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## 10 September 2020 NEWSLETTER NO. 14

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

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| Friday 18 September  | Year 5 combined band practice Mawson |
| Friday 25 September  | Last day term 3                      |
| Monday 12 October    | First day term 4                     |
| Wednesday 4 November | School Photos                        |

### **Our Vision**

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

Dear families,

Who can believe we are already heading towards the end of week 8! It's been an eventful term and our staff and students continue to display resilience and I think everyone is looking forward to a relaxing, hopefully warm holiday.

We have had some fabulous things happening over the last few weeks including Health and PE Day rotations, years 3 – 6 Birrigai activity days, year 6 Combined Band and Year 6 Alfred Deakin High School transitions. With the spring weather creeping in it's been a nice circuit breaker to have some learning activities in the great outdoors. Thank you to all the staff who were part of organising these additional events and enrichment activities for our students.

If you have children who attend AEON Academy, you will know that they recently received a grant to create an outdoor learning space and as a result have developed an enticing bush tucker garden. It is located outside the hall and includes rock and log gardens and various plants. You might have seen the landscaping taking place over the last few weeks. This will be a great space for all members of our community to enjoy and also makes links to our curriculum and learning programs.

We are very close to having all our buildings back in full operation. We continue to meet with the directorate regularly and are starting to receive replacement resources. Final cleaning and testing continues on small storerooms and withdrawal spaces. The directorate reps are still on-site on Monday and Wednesday afternoons if you would like to come down and have a chat while picking children up from school. Please continue to send any queries through to [ACT.Education@act.gov.au](mailto:ACT.Education@act.gov.au).

Kirsty from preschool has advised us today that the coffee cart will be returning on Monday morning in week 10 (21 September). It was such a hit and gives us all the opportunity to have a coffee and a chat prior to starting our day.....keeping in mind social distancing requirements, of course. Thanks to our preschool staff for organising this.

Have a great week

Signora Emma

## P&C News

Hi everyone and welcome to the P&C newsletter entry.

### **Minutes and other concepts from the P&C meeting on 7/9/2020**

Firstly, let me commend everyone on their behaviour on the evening. I was incredibly pleased with the overall tone and respect that everyone showed for one another's input into the meeting. Secondly may I also thank everyone who attended the meeting and send out a special thanks to Mr. Andrew Parkinson from the Education Directorate and Mr. Rhys Edwards President of the Montessori School at YPS for their attendance.

Thirdly, I would like to also thank the P&C team for the wonderful job they do to keep things moving along. As a group the whole school has been through some incredibly tricky and trying times with many things either being delayed or lost in the confusion caused by the lead issue and I am truly grateful for the teams ongoing commitment to the running of the school's needs.

### **Outdoor movie night.**

In short, it was considered that the spending of \$3500 to run the movie night on the evening of the October 17 election was unacceptable at this time and that a review into the running of the movie night be considered for later in the year as an alternative to the annual final year disco that may need to be changed/disallowed due to usual Covid – 19 social distancing limits. Further investigation is to be followed up at this time regarding current restrictions in place.

### **School Uniform.**

I presented another option for the girls' school summer uniform. Discussion regarding the uniform led us back to conversations and available options discussed in previous pre "Lead Management" meetings and that a physical display of the future uniforms to be present at the Front Office area. I will get onto this asap and let you know when it will be available for viewing.

### **P&C and Treasury spending requirements**

*Item 6* : I would like to bring your attention to a Notice of Spending Proposal.

The P&C would like to notify the community of two spending proposals to be considered at the next General Meeting on the 7th of September requesting:

- (1) The P&C approve expenditure of **\$1700** to purchase Italian learning resources to support the Italian Program delivered at Yarralumla Primary School.
- (2) The P&C approve expenditure of up to **\$2000 per term**, commencing term 3 2020, for purchase of Italian learning resources to support the Italian Program delivered at Yarralumla Primary School with specific resources to be agreed on a term by term basis between the Principal and the Executive Committee.

**This motion on these two payments was passed.**

### **Fundraising Events.**

Vice-President Ulrika presented some wonderful ideas to the meeting which included a fun run initiative as well as a paint a plate concept. She is a wonderful addition to our P&C team and has

some extra things that she is checking the feasibility of (Covid restrictions etc) before we make them public.

**Item 4.1 : Teachers Gift.**

I have been approached by many people expressing concern and gratitude for the staff and teachers at the school whom they feel have gone above and beyond their duty as a teacher and wished to extend to them a gift of some sort.

In my discussions it was then said that a small gift voucher for the local coffee shop called Bees & Co. (which is owned by one of our school's parents) would be a suitable place to start.

After some discussion a gift of \$20 per person was agreed on and therefore the "one off" cost to the P&C will be \$1000 to cover the schools' 50 teachers.

**The motion was passed** with some further discussion on exactly where the teachers and staff would like to shop e.g. Farmer's Daughter vs Bees & Co.

Ulrika and I will develop this further and let you know the outcome.

**The motion was passed but there were queries regarding the timing given to consider the motion before voting was conducted.**

**I sent the motion out in the minutes dated 1/9/20.**

I did this at this time because it was only the day before that I was aware that within reason ALL of the closures at the school had been reopened and that things were "getting back to normal" and the teachers deserved a gift from the P&C community.

Unfortunately, I was unaware that the Front Office area was short staffed at the time of my email due to absences and the minutes did not go out until the 4/9/20.

I do understand some people's concerns about the lack of preparation for the motion and apologise for this unforeseen lack of notification.

As there are still investigations continuing into the "where to" of the actual coffee shop of choice I move that the motion is voted on again at the end of this letter and therefore allowing the correct amount of time for a vote to be conducted with the result being published in a follow up letter.

**Vote for the staff to be given a \$20 gift voucher.**

Please reply YES or NO to [president@pandc.com](mailto:president@pandc.com)

Kindest regards

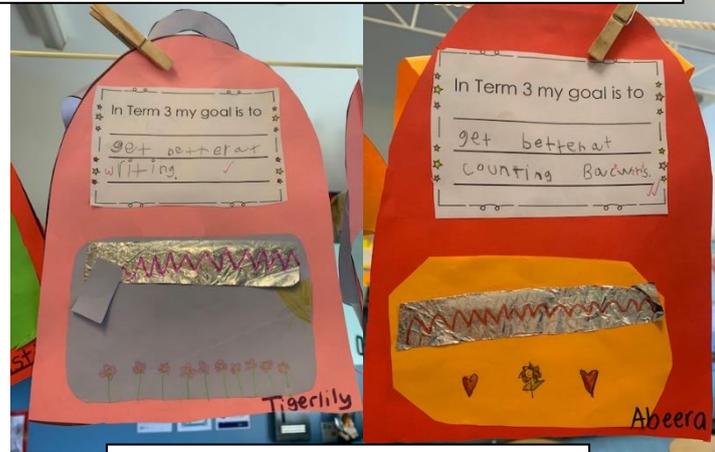
Vincenzo Fotia  
P&C President.

## Kindergarten News

Here are some snapshots of what we have been doing in Kindergarten this term.



We chose questions to find out information about our classmates. We collected the data using tally marks.



We set personal learning goals for the term.



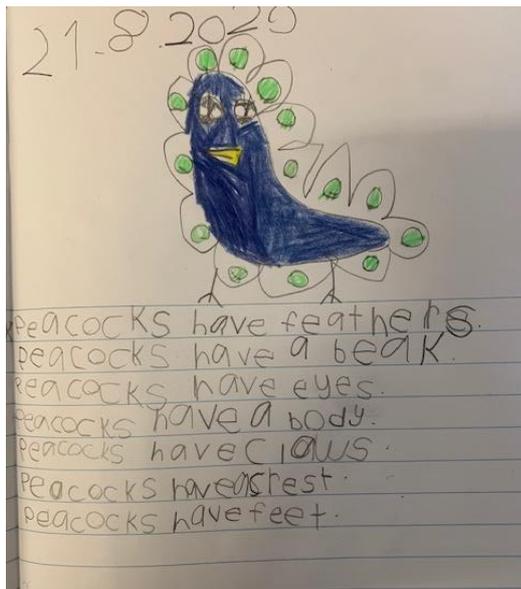
We read the book *il Brucco molto Affamato* and revised the seasons and days of the week.



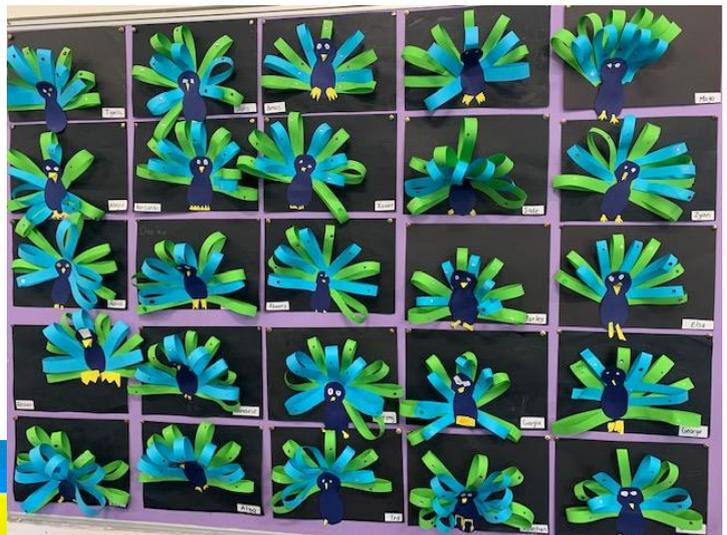
We measured different shapes using wool as an informal unit of measurement.



We have created beautiful self-portraits.



We have been learning about different types of animals and are working towards writing information reports. Here is some writing on peacocks focusing on sentence structure.



As part of our Inquiry Unit, we had to help dress each other for different types of weather.



## Around the School

### Estar REWARDS Week 8

We would like to reward the following students for reaching 50 ESTARS

A certificate and a YPS ball heading your way !

Oliver Fitzgerald in classe Zafferano

Nethaya Gamlakshage Don in Classe Azzurra

Hailey Knight in Classe Acqua

Oscar Wicks in Classe Turchese

Barrett Anderson in Classe Corallo

Well done to everyone and in particular Barrett who is the first Year 1 student to receive an Estar Reward!

### LOST PROPERTY

PLEASE check if some of it belongs at your home! We currently have a large number of named and unnamed school jumpers, jackets, hats and lunch boxes/drink bottles in our lost property. If your child is missing some items of school clothing or other possessions please come in and have a look.

**Please** help us to reduce the amount of lost property we collect. Ensure all of your child's clothing and possessions are clearly marked with their name. Remember, writing fades with washing and second hand clothing needs renaming with your child's name.

Please check their bags at the end of the day to see if things are coming home! Also if your child accidentally brings home clothing that is not theirs return it to school promptly.

As the bubblers are locked until further notice due to COVID 19, please ensure your child brings a drink bottle with their name on it to school each day

*All items not claimed by the start of Week 10 (that do not have names) will be washed and donated to the second hand clothing pool or given to a local charity.*

### SAS Onboarding Message for School Communities

On Monday 14 September, our school will progress into the third stage of implementation of the new School Administration System (SAS), the Enrolment module. So far, the program has helped to bring digital roll marking, parent /carer SMS communication and wellbeing processes across all ACT Public Schools. This is a major step for our school and the Directorate as we move away from the MAZE system as our source of student and financial information.

The Directorate's SAS team will be working very closely with us to ensure that the correct support processes are in place to ensure that the transition is a success.

As we transition into the new modules of the system over this period, information will be provided to the school community about new features that enhance or change current school processes. This update is particularly exciting for the administration of our school as previous releases have been focused on teacher use.

We expect this to be a smooth transition and appreciate your support and understanding during this time. As always you can contact the school office if you have any questions or concerns that may arise.

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## FREE PARENT ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY WEBINAR: LITERACY ACCESSIBILITY TOOL FOR GOOGLE CHROME

This one-hour parent/carer webinar provides an introduction to the fundamentals on Read&Write for Google Chrome to support reading and access to curriculum, writing tools and accessibility features such as text to speech, dictionary, vocabulary and more. All students enrolled in ACT public schools have free access to Read&Write for Google Chrome both at school and at home. To access the webinar, participants will need to register via the link on the flyer.

- [Free Parent/Carer/s Assistive Technology Webinar - Read&Write for Google Chrome \(264 kb PDF\)](#)

### Transition to School Webinar



**Tuesday 15 September 2020**  
7-8 pm  
**webinar**

## Transition to school

**Tips and resources for parents supporting children who are starting school or preschool**

Parents and carers are invited to hear about the research supporting transitions, and ways to help prepare children and families for starting school or preschool.

A resource kit will be available  
To register (or request resources):  
Facebook - ACT Council of P&C Associations  
or phone: 02 6241 5759

Presented by the P&C Council and the ACT Education Directorate.



ACT Council of Parents & Citizens Associations

## Community News

Good afternoon everyone,

Just wanted to touch base and keep you all informed. I hope you are all doing well and keeping safe?

If you have been following our Facebook page you will know the season is on track to start on time and registrations are open. Thank you to everyone that has already registered, we are so excited we are able to return to the sport we love and rekindle our Storm Softball Family and community.

Below is some important information for you all. If you haven't registered yet, please jump on the link below and register so we can get our teams sorted before we can get back on the diamonds.

### Junior Fixture dates:



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|-------------------|---------------|
| <b>JUNIOR</b>     |               |
| <b>SEASON</b>     |               |
| <b>DATES</b>      |               |
| <b>R1 17 OCT</b>  |               |
| <b>R2 24 OCT</b>  |               |
| <b>R3 31 OCT</b>  |               |
| <b>R4 7 NOV</b>   |               |
| <b>R5 14 NOV</b>  |               |
| <b>R6 21 NOV</b>  |               |
| <b>R7 28 NOV</b>  |               |
| <b>R8 5 DEC</b>   |               |
| <b>R9 12 DEC</b>  |               |
| <b>R10 19 DEC</b> | <b>SEMI</b>   |
| <b>R11 30 JAN</b> | <b>FINALS</b> |
| <b>R12 6 FEB</b>  | <b>13 MAR</b> |
| <b>R13 13 FEB</b> | <b>GRAND</b>  |
| <b>R14 20 FEB</b> | <b>FINALS</b> |
| <b>R15 27 FEB</b> | <b>20 MAR</b> |

### Junior Registration Link:

<https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?aID=22989&pKey=d6fe340b0943ff655ca4e121fb16d83c&clD=254548&formID=50878>

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the ballpark and getting back to having fun and enjoying our great sport.

Any questions or further information required please let me know.

Thank you everyone,

Emma Housden  
President  
Storm Softball

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Age Group  
Year 1 to 6

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