NOTES HOME THIS WEEK

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friday 23 May: Assembly hosted by Acquamarina
- Saturday 24 May: Open Day 11am-1pm
- Monday 2 June: Italian Republic Day, ACT Cross Country
- Wednesday 4 June: ICAS Science Competition
- Friday 6 June: Assembly hosted by Diamante
- Monday 9 June: Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
- Friday 20 June: YPS Social Dinner 6.30pm, Assembly hosted by Agata
- Friday 4 July: Last Day of Term 2
- Monday 21 July: First Day of Term 3

THIS WEEK’S UPDATES – CELEBRATING PUBLIC EDUCATION WEEK and the world-class education our students receive from passionate and talented educators at Yarralumla.

FINAL REMINDER OF OPEN DAY THIS SATURDAY 24 May 11am – 1pm.
Please bring your child/ren in uniform and encourage them to be part of demonstration lessons being modelled by our English and Italian teachers. We appreciate that many children have Saturday morning sport but the more children we have ‘in class’, the more authentic the teaching demonstrations will be.
The program for the two hours is after the bouquets.
Grazie mille and looking forward to seeing lots of our parents and community on the day.

Montessori Parents’ Association Meeting next Thursday 29 May at 7pm
Year 5/6 parents: Please note that if you have any further queries about the programs at Alfred Deakin HS and Telopea Park School (eg. Italian programs) after attending their Open Days, contact Signora Chapuis at school.

BOUQUETS THIS WEEK

**Students:** To Shabnam Andisha for being an enthusiastic Green Gang member and donating her lunch time to emptying staff recycling bins.
To Milena Mojsovski for her ‘persuasive text’ letter to Signora Chapuis on why there should be a student award for being funny and joyful!
To Isabella Buchanan, Allegra Senti and Seppe Tine for qualifying for the ACT Cross Country Carnival. Buona fortuna ragazze next Monday!

**Staff:** To Maestra Federica Maggioni for her huge efforts leading Italian teaching in the three Kindergarten classes during Maestra Sabrina’s absence.
To Maestro Phillip Hall for his organisation of an excellent excursion for the Villa Ovest students to the Botanic Gardens on Tuesday.
To Maestra Jayne Murray for her organisation of the National Simultaneous Storytime yesterday and to Maestra Brancato and Maestra Couch for their double reading act!

**Parents:** To Eric Nelson and his lovely lady, Sally Macourt for placing Open Day signs round Canberra’s main avenues to advertise our Open Day. Grazie mille!

**QUOTE of the WEEK:**
“There are no miracles that happen. Only hard work.” Helen Keller
## OPEN DAY PROGRAM 2014

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Please (Per favore)
- Sign your name at the registration table as a visitor
- Come inside the main building (La Villa Centrale) to visit classrooms and see lessons in action
- Buy a sausage or cake from our P&C stalls
- Ask questions of parents /teachers or student ambassadors and be taken on a tour of the school to see our core programs in action
Just a quick reminder about the Open Day this Saturday. Hope to see a few familiar faces and lots of not so familiar faces. Weather looking fine for the day so hopefully we will have a full house.

Not sure how many are planning to help out with providing some baked goods, but it would be appreciated if you could drop your goodies off at the school either late on Friday afternoon, or preferably Saturday morning so that we don’t have to be concerned about storage overnight. Please make sure you have labelled your goods, listing ingredients.

Not such a great response to the survey; hope that wasn’t due to the link issue? Any feedback would be appreciated. We are short a couple of people in a few timeslots so if you think you might have an hour to spare, your assistance would be appreciated.

Gudrun Northrup
P&C President

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Major fundraising event – save the date
20 June 2014

Fundraising dinner – Tickets now available!
The P&C is holding a fundraising dinner in the Damiano Hall in the **Italo Australian Club on Friday 20 June** from 6.30pm. It will be a fun night, with food, drinks and entertainment. It’s a great way to meet other parents at school and to help raise funds to support your children. Tickets are now on sale and cost $40 per person, or $400 for a table of 10. This includes Antipasti, main course, a beverage on arrival and a glass of wine with dinner. Additional drinks can be purchased at the bar and we will have a dessert auction so you can choose from a range of lovely desserts donated by parents.

To pay for your tickets, make a direct deposit into the following bank account and send an email to yarralumlaprimaryevents@gmail.com

Bank account Name: Yarralumla Parents & Citizens
BSB: 062919
Account No: 00921007
Reference: Surname

We will then contact you to arrange collection of the tickets prior to the event. For more information contact Rebecca at rebeccasostarko@gmail.com

**How you can help**
We will hold a **fundraising meeting** on Friday at 1.00pm at school to discuss the event. Please come along if you can. If you can’t make it, but want to help, please email Rebecca at rebeccasostarko@gmail.com or Melissa on pcoggan@msn.com.

**Calling all dessert Masterchefs** – we will have a dessert auction on the night and need volunteers to make something tempting. If you would like to help, please email us.

**Hampers of goodies** – your child should have brought home a note asking for hamper donations. Each year level has been asked to put together a hamper with a theme (gardening, new baby etc). These hampers will be auctioned on the night, so please bring your donations into school by 6 June.

**Silent Auction donations** – we are asking local businesses to donate goods for the silent auction. These can be gift vouchers, tickets, new goods or services. Donations will be acknowledged and those businesses promoted at the event. If you have a business, or know someone who does, please ask them to contact us.

**Live Auction donations** - we will have a live auction and need major prizes to tempt our bidders. If you have contacts at hotels, travel agents, major retailers, or have a holiday home or something significant to donate we need your help! Please let us know asap of any potential prizes or sponsors we can call on.
Canteen News

With the weather starting to cool down, we’re starting to bring warmer fare to the canteen. This week, the special is Sausage Rolls.

From the counter, we will be serving Popcorn, ANZAC biscuits, Jellies and Hot Chocolates, as well as our usual selection of Paddle Pops and Quelch Iceblocks.

To families that are pre-ordering serves of the Special, please make sure your order has been handed in no later than 12noon Thursday, so that we can finalise numbers for the day. We cannot guarantee that orders received after this time will be filled, so please make sure you get your order in to avoid your child being disappointed.

Big shout out thanks to all our volunteers we have had this term; canteen just wouldn’t be the same without you!

2014, Term 2 Assemblies

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Kindergarten

Buongiorno a tutti!

Our very first assembly was a roaring success! We are so proud of all the hosts, performers and reward recipients. Jack Boyer from Zaffiro had the pleasure of winning the FISH! Philosophy award. He made someone’s day and was being there for his classmate when she was hurt. Well done Jack for setting such a great example for your peers.

Last week, Kindergarten had a special visit from Kenny Koala. Kenny spoke to us about keeping ourselves safe when we are out in the community. We discussed the emergency number ‘000’ and when you might need to call it. Our main focus was around strategies that we can use if we get separated from an adult when away from home. Some examples include:

- Finding an adult in a uniform and asking for help
- Knowing your parents’ names and mobile numbers so they can be called ASAP

We encourage all of our families to talk to their children about keeping themselves safe and practising their parents’ phone numbers.

In Italian, we have been practising vocabulary and expressions related to our inquiry unit through chants, role plays and simulations of weather forecasts. We have been able to broadcast live ‘andare in diretta’ the weather report using a beautiful television made out of a carton box. Thanks maestra Anna Alberti for making it such a masterpiece.

The days of the week in Italian are part of our daily routine and most students remember their order and use the right intonation with some fun kinaesthetic tricks demonstrated by maestra Meri. Ask your child what is the difference between the pronunciation of school days and weekend days and they should be able to mime pulling up weights from lunedì to venerdì and relaxing on sabato and domenica.

Having learned about 2D shapes in Italian we are now identifying and naming 3D objects. With our Italian assistants Michela and Mery, we played a fun game called ‘le belle statuine’ pretending to be statues. After the game, students were drawing ‘le statuine’ from different angles, from ‘davanti’ and from ‘dietro’ and that’s because we are all ‘tridimensionali’!

In English, we have continued our focus on letters of the alphabet and the sounds they make. We’ve almost mastered the 12 Golden Words and will soon be moving onto the Red Words. Ask your child to find some Golden Words in their home reading books, write the words in sand or create the words with play dough.

Our Mystery Readers have been surprising us again and again each week. Please check the roster to see when your child’s Mystery Reader is scheduled.
Ciao,

Maestra Federica, Maestra Grujic, Maestra Veitch e Maestra Meri (e Michela e Mery)

**Year 4/5**

Term 2 is moving along quickly and we have been busy with Rostrum speeches, cross country and NAPLAN testing for our year 5s. Last Thursday when the final NAPLAN test was over, there was a great cheer and a sense of relief among the students. We were very proud of the way the students approached the testing which was quite challenging for them, particularly maintaining the strict test conditions with no speaking.

From our cross country carnival we had many good runners who went on to represent our school at the South Weston Carnival last Friday. We are particularly proud of Isabella Buchanan who came 8th in her age group. She got a big round of applause when she returned to class. She has been training regularly on the Stromlo track and gaining a place at the ACT carnival was well deserved.

Rostrum speeches have been wonderful and the students have put in an amazing effort in preparing their speeches. The topics have been so varied and each student has presented very well. During the course of the speeches the students were the main judges commenting on content and presentation and giving scores. We learnt about how hard it is to score and to be consistent. Some of our judges were tough markers. The task of choosing only two students to represent our class for the school final was quite difficult. After nominations and a class vote Amanda Vunipola and Charlie Snow were chosen. There were many other students who were also very good.

Our class novel ‘The Last 13’ has us all hooked and we are keen to get to the end. There are 13 books in the series and we are enjoying the exciting and fast paced adventures of Sam the main character. Through this book we are learning the roles of cooperative reading where we analyse a text, look at vocabulary, word usage and language features, illustrate parts of the text and ask questions about the book and the author’s intentions.

This Saturday we hope to see many of our students at the school open day where they can participate in demonstration lessons and be ambassadors for our school.

In Italian students have been exploring forms of adaptation that certain animals and plants exhibit in certain environments. Some forms of adaptation that students have been researching include camouflage, and symbiosis. Different types of environments like the deep abyss at the bottom of the ocean contain certain animals that have adapted to that particular environment by developing special glands that produce light.

Adaptation is a phenomenon that doesn’t refer just to animals but to plants as well – an example is the cactus. Students have analysed how the cactus plant absorbs (assorbire) and retains (trattiene) water in harsh, dry environments like the Australian desert. They have observed how the cactus has adapted to this environment by changing the shape of its leaves from flat leaves to spikes (le spine).

Our inquiry unit is coming to an end and students are busy completing assessments and evaluations. Please ask your child to discuss with you what they have learnt during the science unit as I was amazed at how knowledgeable they were! Well done classe Agata!

Maestra Bomball and Maestra Brissoni

an activity on the cactus plant.
In Year 5/6 students have been exploring how animals and plants adapt to the environment. During our inquiry we have been learning about forms of adaptation like camouflage (mimetismo) which can be used for defence and also for attack (per difesa o per attacco). Following are some examples of types of camouflage:

**Mimetismo Criptico**: when an animal changes its colour and shape to blend in with the surrounding environment. An example is the seahorse (il cavalluccio marino).

**Mimetismo Batesiano**: when a harmless animal changes its colour and/or shape to resemble a more dangerous animal. An example is the hoverfly (Sirfide).

**Mimetismo Mulleriano**: when animals that emanate poison gases and toxic odours have the same warning colours like black and white (the skunk), or yellow and black (the wasp).

**Mimetismo Disruptivo**: when animals have certain patterns on their skin that make them blend in with the environment. An example is the zebra (la zebra).

The hoverfly

Our inquiry unit is coming to an end and students are busy completing assessments and evaluations. Please ask your child to discuss with you what they have learnt during the science unit as this will give you an idea of the rich discussions and interpretations occurring during class time. Well done classe Acquamarina!

Maestra Cansdell, Maestra Meri and Maestra Brissoni

**Library**

Well a brilliant story was enjoyed by the whole school yesterday as it took part in National Simultaneous Story time, an event shared across the country. We read:

‘Too Many Elephants in this House’ by Ursula Dubosorky pictures by Andrew Joyner.

Please don’t forget the competitions that are running all entries are due in by the end of May or Monday 2nd June.

**Year 5/6 – Photo Competition**: catch your family reading in a photo; the more interesting the location, the better and please print it and bring it to school for a ‘Reading anywhere display’ and judging for a winner by the end of May.

**Year 3/4 – Create a Book Trailer**: you have seen them for movies; now make one for your favourite book and sell why it should be read to your peers. Trailers need to be emailed to me by the end of May Jayne.Murray@ed.act.edu.au

**Year 1/2 – Make a Reading Tree**: with your family draw a tree and for its leaves add the names of all the books you read together for the month of May. Bring it in to the library by the end of May.

**Kindy – Draw the Front Cover of your Favourite Book**: to the best of your ability hand draw the front cover of your favourite book, just copy it or
create a brand new one. Hand them in at the library by the end of May.

On a sadder note, there are currently:

381 overdue books and some students are borrowing very infrequently.

Please have a look at home and see if you can find your library books and return them any day of the week.

Seeking some help!

We are looking for parents willing to cover books; please drop into the library if you are interested. We supply the books, scissors, cover and instructions if required.

Ciao

Maestra Jayne

National Simultaneous Storytime

Uniform Shop

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS TERM 2

OPEN: Weeks 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9

If you require uniform outside these hours please contact Nim 0411 358 557 or leave an order form at the Front Office.

Sports News

Congratulations to all our cross country runners who performed so well last Friday at the South Weston Carnival. Brooklyn Suraci, Lucy D’Arcy, Mateo Biscotti, Noah Buchanan, Isabella Buchanan, Olivia Castle, Erika De Donato, Oliver Lockey, Sam Ferguson, Dom Novakovic, Mia Foley, Gianna Hyland, Grace Wills, Oliver Hehir, Cameron Rogers, Harry Hehir, Samara Mistry, Mena Biscotti, Maddie Nelson, Jude Ferguson, Michael Bennett, Richie Johns, Samara Mistry, Lila Gough, Bronte Coggan, Seppe Tine, Callum Hicks, and Max Van De Loo. We are very proud of your efforts and behaviour in representing Yarralumla.

Thank you to Signora Marli for supervising on the day and to the dedicated parents who transported their children to and from the venue, particularly with all the road works in the area.

Three of our students were placed in the top 10 runners for their age group and now go on to the ACT Carnival in early June. They are Seppe Tine (8 years), Allegra Senti (8 years) and Isabella Buchanan (11 years). We wish them all the best at this next level of competition.

Community News

My daughter is collecting old mobile phones to raise funds to help protect the mountain gorilla. This is part of a Humane Society International Program run through her school. If you are able to donate any used mobile phones, please deliver them to the preschool or the front office of the primary school by the end of week 10 this term. Also remember to remove sim cards. This will be much appreciated.

Vanessa Taylor - Preschool teacher
Dear Parents

Hi, I’m Michela! I’m a teacher’s assistant at Yarralumla Primary School. I am 24 and I come from Italy. I live near Como and I graduated with a degree in Primary School Teaching early this April.

After school or on weekends, I am available to help your children with their homework and/or do some conversation with them, or with you if you want!

I ask $15 per hour. I don’t have a car but I live near the school. I am a good walker and have a bicycle too!

Please feel free to contact me on 0404 563 289 or corbella.michela@gmail.com

The main Art Room Door is still inaccessible; to get into the Art Room, you will need to go around to the U shaped car park, and on the corner of the mural at the front of the school building, there is a pair of double doors. These doors are the access to the store room, and from there, the Art Room.

The Open Day for Term Two will be held on Saturday the 31st of May!

AEONCADEMY NEWS

The weather has been lovely this week!
‘Festa della Repubblica’
An Event presented by the ComItEs Canberra/ACT
Italian Cultural Centre, 80 Franklin Street, Forrest
Sunday, June 1st, 2014 11am-4pm

The ComItEs Canberra/ACT is proud to announce a special FREE event ‘Festa della Repubblica’ in the occasion of the Italian National Day and dedicated to Italy’s countrymen. This is a whole of Canberra community event, a great opportunity for the people of the National Capital to experience Italian culture in many of its forms and creations. It will be a day unlike any other, which we will celebrate together in the spirit of unity, while recognizing the differences that makes Italy unique.

The festival marks the 68th anniversary of the Italian republic, one of Italy’s significant national holidays.

The Festa della Repubblica Italiana (Festival of the Italian Republic) is celebrated annually on the 2nd of June to commemorate the birth of the Italian Republic. On June 2 and 3, 1946, following the fall of Fascism and the end of World War II, an institutional referendum was held in which Italians were asked to vote on what form of government they preferred, either a monarchy or republic. The majority of Italians favoured a republic, so the monarchs of the House of Savoy were exiled. On May 27, 1949, lawmakers passed Article 260, cited June 2nd as date of the founding of the Republic and declared it a national holiday.

The president of the ComItEs Canberra Paola Cerrato says “the festa will be a great family day out where multicultural Canberra will meet and enjoy Italy”.

The ‘Festa della Repubblica’ will display a variety of food, gelato, sweets, and coffee and speciality and cultural stalls open from 11am to 4pm.

The Ambassador of the Republic of Italy, His Excellency Mr Pier Francesco Zazo will officially open the festivity.

Choirs, music and entertainment will fill the day along with a buzz of Italian spoken around you.

Media Enquiries: Paola Cerrato President
ComItEs Canberra/ACT
0402 475 819
Canteen Order Form – Term 2, Week 4

Child’s name: _____________________________________

Year: ________ Class: __________________

Email contact: ____________________________

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| May 23 | Sausage rolls and spinach and ricotta triangles from the commercial kitchen at 210⁰ Bakery in Hughes.                     | • Beef x____ serves = $____  
• Vegetarian x ____ serves = $____  
• tomato sauce? |
|        | Fruit Combo                                                                                                              | • Combo x____ = $____                                                                 |
|        | The freshly baked muffin of the day (pear) and piece of fruit (Australian Corella pear) lunch combination available for $2. |                                                                                   |
|        | This can only be ordered in addition to a main menu lunch order.                                                          |                                                                                   |

• quelch icy poles...................$0.50
• paddle pops........................$1.50
• popcorn..............................$1.00
• jelly cups...........................$1.00
• yogurt cup...........................$1.00
• muffins..............................$1.00
• Australian Corella Pear...........$1.00
• fresh baked..............................$1.00 (anzac biscuit, bannana slice)
• hot chocolate........................$1.00
• sultanas..................