NOTES HOME THIS WEEK

PARENTS’ CHECKLIST  
(Remind of things to DO)

* Payment for 2015 Student Education Pack

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 24 Nov – Fri 5 Dec CISAC Swim Program
Thursday 4 December P&C Meeting 6pm
Friday 5 December Volunteers’ Thank-you Breakfast 8.15am
Friday 12 December Arts Showcase
Monday 15 December Year 6 graduation (am) & dinner
Tuesday 16 December Assembly hosted by Year 5/6 12.30pm
Wednesday 17 December End of Term 4

STOP THE PRESS! Our maestra Nira Grujic gave birth to a baby girl, Scarlette Rany Grujic last Saturday! Both Mother and baby (and Dad!) are doing very well and we wish them all the best for their future as a family.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR STUDENT’S EDUCATION PACK for 2015 before the end of this term. The note for your child’s respective year level is on the website.

LAST CHANCE TO PRE-ORDER A 2014 YEARBOOK OR TO SPONSOR ITS PUBLICATION! Go to the end of this newsletter for the form. Orders must be placed by Monday when the final order goes to the publishers.

MEET THE EDUCATION MINISTER – MS JOY BURCH AT NEXT WEEK’S P&C MEETING, Thursday 4 December at 6pm in the library.

Cari genitori,

It is certainly action packed at school at the moment as students and staff head in all directions with the Swim and Survive Swim Program, practising for the Arts Showcase and organising end of year functions. Although the bus turn around for our swimmers after their lesson finishes at 2.30pm is very short, the children are now getting into the routine to be on the return bus as quickly as possibly and fortunately the children are returning closer to 3pm than earlier in the week.

Board

We are also in the full swing of preparations for a new school year, with the 2015 draft budget being approved by the Board last night. The budget includes additional funding towards the conversion of our gravel basketball courts into a Flexible Outdoor Learning Space on top of the $20,000 that the P&C has already pledged. The very exciting news (hot off the press today) is that the Directorate has approved our Joint Funding Infrastructure submission for this conversion. This means that the total cost will be shared equally between the Directorate and the school and the project will be completed before June next year.

It is timely to thank all our Board members this year for their valuable time and commitment to the strategic planning and management of our school - in particular, Deb Hicks who keeps us on track with our full agendas, our community member John Wynants, our teacher members – maestres Cheryl Couch and Lynden Lawton and P&C member, Rachel Cianchi-Smith. Grazie a tutti.
Grazie mille
In the past week or so, we have received two generous donations from our community. I would like to sincerely thank His Excellency Pier Francesco Zazo, the Italian Ambassador for the Italian Government’s 6000 euro donation towards the cost of an Italian Language Assistant. Our school doesn’t receive separate funding for the bilingual program, so any contributions towards staffing and resources are greatly appreciated. Another donation has been from the Yarralumla Neighbourhood Association to the value of $400 in gratitude for the use of our school facilities for meetings. This will be allocated to the library for the purchase of both English and Italian books. We thank the Association sincerely for their contribution to our school’s educational resources.

Assembly change for the end of term
Please note that as the Swimming Program involves 112 children being out of the school in the afternoons for a fortnight, (a major logistical exercise!) it is not feasible to conduct our usual assembly next Friday 5 December. Our last assembly of the year will now be on Tuesday 16 December at 12.30, hosted by Year 5/6 Acquamarina.

We look forward to seeing lots of parents, grandparents, volunteers at our Thank you breakfast next Friday morning in the hall. Until then, everyone is encouraged to keep helping our students in classrooms right up to the last day, particularly during Reading Hit.

Grazie a tutti e ciao,
Lea (Signora Chapuis)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK –
‘Preventing conflicts is the work of politics, establishing peace is the work of education.’ Dr Maria Montessori

BOUQUETS

Students: To Sebastiano O for his persistence in producing quality work and Atticus F for demonstrating how to ‘Make his kinder friends’ day’ by being caring and compassionate.

To Isabella B, Alyssa P and Hannah D for setting up skipping and elastics activities at lunch.

To Olivia C and Isabella M for setting up ‘Capture the flag’ activity at lunch time.

Staff: To maestre Federica Maggioni, Sharon Brissoni and Sarah Veitch for their excellent presentation to new parents at the Kindergarten Information evening on Tuesday evening.

Parents: To Renee Shuttleworth for ‘Making the Board’s Day’ with her attention to detail updating the uniform policy to enable a revised edition for Board approval. It is now on the website under Policies.

To Bernadette Mihaljevic, Susan Pratt, Raleigh Rogers and Renee Shuttleworth for ‘Being There’ for the new parents at the Kindergarten Information evening with a mini uniform shop and encouraging them to volunteer as new members of the P&C.

To Melissa Coggan for ‘Making everyone’s day’ with her extraordinary efforts preparing the disco for our students. Grazie mille Melissa and to the other parent helpers on the night. It was a terrific social evening and not just for the children! I’ve never seen so many parents at a disco for the duration and enjoying the social atmosphere! Now we have the security of the fence along Loftus Street, it was great to be able to have the sausage sizzle outside on the terrace.
P&C News

Just a quick reminder about the P&C Meeting on Thursday 4 December. Our guest for the evening will be Ms Joy Burch, ACT Minister for Education and Training. Ms Burch would like to take the opportunity to meet with the parents and carers of Yarralumla Primary School students to discuss what opportunities there may be to foster and encourage engagement with schools. Please come and join us and take this opportunity to put forward your ideas.

To assist us with providing some dips and crackers on the evening, could you please see the notice at the end of this newsletter and take the time to circle either ‘Will’ or ‘Will not’ in relation to your attendance. Thank you.

I look forward to seeing you on Thursday 4 December, 6pm sharp.

Gudrun Northrup
P&C President
president@ypspandc.com

The next P&C meeting will be held at 6pm on Thursday 4th of December in the school library. If you would like to put any items on the agenda please email me at secretary@ypspandc.com. The following motions will be decided at this meeting:

1. That the P&C donate up to $4500 to the school so that the Junior Learning Support Unit can purchase outdoor sensory play equipment for children with special needs.
2. That the P&C donate up to $240 in Bunnings Vouchers to the school for the purchase items for use in the school garden.
3. That the P&C donate up to $2,500 from the preschool account to the pre-school for pre-school-specific resources and programs.

Hope to see you there.
Susan Pratt – P&C Secretary

Canteen News

Please keep those lunch orders coming in via Flexischools; your support is greatly appreciated. A reminder that the closing time for online Flexischools orders is 8pm Wednesday of each week. Hardcopy orders must be submitted at the office by 3pm on the Wednesday. Flexischools register and login is: http://www.flexischools.com.au

Tomorrow’s lunch is sausage rolls and vegetarian triangles. Next week’s (week 8) special item is chicken and/or salad wraps. The usual snacks will be available for purchase on the day. Thank you to last week’s volunteers Josephine, Amy and Gudrun and also to our student helpers Mahalia and Jacinta.

Please note that we need another volunteer for next week, Smeraldo. We also need volunteers for week 9, Perle. As we are not having canteen in week 10, parents from Aquamarina and Topazio (who are rostered for that week) may like to volunteer on another week or alternatively volunteer for week 1 of 2015. If anyone from ANY class could please consider volunteering for week 1 it would be greatly appreciated. We will need a little time to organise the roster once classes are finalised.

Correspondence can be sent to me via email to: canteen@ypspandc.com

Thank you and regards
Raeleigh & Sarah

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Yearbook Reminder

This is a reminder that forms for ordering Yearbooks are due by Friday this week. The book is going to the printer on Monday and we need final numbers for placing the print order. So far we have only received orders from around 60 families. Please note that **if you do not place an order we cannot guarantee that you will get a Yearbook.** (Form at the end of this newsletter)

Library Book Returns

ALL Library Books are due now. Please return anytime.

Kindergarten

Week 7 already! Where has the year gone?!?

As our term slowly comes to an end, Kindergarten has begun to reflect on our year. We have discussed what we have learnt, who we have made friends with and our favourite memories. We also made predictions about what life in year one might be like and the exciting challenges that might be headed our way. We can’t wait!

On Monday we had exciting news that maestra Grujic’s baby Scarlett had arrived safe and sound over the weekend! We have spent this week writing her letters congratulating her and we hope we can meet her soon!

We have many Kindergarten students participating in our 2 week swimming program. It has been wonderful to see their confidence improving each session as well as how much fun they are having!

In Italian, we have been learning the difference between the use of *potere* in questions and *sapere* in statements. Some songs are helping us to remember important questions such as “Posso andare in bagno?” “Posso prendere un fazzoletto?” “Posso mangiare la merenda?” and statements such as “Io so cantare, so suonare, so ballare, so nuotare, so sciare, etc.”

Year 4/5

Students in Agata have been finalising several tasks and activities for the Inquiry unit ‘come hanno contribuito gli emigranti allo sviluppo dell’Australia?’ how have migrants contributed to the development of Australian society? Students have learnt that many migrants brought their traditional cuisine and introduced it to Australian society making our country such a vibrant and diverse culinary experience! Other migrants contributed to our society by working on the Snowy Hydro scheme or building railroads and roads or cutting sugar cane and harvesting tobacco.

Our students have been thinking about the importance of migration and how this has helped shape our society. However, students in Agata have also realised through this unit, that life for these migrants was not always easy. Many migrants left their home of origin for various reasons (because of conflict or to improve their lives and that of their families etc.) and conditions in Australia were quite difficult at the beginning.

As part of their final activities, Year 5 students were asked to create a diary with at least seven entries written by an Italian migrant that highlighted how they contributed to the development of Australian society.

Year 4 students instead were asked to do the same activity but instead of diary entries they were asked to create at least three postcards written by an Italian migrant in Australia.

Students really enjoyed this activity and some of the finished work was impressive! See some examples below.

In English, students have been quite busy over past weeks completing their research of a migrant group in class. Students have learnt that...
researching and finding information they require to answer their inquiry questions is a difficult task. It has been interesting to watch how students manage their time and select relevant information for their booklets. It can be so tempting for many students to just copy from websites rather than to read the information and then put it into their own words. We have been lucky to have our new colour photocopier available to copy some pictures and maps for use in our booklets.

On Wednesday, we had an informative talk from Xi-Rui’s mum Er-Kai, a lecturer at ANU with a wealth of knowledge on immigration law. Er-Kai presented a power point presentation on her story as a migrant to Australia and the difficulties she faced. We also watched a short YouTube film about sharing and learnt how to make a cat’s cradle with string. We thank Er-Kai for giving up her time to prepare and deliver such an interesting talk for us.

Students are also getting ready for our school Arts Showcase in week 9 where we will be showcasing our varied arts program. There will be some extra enrichment sessions this week and next to get tasks completed.

Students in Acquamarina have been working on their final tasks for the inquiry unit ‘come hanno contribuito gli emigranti allo sviluppo dell’Australia?’ how have migrants contributed to the development of Australian society?

Migrants travelled to Australia for various reasons: to flee conflict like the Second World War, or to seek a better life for themselves and their families or for the spirit of adventure! However, life in Australia was not always easy in the beginning and many migrants felt homesick and sad.

One of the tasks students had to complete was the oral presentation titled ‘la valigia’ where they had to imagine themselves as a migrant travelling to Australia with a suitcase containing various objects from home. These objects had to represent the country of origin and the specific emotional and sentimental value they had for the migrant and they had to demonstrate how they would contribute to Australian society. We must say, that some of the presentations were truly emotional and inspiring!

Maestra Meri and maestra Brissoni
**Achievement Awards**

**PRESENTED AT OUR LAST ASSEMBLY**

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**Mathletics Awards**

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**23 November (Week 6) – Week 6 Term 4**

**Silver Awards**

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Again, although no Gold Awards were earned this week, it’s great to see so many students using our subscription to Mathletics to consolidate their learning in class. Please contact your child’s teachers if you require their logon details or if their Mathletics level needs to be adjusted. All certificates will be distributed in class.

Sarah Veitch  
Mathletics Coordinator

**HELP!**

In preparation for the end of year Showcase being held on Friday 12 December, we need your help please. We are hoping that someone in our community will:

- Pick up 15 display screens from the Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching & Learning at 3.30 on Monday 8 December. We need a trailer that will carry the screens which are 1.8 m long and approximately 1.5 m wide, and a car and driver too! Or perhaps you have a small truck?
- Lend us a garden/market umbrella. We need 6 of them.
- Lend us some old wooden crates or barrels
- Lend us 10 bales of hay
- Donate old garden pots and plants or hanging baskets

Please contact Marli.Ayrton@ed.act.edu.au or Sharon.Brissoni@ed.act.edu.au on 61423250 if you can help with any of the above items.
Dear Parent / Carer / Friend,

The school is in the process of preparing our second year book. We are nearing the end stage of preparing the book and, accordingly, we are asking for parents/carers to place order/s for copies of the Year Book now so that we can get the appropriate quantity printed.

We haven’t got final costs for the production of the Year Book as yet. However we anticipate that the book will cost approximately the same as last year, that is, each family will purchase their first copy of the Year Book for somewhere around $10-12, and then at cost price for additional copies (approximately $20).

To provide the discounted purchase price for the first copy of the Year Book (and possibly additional copies), we are seeking sponsorship from local businesses and from within the school community. Sponsors will:

- Have their name and/or logo included on the sponsors page of the Year Book; and
- Receive a free copy of the Year Book and a certificate of thanks for their contribution.

There are three levels of sponsorship as follows:
- Gold Sponsor – contribution over $500
- Silver Sponsor – contribution of $250 - $500
- Bronze Sponsor – contribution of $50 - $250

Sponsors payments can be made by cheque or directly into the school bank account (BSB: 032 777 Westpac, A/c No: 001906, A/c Name: Yarralumla Primary School). Please ensure any direct deposits include the reference 2014YB and your name. Cheques should be made out to Yarralumla Primary School. All contributions, no matter the amount, will be gratefully received.

Please return the sponsorship/order form to the Front Office by Friday, 21 November 2014. Payment for the Year Book will be required prior to receipt of the book (which are expected to be available around mid-December). Do not pay for the Year Book now as we are not yet sure of the final cost.

If you have any queries, please contact Jayne Murray in the Library on 6142 3258 or at jayne.murray@ed.act.edu.au or Bernadette Mihaljevic on 0404 061 201 or at bernadette.mihaljevic@hotmail.com.
2014 Yarralumla Primary School Year Book

SPONSORSHIP

☐ I would like to be a Gold Sponsor of the 2014 Year Book.

☐ I would like to be a Silver Sponsor of the 2014 Year Book.

☐ I would like to be a Bronze Sponsor the 2014 Year Book.

I have made a direct deposit/attach a cheque (please circle whichever is appropriate)
in the amount of $______________.

The receipt should be made in the name of:

_____________________________________________________________

Contact Name and Phone Number:

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ORDERS

☐ I would like to order _______ Year Book/s (additional to the Year Book I receive as a sponsor), the first copy of which will cost around $10-12 and the other copies will cost around $20 each. I understand payment will be required prior to receiving the Year Book.

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Class: ______________________

Contact Name and Phone Number:

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The Parents and Community Association (P&C) of Yarralumla Primary School welcomes your attendance at the above event. To assist us with catering for the evening could you please indicate whether you will be attending and return this slip to the Front Office. Thank you.

I will / will not be attending this P&C event.