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## 17 March 2022 NEWSLETTER NO. 4

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Mon 21 -Fri 25 March	Harmony Week
Thursday 7 April	School Photos
Friday 8 April	Last day of Term 1
Friday 15 April	Good Friday
Monday 25 April	ANZAC Day
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,

### **Assembly**

Year 2 students did a wonderful job of hosting our fortnightly assembly last week. Congratulations to all of our award winners including STAR awards and Merit Certificates. Starting next week our school assemblies will occur in the school hall for students and staff only. Unfortunately our parents and community are still unable to attend onsite.

### **Building Works**

Our new shade sail has been erected outside our year 1 classrooms near the junior playground equipment. This will provide a lovely shaded outdoor area that can be used for lessons, eating area and a nice place to relax. We are expecting the windows in our new double classroom next to the hall to be removed this weekend. The completion of this new double classroom is expected to be at the end of this term. The space will be used for classes whilst further classroom windows are removed during 2022 and 2023. The school is still designing and receiving quotes for a natural play area at the front of the school to replace the concrete area between Gambari and the main building.

### **Italian Resources**

Our year 1 Italian classes have just received their text books from Italy. To assist in reducing our photocopying costs and for families to have an Italian resource at the end of the year, the school has purchased an Italian literacy resource for each child as they continue to grow as bilingual students. This resource is widely used across Italy in the teaching of vocabulary, phonics, handwriting and literacy.

### **Lost Property**

This week over 1000 items that were located in lost property were sorted by our Year 6 Community Leaders and returned to year level cohorts if there was a name on the item. Please ensure all your child's items are clearly labelled. Over 300 items still remain in lost property unlabelled.

### **Covid Update**

YPS continues to be notified of positive covid cases each week by our parents. We are experiencing less than 5 positive cases each week. Many of these cases are identified on Monday morning before school. Thank you to all parents for continuing to use the RAT provided to test their children each week. A letter is

emailed home to the cohort that has been impacted by a positive case. If your child is showing any symptoms please ensure they remain at home. Schools will soon be able to hold swimming carnivals, camps within 4 hours of Canberra, interschool sporting events and combined band and choir practices from the start of term 2.

### **Board Elections**

Please see the email that was sent to all families regarding two Yarralumla Primary Board representatives for a two year period. Nominations close next Wednesday. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Rose Clifton our business manager or myself.

### **Staffing**

Congratulations to Stacey Meyer and her husband on the birth of their beautiful baby boy. Abbey Peacock's last day was on Tuesday this week as she has now gone on maternity leave for the remainder of the year. We look forward to announcing another new addition to the YPS community in the coming weeks.

A quick reminder that we still cannot have parents on school grounds in line with our COVID Policies. Please call the front office if you require assistance.

Keep Smiling,

**Rohan Evans | Principal**



## **STAR AWARD**

Awarded to

***Alba P***

March 2022



Alba is a friendly and caring member of our class who is always willing to share her knowledge and skills with teachers and classmates. She eagerly participates by assisting other students to persevere when attempting tasks, which are challenging. Through doing this, Alba demonstrates each of the STAR values which are so valued at Yarralumla. Congratulations on this very well-deserved award Alba!



## **STAR AWARD**

Awarded to

***Amatsu R***

March 2022



Amatsu is a quiet and caring member of our class who is always striving to do his best. He actively participates by supporting others in his group when instructions are given for work that present challenges. Matty demonstrates each of the STAR values which are so valued at Yarralumla. Congratulations on this very well-deserved award Amatsu!

## PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning)

We continue to teach our students what TO do on the playground and in the classrooms rather than what NOT to do.

S = Safe. We teach our students how to be safe online. For example: Teachers will say to their class “when you are searching for things online, these are the sites that we have found are safe for you to search on”.

T = Team player. We teach our students to work as a team to protect our planet by encouraging everyone to own our environment. This can simply mean that if we see rubbish on the ground then we pick it up. It doesn't matter who dropped it, it does matter that it doesn't get to our rivers and lakes.

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 remain at their desks and raise their hands when they need support rather than wandering around the room following the teacher. This way they can be still and thinking rather than walking and chatting. Sometimes being an active learner means we are sitting at our desks.

R = Respectful. We teach our students to play respectfully on the playground by setting games up in PE and Sport lessons to model appropriate behaviours. Teachers demonstrate how to respond to challenging situations like when someone is out in cricket and yet did not see it that way.

Data from PBL

eSTARS: so far in March we have had 420 eSTARS awarded. There have been 2 students reach the milestone of 50 with no one quite reaching the 100 milestone so far this month.

SAFE = 97

TEAM PLAYER = 159

ACTIVE LEARNER = 314

RESPECTFUL = 233

Minor Negative Incidents = 10 (9 in the classroom and 1 on the oval)

Major Negative Incidents = 3 (2 in the classroom and 1 on the senior play equipment)

All incidents are recorded on our centralised system and I go through and check them to see if there is a need for follow up. All negative incidents are written up and teachers have a conversation with their team leader and/or one of the Deputy Principals. Every major negative comes to me and I will speak with the student and the teacher concerned to support a way forward. At times, a call home will be made so that the student gains a better understanding that home and school are working together to support their success.

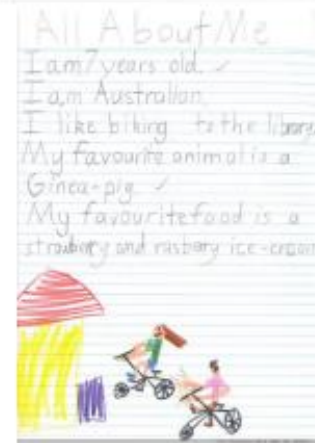
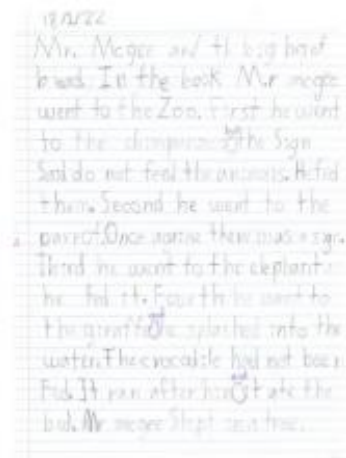
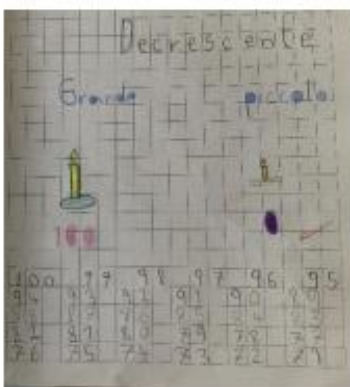
I will provide additional information in the next newsletter.

Keep being STARS,

Deb Sayers

Deputy Principal

# YEAR 2 NEWS



The Year 2 students are developing their handwriting and focusing on building sentences while writing recounts both in English and Italian. Our topic is *Tutto su me stesso*, All about me, who I am, what I really like and where I live. In Mathematics we are developing our understanding of numbers, place value and increasing and decreasing number sequences. We are enjoying learning more about the different kingdoms in nature and distinguishing animals from plants and minerals.

Yarralumla Primary School is calling for nominations for the School Board. This year Yarralumla PS has one (1) P&C representative member vacancy (A member of the school P&C) and one (1) Parent member vacancy.



Being on the School Board is a fantastic opportunity to be involved in the strategic direction of the school and we would welcome you all to nominate for the above positions.

Nominees can fill in and sign the attached form by typing their name into the signature field and returning a word document or pdf copy via email to [info@yarralumlaps.com.au](mailto:info@yarralumlaps.com.au).

Lodgement Information: Nominations are to be submitted to the school's front office between 11am 09 March 2022 and 11am 23 March 2022.

Nominations must be submitted during school business hours: 9:00am to 3:00pm, Monday to Friday.

Nomination forms are attached at the back of the newsletter.



### **National Ride to School Day**

We are excited to be celebrating National Ride2School day on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022, as part of Canberra walk and ride week. We are joining more than 350,000 students across Australia who will ride, walk, scoot and skate to school.

Ride2School day is an opportunity for students, parents and teachers to try riding, walking, skating or scooting to school as well as celebrating the regular walkers and riders. National Ride2School Day is the perfect opportunity to kick-start new healthy habits and promote the many benefits of active travel

National Ride to School Day will be held on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Our last event was a huge success with over 50 students joining in. Students who wish to Ride to School can meet the teachers at the Yarralumla Yacht Club Carpark at 8:20am, they will ride to school at 8:30am. If you have any questions please email maestro Joshi: [Ajay.Joshi@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Ajay.Joshi@ed.act.edu.au)

We encourage all students and their families to leave the car at home (or at a part-way point!) and give riding, walking, scooting or skating to school a go.

### **Incidents involving strangers approaching students**

This is reminder to help our children understand the importance of stranger safety and the need to report any unusual incidents or approaches to staff immediately.

If you become aware of an incident, or notice anyone acting suspiciously around a school or child, contact police immediately on 131 444 or in the case of an emergency call 000. If you witness incidents or if you have any information that could assist Police, contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Information can be provided anonymously.

Please support us to keep our children safe by having conversations about moving safely around the community and what to do if they ever feel unsafe. You may wish to visit the Australian Federal Police website for tips on [Child Safety](#) or the [Safety4Kids](#) non-government website for useful information and links. The [Constable Kenny website](#) also has a number of tips for parents.

The school and the Education Directorate will continue to work with ACT Policing on this issue.

### **Public Health Alert: protect against mosquito bites**

The ACT Health Directorate has alerted the Canberra and surrounding community to protect themselves against mosquito bites. Japanese encephalitis virus (JEV) has been detected in samples from pigs in commercial pig farms at locations in regional New South Wales, northern Victoria and southern Queensland, indicating the virus is likely circulating in the mosquito population.

Public Health Alert: protect against mosquito bites: <https://health.act.gov.au/public-health-alert/public-health-alert-protect-against-mosquito-bites>.

### **Getting kids to and from school safely**

Did you know that children find it difficult to judge the speed of moving cars?

40km/h school zones are in place between 8am and 4pm to help children get safely to and from school. Remember to slow down and obey the signposted school zone limits and park safely and legally around schools – especially at school drop-off and pick-up times.

If you live close to your school, why not walk, ride, scoot or skate to school instead?  
Let's work together to keep our kids safe.

[Transport Canberra](#) has a range of resources, maps and safety tips for students

### **A reminder about parents and visitors on school grounds**

A reminder parents and carers are encouraged to drop children off without entering the school grounds. Some children may require some assistance, and this will be supported. Riding and walking to school where possible is encouraged to ease the congestion in the car park.

- Each year level has a designated dropoff and pickup location
- Older siblings are to meet their parents at the meeting point for the youngest child in the family
- No parents/carers/visitors on school playgrounds or in classrooms unless organised prior with classroom teacher/s
- Masks need to be worn inside school buildings at all times

Please contact the front office on: 02 6142 3250 or via email [info@yarralumlaps.act.edu.au](mailto:info@yarralumlaps.act.edu.au) if you need to:

- drop items off for your child
- collect your child during the school day
- collect items such as uniform orders or learning resources
- collect a child who is unwell

Staff will bring children or items to you while you wait in your car.

### **UNIFORM SHOP**

Due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, the uniform shop will not be opening until further notice. We will continue to fill orders submitted through Flexischools.

For information email: [uniform@ypspandc.com](mailto:uniform@ypspandc.com)





## School Board Elections

### *Nomination Form*

Please use this form to nominate for a position on your school board.

#### **Details:**

**School Name:** Yarralumla Primary School  
**Assistant Returning Officer Name:** Rose Clifton  
**Phone:** 6142 3251

#### **Nominee Details:**

**Position:** Staff member (*A member of the staff of the school*)  
**Number of vacancies:** 1

**Position:** P&C Association Representative members (*A member of the school P&C*)  
**Number of vacancies:** 1

**Position:** Parent member (*A parent, carer or guardian of a student enrolled at the school*)  
**Number of vacancies:** 1

**Position:** Local community member (*A person living nearby or otherwise associated with the school*)  
**Number of vacancies:** N/A

**Position:** Student member (*A student at the school who attends classes for at least 12 hours per week*)  
**Number of vacancies:** N/A

**Nomination:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ am nominating for  
the position/s of \_\_\_\_\_ on the school board.

If elected I will undertake the duties of the position and agree to abide by the [Code of Conduct](#).

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ (note: please type name if submitting via email)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*The Education Directorate (the Directorate) is collecting the information on this form to enable it to conduct elections for school boards. This is authorised by section 41 of the Education Act 2004. This information will be disclosed to the school community to enable eligible voters to elect a nominee of their choice.*

**Lodgement Information:**

Nominations are to be submitted to the school's front office between 11am 09 March 2022 and 11am 23 March 2022. Nominations must be submitted during school business hours: 9:00am to 3:00pm, Monday to Friday.

You can submit your nomination by:

- email to [info@yarralumlaps.act.edu.au](mailto:info@yarralumlaps.act.edu.au) (preferred)

If an election is required, the voting period will be from TBC

SCHOOL BOARDS ELECTIONS NOMINATION FORM – 00005/4.2 is the unique identifier of the template document this form was created from. The template was approved and published 1 December 2022. It is the responsibility of the user to verify that this is the current and complete version of the document.



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## Community News

### Matildas vs New Zealand match

Australian Women's football team the Commonwealth Bank Matildas will play New Zealand at Canberra's GIO Stadium on 12 April 2022. Schools can consider promoting the match in their school newsletters.

The Matildas are a huge inspiration for our aspiring young female athletes in Canberra. \$1 (plus GST) from every ticket will be donated to the women's CP national football program for female footballers with cerebral palsy, acquired brain injury or symptoms from stroke. Ticketing information is available from the official [Commonwealth Bank Matildas website](#). The match will also be broadcast live and free on 10 Bold and simulcast on 10 Play and Paramount+.

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### SPORTS

Basketball - Netball - Soccer  
AFL/AFLW - Rugby union

### LOCATION

**Australian National University (ANU)**

11th, 12th & 13th April 2022

Call 1300 914 368 or visit [australiansportscamps.com.au](http://australiansportscamps.com.au) to book or for more information.

### Play football with Canberra Croatia FC



#### Community Leagues - Boys or Girls

#### Training at Yarralumla oval

Miniros under 6 - under 9  
Miniros under 10 - under 11

ActewAGL Juniors under 12 - under 18

Just a reminder that team nomination due dates for the community competitions is rapidly approaching!

If you don't register soon there won't be a team!!

#### Have you registered?

Log onto [www.playfootball.com.au](http://www.playfootball.com.au) and register for the 2022 Season. Registration packages are now open for all age groups from miniros to junior leagues and senior leagues.



Time to register is running out

Require further information email: [info@canberracroatia.com.au](mailto:info@canberracroatia.com.au)

## Community News



**CANBERRA REGION  
RUGBY LEAGUE**



**Registrations are  
now open!**

Join your local club today, visit  
[playrugbyleague.com/play](http://playrugbyleague.com/play)



**CANBERRA REGION  
RUGBY LEAGUE**



**COME & PLAY  
RUGBY LEAGUE**

**AUNTIES**

**SISTERS**

**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](http://PLAYRUGBYLEAGUE.COM.AU/PLAY)  
OR EMAIL [DEB.DFORD@RAIDERS.COM.AU](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:admin@menslink.org.au) or call 6287 2226 and we will send you some information.