



YARRALUMLA PRIMARY SCHOOL
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 14 March	Canberra Day
Friday 8 April	Last Day of Term 1
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,

Welcome Back

On behalf of all the staff at Yarralumla Primary School, welcome back to another exciting year of learning and adventure at YPS! We are so excited that the students were able to return to the school site for the start of 2022. A special welcome to all our new families that have joined us in our Preschool, 3 year old Montessori program and new families in our primary setting. The students have been sharing all about their holidays with the teachers and it was fantastic to see so many students relaxing and recharging the batteries ready for another year of learning.

2022 Teaching staff

This year we welcome a number of new staff; Paola Tonel (Montessori), Claire Hansen (Kindergarten), Paul Corrigan (Year 3/4) Lauren Bruhwiler (Deputy Principal) replacing Stacey Meyer (maternity leave), Elisha Richards (School Psychologist), Rose Clifton (Business Manager), Claudia Hill (LSA) and Jess Conrick (LSA). Please see the teachers names, classes and email address on the following page of the newsletter. Our teaching staff completed Professional Learning in Visible Learning and Numeracy during Week 0. All professional learning was conducted online.

Semester Overviews / Information Evening

We will be providing all our families with a Semester Overview of learning containing a breakdown of subjects and the core learning experiences the students will be involved in during Semester 1. This learning will culminate in the Semester 1 report. We will distribute the Semester 1 Learning Overviews in week 3. Each class will also hold an information evening on Tuesday 15 February from 4:00-4:45 and 5:00-5:45 on Google Meets. The two time blocks are to cater for families who have multiple students at the school. Teachers will discuss the Australia Curriculum content that will be taught as well timetables and processes for each individual class/year level.

Rapid Antigen Testing

The week 1 supply of Rapid Antigen Tests were distributed to families on Monday 31 January from 12-4 and the morning and afternoon pick up and drop off times on Tuesday and Wednesday. If you did not receive your two tests per child please contact the front office. All ACT Public School are waiting for advice on how to distribute the tests to families for week 2. We will communicate this information to the community when we receive it. Thank you to all the families for their positive support during the distribution process in week 1.

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Online Learning

For students remaining at home to complete online learning the following procedures are in place. Please ensure you have made contact with your classroom teachers:

K – Year 2: Learning in the early years should focus on key skill development with non-essential activities reduced to ensure time is used effectively to deliver core curriculum. Students who are absent from school due to COVID-19 can use school based resources, distributed as determined by individual schools, or they may access a range of learning material provided on the public facing Home Learning Site.

Year 3 – Year 6: Teachers should continue to use digital tools (Google Classroom, Docs, Slides, Sheets etc) to enhance teaching and learning in the classroom. This has the added benefit of students being able to access their current learning program should they be at home due to a COVID-19 exposure. It will also allow relief teachers to continue to provide learning that aligns with the regular class program. In similar advice to that provided in term 4 last year, all students in this age cohort who are absent due to COVID-19 will be able to access key daily learning on their Google Classroom. This will be provided by their classroom teachers and will include English, maths and one other curriculum area. There is no expectation that teachers will deliver instruction through Google Meet as occurred when all students were learning remotely.

Pick up and Drop Off

Please see the email that was sent before the start of school which contained the information regarding pick up and drop off and how the school is cohorting. Our K-2 students arrive and depart through the front dress circle while our 3-6 students arrive and depart via the dirt carpark. Our siblings are to meet at the flag poles at the front dress circle to save our families with multiple students time in the afternoon. Our students are successful transitioning back into all our daily routines. It is extremely helpful during the pick-up phase when families clearly place their last name on the window of their car for identification purposes. I will be supporting the teachers with the 3-6 students each day while Lauren and Deb will be supporting the K-2 teachers.

Building Works

The school holiday period provided an excellent opportunity to complete a number of building works around the school including: new windows in Maestro Stefano's room, the boys toilets in the main building, the Kindergarten classroom, maestra Majella's room, school psychologist office and the windows in the toilets of Gambarri. Work continues to occur in the transformation of the room next to the canteen into two classrooms with a bifold door.

Swimming Carnival / Camps / Italy Trip

Unfortunately due to current circumstances our school swimming carnival and camps will not be able to progress in term 1. We are waiting for advice from the Directorate on when we are able to rebook times later in the year. All overseas trips have also been postponed till further notice which will affect our plans for our Italian community trip.

Keep smiling,

Rohan Evans

Hello!

My name is Lauren Bruhwiler and I'm so happy to be at Yarralumla as a Deputy Principal. I have returned 'home' to the ACT after accompanying my husband on a Defence Force posting for the past four years – most recently to the Northern Territory.

I will be working alongside our leadership team to support the teachers and students and bring experience as a Deputy Principal from a number of different ACT Primary Schools.

I have a particular interest in curriculum and pedagogy and look forward to working with the dynamic team here at Yarralumla.

I will also be the team leader for our Kindergarten – Year Two cohort and can be contacted on lauren.bruhwiler@ed.act.edu.au

My children have started Preschool and Kindergarten this year – so I share some of their first week nerves, however I have been so warmly welcomed by the Yarralumla community. I am looking forward to meeting more of you as the term progresses.

Lauren Bruhwiler | Deputy Principal



2022 CLASS NAMES & TEACHERS EMAIL ADDRESSES

Class name/Year Level	Roll Group	Teacher Name and Room Number
Montessori	M3G, M4G, MKG M3P, M4P, MKP	paola.tonel@ed.act.edu.au alaina.baird@ed.act.edu.au
Preschool Bilbies and Wombats	PS Bilbies & PS Wombats	kirsty.jones@ed.act.edu.au
KINDERGARTEN – RED THEME		
Kindergarten- Rosa	KR	claire.hansen@ed.act.edu.au – Rm 15
Kindergarten - Scarlatto	KS	helen.delguzzo@ed.act.edu.au – Rm 14
YEAR 1 RED THEME		
Year 1/2 – Fuscina English only	12F	veronica.manns@ed.act.edu.au – Rm13
Year 1 - Magenta	1M	majella-rose.shanahan@ed.act.edu.au – Rm 16
Year 1 - Corallo	1C	federica.maggioni@ed.act.edu.au – Rm 18
YEAR 2 GREEN THEME		
Year 2 Verdolino	2V	fiona.agostino@ed.act.edu.au – Rm 10
Year 2 Verde Menta	2VM	claudia.schiliro@ed.act.edu.au – Rom 5
Year 2 Verde Marino	2VMA	ercole.buonopane@ed.act.edu.au – Rm 9 jessica.mcgarrity@ed.act.edu.au
YEARS 3/4 BLUE THEME		
3/4 Turchese	34T	carmela.brancato@ed.act.edu.au – Rm 2
3/4 Celeste	34C	ajay.joshi@ed.act.edu.au – Rm 4
3/4 Blu - English Only	34B	rita.rogers@ed.act.edu.au – Rm 7
3/4 Acqua	34A	paul.corrigan@ed.act.edu.au – Rm 3
3/4 Azzurra	34AZ	stefano.bloisi@ed.act.edu.au -Rm 1
YEARS 5/6 ORANGE THEME		
5/6 Zafferano	56Z	jennifer.jordan @ed.act.edu.au lynden.lawton@ed.act.edu.au
5/6 Ambra	56A	jayne.holmes@ed.act.edu.au – Rm 12
5/6 Oro	56O	fabiola.tiberti@ed.act.edu.au – Rm11
5/6 Giallo-English Only	56G	jacinta.hunter@ed.act.edu.au
Small Group Space Perla	SGS	melissa.medlicott@ed.act.edu.au – Rm 6

ACT SCHOOL TERM DATES 2022

Term 1 Monday 31 January to Friday 8 April

Term 2 Tuesday 26 April to Friday 1 July

Term 3 Monday 18 July to Friday 23 September

Term 4 Monday 10 October to Friday 16 December

HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Please remember we are an **Anaphylactic Friendly School**. Please do not bring **nut** products into the school, and be aware that "Nutella" spread and many muesli/health bars contain nuts.

Office Hours

Our Front Office is staffed from 8.30am – 3.30pm each day. Outside these hours, and if for any other reason the office is not staffed, an answering machine service will be operating and we will return your call as soon as possible.

Anything different happening at home

We encourage you to advise the class teacher of any changes in your child's home routine e.g. birth of a new sibling or a temporary or permanent change in family situation.

School Hours

School commences at 9.00am and concludes at 3.00pm with breaks for lunch break from 11.00 – 11.50am and recess 1.30 – 2.00pm. If your child is late they need to enter the school via the front office and sign-in.

Pick-up Arrangements

If your child is to be collected from school during the day or taken home early, advised their class teacher or front office via email. If your child is going to be picked up by someone you have not listed as a contact please advise the school either in writing, email or by phone. Your child will not be released if we are unable to verify this.

COVID-19 Symptoms

Please keep your child home if they are unwell. If a child comes to school displaying possible COVID-19 symptoms, parents will be called to come and take them home. The main symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, and loss of smell or taste. More information about [symptoms and getting tested](#) is available on the ACT Government [COVID-19 website](#).

Absences

If your child is absent from school due to sickness or other family obligations, it is a legal requirement that you email the class teacher or front office explaining their absence. A phone call to the front office on the day is also appreciated.

Infection and Illnesses

Should your child contract an infection/communicable illness, please notify the office staff. There are certain periods of exclusion that apply to some infections. Please do not hesitate to contact the front office should you need further information. Some highly contagious childhood illnesses have a mandatory

exclusion period – details of these can be located on the Directorate’s website. For example, more common illness and infections such as vomiting and diarrhoea have an exclusion period of 24 hours after symptoms cease. Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you be unsure whether your child should be excluded from school for any reason.

Management of Medical Conditions/Medication

The school cannot be responsible for the general management of medical conditions. In special circumstances, First Aid staff may be able to assist with the administration of medication. In these cases, departmental policy requires a comprehensive written authority from the student’s parents **and** a written statement from the student’s doctor authorising a member of the First Aid staff to administer the prescribed medication. Forms may be collected from the Front Office.

Where your child requires specific first aid treatment (that is, specific instructions provided by your child’s doctor) in addition to standard first aid treatment, a Personalised First Aid Action Plan is to be completed by your child’s doctor and returned to school (For example asthma and allergies).

Communication

Email is Yarralumla School’s preferred method of communication. The school will email home the newsletter, excursion notification, all important correspondence including student reports. Stay connected and informed through our school newsletter which is emailed out fortnightly on a Thursday. Always ensure the school has your correct email address.

Payments to the School

Yarralumla Primary School has an online payment option, using a Westpac service called Quickweb.

You can go to our school website: <http://www.yarralumlaps.act.edu.au/payment> and make a payment to the school’s bank account. There will be a link that will redirect you to our Westpac Quickweb site. Payments can be made using a credit/debit card, for any school event, or financial contribution.

EFTPOS is also available at the Front Office.

Newsletter

The newsletter is published fortnightly and includes information about what is currently happening at the school and a list of dates for events. The newsletter is distributed electronically.

Food

Your child will need food for recess, lunchtime and fruit break. Food should be placed in an easily opened lunch box which will be kept in your child’s bag. It is useful to have a frozen drink in the lunch box as this provides cooling for the lunch, especially in summer. Your child will also need a drink bottle as students become very thirsty during the day. We encourage children to drink water.

School Uniform

The wearing of school uniform is required at Yarralumla Primary. Exemptions can be granted by the principal in extenuating circumstances. However, the wearing of school uniform readily identifies our students in the community, especially when they are representing their school, and eliminates clothing competitiveness between students. All children are encouraged to wear an appropriate sun smart hat when playing outside. Children not wearing hats are required to stay/play in a designated shaded area of the school. A number of options are available to assist parents/carers who may be experiencing financial difficulties to obtain items of uniform for their children. Please do not hesitate to contact the principal for more information.

Sun Hats and Keeping Safe at All Times

Yarralumla Primary school recommends that children wear broad brimmed sun hats for Terms 1 and 4. Hats are not required to be worn in Terms 2 and 3. We ask all families to be aware and take extra care regarding safety for your child/ren wearing any earrings other than studs, necklaces, jewellery, clothing or

hats which have long cords that could possibly get caught on equipment. At YPS we support the safety of all children at school.

Labelling and Lost property

Please make sure that all items of clothing (especially hats and jumpers) and other belongings (drink bottle, lunch box, school bag) are clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

If you find your child is missing clothing items please check in the classroom and in lost property.

Mobile Phones and all Electronic Equipment

All mobile phones and electronic equipment brought to school must be left at the front office in the morning. Phones and any electronic equipment can be collected at 3pm. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Bikes and Scooters

Bikes & scooters are to be left locked at the bike & scooter racks. The school does not accept responsibility for lost or stolen bikes or scooters. By law, a helmet must be worn while riding.

Information on Quickweb Payments via our School Web Page

Some parents have had troubles accessing Quickweb Payments. If this happens try visiting the Yarralumla Primary school website via a search engine, then clicking on the payments tab then clicking on the Quickweb link from there.

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The information you complete on the form will enable us to accurately identify the funds and the purpose. The terminology used is listed below:

Family key: your family's identifier, first five letters of your last name and the first letter of your first name.

Student key: usually the first five letters of the students last name and first letter of his/her first name.

Fee Codes: a unique identifier of the event you are depositing funds for. This will be found on the correspondence sent home with your student.

The Quickweb payment facility will assist us to accurately identify the sender and the correct ledger for the funds to be receipted against. Receipts for payments can be issued via Westpac Quickweb, but if you require a gift deductible receipt, i.e. payments to a Library Fund, you will need to contact the school.

Any queries please do not hesitate to contact the front office on 6142 3250.

The 1,2,3 of Medical Conditions, Medication and Treatment Plans

The ACT Education and Training Directorate guidelines regarding Medical Conditions, Treatment Plans and the administration of all medication to students must be closely followed. The rule of thumb to ensure that we are able to assist your child in the best way we can while at school. At the beginning the school year families are required to complete a Medical Information and Consent Form. Any specialised, individual or temporary medical requirements must be accompanied by additional paperwork.

1. ANAPHYLAXIS, ASTHMA, DIABETES, EPILEPSY



2. Occasional Migraine, Headache, Hay fever, Allergies etc



3. Temporary Medication for Seasonal colds/flu/Allergies, Antibiotic, Pain relief etc



For further advice and to collect copies of medical forms please visit the front office or contact the front office staff on 6142 0960.

Chess class is due to start on Wednesday, 9 February 2022, 11:10am to 11:55am



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CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Yarralumla Primary School (ACT) is held on Wednesdays from 11:10am to 11:55am, starting on 9 February 2022.

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.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.