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DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 4 November	School Photos
Tuesday 17 November	Kindergarten Information Session
Wednesday 18 November	Preschool Open Day for New Students

Our Vision

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

Dear families, care famaglie

Welcome to the Term! Benvenuti al terme nuovo!

The new term feels like a fresh start! It presents the chance to re-set and draw a line under the previous three terms. The sunshine is superb, restrictions are easing, and the end of 2020 is in sight.

I am delighted to be back on deck. I want to wholeheartedly acknowledge the hard work and leadership Emma provided while I was absent. She had no idea of what was in store when she accepted the role! Deb, Stacey and Claire, supported by Sam, Bruno and others went above and beyond in ways that were publicly evident and also ways hidden from general view – working crazy hours, identifying innovative solutions to unprecedented scenarios, absorbing additional impacts so teachers could get on with their core role of teaching, albeit in less-than ideal places for some. They have put all this behind them and as a Leadership Team we are choosing to look forward, not backward. The term ahead is exciting and full of the promise of worthy achievements for our wonderful students.

COVID-19 Roadmap update

On 9 October, COVID 19 restrictions eased slightly for schools. Full details are available on the Education Directorate website. Here is a brief summary of the most relevant changes, please familiarise yourself with them:

- Schools should limit the number of adult visitors and volunteers on site
- Parents should avoid routinely entering the school buildings but can attend scheduled events and meetings with teachers. Physical distancing and hygiene measures still apply.
- Records should be kept of visitors attending the school.
- Low risk excursions and camps can resume, with adherence to current guidelines.
- Small assemblies, gatherings and performances can take place within 1 adult per 4 square metres indoors and one adult per 2 square metres outdoors, up to a limit of 200 adult visitors.
- Working bees can go ahead within health guidelines.

With these in mind, we are confident the following end of year events can be held with accommodations:

- Montessori soiree
- Preschool concert and picnic
- Kindy information night
- Yr 6 graduation
- Assemblies for students

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P&C News

Welcome to week 2 P&C News and Minutes Update.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday the 9 November at 7pm via Google meet.

Please register your intent to attend by sending your email contact details to president@ypspandc.com

Please note that anyone who has previously registered to join our P&C Google meet meetings will be automatically sent a link on the evening and therefore do not need to re-register.

Hi Everyone,

Welcome back to what I hope is going to be a much more pleasant and stable final school term.

Thankfully, we have some more pleasant things to talk about for term 4, like girls summer uniforms and end of year celebrations and would you believe, talk about 2021. That means Christmas and next year is almost upon us and next year's Fiesta and other 2021 items will not wait.

The necessities of 2021 are yet to be determined although to succeed **we need to start the conversation around what we would like for our future visions for the school and its fundraising options and events – e.g. FIESTA 2021.**

Can I be self-indulgent for a moment and lodge that under a President's list of silly dream options of things available to us on the day is **an hourly Ferrari, Lamborghini and or Alfa Romeo car hire opportunity at the Fete?**

Hey, if you don't dream it can't happen right?

Anyway, time to step out of the clouds and back to reality with some things that I deem as **REALLY** important.

Girls/Female Summer dress - and possibly an addition to the boys uniform

There is a display at the front office area with four possible girls/female summer dresses to choose from.

This to me is a really BIG deal as this is how we (our school) will be viewed by ourselves and others.

Therefore, I ask that every parent regardless of your child's/children's gender please cast a vote in our poll.

I know that this is a difficult thing for some parents to negotiate due to them already having children with uniforms both past and present.

What we, the school and P&C, want to create is a truly consistent uniform.

From my vague knowledge the changes in colours and design go back to when Principal Rohan was in charge. With the advent of the Italian program and new school logo, he and others wanted to have a new uniform that reflected the red, white and green colours of the Italian flag.

I would like to make it clear that this is an elimination process that the school and P&C would like to achieve whereby the old uniforms will be phased out and the new ones phased in with the progress of time ie students leaving the school with their old uniforms being discarded and the new ones using only the new style.

Each design has its pros and cons but overall, our goal is to find a design that looks smart and fits in best with the YPS colour scheme of red, white and green.

Ultimately as summer is almost upon us - and due to the unforeseen delays created by the lead issue (dress choices were first presented and discussed back in May 2020) - **time for this to be sorted is of the essence.**

We would love to have your feedback and or comments on which dress design you would like.

Therefore, the School and P&C would really appreciate it if everyone could cast their vote before 5pm on October 28 by simply indicating your dress preference in an email stating - I / My family prefer dress number 1 – 2 – 3 or 4.

You can cast your vote at president@ypspandc.com

We will tally up people's choices and go with the majority's choice. A clear and transparent tally of the votes will be displayed at or before the next P&C meeting.

Now, back to the colour addition issue - Principal Emma and her team fitted a **universally fitting RED necktie** to one of the outfits which I think looks very smart and is really functional. Any other ideas would be greatly appreciated.

You can add your ideas of how to add a splash of red to the outfit in the same email - when voting on your dress design preference.

I for one floated an idea – before we got side-tracked with the lead issues - of a small, the size of a ten cent piece, iron or stitch on copy of the school's logo to the collars of everyone's (boys/males and girls/females) uniforms.

Having seen Principal Emma's red tie idea I like that better for the girls/females than my one for the dress option, but it doesn't technically include the boys/males, if you don't count the red shirt option in the equation – so please let us know what you would like as a splash of red on the uniform/s by writing to the P&C at the above address.

Staff Gift

Changing tack – an extra poll was run regarding giving the staff a gift of \$20 each for their amazing efforts last term with all of the lead issues. The vote tally came in at three for and two against – which doesn't include the four verbal votes (registered at the last meeting) in the for column, that would make it a tally of seven for and two against.

Therefore, the motion is passed and will be finalised at the next P&C meeting. I have secured the necessary vouchers from both Farmers Daughter and Beess & Co. and I will be processing them in the coming weeks.

Year 6 - leaving YPS celebrations

Unfortunately, due to current Covid-19 restrictions the end of year/leaving YPS celebrations will at this time be very different than in past years and this is something that is being discussed as we speak.

I feel very deeply for everyone about this and hope that by some miracle that over the next few weeks that the COVID limitations could be lifted or changed in some way so that we can give our Year 6's a huge final HURRAH!

P&C proposed spending proposal

The P&C Executive Committee would like to provide notice of a spending proposal to be considered at the next General Meeting. P&C agree to spend up to \$5,000 per term on stock for the uniform shop, to be managed by the uniform shop rep.

P&C shed cleaning out and cost.

Another item that surfaced over the break is that the P&C shed needs a clean out of leftover Fiesta items that didn't sell at the car boot sale. I have already donated two truckloads of items to Vinnies and cleared out as many other items that I can to recycling but there is still at least another large skip worth of waste items to be processed.

The cost for this will be in the range of \$350 to \$500 depending on the overall weight of the waste. I will move that this payment be authorised at the next meeting.

Kindest regards

Vincenzo Fotia

P&C President

Around the School

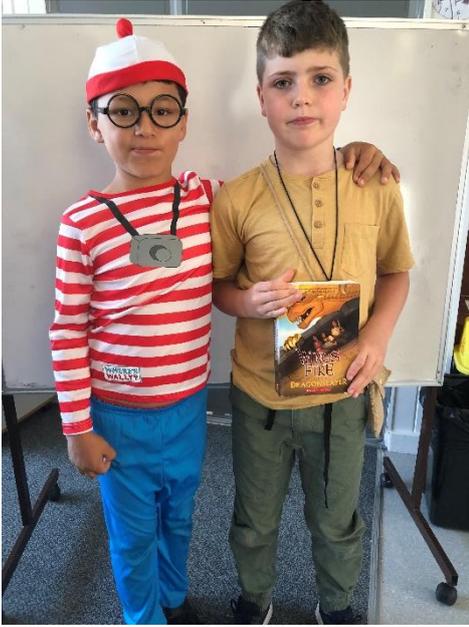
QUESTACON

On Thursday and Friday this week we were very lucky to have Questacon staff come to our school to present a Science Circus. Students enjoyed an hour long exciting and interactive presentation covering aspects of science in everyday life. If you get a chance, ask your child about this experience and who knows, they might be able to do one of the experiments for you.



BOOK WEEK PARADE

What an amazing day, good so see so many student and staff dress up.



Estar Rewards

Achieving 50 Estars this fortnight are:

Isabella P	Verdolino
Leo S	Corallo
Arlo T	Cadmio
Chloe K	Azzurra
Jordan H	Ambra
Mia S	Corallo
Colette N	Corallo
William B	Magenta
Jade W	Azzurra
Bonnie R	Zafferano
Henley A	Zafferano
Jean S	Corallo



Well done to all these students who have been recognised for collecting 50 EStars as they upheld the STAR values of Safe, Team Player, Active Learner and Respectful.

This Week's PBL Focus:

The PBL focus for this week is 'Safe': Students are reminded to keep hands off and feet off when playing games and interacting with their friends.

Teachers will be focused on rewarding positive behaviours with EStars acknowledging the good work of safe students.

Continue to be STARS at Yarralumla,

From the PBL Team!

Be COVID-safe when returning to school

As students return to school from school holidays, it is as important as ever to be COVID-safe, especially if you have travelled interstate.

If students begin to feel unwell, they should stay home from school and if they have even the mildest of COVID-19 symptoms, they should get tested just in case and self-isolate until they receive their results.

If you travelled interstate over the school holidays, monitor the COVID-19 website of the state or territory you visited for two weeks after returning to see if there are any new cases where you visited. Keep up to date and follow the website's advice about testing and self-isolation, if required.

If you had interstate friends and family visit, ensure they keep you up to date if they are feeling unwell or if there are any new positive COVID cases reported in their area.

If we keep being diligent and follow the public health advice, we can continue to keep our schools, students and staff safe.

For more information about interstate areas that have had recent COVID-19 cases and what symptoms to monitor, visit www.covid19.act.gov.au

Book Fair is on again!



The Yarralumla Book Fair is happening again



Students will have the opportunity to browse the available books and create their wish lists prior to the fair, but we just wanted to let EVERYBODY know that the Book Fair will be on in the Library in Week 3:



Tuesday 27 October until Friday 30 October

We hope to see you there!



Think before you park...and keep our kids safe!

With school now back we are encouraging all parents to make parking safety a priority!

This means:

- keep clear of 'no stopping' and 'no parking' zones
- don't stop in the car park roadway to let children exit the vehicle, always pull into a parking bay or consider using the 'kiss and go' zone
- don't park in bus zones, on school crossings, across footpaths or driveways; and • don't double (or triple) park!

Remember - it's okay to park a little further away from the school and walk the rest of the way!

Consider - having a pre-determined meeting spot agreed with your kids. That way if you are a little late, they know where to wait.

Think - visibility around schools and if your car may be blocking the view of crossings for other motorists. Also be mindful when entering or leaving parking spots – look twice!

Be kind - to other road users and pedestrians and also if you see any parking officers in the area – they are doing their job and working to keep our kids safe!

Note - Licence Plate Recognition (or electronic chalking) vans are now actively monitoring schools. Penalties range from \$114 upwards to \$600. Details at www.act.gov.au/accessCBR

Community News



ATHLETICS IN THE ACT

Does your child like to run, jump or throw? Then Little Athletics is the summer sport for you.

Most Little Athletics Centres meet on Saturday morning at their local oval and competition commences on Saturday 17 October and goes all summer long! Each week consists of different athletics disciplines. There is a two week Come and Try to see if Little Athletics is the sport for you.

Register on-line at <https://www.athleticsintheact.com.au/get-involved/register-here/> or head down to any Centre for their first competition for more information (<https://www.athleticsintheact.com.au/get-involved/our-clubs-and-centres/>).

Contact: Matthew Wade – Senior Participation and Development Officer – development@actlaa.org.au

ACT Instrumental Music Program

Primary Concert Choir - 2021

The ACT Instrumental Music Program is seeking students who will be in Year 4 to Year 6 in ACT public schools in 2021 to audition for IMP Primary Concert Choir.

Auditions will be held at the ACT Instrumental Music Program Rehearsal Room (adjacent to UC High School Kaleen), Baldwin Drive, Kaleen.

Choir auditions will be in Term 4, Week 8 (30 November-4 December), with audition times to be allocated in mid-Term 4.

All audition requirements will be available on the IMP website by mid-Term 4.

The IMP Primary Concert Choir is an excellent opportunity for talented, skilled and committed young musicians to work together in an enriching environment. The group is an active performance ensemble, and the families of students auditioning will need to be prepared to make a strong commitment to rehearsal and performance attendance for the year.

Further details and information about how to apply for an audition are available from the Instrumental Music Program website at www.imp.act.edu.au. The application form can be accessed through this site or by clicking on the links below.

Information cards and posters are available at your child's school.

Complete your online application at:

<https://forms.gle/qS26k7zkipRBxFKEZ9>

Applications are now open and close Friday 13 November.





CYCLABILITIES



DEVELOPED AND LED BY OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS, EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGISTS AND TEACHERS

DEVELOP SKILLS IN:

- CYCLING (LEARN TO RIDE)
- BALANCE AND COORDINATION
- ROAD SAFETY
- SOCIAL SKILLS COMMUNICATION SKILLS

SESSIONS AVAILABLE FOR 4 - 13 YEAR OLDS



WATERABILITIES



DEVELOPED AND LED BY AUTISM SWIM TRAINED OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGISTS

DEVELOP SKILLS IN:

- WATER SAFETY
- BEGINNING SWIM SKILLS
- SOCIAL SKILLS COMMUNICATION SKILLS

SESSIONS AVAILABLE FOR 5 - 8 YEARS OLDS



ARTABILITIES



DEVELOPED BY REGISTERED ART THERAPIST AND LED BY ART THERAPIST, ART TEACHER AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

MAKE ART, AND BUILD SOCIAL CONNECTION, EMOTIONAL WELLBEING AND RESILIENCE.

SESSIONS AVAILABLE FOR 4 - 8 YEAR OLDS AND 9 - 13 YEAR OLDS

PROGRAMS ARE WELCOMING, FAMILY FRIENDLY, INCLUSIVE AND ALLIED HEALTH LED. ALL PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNED TO SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES, ADDITIONAL NEEDS AND THOSE WHO WISH TO IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER:



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Register today and join Ginninderra Athletics Club Tiny Tots Program

Engaging and encouraging kids aged 3 - 4 to move, develop and learn

Building their fundamental movement skills including running, jumping and throwing.

Building social, emotional, physical and cognitive intelligence,

Helping them to have fun and developing the skills, motivation and confidence to be active for life.

That's what Ginninderra Tiny Tots is all about.

The season runs from October through to March with competitions on Saturday mornings.

Registrations are now open.



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**HAVE FUN
LEARN SKILLS
AND STRIVE TO BE YOUR BEST**