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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 20 May	Pupil Free Day
Saturday 21 May	Election BBQ @ YPS
Tuesday 24 May	Year 5/6 Excursion to Parliament House
Monday 30 May	Reconciliation Day Public Holiday
Thursday 2 June	Italian Republic Day
Thursday 2 June	Reconciliation Performance
Mon 6 – Fri 10 June	Year 3/4 Aqua Safe Program
Thursday 9 June	Year 5/6 Excursion to Questacon
Monday 13 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 14 June	Pupil Free Day
Mon 20 June – Fri 24 June	Year 2 Aqua Safe Program

Our Vision

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Election BBQ

On Saturday 21 May the Yarralumla Primary Hall will be used as a voting booth from 8am-6pm. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase YPS to the community and raise funds for programs across the school. YPS will be running three stalls on the day so please encourage your friends and family to vote at the school and bring some spare change. The school will run three stalls including: sausage sizzle and drinks (\$3), Jolly Socks (\$7) and a cake stall (\$1-\$10). All money raised will support our outdoor learning environment in our Early Childhood setting and purchase new sporting equipment to use in the school hall, including new line markings on the floor. We still require volunteers for the following time slots to assist with the BBQ – 9-10am and 1-2pm. Please email rohan.evans@ed.act.edu.au if you are available to help.

Building Works

Our new double classroom next to the hall is about to be handed back to the school at the start of next week. The builders are currently fixing a couple of minor defects. Our 5/6 students in West Wing will move into the space once the tender process is complete for the remediation of windows.

Calendar

YPS will send out a revised calendar for weeks 5-10 with some minor changes from the calendar that was sent out at the start of the term.

NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students completed NAPLAN last week. Unfortunately YPS had significant internet issues that disrupted the testing process. The Education Directorate has been working closely with the school to assist with the internet issue as well as provide additional time for the students to complete the assessments. Our students are to be commended for their calm responses when things went wrong.

Rostrum

At assembly this week our class finalists presented their Rostrum speeches to the whole school. The judging panel was suitably impressed with the quality of the original speeches. Congratulation to Jaden from 5/6 Zafferano who will represent YPS at the upcoming quarter finals. Olive and Maya were our dual runner ups.

Pupil Free Day

Our first Pupil Free day for the term will be held on Friday 20 May. Students of essential workers may attend school on the day. Please email the school if your child will be attending on the day so arrangements can be made. Before and after school will continue to be offered by YWCA and Aeonacademy.

Book Fair

We successfully held our annual book fair in the library this week. A small proportion of the money raised will come back to the school to purchase new books for the library.

Covid Update

The school has seen an increase in the number of positive student covid case in the past week. These cases are now being reported to the whole school via email. If you child is showing any signs of illness please ensure to keep them at home.

Lost Property

Please ensure your child visits Lost Property to find any lost items. The amount of clothing is currently occupying two large trolleys. Our Learning Support Staff will take all named items back to the students classrooms on Friday. Please ensure all your child's clothing is clearly labelled.

Keep Smiling

Rohan Evans | Principal



STAR AWARD

Awarded to

Samah I

May 2022



Samah is a responsible and mature student who always upholds the STAR values of the school. Her positive nature is treasured among her friends and her caring attitude is valued by everyone in the class. Samah is never afraid to try new things and learn new concepts, persevering through challenges, confident that she will always learn something along the way. Her attention to details is cherished and appreciated with everything she does. You are a superstar Samah!



STAR AWARD

Awarded to

Thomas McG



May 2022

Thomas is a thoughtful and responsible student who always supports the people in his class, including his teacher, to reach their highest potential. He communicates clearly with those around him and always advocates for fairness and respect in the classroom and on the playground. Thomas models the STAR Values consistently and has a deep understanding of the importance of being a part of a community. His generous nature, along with a big smile and joyful sense of humour make him a friend to all!



CLASSE	SEMESTER 1 2022 - SRC Representatives
Kindergarten ROSA	Annabel E Thomas R
Kindergarten SCARLATTO	Dante M Ryan L-M
Year 1 CORALLO	Amy N George H
Year 1 MAGENTA	Jess L Sam S
Year 1 / 2 FUCSIA	Nicholas G Allegra G
Year 2 VERDOLINO	Tom S Rosalie Mcl
Year 2 VERDE MENTA	Uren A Zyan R
Year 2 VERDE MARINO	Evie D Matty R
Year 3 /4 AZZURRA	Sarelia N Sergio C
Year 3 /4 ACQUA	Samah I Arlo W
Year 3 /4 TURCHESE	Lucy T Benjamin C
Year 3 /4 CELESTE	Zoe F Lana T
Year 3 /4 BLU	Oliver W Elizabeth B
Year 5 / 6 ZAFFERANO	Charlotte C Lucas T
Year 5 / 6 AMBRA	Rowan S Grace C
Year 5 / 6 ORO	Lara P Oscar W
Year 5 / 6 GIALLO	Poppy T Lleyton McC
SGS	William B

Year 3/4 News

What an incredibly busy few weeks we have had for the first half of this term!

In English we have spent time exploring different text types where we write for different purposes, including writing to persuade and entertain. This supported our learning intentions of exploring how texts can be made exciting, moving and absorbing, and hold the interest of readers. We have also explored ways to make persuasive texts compelling and appealing to a reader, including through the use of rhetorical questions.

In Italiano- Scienze (CLIL) gli alunni delle terze hanno studiato il concetto di essere viventi e esseri non viventi. Gli alunni delle quarte hanno investigato la relazione tra esseri viventi e il loro ambiente, identificando le sequenze del ciclo di vita delle piante e degli animali. Tutti gli alunni hanno fatto delle presentazioni orali. Adesso gli alunni della quarta stanno iniziando ad investigare il concetto delle forze. In Science (CLIL) the Year 3 students studied the concepts of living and non-living things. The Year 4 students investigated the relationships between living things and their environments. They also identified the sequences in the life cycle of plants and animals. Now the year 4 are starting to investigate the concept of force.

In Maths we have spent time exploring number patterns. This has included identifying patterns in number sequences, continuing sequences and exploring patterns in multiples of numbers. Nella classe di matematica in italiano (CLIL) gli alunni hanno studiato i concetti di misura, capacità e massa. In the Italian Maths class (CLIL) students have studied the concepts of measurements, capacity and mass.

In HASS, students spent recent weeks exploring and researching Australian and international celebrations and commemorations or a local community group. They researched to answer targeted questions and created presentations to share their learning. As a first effort in the area of a research project, the students are to be commended on their willingness to try new things and engage in the process.

We look forward to all the excitement the rest of the term will bring!

Year 3/4 Team

CONGRATULATION HANNIBAL

In April 2022, Forza Taekwondo in Weston Creek sent a team to the National Taekwondo Championships in Brisbane. Hannibal faced Australia's best practitioners to win the Red Belt youth (6-11yrs) division after 3 tough bouts. This was Hannibal's first entry into a competition at this level and had an outstanding performance.



PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning)

OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU: The PBL team would like to invite interested parents to join our team. With the decision by our previous parents to give someone else the chance to shine, we have an opening for two people. The role is to present the “at home” perspective to the team and to support the work of the PBL team in our parent and carer community. If this sounds like a role you would enjoy, please contact me on debra.sayers@ed.act.edu.au to start a conversation.

Changing the language: at school we work hard to ensure we are couching everything positively. Rather than saying “you can’t do that” we say, “this would be a great way to do that”.

When we get some work refusal with something like “I’m not doing this” we respond with “if you were to start, where would you start?” Have a go at this at home – it works a treat 😊

Data for the first two weeks of May

50 eSTARs = 3 students

100 eSTARs = 5 students will receive a bronze star to wear on their shirt or jacket every day

S = 41

T = 134

A = 291

R = 136

Minor negative incidents = 22. 12 were for minor contact and the rest for non-compliance.

Major negative incidents = 4. All involved either physical contact or poor language choices.

Keep being STARs

Deb Sayers (Deputy Principal)

Contact Details

It is very important that we have current contact phone numbers for parents and carers in the case of an emergency. Please make sure you contact the front office via email on info@yarralumlaps.act.edu.au if you have a new mobile phone number, home number or have changed workplaces. It is very worrying for your child if we can’t get in touch with you when we need you to collect them.

Semester 1 student reports

With the middle of the school year fast approaching our teachers will soon be preparing student reports for Semester 1. This semester we will be providing students with an overall A-E grade, and an assessment of achievement standard statements on a 5-point scale. While Semester 1 reports won’t include detailed teacher comments, parents are encouraged to speak directly with their child’s teacher(s) if they have any questions or concerns about their progress. Our teachers will also continue to communicate directly with you when there are any concerns about student learning or other classroom updates.

YARRALUMLA PRESCHOOL

Election Day Fundraiser



Come along to Yarralumla Primary School on election day and purchase some of these Jolly Socks to support the Yarralumla Preschool

Sizes available

<u>XS</u> Kids 4-8 years <u>S</u> Kids 8-11 yrs	\$7
<u>M</u> Older kids, Teens and Women <u>L</u> Women and Men <u>XL</u> Men	\$10

All money raised goes directly to improving the outdoor play environment at preschool

Please note we can only accept cash payments

Enrolments for the 2023 school year opened on 26 April 2022 at 6am. Families can submit a 2023 enrolment application anytime from now using the [online enrolment form](#).

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q. Do I have to submit a new enrolment for my child for 2023 if they already attend Yarralumla Primary School?

If your child is currently enrolled at Yarralumla Primary, you do not need to submit another application for them to continue in the following year, except in the case of Preschool. Preschool Families who received a "Casual Out Of Area" Preschool letter of offer for 2022 will have recently received a letter advising them of the process for 2023 enrolment to Kindergarten. Please note there have been some changes to the PEA for Yarralumla and this updated information is available at the [ACT Education Directorate Website](#).

Q. How do I know which school I can enrol my child in?

Enrolment applications are assessed based on your child's primary place of residence (the house where they usually live). For detailed information regarding your Priority Enrolment Area school, visit the [ACT Education Directorate Website](#).

Q. Who makes enrolment decisions?

Enrolment decisions are made by the Principal of the school, with policies, procedures and support provided by the Education Directorate.

Q. When can my child start school/preschool?

If your child turns four on or before 30 April, they can start preschool the first day of term 1 that year. If your child turns four after 30 April, they can start preschool the first day of term 1 the following year. If your child turns five on or before 30 April, they can start Kindergarten the first day of term 1 that year. If your child turns five after 30 April, they can start Kindergarten the first day of term 1 the following year. Use the [handy calculator](#) to work out when your child can start school.

Q. I am applying late for Preschool 2022. Do I need to call other schools to find out if there is capacity?

No, you do not need to call other schools. Please submit an application to your preferred school who will assess the application, taking into account available capacity at the time of applying. If your preferred school is unable to offer a place, they will forward to the PEA school, or the nearest school with available capacity. You will then receive an offer of place.

Q. Should I apply to more than one school just in case I miss out?

No. Students in Kindergarten to Year 12 in the ACT are guaranteed enrolment at their local PEA school. If the school you have submitted an enrolment application for is not in your PEA, or they are unable to accommodate your child's enrolment, the application will be forwarded to their local PEA school on your behalf.

All four year old children are guaranteed a preschool place in the ACT, however not necessarily at their first preference of school. Some Preschools are subject to capacity limits and in this case, your PEA school and the ACT Education Directorate will work with you to find a preschool place at the closest proximity school that has available capacity to accommodate your child.

Q. Can I put my name on a waitlist?

Schools do not maintain waiting lists. If we are unable to offer a place, your application will be forwarded to a school with available capacity and an offer will be made from that school. Regardless of where a student attends preschool, they will continue to be guaranteed a place at their local school for Kindergarten onwards.

If you have any questions regarding enrolments at Yarralumla Primary School, please contact our enrolments officer Teresa Smith on 6142 3250 or by email: YarralumlaPS.Enrolments@ed.act.edu.au

Community News

Brumbies at home to NZ Clubs during May at GIO Stadium



Friday 13 May 7:45pm - Brumbies v Crusaders

Saturday 21 May 7:45pm - Brumbies v Blues

The Brumbies are back at GIO Stadium during May. Come along and support the Brumbies! Bring your friends and family for a great meal and match day experience at the stadium.

To plan your trip, patrons are advised to arrive early. An express lane is available for those with no bags or are carrying easy-to-see items in a clear see-through bag. For the full list of permitted items, please visit [GIO Stadium FAQs](#).

Dates:

Friday 13 May 7:45pm - Brumbies v Crusaders

Saturday 21 May 7:45pm - Brumbies v Blues

Location: GIO Stadium Canberra

Free Game Day Buses

Car Parking: \$10 cash only payment. Early bird discount is \$5 cash only payment, up to 45 minutes before kick-off.

Purchase tickets: [Ticketek](#)

Authorised by Matthew Elkins, Executive Branch Manager, Venues Canberra, Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate



EASTS JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

WANT TO TRY RUGBY?

East's Junior Rugby Club is a family friendly club in the heart of Canberra that is always looking to welcome new players from U7s and up!

We provide kids and parents with a fun, social environment whilst teaching the game and values of rugby through quality coaching.

TRAINING

EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 5:30 - 6:30PM
NORTH CURTIN PLAYING FIELDS

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