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DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 9 March	Kindergarten Home Reading Information Session 5pm
Monday 14 March	Canberra Day
Friday 8 April	Last day of Term 1
Friday 15 April	Good Friday
Tuesday 26 April	First day of Term 2

Our Vision

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Online Assembly

In Term 1, we will be continuing to hold whole school virtual assemblies using Google Meet. This will allow our students to safely stay in their classrooms but connect with the whole school as a community of students. As we value our students' successes at YPS we will continue to present Merit Certificates, STAR awards and Reading awards during these assemblies. We understand that this means families will miss seeing their students receiving an award directly from their teacher, as we are not able to record and distribute these videos due to the importance of protecting all of our students privacy. Our students will bring any awards they receive home to celebrate with you. We are working towards new ways of getting our school community back online soon and will keep you updated as we implement new tools. We look forward to when we are able to finally invite everyone back into the school to celebrate together.

Book packs

Each year we send home a book pack list to all our families from K-6. For classes in years Kindergarten to Year 2 the book pack contains a handwriting book which is used weekly by the students. Below is a breakdown of book packs that have been ordered by students at YPS. If you still require a book pack please contact the front office. The school also has a student support fund which enables us to support families in financial hardship. If you require any financial assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Year	Enrolment	Book packs Ordered
Kindergarten	44	26
Year 1	47	42
Year 2	62	50
Year 3	54	46
Year 4	57	48
Year 5	61	45
Year 6	36	29

Online Subscriptions

The school is currently reviewing its online subscriptions that are purchased to support student learning both at home and in the classroom. After the review, login details and passwords will be sent out to all our families for use at home.

Matific	\$5837
Reading Eggs	\$4231
Education Perfect	\$2050
Imaths	\$2808
Seesaw	\$1957
Pm ecollection Premium	\$1680

Satisfaction Survey results – Students.

This fortnight we review our students satisfaction survey results from 2021. 108 students in years 4-6 completed the survey. Data received from this survey helps inform our school wide practices, set goals in our action plan and continue to make improvements within all classroom settings. The school is able to track the trends over the past four years. The data below indicates the percentage of students who agree or strongly agree with the statement. The last column indicates the ACT average for 2021.

Question	2018 YPS	2019 YPS	2020 YPS	2021 YPS	ACT ave
Teachers want every student to do their best	93	97	87	97	92
Teachers give useful feedback	84	86	71	84	72
Staff treat students with respect	78	82	70	90	81
My school is well maintained	77	80	57	95	69
I feel safe at this school	80	80	63	86	71
I feel I can talk to teachers about problems at school	63	74	55	70	57
The school celebrates the achievements of students	73	80	69	90	66
I am happy to be a part of this school	89	89	84	89	80
Overall I am satisfied I am getting a good education at this school	95	87	81	93	78
Staff take students concerns seriously	68	78	64	81	66
I am satisfied the school has high expectations in all that it does	82	76	62	93	78
New students are made to feel welcome	82	90	78	91	86

Keep Smiling,

Rohan Evans | Principal



STAR AWARD

Awarded to

Jean S

February 2022



Jean is a respectful and kind individual who always helps her peers. Jean demonstrates all STAR qualities in class and on the playground. Her sense of fairness is always evident to fellow students and staff. Jean consistently gives 100% effort in all tasks with a positive attitude. Well done Jean, you are an absolute superstar!



STAR AWARD

Awarded to

Sergio C

February 2022



Sergio is a positive and friendly member of the class who consistently demonstrates the STAR value of the school. He is persistent and motivated when learning new concepts and always helps his friends in need. Sergio participates actively in schoolwork sharing his knowledge and original ideas; and brings sportmanship and fairness in everything that he does. He is highly respected in the school community and brings interest and enthusiasm in all aspects of school. Thank you Sergio!

PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning)

We have had a smooth start to the year with Positive Behaviour for Learning lessons taking place regularly in every classroom. Our school STAR values sit at the core of all our classroom and playground management and because we always couch terms positively, we are teaching our students what TO do rather than what NOT TO do. It changes the whole dynamic.

S = Safe. We teach our students how to be safe in the classroom and on the playground. For example, in the sandpit we keep the sand down below knees.

T = Team player. We teach our students to share resources; to take turns; to wait patiently. For example, in class we try to have the students put their hands up and wait rather than getting up to follow the teacher around.

A = Active Learner. We teach our students how to be a self-manager in the classroom rather than depending on the teacher to do things for them. We support them to question appropriately and be inquisitive learners.

R = Respectful. We teach our students to show respect for themselves and for others by using positive self-talk and by using kindness at the core of all interactions.

I will talk more about how we are changing the language to always be positive over the coming weeks.

Data from PBL

ESTARS: so far this year 15 students have been acknowledged with a 50 eSTAR award and 9 students have reached to 100 eSTAR milestone. These are awarded to students for showing the STAR values in class and on the playground. They can be awarded as individual or whole class acknowledgements.

So far in 2022 we have had the following ESTARS awarded:

Safe: 201

Team Player: 230

Active Learner: 535

Respectful: 483

Our system also records negative incidents. A minor negative incident is recorded for things like work refusal; inappropriate language; disruption and a major incident is recorded for violence; foul language; absconding etc. So far this year 7 minor (3 classroom, 1 Junior play equipment, 2 COLA, 1 oval) and 9 (7 classroom, 1 basketball, 1 oval) major incidents have been recorded by teaching and support staff.

YEAR 3/4 NEWS

It has been a great start to 2022 in the Year 3/4 cohort! In English we have been learning about narrative structure and effective ways to tell stories. In Maths we have been exploring the properties of odd and even numbers and identifying and continuing number patterns. We have also been exploring graphing, including collecting data and representing that data. In the Visual Arts, we have created self-portraits inspired by New Zealand artist Frances Hodgkins, with artworks reflecting who students are. We look forward to continuing our learning this term!



COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

People with a confirmed case of COVID-19 have reported a wide range of symptoms, which can range from mild to severe. See below table for symptoms of COVID-19:

Main Symptoms of COVID-19:

- Fever or chills, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, loss of smell or taste, runny or blocked nose

Less common Symptoms:

- Muscle pain, joint pain, diarrhoea, nausea, headache, vomiting, loss of appetite, fatigue, unexplained chest pain, conjunctivitis (eye infection)

Please keep your child at home and get them tested if they have any of the above symptoms. For further information about symptoms and getting tested, visit the <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/stay-safe-andhealthy/symptoms-and-getting-tested/where-to-get-tested-in-the-act>.

If your child tests positive with a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) they must:

- Isolate for 7 days and follow the guidance on the COVID-19
- Register the positive RAT result with ACT Health using the online form and
- Contact the school on 6142 3250 or via email at info@yarralumplaps.act.edu.au

If your child tests negative with a RAT but has ongoing COVID-19 symptoms, they should have a PCR test.

If the PCR test is positive please follow the guidance for people with COVID-19.

If the PCR test is negative children can return to school when they are well again.

PRESCHOOL DONATIONS



Preschool is looking for good quality resources to add to our preschool equipment. Items must be in good working order and preferably unbranded (e.g. no Disney).

Please email Kirsty.Jones@ed.act.edu.au if you have any of the following items that need a new home (please attach photos of your items). Do not drop items to the preschool without first emailing to check if they are wanted.

- toy cars/ buses/ planes/ trucks
- toy garage/ carpark
- clothes drying rack
- dolls clothes (big enough for a small baby)
- toy cot or baby pram
- picnic plates/ cups (for our cubby café)
- toy food items (for our cubby café)
- scarves or fabric (scraps are fine – especially if they have different textures as we use them in our imaginative play).

Mask rules remain in schools



The mask rules for ACT schools and early childhood settings have not changed. Face masks must continue to be worn by staff and visitors in all indoor spaces at school and early childhood education and care settings.

Students in years 7 to 12 are also required to wear a face mask while in an indoor space at school.

The wearing of masks for primary school students is at the discretion of the student and their parents/carers but is not recommended for children in ECECs, or preschool to year 2.

The measures we have in place, including mask-wearing, are helping to limit the impact of COVID-19 and ensure continuity of learning for our students.

PHONES

Nowadays many students carry personal phones so they can communicate with parents on the way to and from school. For many reasons including cyber safety and the risk of loss, theft or breakage, students' use of mobile phones is not permitted on school grounds. Phones should be handed to the front office to be locked away during the school day and then collected at 3.15pm. If parents or students need to contact each other during the school day this can be done through the front office.

Under no circumstances should any student use their phone to take photographs of other students or staff.

SUNSMART HATS

Students are expected to wear a broad brimmed or hybrid buck style hats when outdoors at school. Our Sun Smart rule is "No hat, play in the shade".

SUPERVISION BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

Students should arrive at school no earlier than 8.30am unless attending Before School Care. They should also be collected by 3.15pm unless they are walking home or attending After School Care. Students who have not been collected by 3.20pm will be taken to wait in the front office and their parents will be contacted. If you have an emergency in the afternoon that stops you getting to school on time, please don't worry. Just let the front office know so we can reassure your child.

Uniform Shop Volunteer wanted



Thank you to families for their patience in waiting for uniform shop orders. Our volunteers have had changes to working hours, and therefore there have been some delays to completing orders and unpacking new supplies. Currently we are unable to open the uniform shop every Friday morning. It will be when volunteers are available.

In order to continue running the uniform shop to benefit families in the community, we are seeking more volunteers and a uniform shop coordinator.

If you are interested in the role and helping could you please email the uniform shop uniform@ypspandc.com.

Community News

Meet Aspen. Seven years old, loves school, her friends, music and reading. Aspen is like any other young girl except she's rare, brave, incredibly resilient and has RRP.

Aspen was diagnosed last year after her normal husky voice started to get more and more strained. RRP is a rare disease where Aspen's vocal cords are affected by growths, making her voice croaky and breathing strained.

Aspen had her first surgery last November and will continue to have regular surgery to make sure the growths don't block her airways and give her as much voice as possible.



Aspen has raised over \$3,000 with the love and support of many YPS friends and their parents, it has been amazing and Aspen is very proud!

Kids can make a guess on how many lollies are in the jar and we will be announcing the winner next week.

Her GoFundMe link is below.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/hear-aspen-roar-rare-disease-day?utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet&utm_medium=copy_link_all&utm_source=customer

Community News



**CANBERRA REGION
RUGBY LEAGUE**



**Registrations are
now open!**

Join your local club today, visit
playrugbyleague.com/play



**CANBERRA REGION
RUGBY LEAGUE**



**COME & PLAY
RUGBY LEAGUE**

AUNTIES

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FRIENDS

COUSINS

COLLEAGUES

MUMS



**TACKLE UNDER 9'S,
11'S, 13'S, 15'S, 17'S &
OPEN WOMENS**

**LEAGUE TAG UNDER
12'S, 14'S, 16'S &
OPEN WOMENS**

**CONTACT YOUR LOCAL CLUB TO GET INVOLVED
VISIT PLAYRUGBYLEAGUE.COM.AU/PLAY
OR EMAIL DEB.DFORD@RAIDERS.COM.AU**



For 20 years, Menslink have provided free counselling to young guys throughout the Canberra region.

If your young guy is having a hard time and could really use someone to talk to, get in touch - our wait times are currently low so we're ready to help when your young guy needs it. We provide a welcoming and supportive environment for young guys to share their concerns and worries and we provide tips and strategies to get them through those tough times that many of them are facing right now.

Menslink Counselling sessions are completely confidential and are available to any young guy aged 10-25. There are no fees or charges or limits to the number of sessions. You don't need a mental health plan and we are available during school terms and school holidays.

Do you think your young guy would really benefit from a counselling session? If so, have a chat with them and head to www.menslink.org.au, hit the 'Get Help' button, fill in the form and we'll get back to you, generally the same or next business day.

If you need more info on how to have that chat with them, just email admin@menslink.org.au or call 6287 2226 and we will send you some information.