



YARRALUMLA PRIMARY SCHOOL
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 11 March	Canberra Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 12 March	Swimming Carnival Year 2-6 CISAC
Wednesday 13 March	Kindergarten – Year 2 Assembly 2pm
Wednesday 13 March to Friday 22 March	NAPLAN
Wednesday 20 March	Year 2 Excursion to Canberra Museum and Gallery
Friday 22 March	SRC Fundraiser – Australia for UNHRC
Monday 25 March	School Photos
Friday 29 March	Good Friday
Monday 1 April	Easter Monday

Our Vision

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Picnic

A big thank you to the P&C for organizing the wonderful community picnic last week. It was great to see so many families at the event. Congratulations to all our winners in the P&C raffle.

Italian Program

This week we welcome two more Italian Language Assistants through the continued support of Dante Alighieri. Beth Fucilli and Lola Archibald will be working at YPS one day a week in our bilingual classrooms. In 2024 Maestra Federica and Maestra Lynden will be sharing the Italian Language Co-ordinator role to continue to improve opportunities for students learning the Italian Language.

Staffing

Interviews have been conducted for our Building Services Officer and Front Office positions. We hope to announce the successful candidates in the coming weeks. We thank Dendup for the amazing work he has done across our school in the past 12 months in the Building Services Officer role.

Kindergarten Reading

This week we held our Kindergarten reading information night in the library for parents to learn how best to support their child at home with reading. We look forward to seeing the growth in the students abilities throughout the year.

Building Works

The final stage of the plumbing works in the front fenced area of the school has commenced. This section of works is from the edge of the hall towards the storm water drain.

Assembly

Congratulations to our five STAR award winners from last weeks whole school assembly. Adrian from Southern Property presented the awards to the lucky recipients. Our Year 6 band performed for the audience, and we saw the newly attended skills students have acquired in their PE lessons with Maestro Nathan and ICT lessons with Maestra Emma.

Swimming Carnival

Our 2024 Year 2-6 school swimming carnival will be held next week on Tuesday 12 March. Please ensure you have returned your child's permission note and indicated their swimming proficiency. Our Kindergarten and Year 1 students will complete a water fun day at school. If you are able to assist on the day please contact Maestro Nathan.

House Names

We have been working with the students, staff and P&C on three new house names for 2024. There is a white board in the front office with a few suggestions that have come through already. There is a suggestion box for students and parents to pop their ideas in. Please sit as a family and come up with some ideas to place in the suggestions box. We have several themes coming through including Italian names (cars, bikes, artists, ancient gods), Yarralumla Street names (Botanists, trees and aboriginal words) and Nggunawal language. We will present the short-listed names to the students to vote on the new house names.

Keep Smiling,

Rohan Evans

Term 1 Focus

Our pedagogical focus this term has been our whole school implementation of synthetic phonics programs. Our K-2 learners are using Get Reading Right and our 3-6 learners are using SoundWaves. Our emphasis has been on a consistent learning sequence based on the principles of Explicit Direct Instruction and the research about how students best learn. This includes: clear learning objectives and success criteria; I do, we do, you do approach; checking for understanding; scaffolding learning and providing feedback and reviewing and revisiting concepts. Our Italian Team are busy documenting a scope and sequence of the Italian sounds and words taught in our bilingual program.

We are pairing this new learning with trialling a reading assessment called DIBELS – which is an assessment that aligns tightly with the research on how students learn to read.

It's a busy time of learning for all of us here at Yarralumla!

As always, let me know if you wanted more information,

Lauren

Lauren Bruhwiler | Deputy Principal

School Photos

Our School Photo Day is Monday 25 March. If you do not wish your child to be photographed, please notify the school by Tuesday 12 March.





NAPLAN testing will occur in our school between **13 and 25 March 2024** for students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

Online NAPLAN tests provide more precise results and are engaging for students. The tests are tailored (or adaptive), which means that each test presents questions that may be more or less difficult depending on a student's responses. This helps students remain engaged with the assessment.

Tailored testing allows a wider range of student abilities to be assessed and measures student achievement more precisely. A student's overall NAPLAN result is based on both the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions challenging; they may be taking a more complex test pathway.

All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.

NAPLAN provides valuable information to schools and parents about literacy and numeracy achievement. It supports school improvement processes by enabling teachers to monitor student progress over time and to identify areas of strength and development.

All eligible students are encouraged and supported to participate in NAPLAN testing. Visit www.nap.edu.au to see interactive versions of the test and for more information.

NAPLAN Schedule 2024

Year 5	Wednesday 13 March	Thursday 14 March	Friday 15 March
Morning Session	Writing (42 mins)	Conventions of Language (45 mins)	Numeracy (50 mins)
Middle Session	Reading (50 mins)		

Year 3	Wednesday 13 March	Thursday 14 March	Friday 15 March
Morning Session	Writing (on paper - 40 mins)	Conventions of Language (45 mins)	Numeracy (45 mins)
Middle Session	Reading (45 mins)		

Catch up sessions will be run from Monday 18 March through to Friday 22 March

Star Award



STAR AWARD

Awarded to

Maya L
February 2024



Maya is always ready to learn, whether during instruction time or once she has returned to her desk. She consistently displays all the STAR values and has settled well into her first term of the bilingual program. Maya is showing interest in building her Italian vocabulary and participates actively in all lessons, openly sharing the new knowledge she has learnt. Her active listening means she is constantly striving to improve her skills, taking pride in the quality and presentation of her work. Maya's reading and writing is of a high standard and she uses her artistic flair to create detailed illustrations. Maya is a pleasure to have in the classroom and we congratulate her on this very well-deserved award. Congratulazioni! Bravissima!



STAR AWARD

Awarded to

Leo M
February 2024



Leo is a kind and helpful student who loves sharing stories with the class. He is motivated to learn and is developing persistence when concepts are tricky. This is evident in his enthusiasm and improving reading and writing skills. Leo has also shown huge growth in the way he responds to challenging situations. He uses a range of strategies to help him work through them. Leo is an inclusive friend who likes to make others feel happy. He consistently follows each of the STAR values and encourages others to follow them too. You are a superstar, Leo!



STAR AWARD

Awarded to

Prem S
February 2024



Prem is a quiet, kind, and caring member of 3/4 Blu. He consistently strives to do his best and actively participates by supporting others. When instructions are given for tasks which present challenges Prem encourages and supports his peers. Prem demonstrates each of the STAR values which are so valued at Yarralumla. Congratulations on this very well-deserved award Prem!



STAR AWARD

Awarded to

Elsie E
February 2024



Elsie is a respectful student, an active, positive, and friendly member of our class who consistently engages in every task with enthusiasm and demonstrates great perseverance in the face of challenges. Congratulations on being a living example of the STAR values, fully deserving this recognition!



STAR AWARD

Awarded to

Thomas C
February 2024



Tom is a kind and respectful student, he consistently demonstrates compassion and understanding towards his classmates, making him a valued member of our class. Congratulations Tom on embodying the qualities of kindness and respect which truly make a difference in our school community.



P & C News

YPS PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION / ASSOCIAZIONE GENITORI E CITTADINI

Dear parents, carers, teachers, students and friends from the YPS community

DANTEDÌ – YPS ITALIAN COMMUNITY PICNIC - FRIDAY 1 MARCH 2024

Thank you to the YPS community for enthusiastically supporting our **Dantedì** celebration of Italian language, culture and food last Friday with a picnic. We were honoured to have esteemed representatives from the Italian Embassy at the school to celebrate with us.



Thanks to Signor Evans for drawing the winning tickets for the raffle. We hope that all the lucky winners enjoy their prizes.

It was lovely to celebrate the wonderful Italian bilingual environment at YPS as a community.

Huge shout-out to YPS parent, Carly Taylor, whose leadership and coordination of *Dantedi* was amazing!

ACT PUBLIC SCHOOLS - INTRODUCTION OF PARENT PORTAL

The ACT government announced last week the implementation of the [Parent Portal](#) for ACT Public Schools. The announcement described it as a *secure online platform for sharing student*

information and streamlining school administrative tasks a one-stop-shop system, [it] will let parents receive and view information about their child including academic reports, timetables and messages from teachers. The announcement indicates that the portal will have significant other functionality when fully rolled out.

The P&C wholeheartedly welcomes this initiative as something we have all wanted for a very long time. The ACT P&C Council was recently shown a demonstration of the Parent Portal. The P&C Council's Executive Officer, Veronica Elliott is quoted as saying: "*Parents are looking forward to the roll-out of the portal to their local schools, it will make it easier for them to keep track of what's happening, from explaining absences, excursions and making payments. Parents will be cheering to not have to dig through school bags for lost notes*". Hear hear!

Further information is available [here](#) together with lots of FAQs. The implementation schedule has YPS introducing the Parent Portal in Term 2.

NOTICE OF YPS P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 18 MARCH 2024

The P&C's AGM will be on Monday 18 March 2024, 6.30pm in the YPS Staff Room and virtually. A virtual attendance link will be sent out closer to the day.



The 2024 Executive Committee of the P&C must be elected at the AGM. The Executive Committee makes the operational decisions of the P&C. The YPS P&C Constitution requires us to have an Executive Committee comprising a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and at least two (but hopefully more) General Members.

If you are interested in nominating for any of the positions on the P&C, please read about each position here: [Roles of the P&C office bearers](#). If you are considering nominating, we would appreciate it if you could please contact the [YPS P&C Secretary](#) in advance of the AGM.

We know that our current Secretary will not be renominating for the role. We would urge all community members to consider putting their names forward. Full handover will be provided! All positions will be declared vacant at the AGM.

YPS would be best served by having a diverse P&C Executive Committee so please consider nominating. By chance, our AGM falls during Harmony Week 2024 so let's bring together a P&C which genuinely represents our community.

If you are not quite ready to be an office bearer, please think about nominating as a General Member of the Executive Committee. General Members bring their ideas and energy to the P&C Executive Committee in its operational decision making and execution.

All nominees will be asked to complete a [Nomination and Declaration Form](#) similar to the one at the link. This is to ensure that the P&C meets its statutory obligations in regard to ensuring candidates are fit to hold office.

After the AGM, we will have a regular General Meeting with the usual reports. As always, please send your agenda items in for discussion at the meeting.

Grazie mille!

Patience Neal

P&C President

Presidente dell'Associazione Genitori e Cittadini

president@ypspandc.com

PBL at Yarralumla Primary School

Our first school whole school assembly was held in Week 5 and was a wonderful display of students showing the STAR values for assembly settings. Our students were attentive listeners and active participants in each of the presentations – Well done Yarralumla SUPERSTARS! ★ ★ ★

A big congratulations to our Kindergarten classes who also took away the purple dragon for being the best audience members in the school! This fortnight we also had 25 students receiving an E-STAR award at COLA. Keep up the great work everyone!

In Week 6 our focus is on the playground and respecting the amazing environment and equipment we have to use at break times. Have you heard about all of the wonderful items we have to play with after raising so much money at our colour run in 2023?

Be a STAR at Yarralumla!				
	S afe	T eam player	A ctive Learner	R espectful
Break time Equipment (Toys and Sports)	<p>Use all equipment safely in the way it was designed</p> <p>Play safe games with the equipment</p>	<p>Wait your turn to borrow and return items</p> <p>Pack up and return any equipment that you borrow</p> <p>Collect spare equipment and return it if you find it</p> <p>Look after school property</p>	<p>Have a go at using new equipment</p> <p>Listen to instructions from teachers and school leaders</p> <p>Be aware of others around you when using equipment</p> <p>Play by the rules</p>	<p>Speak respectfully with the School Leaders who are loaning out equipment</p> <p>Report any breakages or losses</p> <p>Share equipment with others</p> <p>Use the equipment as it was designed and as if it was your own 😊</p>



Our lovely librarian Beth needs some parents to repair, cover and shelve books in our library collection. If you have some spare time and would like to volunteer, please see her in the library.

SRC Members Semester 1

CLASSE	SEMESTER 1 2024
Kindergarten SCARLATTO	Eden K Caleb C
Kindergarten AMARANTO	Summer E-C Fletcher T
Year 1 FUCSIA	Harry B Matilde D'A
Year 1 MAGENTA	Reggie F Julieta B
Year 2 ROSSA (Eng only)	Ava C Leo M
Year 2 LAVANDA	Gem W Iggy G
Year 2 VIOLA	Bella L Ezra T
Year 3 AZZURRA	Poppy W Josh P
Year 3 INDACO	Jess L Daniel H
Year 4 ACQUA	Evie D Zyan R
Year 4 CELESTE	William B Austin K
Year 3 / 4 BLU (Eng only)	Zen S Emilia G
Year 5 / 6 ZAFFERANO	Xavier M Martina M
Year 5 / 6 AMBRA	Lana T Mia C
Year 5 / 6 ORO	Zarvia E Barrett A
Year 5 / 6 GIALLA (Eng only)	Amelie N Miguel R



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SRC Fundraising for *Australia for UNHCR*

Care famiglie,



Questo trimestre stiamo organizzando una raccolta fondi per **Australia for UNHCR**, in particolare per famiglie di profughi che necessitano aiuto per alloggio e accesso ad acqua potabile. Incoraggiamo tutti gli studenti a fare una donazione per questa buona causa. Ci saranno anche dolci da comprare con \$1 o \$2. Per le donazioni confidiamo nella vostra generosità. Grazie!



Quando: venerdì 22 marzo 2024

Cordiali saluti,
I rappresentanti del comitato degli studenti


Dear Families,

This term we are organising a fundraising event for **Australia for UNHCR**. With your donations you can support refugee families in need of safe, weatherproof shelters and clean water. Moreover, if students would like to buy a treat, there will be cupcakes and cookies for \$1 or \$2. We welcome all gold coin and paper money donations and trust your generosity. Thank you!

When: Friday 22 March 2024
World Water Day: 'Water for Peace'

Uniform on, please 😊

Kind regards,
The Students' Representative Council



SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE
Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching
and Learning
Fremantle Dr, Stirling



RESPONDING TO YOUR CHILD'S STRONG EMOTIONS


PARENT WORKSHOP

- **TAKE POSITIVE ACTION TO ADDRESS YOUR CHILD'S CHALLENGING BEHAVIOURS**
- **LEARN SKILLS TO DE-ESCALATE CONFLICT**
- **MAKE POSITIVE CHANGES IN YOUR FAMILY'S INTERACTIONS**



Tuesday, 19 March, 2024
9:30 - 11:30am

For parents of students in Years 4 to 12



Ride or Walk to School (RWTS)

The Ride or Walk to School (RWTS) and It's Your Move Safe Cycle (IYMSC) programs are initiatives of the ACT Government, delivered by Transport and City Services Canberra. These programs provide all ACT schools with access to curriculum aligned resources to teach students how to cycle safely and independently to school to increase active travel rates and improve safety on our roads around schools. The program consists of teacher training (Safe Cycle) and resources, various supporting materials, parental engagement material and dedicated support from the program manager.

The School Safety Program also offers:

- Access to free bike hire delivered to and from school to facilitate program delivery
- Online teacher training programs
- Interactive professional learning workshops for staff
- Lesson plans and resource manuals
- Program merchandise and active travel initiatives
- Downloadable resources and materials
- Dedicated support for program delivery and active travel events.

For more information, visit Transport Canberra City Services School programs or contact us directly at TCCS.SchoolSafety@act.gov.au.

ABC TIGHT Bike Safety Check List



A A = AIR

- ✓ Is there air in the tyres?
- ✓ Are the tyres in good condition?

B B = BRAKES

- ✓ Are the brakes in good working order?

Note: Bikes are required to have at least a working rear brake or they are not road worthy. It is better to have front and back brakes

C C = CHAIN

- ✓ Is the chain clean, oiled and firm?
- ✓ Does the drive train and derailleur (if applicable) spin freely?

TIGHT

- ✓ Are the handlebars tight?
- ✓ Are the handlebars straight?
- ✓ Do the wheels and cranks move from side to side?
- ✓ Does everything stay in place with the 10cm drop test?

✗ If a bike does not pass this checklist it is not safe to ride.

Mandatory equipment for cycling activities



Australian approved cycling helmet (Australian standard sticker should be on the inside of the helmet AS/NZS 2063)



Bike that passes the ABC TIGHT test



Fully covered footwear (no thongs, sandals)

✗ If a student does not have the mandatory equipment they cannot ride.



The Cancer Council's SunSmart Schools Program does not recommend wearing hats under helmets. Hats under helmets may interfere with peripheral vision and reduce external noise, two important elements to riding safely. To reduce the risk of over-exposure to harmful UV rays when riding, school bike riding activities and events should be minimised, when possible, between 11am and 3pm during Terms 1 and 4. Always use shade if it is available, wear sensible clothing that covers skin and apply sunscreen to reduce the risk of sun damage when riding. Riders may also consider fitting a UV protective cover to their helmet.

The Three 2s Helmet Check

1 **2 fingers** above eyebrow

2 **2 ear clips** snug under ears

3 **2 fingers** under chin strap

- Check helmet for physical damage eg cracks in shell, worn straps, broken buckles
- A helmet needs to be secure, but not uncomfortable and should fit as follows:
 - Helmet sits flat on head, not tilted back.
 - The rim should sit about '2 finger' widths above your eyebrow.
 - The straps should not be twisted and should form a V just under the ears with the '2 ear clips' snug under the ears.
- The strap should fasten securely under the chin and not hang loose, snugly fit '2 fingers' under strap
- Wobble Wobble Check – place hands on top of helmet and wobble it, shake head. If the helmet moves out of position easily it is not correctly fitted (likely straps are loose or helmet is too big).
- Partner Check – students check each others' helmets.



RIDE or WALK to school

Early Childhood Setting

The programs for both Montessori and Preschool have been shared with families via the relevant platform. The Montessori program has been uploaded into Transparent classroom, and the Preschool program for Wombats and Bilbies has been shared via Seesaw. Hard copies of these programs can be found at the front of each setting, and we love getting feedback and comments about how your child has felt about the focus. These comments can be shared via email, the relevant platform or a post it notes which can be found near the hard copies on the verandah of the setting.

We love our new stepping stones that have been purchased by the school to help define our walking areas in our bush garden.

Mandy, Kirsty, Angela, Alaina,
Kanthi, Paola and Mandy



Medical Forms

As it is a new school year, we kindly ask all families to please fill out the attached medical and consent forms. The medical information and consent form is required annually to ensure we have the most accurate medical information for each student and is a requirement for students to attend any excursion.

What forms do I need to complete?

If your child does NOT have a medical condition, you only need to complete the Medical information and consent form.

If your child HAS a medical condition but does not need to have medication stored at the front office, you need to complete the Medical information and consent form and the known medical condition response plan.

If your child HAS a medical condition and needs medication stored or administrated at the front office you will need to complete the Medical information and consent form, Known medical Condition response plan and the Medication Authorisation and administration record.

If you have any questions please contact the front office on 6142 3250.

Students who have not returned their medical notes in 2024 are not allowed to attend sports carnivals, excursions, or camps. Please return your note as soon as you can if you want your child to participate these activities.

Kinder to Year 6 – Book Packs 2024

Dear Families,

Thank you to our families who have already contributed towards the cost of the 2024 book packs, the school greatly appreciates your support. For those families who are new to the school, stationery supplies have been ordered in bulk and delivered to your child's classroom to assist in setting up students for learning success in 2024. The book packs have all the necessary consumable items that your child will need throughout 2024 such as pencils, exercise books, scissors, handwriting books and art and craft supplies. This allows learning from day 1 term 1, the school is able to purchase resources at a reduced cost so we can pass on the savings to families, it is a more sustainable process with less waste and increases preparation time for teachers. We are also purchasing Italian textbooks for all children participating in our bilingual program, which is reflected in the higher cost of the bilingual program book pack. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 61423250 or info@yarralumlaps.act.edu.au

We are asking families to contribute \$88 per child for English only and \$104 for our bilingual program

Contribution Payment Slip – Book Packs 2024

The school has made every effort to keep the cost for the book pack at a minimum level. If necessary families can confidentially discuss support to meet the cost of the pack. Please contact the Front Office if you would like to speak with the Principal Rohan.Evans@ed.act.edu.au or the Business Manager Tatiana.richards@ed.act.edu.au to organise a payment plan or financial support.

Student Name: _____

I am paying the amount of \$ _____ Please note that contributions towards the 2024 Book Packs can be made in instalments and are accepted throughout the year.

EFTPOS available at the school

Quickweb via the payment tab on our school website Fee Code **Book Pack**

If you fill in this form, your personal information and that of your child will be collected and handled by the ACT Education Directorate (EDU) This information is necessary for us to manage student participation in excursions and support the welfare and safety of your child. If you do not consent to supply us with this information your child will be unable to participate in the excursion. Normally, we will not use or disclose this information for another purpose, without your consent, unless you would reasonably expect us to use or disclose the information for a related purpose. Normally we only share information with school staff and, where necessary, parents or volunteers assisting with the excursion to appropriately and effectively manage the excursion. The Directorate has a privacy policy that explains how we handle personal information, including how we handle privacy complaints. The policy is available on the Directorate's website (www.det.act.gov.au) on the About Us page.

Student Voice

From Sarelia N and Aija T

This is the first weekly Student Voice in the newsletter! How exciting!

We are going to interview children around the school. Today, we have an exclusive interview with two of our school captains, Darcy and Valentino. We are also going to interview Jasmine in Kindy, and Ingrid and Elsie in Year 3. We're going to be your interviewers.

Darcy and Valentino

Aija: "Hi Darcy! Hi Val! How's your week been so far?"

Darcy: "Fine, until you showed up."

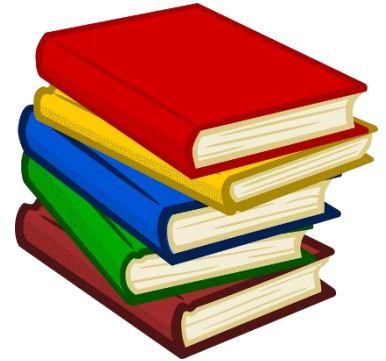
Valentino: "Pretty good."

Aija: "Okay, what are your election promises and will you keep them?"

Darcy: "More books in the library, and think green (Where if he makes another promise, he will think green when he makes it) and another promise I don't remember..."

Valentino: "Yes, bushwalks, I will try to keep my promise."

Aija: "Thanks!"



Jasmine in Kindergarten:

Sarelia: "Hi, Jasmine. What are you most excited about this term?"

Jasmine: "Water Day!"

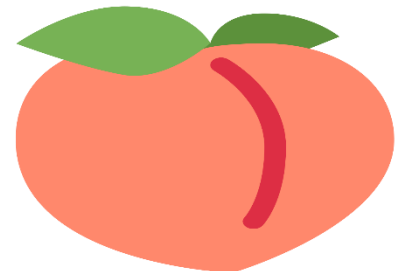
Aija: "What did you eat for fruit today?"

Jasmine: "Plum... Um, no, peach!"

Aija: "Was it yummy?"

Jasmine: "Yes!"

Sarelia: "Thank you for letting us interview you!"



Ingrid and Elsie in Year 3:

Aija: "How's your week been so far? Terrible, exciting, fantastic or just boring?"

Ingrid: "Good"

Sarelia: "What was the most exciting bit?"

Ingrid and Elsie: "The 3/4 Netball Gala Day!"

Aija: "Something this week? I think that was last week."

Elsie and Ingrid: "Art!"

Both of us: "Thanks"



Find us next week at lunch if you want to be interviewed.

Community News

Socceroos vs Lebanon



Students now have a chance to see the Socceroos stars live in action! They take on Lebanon on Tuesday the 26th of March at GIO Stadium. Get 10% off your tickets!

<https://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=SOCCBRU124&ep=COMMUNITY>



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Young Engineers Robotics LAB

Term 1 2024
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Group 1
Bricks Challenge
Kindergarten to Year 2
Fees \$269
9 Weeks Program

Group 2
Engineering+Robotics
Year 3 to Year 6
Fees \$279
9 Weeks Program

Yarralumla Primary School
Every Wednesday
Weekly Classes
From 3.15pm to 4.30pm

Program starting on the 14th of Feb 24

Follow the booking link below and look for your school
<https://app.iclasspro.com/portal/yecbr/booking>

Contact us:
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www.young-engineers.com.au

Payment is online and will be calculated automatically at the checkout on pro-rata basis.



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CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Yarralumla Primary School (ACT) is held on Wednesdays from 11:00am to 11:50am, starting on 14 February 2024.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment.

Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

Each student in the Chess program will also receive access to Chess Squad <https://www.chesssquad.com/> which is an online teaching/playing platform.

If your child is interested in taking part in the class, please email office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.