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20 October 2022 NEWSLETTER NO. 16

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 28 October	Pupil Free Day
Monday 31 October	Kindergarten Information Night
Tuesday 1 November	Year 2 Excursion Shine Dome
Tuesday 8 November	Wombats Arboretum Excursion
Wednesday 9 November	Preschool Open Day 9-10am or 3-4pm
Thursday 10 November	Bilbies Arboretum Excursion
Friday 11 November	Year 1 National Gallery Excursion
Monday 14 November	Kindergarten Art Gallery Excursion
Wednesday 23 November	Montessori Community Day
Monday 28 November	Pupil Free Day

Our Vision

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

Dear families,

Welcome

It is exciting to have all our students and staff return after the school holidays with the addition of a few new students who have joined our school. We extend a warm welcome to all our new students and families who have joined our community. Term 4 is again jam packed full of learning and excitement for the students. Please continue to refer to the school calendar for all events. We have also added the calendar to our school website if you need to check. We will continue to add items to the electronic sign at the front of the school and provide weekly updates on our Facebook page. Our graduating year 6 students have a big term ahead of them with transitions to high school, Year 5/6 camp and their graduation ceremony.

Building Works

During the school holidays a number of windows were repainted, including the hall and the netball court. Our Perla classroom was due to have new cabinetry installed, but unfortunately during the removal process mould was discovered on the wall hidden by the old built in cabinet. Our Perla students have relocated to the classroom near the hall while the remediation and works are completed. Our community garden and fence line running along the drain from Loftus street has had significant works completed. Plumbing work is also occurring at the school with a fenced off section at the rear carpark of the school.

Italian Program

This week we were lucky to have an Italian book fair at our school hosted by Intext books. Italian teachers at YPS and across the system were able to purchase resources to support their teaching and student learning. A number of our families have also purchased resources to support their child's learning at home. During this week's assembly our students presented nursery rhymes, poetry and speeches in Italian. The President of Dante Alighieri and the Director of the Educational and Cultural Office for the Italian Embassy assisted in judging the Italian speeches and presented Italian books to the winning classes and individuals. Dante Alighieri provided the school with another Italian Language Assistant three days a week for term 4 supporting our students learning in Italian.

Montessori 40th Anniversary

This Sunday our Montessori will be celebrating its 40th anniversary on the school grounds. Proceedings will start at 11am including a smoking ceremony, indigenous storytelling, a 19 piece swing band, local authors, circus performance and Italian community choir. Food and drinks will also be sold on the day. We look forward to seeing past and present community members in attendance.

Working Bee

Unfortunately due to the expected rain this weekend our working bee in our community space will not proceed. A new date will be shared with the community in the coming weeks.

Keep Smiling

Rohan Evans | Principal

Pupil Free Day – Term 4

ACT Public schools have continued to face workload pressures with higher than usual staff and student absences due to the ongoing presence of COVID-19 and seasonal flu in the community.

This has often meant school leaders and teachers are taking extra class time to cover staff absences. We value and appreciate everyone's commitment to our students during these challenging times.

We expect these workforce pressures will continue through the colder months of the year.

The Education Directorate is supporting ACT public schools to manage their extra workloads and two staff planning days in term 4. These days will give teachers the time for lesson planning and administrative tasks that they cannot do while on class.

Our school will hold staff planning (pupil free) days on:

- Friday 28 October 2022 (week 3) and
- Monday 28 November (week 8)

Where possible, we ask that students do not attend school on these days. Students who can't stay at home will be able to attend school and be supervised while undertaking general learning activities. Please confirm via phone on (02) 6142 3250 or email info@yarralumlaps.act.edu.au if your child will be attending school on this day.



STAR AWARD

Awarded to

Tija M

October 2022



Tija is a diligent, thoughtful student who demonstrates all STAR school values in class and in the playground. She consistently strives for excellence, achieving her personal learning goals in both Italian and English. Her active learner attitude is evident in the mature approach to learning and independence with work tasks. In sport games she is always fair and inclusive, while putting in 100% effort to support her teammates. Tija's enthusiasm and commitment in all aspects of school are exemplary. We are honoured to present her the Yarralumla Primary School STAR award. BRAVISSIMA!



STAR AWARD

Awarded to

Laurie T

October 2022



Laurie is a courteous student, who is always considerate and respectful of others. He displays a deep sense of social awareness by being supportive and inclusive of those children who need a bit of extra care. He is a strong contributor in inquiry-based science tasks, offering suggestions and encouraging other members of his team to deepen their thinking. Laurie shows consistent commitment and perseverance to his learning goals in both Italian and English. In sport games, he is a role model with a strong sense of fairness. We are privileged to present Laurie with the Yarralumla Primary School STAR award. BRAVISSIMO!

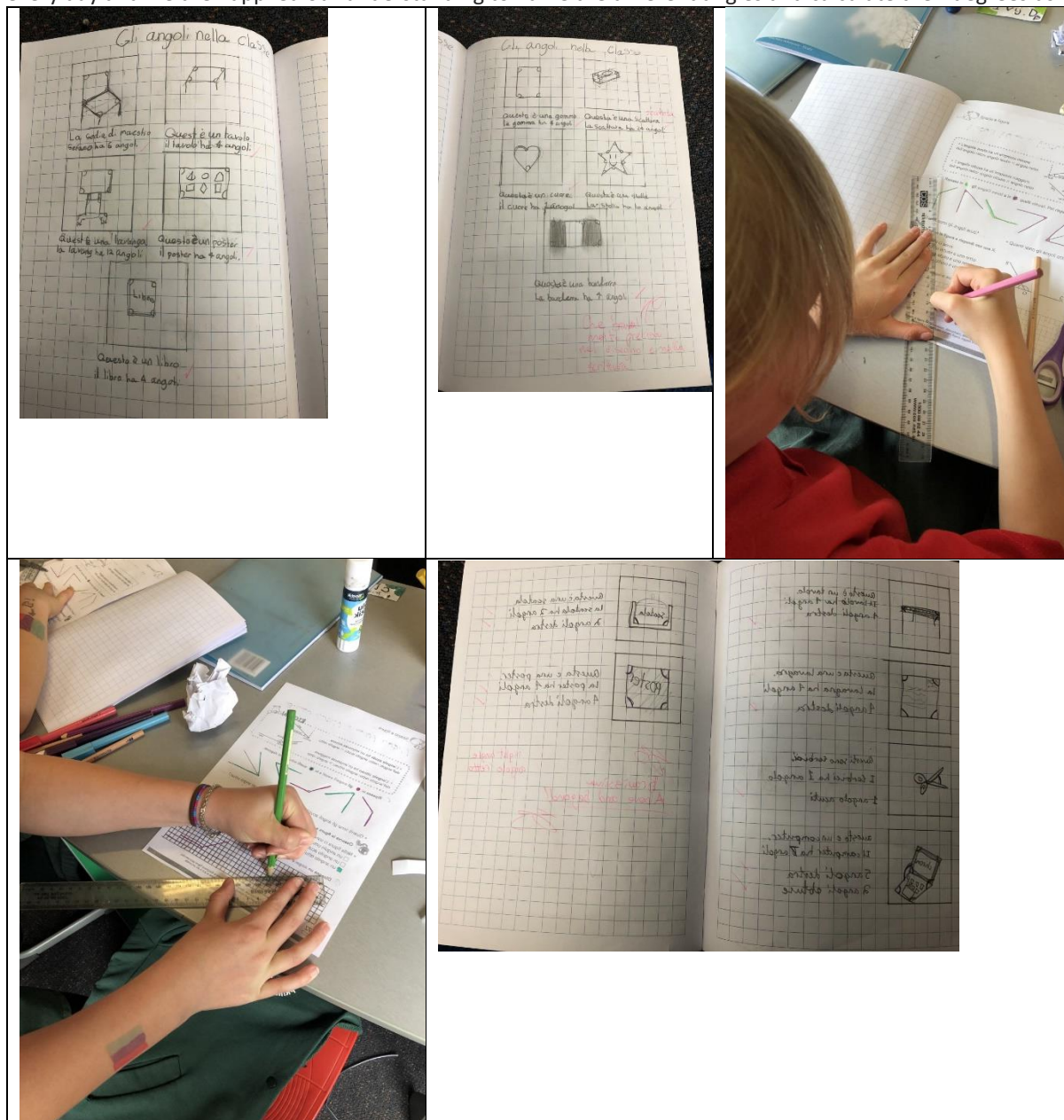


YEAR 3/4 NEWS

As we begin our final term this year, we continue to make wonderful progress and achieve the goals we set ourselves. In English we have also been using a range of strategies to improve our comprehension of texts we read. The children apply reading strategies to a range of texts, choosing a strategy that helps them in a specific circumstance. Sometimes, the strategy is to help read an unfamiliar word – for instance, “chunking”, where they look for smaller words inside the bigger word which helps to make sense of it. At other times, the strategies support understanding and comprehension. These can include making connections between a text and their own life experience or other texts they have read or predicting what might come next based on what they have already read. We look forward to refining our use of reading strategies as the year goes on.

In Maths we have been consolidating our times tables through activities including tables snap, number tennis and online times tables games. The students are making consistent growth with both their speed and accuracy in the times tables and are continuing to apply this knowledge to game situations. This supports our work with mental and written computations involving division and multiplication.

This term year 3/4 has started to work on the topic angles in Italian. We firstly represented angles in real life that surround us every day and we then applied our understanding to name the different angles and calculate their degrees using a Goniometro.



As part of our HASS unit we are exploring different perspectives and how the same events can be interpreted differently depending on the experiences of those involved. This has included First Nations connections to Country and contact between the First Fleet and Australia's First Nations local inhabitants. Connections between people and environments have long been an important part of our history and we look forward to continuing our studies in this area. The children engaged thoughtfully with the concepts and showed impressive maturity in exploring different perspectives to these issues.

We look forward to the learning coming up throughout the rest of the year!

P & C News

WET WEATHER AND FREE PLAY ACTIVITY DRIVE- ENDS FRIDAY WEEK 3

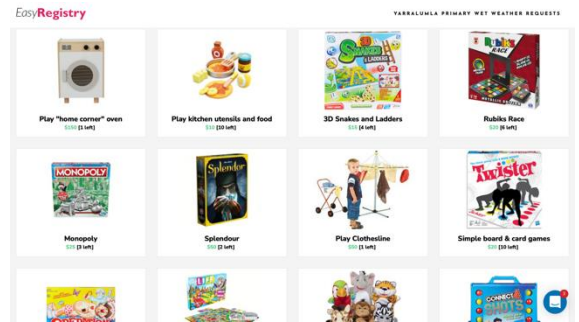
<https://www.easyregistry.com.au/yarralumlaprimarywetweatheractivities>

Thanks so much to all the families who've supported our wet weather activity drive. There's still time to donate so please check out our registry. We're looking for new or clean, complete and great quality preloved items. Something you'd happily give to a friend. Some items just require cash donations.

You can drop the items into the marked boxes near the school office until the end of week 3 (next Friday 28th October).



Any items excess to our needs will be donated to Canberra Roundabout (roundaboutcanberra.org).



CHRISTMAS FAMILY PHOTO MINI SESSIONS

19TH & 20TH NOVEMBER AND 3RD – 4TH DECEMBER

<https://book.usesession.com/s/GINp2kulf>

One of our mums, Carly Taylor from Carly Taylor Photography (www.carlytaylorphotography.com.au) will be holding Christmas Family Photo Mini Sessions at the school on 19-20 Nov & 3-4 Dec 2022. This will be a fantastic event that will provide a great memory making experience for families (perfect for Christmas presents or Christmas cards for friends and family) as well as raise some funds for the P&C.

Sessions are open to the Yarralumla PS community, their family and friends, and the wider community.



Cost: \$160 per session (\$30 from each session going to Yarralumla Primary School P&C)

What is included:

- 20 min photo session (max 6 people per session).
- 5 digitally edited images for selection through an online gallery. Options are also available to upgrade gallery.

Book now to avoid disappointment

<https://book.usesession.com/s/GINp2kulf>

If you have any questions, please contact: Carly Taylor Ph: 0414 927 156

ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIPS- FREE UPGRADE TO MULTI CITY MEMBERSHIPS!

Support our school with 20% of the purchase price going towards P&C fundraising.

Now's a great time to purchase with a free upgrade to a Multi City Membership. Plenty of 50% off and 2 for 1 offers in Canberra and all over Australia and New Zealand.

All memberships are now on an App so no need to carry a book of vouchers on your travels.

Follow this link to purchase from the Yarralumla Primary P&C

https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/23930j?utm_source=braze&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2022-18102022-Lapsed-AU-Reactivation-Multicity-Upgrade-FR

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CANBERRA SOUTHERN CROSS CLUB- EAT, DRINK AND SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL



The Canberra Southern Cross Club Community Rewards Program lets you nominate a Community Group participating in the program, then calculates the equivalent of 7.5% of the member's spend on food and beverages at their Woden, Tuggeranong, Jamison and Yacht Club to be donated to that group. Donating up to a \$20,000 per group cap.

You can now nominate Yarralumla Primary School P&C as your Community Group to support.

Fill in the form below or ask one of the reception staff next time you visit
<https://cscmarketing.wufoo.com/forms/qu6vfqe0vs2p31>

UNIFORM SHOP

Special opening for the Kindy & Year 1 Information evening- Monday 31st Oct 4 – 5pm

All welcome.

Open every Friday during school term (except Pupil Free Days), 8:30- 9am, for new and preloved uniforms. Taking new uniform orders anytime through Flexischools.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're on the lookout for volunteers to take the following roles. Could one of them be you?

Please email president@ypspandc.com to find out more or to volunteer.

- President from Dec 2022
- Treasurer from March 2023
- Disco co-ordinator (event Friday 2nd Dec 2022)
- Disco BBQ co-ordinator (event Friday 2nd Dec 2022)
- Welcome BBQ co-ordinator (term 1 2023)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weeks 1 – 3 - Wet Weather Activities Collection

P&C Meeting - Monday 24th October

6:30- 7:30pm school library and online

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89260173298>

Meeting ID: 892 6017 3298

Christmas Family Photo Mini Sessions - 19th & 20th November and 3rd & 4th December

Disco - Friday evening 2nd December

P&C Meeting – Monday 5th December

6:30- 7:30pm in the school library and online to vote in a new President

SRC reps Semester 2 2022

CLASSE	SEMESTER 2 2022
Kindergarten ROSA - Claire/Helen	Brittany E-C Elijah L
Kindergarten SCARLATTO - Helen/Claire	Luca S Parker B
Year 1 CORALLO - Fede/Maj	Alena D Andrea C
Year 1 MAGENTA - Maj/Fede	Ava L Archie D-S
Year 1 / 2 FUCSIA (Eng only) - Veronica	Rafael M Abeera H
Year 2 VERDOLINO - Fi/Claudia	Lucas T Tigerlily M
Year 2 VERDE MENTA - Claudia/Fi	Gabriel G Lauren W-P
Year 2 VERDE MARINO - Jess/Ercole	Charlotte K William B
Year 3 /4 AZZURRA - Ste/Paul	Alexander T Valentina B
Year 3 /4 ACQUA - Paul/Ste	Lumina L Rory L-M
Year 3 /4 TURCHESE - Carmela/Ajay	Jack T Sophia C
Year 3 /4 CELESTE - Ajay/Carmela	Edward T Beatrix C
Year 3 /4 BLU (Eng only) - Rita	Makayla T Miguel R
Year 5 / 6 ZAFFERANO - Lynden/Jess	Vizma M
Year 5 / 6 AMBRA - Jayne/Fabiola	Anna C Enzo M
Year 5 / 6 ORO - Fabiola/Jayne	Alex L Max W
Year 5 / 6 GIALLO (Eng only) - Jacinta	Alyssa T River H
Perla - Melissa	William B

PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning)

I have taken my words this week directly from the School Captain's presentation at COLA. The Captains lead this large gathering each week and give a PBL message to the whole school.

"This week's STAR value is RESPECT. Respect is a two way street - if you want to receive it, you also need to give it. Speaking to others as you would like to be spoken to, accepting different ideas and opinions, using spaces and equipment as they are designed to be used, and listening when someone else is speaking are all examples of things you can do to show RESPECT at school.

Respect is so important, famous American singer Aretha Franklin sang a song about it! Here's an anonymous quote to keep in mind when thinking about respect:

"Show respect to people even when they don't deserve it. Respect is a reflection of your character rather than theirs."

So far this month we have the following positive interactions reported by the teaching team.

Safe = 30, Team Player = 131, Active Learner = 208, Respectful = 195.

There have been 5 minor incidents - biggest problem seems to be harrasment. 2 major negatives which have both involved serious threatening behaviour.

If you would like to be involved in the school PBL team and have a say in the way we manage behaviours; the messaging that goes home; the signage around the school; or anything else related to Positive Behaviours for Learning, please don't hesitate to contact me to talk about how you can get involved.

Warm regards,
Deb



This year at Yarralumla we will be trialling a modified transition process to help students move smoothly from their 2022 cohort, classroom and teachers into 2023. We've listened to feedback, made a plan and modified it after sharing ideas with students, teachers and parents. Some parts you will recognise, but some will be new. In each newsletter between now and the end of the year, you'll find a transitions update.

In a nutshell, the plan looks like this:

Term 4, 2022

- All students nominate five preferred classmates for 2023 in class
- Parents offered opportunity to submit requests for 2023 classes
- Teachers and school leaders create class groups for 2023
- Teachers get to know students in their 2023 cohort by talking to students and families, reading plans and reports, and talking to their current teachers
- Students engage in orientation visits with 2023 cohort
- Transfer round completed and teachers paired with 2023 class groups
- Families informed of 2023 teachers
- ILP reviews will involve handovers to 2023 teachers (where possible)
- Semester 2 reports go home
- Parent-teacher interviews take place in weeks 9 and 10
- New families and students with support needs are invited to a structured orientation session on the first day of term 1 in 2023

Term 1, 2023 weeks 1-2

- Teachers facilitate 1 hour induction session in classroom on first day of term for new students
- Classes (teachers and students) establish behaviour expectations and set learning goals for first semester.
- Bilingual students engage in brief orientation with 2nd teacher the day before classes change.
- Teachers draft plans for students with support needs and share with parents before ILP meetings in week 3.

Term 1, 2023 Weeks 3-10

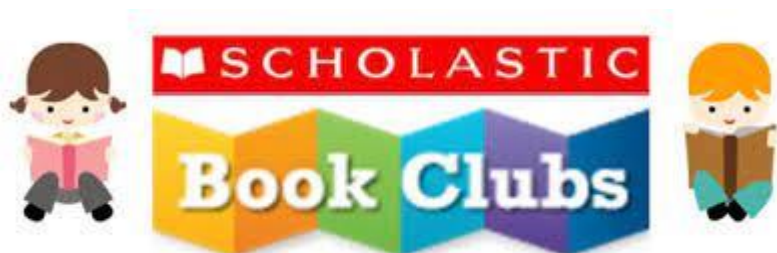
- *The transition team seeks feedback on transition process from families, students and teachers*
- *Feedback is applied to improve 2023-24 transition plan*

KINDERGARTEN HEALTH CHECKS CATCH-UP

As you may know we are offering catch-up clinics for those children whose parents consented for them to have the kindy health check but were absent on the day/s we attended the school. Parents would have received an 'absent' letter from us, informing them of their child's absence and inviting them to phone Central Health Intake to make a Kindergarten Catch Up appointment.

Appointments are held in the City Health Centre, Level 2, 1 Moore Street, Canberra City, and are available from **Friday 9th December until Friday December 16th.**

Parents can call **Central Health Intake on 5124 9977** to make this appointment. When there is a queue, they offer a call back service. Parents may choose this option to retain their spot in the queue and receive a call back in turn.



Orders or Issue No 7 are due Friday 28 October..

Place your orders online via LOOP <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

Changes to Mask wearing – updated advice and consultation

Last term, the ACT Government sought staff feedback on Work Health and Safety (WHS) arrangements with a view to removing the requirement to wear masks indoors in ACT Public Service (ACTPS) workplaces.

You are reminded to continue to stay COVID Smart by:

- staying home if unwell
- practising good hand and respiratory hygiene
- physical distancing where possible
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ACT Health continues to encourage people to wear a mask if they can't physically distance. Mask wearing is a personal choice and you can continue to wear one at any time if you wish. Masks will continue to be provided to schools for use as needed.

Nothing is more important than the health and safety of our staff and students. We will continue to ensure COVID Smart measures are in place across our workplaces to protect one another.

Should you have any questions about these changes please contact the school to discuss.

YOU'RE INVITED TO

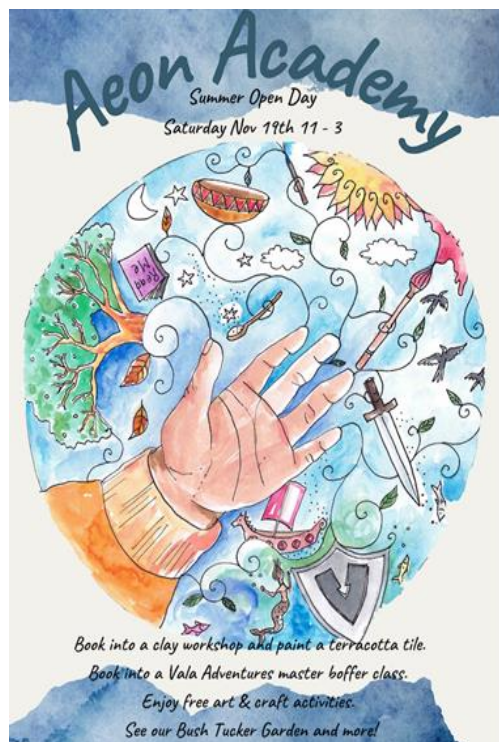
YARRALUMLA MONTESSORI'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY COMMUNITY FUN DAY

**SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER
11 AM UNTIL 2 PM
YARRALUMLA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Come and celebrate the past, present and future of this great school community. Bring the family, a picnic and enjoy the fun!



Community News



Ringraziamo tutte le maestre, i maestri e il personale di questa scuola per averci accolte e aver collaborato con noi ogni giorno.

Lo scambio tra la cultura italiana e quella australiana che quotidianamente si realizza in questa scuola è qualcosa di molto prezioso ed è stato affascinante entrare a farne parte per questo breve periodo.

Sono stati due mesi bellissimi, abbiamo imparato tanto da ognuno di voi e porteremo sempre nel cuore questa esperienza. Vi siamo grate. Auguriamo alla Yarralumla Primary School di continuare ad essere un posto formativo speciale per tutti i bambini.

E chi lo sa ... magari un giorno potremo rincontrarci!

GRAZIE DI CUORE ❤️❤️❤️ Elisa, Aurora e Silvia

We thank all the teachers and staff at this school for welcoming us and collaborating with us every day. The exchange between Italian and Australian cultures that takes place every day in this school is something very precious and it was fascinating to be part of it for this short period. It has been a wonderful two months, we have learned a lot from each of you and we will always carry this experience in our hearts. We are grateful to you all.

We hope Yarralumla Primary School continues to be a special educational place for all children.

And who knows ... maybe one day we can meet again!

THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS! ❤️❤️❤️ Elisa, Aurora and Silvia

Supporting an anxious child video series for families

In support of Mental Health Month, the Directorate has produced a short video series to help families support their child if they are feeling anxious. The three videos are presented by one of our senior psychologists. They cover understanding and responding to a child's anxiety and tips about supporting a child when they're feeling anxious.

They are available now on the ACT Education website at [Wellbeing Support Resources for students and families](#). Please promote this great resource to your school community through your regular communications.



Support our Yarralumla Preschool 2022 Mango Fundraiser

If you *love mangoes*, here is your chance to indulge in fresh Kensington Pride mangoes direct from the farm and help support Yarralumla Preschool at the same time. We are selling trays of North Queensland mangoes picked and packed during the premium harvest. Each tray has approximately 7kg of mangoes (the exact number varies depending on the size of the mangoes).

- Cost per tray: \$27.00
- Orders due (with full payment) by Friday 21 October (due to a strict cut-off date by suppliers, we cannot accept late orders).
- Delivery: We are expecting to receive our mango orders in late November. You will be able to collect your order from the pre-school (date and collection details confirmed closer to the date).
- Online payment – you are able to pay via direct deposit to:

Account name: Yarralumla Primary School P&C

BSB: 633000

Account number: 154613640

Reference: Mango- Surname-ClassID

Important: Please make sure you include your reference on the order form below. Order forms are to be emailed to fundraising@ypspandc.com by Friday 21 **October**.

Please remember to ask your family, friends and work colleagues if they would like to order some too. Thank you for your support!

ORDER DETAILS

Name: _____

Contact number: _____ Email: _____

Direct deposit reference used: _____ Date transferred: _____

NAME	QUANTITY	TOTAL
1.		\$
2.		\$
3.		\$
4.		\$
5.		\$
6.		\$
7.		\$
8.		\$
9.		\$
10.		\$
Order total		\$

Further information: fundraising@ypspandc.com