIST
(Reminder of things to DO)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 18 –Friday 19 Sept  
Birrigai Camp Years 3 and 4

Wednesday 24 September  
YPS Walkathon

Thursday 25 September  
SRC Fundraiser Dress Up Day

Friday 26 September  
Assembly hosted by Year 5/6 - 2.15pm; Last day of term

Monday 13 October  
First day of Term 4

Cari genitori

SLOW DOWN, YOU MOVE TOO FAST!
I am sharing this positive, happy song to remind all drivers to slow down when driving through the ‘park and drop off’ zone at the front of the school.
Please click on the link below and we’ll all be alive, safe and ‘feelin’ groovy’!
http://youtu.be/sy_2WqKRDhA

The 59th Bridge Street Song (Feelin’ Groovy) by Simon & Garfunkel
Slow down, you move too fast
You got to make the morning last
Just kicking down the cobblestones
Looking for fun and feelin’ groovy
Ba da da da da da da, feelin’ groovy
Hello, lamppost, what’cha knowin’?
I’ve come to watch your flowers growin’
Ain’t’cha got no rhymes for me?
Doot-in doo-doo, feelin’ groovy
Ba da da da da da da, feelin’ groovy
I got no deeds to do
No promises to keep
I’m dappled and drowsy and ready to sleep
Let the morning time drop all its petals on me
Life, I love you
All is groovy

Happy campers have gone to Birrigai @ Tidbinbilla today!
We wish all of the students in years three and four and school staff a safe and happy time today and tomorrow at Birrigai. To give you some idea about the activities they will be getting up to while they’re away from home, I’ve included a snapshot below:

- Team Initiatives & Team Rescue: Both courses offer a dynamic way to learn about leadership, problem solving, cooperation and communication in small groups. The students discuss ideas and formulate solutions to each of the initiatives and have fun putting the ideas into action.
• **Low Ropes:** Low Ropes is a fantastic challenge-by-choice activity that develops trust and communication in small teams. Students have fun working together to complete the nine elements that constitute the course. They will swing on the boson’s chair and balance on the swinging log. They will learn the safety system and step out of your comfort zone in a supported environment.

• **Team building exercise on Glider Possum:** The Glider Possum is an exciting high ropes activity resembling a giant pendulum in which the participant is first raised and lowered, and then swung into the air, resembling a “glider possum” in flight. The element operates on the principle of team haul-up: A single participant is raised and lowered by a team of peers.

### ACT Primary Schools - Swim & Survive Program – 24 November to 5 December 2014

This is an initiative of the ACT Education and Training Directorate and the Royal Life Saving Society. Students will participate in the program in weeks 7 and 8 of term four. The aim of the program is to improve your child’s ability to be safe in and around water. The program caters for all swimming abilities with the early levels providing opportunities to build confidence and respect for the water, whilst the higher levels teach children survival and rescue skills.

Program enrolment details will be sent home in week 1 next term. To learn more about Swim and Survive, please visit the website: [www.swimandsurvive.com.au](http://www.swimandsurvive.com.au)

Please remember to ask your family and friends to sponsor you for the school walkathon next Wednesday 24 September.

We aim to raise $6000 which is just a bit more than we achieved last year.

### Preschool News

Our congratulations and thanks to the parents and friends of our Preschool for their amazing efforts in fundraising events throughout this term. Special thanks to Melinda Jamieson for her coordination of the Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings which raised over $1000. Also, we express our gratitude to Madeline Denham who organised sausages and drinks for the Sizzle as well as donating the prizes for the raffle which raised another $1000+. Rebecca, Vanessa and Anne with several parents were responsible for a very successful Commonwealth Games event which raised an impressive $800. Well done team! The funds raised will go to much needed resources for the preschool program.

Ciao
Signora Marli

BOUQUETS THIS WEEK – Please note that students’ surnames are now being omitted in light of the Newsletter being published on the school’s website.

**Students:** To Marcus K in Zaffiro for improvement in concentration and reading in Italian.
To Gian P for choosing his attitude to improve in reading. He has moved up six reading levels in three months!
To all students in Eliotropio for focussing on their learning tasks independently and producing quality pieces of work in maestra Jayne’s library lesson.
To Mathew C for his consistently conscientious approach to all learning.
To Freyja BR for always setting high expectations of her own learning and achievement.
To Antonio C for his leadership in group work activities.
To Lillian M for persevering and doing her best in learning the genre of persuasive writing.
Finally to our wonderful ‘never say die’ Rubies netball team who were just pipped in their final last Saturday:

**Staff:** To all our amazing Learning Support Assistants for ‘being there’ every day for the students, staff and parents. Bravissimi Lola, Lisa, Dee, Jes, Jill, Mandy, Roz, Shae, Patricia, Alison, Debby, Anna Maria, Kate, Anne, Angela, Kanthi and Anna A.

**Parents:** To Madeline Denham and Melinda Jamieson for their ongoing commitment and support to the success of the Preschool.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** We like this one in light of all the staffing planning and deliberations that are necessary at this time of the year to be ready for 2015.

‘It is a mistake to look too far ahead. Only one link in the chain of destiny can be handled at a time.’
Winston Churchill

**Fred Hollows Schools Award Presentation Ceremony**
Last Friday 12th September, Nicholas M and Amanda V in Year 5 received an award from the 2014 Fred Hollows Schools Award project. The presentation ceremony held at the Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning in Stirling and hosted by reporter Louise Maher from 666 ABC Canberra, included students and families from 30 primary schools across the ACT.

The Fred Hollows Schools Award is a wonderful opportunity for students to be recognised outside of the academic and sporting realm. The Award, now in its third year recognises primary school students in Years 3-6 who show good citizenship, compassion and community service.

Congratulations to Nicholas and Amanda for their amazing contributions to the life of Yarralumla Primary. We can only imagine how inspired Fred Hollows would have been!

Maestra Brissoni

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**2014, Term 3 Assemblies**

**Term 3, Week 10 | 5/6 class**

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**P&C News**

**Calling All Volunteers**

Next Wednesday, 24th September is the School Walkathon which is incorporating the end of term Sausage Sizzle. Please come and help cook some sausages for the kids to have for their lunch. The kids will have these in the park and we need your assistance to ensure we have between 300 - 350 sausages cooked in time and delivered to the lunch spot. The kids will have completed approximately half of their walk at this time and will need not only some sustenance but an encouraging hug from a Mum.
or Dad. A nice smile and encouraging words from a friend’s mum or dad does wonders for those tired feet.

To assist with ordering I have captured the special orders process - Flexischools and End of Term Sausage Sizzle - Please follow this guide to place your lunch orders, it won’t take more than 5 minutes. (Second Attachment with Newsletter).

The children will need to bring and carry a water bottle with them during the Walkathon. The children will each receive an icy pole on their return to school to reward them for their efforts.

**Canteen Volunteers Term 4**

We seek your assistance in providing support to the canteen as volunteer numbers have been low during 2014. Canteen orders are submitted from all classes at YPS so we thought it reasonable to allocate each class one week per term to provide canteen support. Please work with your Class Coordinator to ensure that there are **2-3 volunteers** identified as per the below table.

Many thanks to those who have volunteered in the canteen this year!

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Over the course of a year it is anticipated that each class would have approximately 3 rostered weeks per year in the canteen. This is a great opportunity to not only social with other parents from your class cohort but meet parents from another class that may be rostered in the same week.

I would also like to thank the lovely Beth Allen who not only works tirelessly to support our canteen each week but has also donated an Electric Frypan. **Thank you Beth!**

Gudrun Northrup
P&C President
president@ypspandc.com

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**Canteen News**

**Walkathon Sausage Sizzle** - P&C will be catering for the special Sausage Sizzle Lunch as part of the Walkathon on Wednesday 24th September therefore we will not have canteen day on the Friday. Please order online for the sausage sizzle via Flexischools before **4.50pm Monday 22 Sept.** We will accept hard copy order forms and these must be in by **3pm Monday 22nd Sept.** PLEASE NOTE: Orders must be on time to guarantee sausages for your child/ren.

If you can help out on the Sausage Sizzle day please let me know. We need people from 9am to start cooking at the canteen and others a little later to help with set up and serving at the park. Any time that you may have to help would be greatly appreciated. Email to: canteen@ypspandc.com

A big thank you to last weeks volunteers Dawn, May and Madeline, also to our student helpers Millie, Mahalia and Lucy.

Thank you and regards
Raeleigh and Sarah

Go paperless and coin free and place canteen orders online with

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1. Register by email
2. Set up a user name and password
3. Add student/s names, class and school
4. Top up your account with funds
5. Place orders
Flexischools supports our valued canteen volunteers and:

- Saves hours processing paper orders
- Eliminates money checking
- Ensures orders are accurate and not missed
- Means the volunteer doesn’t have to be at school to receive orders
- Creates a one stop ordering process
- Is preferred by our YPS canteen volunteers

A second attachment to the newsletter gives more detailed instructions on setting up a Flexischools account. If you have any questions I am happy to assist or contact Flexischools direct via the website, they have a great team on hand.

Go ahead – register and make our canteen ordering better and an easier place to volunteer!

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Perle and Opali are looking forward to camp Birrigai and will be reporting on this fantastic learning experience during week ten assembly.

Cordiali saluti dalle maestre
Carmela Brancato e Cheryl Couch

**Year 3/4**

It was great to see parents last week during the learning journey celebrating their children’s learning. We were proudly hearing our students talking about the Integrated Inquiry unit and the curriculum areas studied this semester in both the Italian and the English class.

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**Year 4/5/6**

How lovely it was to see the children sharing their learning with you all at Learning Journey’s last week. The class impressed me with their reflective comments about their learning and in their goal setting. They were very proud to be able to share the work that they had chosen.
This week our Year 4s are very excited about the Birrigai Camp. We will be looking forward to sharing about how they have challenged themselves, been independent and given their best, especially when things were tricky!

Our 5/6s will work with the remaining 5/6s at school in Maestra Brissoni and Maestra Cansdell’s rooms.

We have been working hard to earn a class party at the end of the term to celebrate our efforts. Information about this will follow shortly.

Bye for now,
Maestra Stewart

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**Achievement Awards**

**PRESENTED AT OUR LAST ASSEMBLY**

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**Term 3 SRC Fundraiser**

The SRC is helping Yarralumla to become global citizens through sponsoring disadvantaged children in Jakarta, Indonesia. The SRC will dedicate one fundraiser every year to supporting the Yayasan Kampung Kids organisation. This organisation is set up by Indonesians and expatriates for the purpose of providing basic nutrition, healthcare and education for the needy children in the local communities.

To raise money for Yayasan Kampung Kids, the SRC is inviting students to come dressed up as a child from another culture and bring a gold coin donation on Thursday 25th September (Week 10).

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**WANTED**

Lots and lots of SCREW CAP TOPS for Art Project, please.

Buckets for screw cap tops collection will be placed at Front Office and Maestra Stewart’s classroom in Gambarri.

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**Uniform Shop**

**UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS**

**TERM 3 2014**

Week 9  19 September 2014

**FIRE SALE ITEMS**

- Boys Gabardine Pants
  - Sizes 8 (11), 10 (2), 12 (5) & 14 (3)  $10

- Girls Winter Skirt
  - Size 12 (3)  $10

Nim Hehir 0411 358 55, nimhehir@hotmail.com
Mathletics Awards

Mathletics Awards
7 September (Week 7) – Week 7 Term 3

Gold Awards
Madeleine Nelson 1050 02 Sept

Silver Awards
Riley Willis 1080 03 Sept

Bronze Awards
Bonnie Ruskell 3580 06 Sept
Nicolo Vaccarella 2810 01 Sept
Taina Quadra Portes Rocha 2550 02 Sept
Callum Hicks 2385 02 Sept
Sebastiano Orefice 1290 07 Sept
Hannah Denham 1280 07 Sept
Jake Dawes 1260 02 Sept
Thor Bacskai-Ruffolo 1240 07 Sept
Erik Northrup 1220 07 Sept
Michael Bennett 1105 03 Sept
William O’Reilly 1100 03 Sept
Freyja Bacskai-Ruffolo 1090 07 Sept
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Shabnam Andisha 1075 01 Sept
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Samara Mistry 1040 04 Sept
Nicholas Bennett 1036 04 Sept
James Baker 1030 02 Sept
Elizabeth Pratt 1024 07 Sept
Dylan Num 1020 06 Sept
Carl Vitolovich 1020 02 Sept
Layan Alateeq 1012 05 Sept
Christopher O’Reilly 1010 02 Sept
Iman Moharam 1010 02 Sept
Jack Willis 1000 04 Sept
Diya Shah 1000 03 Sept
Dev Shah 1000 01 Sept

Another gold certificate was earned this week. What a fantastic effort! All certificates will be distributed in class.

Sarah Veitch
Mathletics Coordinator

Community News

AEONCADEMY NEWS

A Riot of Colour
It’s all systems go at Aeoncademy as we launch towards our exciting Spring Holiday program (Don’t forget to book in as soon as possible to secure your place!) and we’re having a ball preparing for it all. This week in Creative Catalyst we’ve been building Stone Houses, exploring ancient dry-stone wall construction on a miniature scale, which aligns with the Tiny Houses we’re building this Thursday.

In Vala, we’re exploring the intrigue of the Renaissance in Games of Power, and finding our way through the darkened streets of fair Verona. We’re also looking forward to our sparks play on Thursday, with The Dramatic Make-Believe RIOT in the streets. All in all, we’re facing exciting times.

School holidays at the Arboretum
The National Arboretum Canberra will host a series of exciting activities throughout the ACT and NSW school holidays (Saturday 20 September to Sunday 12 October 2014) to allow visitors from interstate as well as the locals to enjoy the Arboretum during their break. School holiday activities include Clydesdale horse-drawn carriage rides, kite making, bonsai workshops and guided walks for the kids.

There will also be a State Emergency Services storm awareness open weekend and a free creative corner at the Village Centre open every day between 10 am and 3 pm throughout the school holidays. There will be something for everyone at the Arboretum these school holidays. The full program of events is available at the National Arboretum Canberra website or by calling Canberra Connect on 13 22 81.