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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 18 August	Year 3/4 Birrigai Day Camp
Friday 21 August	Year 5/6 Birrigai Day Camp
Monday 24 August	Questacon Science Circus Kinder – Year 2
Tuesday 25 August	Questacon Science Circus Years 3 - 6
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 nearing the middle of the term already! I know that 2020 has continued to throw us some challenges however the ongoing flexibility and resilience of students, staff and families is amazing. We are hoping to get further news very shortly about opening up the music/art room again for use and working closely with the industrial cleaners to start discussing the return to Gambarri over the next few weeks. We appreciate that this situation is not ideal however we continue to work with the P&C, the School Board and the directorate to get this resolved as soon as possible. On Tuesday morning the Minister briefly visited the school to discuss our current situation and to see the impact first hand. Thank you to those parents who have touched base directly with the representatives from the Education Directorate to ask questions and clarify information. We really appreciate the support many of you have shown during this time.

Please keep an eye out for information regarding the School Satisfaction Survey which is coming out shortly. As we are continuously looking at ways to improve our school, we value the feedback from parents, staff and students to inform our future plans. We are eager to hear the voice of every family and encourage everyone to complete the survey.

As the functioning of the school carpark continues to be on our agenda I would like to remind everyone that the areas directly out the front of the school are for pick up and drop off only. Some cars are being left unattended which blocks the flow of the carpark. When cars park in the drop off zones it can be difficult to exit other carparks safely due to minimal space and it also reduces line of sight when people are walking around the carpark during these busy periods. Additionally, school buses are unable to enter the carpark due to this congestion. I appreciate it's a busy time but our priority is to keep everyone safe.

Please continue to keep an eye out for our growing lost property pile. If items are named we will make every effort to get things returned. Now we are in August, we are back to hats on during outdoor play and sport.

Have a fabulous weekend
Warm regards
Emma

P&C News

Hi and welcome everyone to this edition of the P & C newsletter.

As you would imagine there is a lot happening within the school regarding the lead contamination issue. Unfortunately as much as I have been addressing the situation daily I cannot share with you a lot of new information. I am currently endeavoring to meet up with the Education Directorate to present to them the new school plan that I promised at the meeting. I will keep you posted regarding this issue.

Can I say that it is an absolute pleasure to be able to represent the school currently as P&C president and I am absolutely floored by how wonderful the parents are at the school.

Your awesomeness shone through at the meeting. Highlighting things that I hadn't even thought about in regards to the lead contamination issue. Kudos must also include **Dr Chan-Feng Lin-Wu** for showing up to assist the P & C parents with his invaluable knowledge on the subject

Thanks to Principal Emma and Deputy Principal Deb for their efforts in this very difficult time. Also Teresa and the front office staff who must be having to handle so many of our queries.

Finally a huge thanks goes out from me to the teachers, even a huge thanks is probably not enough recognition for the amazing job that they are performing given the circumstances.

Lots and lots of emails will be sent out again soon to keep you updated with any news I receive.

Since Monday's P&C meeting I have had some conflicting reviews of the evening and its tone.

After any meeting I conduct a self review and the people that I spoke to were very happy if not surprised with how well everyone behaved at the meeting given its context.

Then, in the past few days I have received a different view from some people saying the opposite to restraint and respect.

My goal is for everyone to be heard equally, and within reason, I felt that both sides of the situation were presented at the meeting.

I will admit that some people may have had some strong things to say and that they may have expressed those things with some vigor but I for one didn't feel that they exceeded what I thought was fair and reasonable given the context of the conversation.

Whether I agree with their opinion or not, I as P&C President see the current lead concern as some people feel that their children's - and let's not forget staff and teachers - lives were put in harm's **way** and they feel very strongly about that and want to have their say. Some people feel that I was too lenient and that I needed to have been more firm on some of the remarks and that I should have been more supportive of Principal Emma and Deputy Principal Deb. As a mediator this is a difficult thing to answer: who or what is right or wrong?

What I can say without question is that I, along with the P&C Board have consistently backed the staff of the school during this situation. Everyone within the school has worked tirelessly for this to be resolved asap. Not everyone is going to agree with the Board or myself and that's fine and that is their right.

What I would like is that we respect each other's differences and that although this is a very emotive time that we also allow the fact's to speak and be heard rather than thing's we cannot prove.

As stated at the meeting, ask me for the answers to your questions if you feel that you cannot trust this or that person - as I only have one agenda, the safety and wellbeing of our kids!

As promised I will be the loudest banger of every drum to find and or fix this situation where needed - but that's not always needed, most times it just needs a phone call to the right person.

The P&C's role is to provide you with the best information and support that we can - but that doesn't mean that you have to agree with it or that it is right for you.

As was highlighted several times during the evening - the P&C can only provide you with the information we have - you will have to make your own decision based on that information, and if you are still concerned about things from a medical perspective contact a medical practitioner (see your doctor).

Please folks let's look out for each other, this is not a time for disunity or distrust. I care and all of the P&C board members care about the lead issue as much as you do.

OUR kids are in those same rooms as yours are and we ALL want it fixed ASAP, and it will be. Your kindness and consideration of each other will make this journey quicker and way smoother than it would otherwise be.

Please feel free to contact me with any of your concerns via the P&C website and or via phoning me on 0435 910 907.

Kindest regards,

Vincenzo Fotia
P&C President



Year 5/6 News

Welcome to Week 4

Years 5 and 6 have been working hard and are excited to share some of their fabulous work with our Yarralumla Community. 🇺🇸

In English, we have been studying poetic forms such as haikus, cinquains, limericks and Indigenous poetry, and have written some amazing poems ourselves. Check them out below.

Year 5s are learning about the Gold Rush era this term and have been amazed by what an amazing metal gold is. They are also working on some impressive artworks related to the Gold Rush.

Year 6s have been introduced to Australian Government and have also reflected on what it means to be Australian. We've looked at just how multicultural Australia is and how that benefits our wonderful country.

In Maths, 5/6 have been learning about division. They are exploring a range of strategies including the partitioning method, and using an algorithm. We are also focussing on ensuring we read word problems accurately so we can pull out the important parts in order to solve them effectively.

In HPE, all students have been working together to research an Indigenous game which they will then teach to their peers. We can't wait to see some wonderful teachers in the making. 🇺🇸

Mr J

There once was a teacher named Mr J
He would always to me, say "Hey"
He loved to teach sport
On ovals and courts
And would always join in and play.

By Tania B

Winter

The winters are cold
The morning frost, bites my cheeks
Sleep, Netflix and Chill.

By Ariana W

Nose Picker

There once was a kid who was bad
And he picked his nose like mad
He sat there all day
Just picking away
And picking them at his Dad.

By Gemma P



Magpies

Magpies
They're black and white
They sit and spy on us
They like to swoop, they like to poop
Magpie

By Lucas



Oceeb

Clear, magical
Swimming, surfing, snorkelling
Full of beautiful sea creatures
The deep.

By Maya K

Covid 19

We wear masks all day
Social distancing is key
Washing your hands please.

By Valentine D



Gold Rush

There once was a grand old time
When gold used to shimmer and shine
Miners worked all day and night
And thought they maybe just might
Find some gold they could trade for dimes.

By Jerde A





Students in Years 5 and 6 have been learning about solids, liquids and gases, as well as light and shadow in Science. To complement this learning, they have created some beautiful artworks of Isaac Newton and INCREDIBLE pencil drawings using light and shade.

In Maths, students have been having lots of fun examining 3D shapes and their nets.

In Italian Grammar, 5/6 are learning how to answer questions using full sentences when speaking and writing. They are also learning about articulated prepositions. Please feel free to ask you child more about this.

Students have also been very excited recently to reacquaint themselves with Language Perfect to practise their Italian skills. They have been completely engaged running through all the interactive tools assisting with their Italian lessons. *Rasazzi bravissimi*

Keep up your excellent efforts 5/6. We're so impressed!



Around the School

SRC representatives 2020

CLASSE	SEMESTER 1 / SEMESTER 2
Kindergarten ROSA	Luna Wilkonson-Shore
	Deacon Copeland
Kindergarten SCARLATTO	Zara Ioppi
	Keshav Kaushik
Year 1 CORALLO	Mia Southwell
	Leo Sostaric
Year 1 MAGENTA	Lauren Gonzalez
	Max Fargher
Year 1 / 2 FUCSIA	Aya Campaign
Year 2 VERDOLINO	Ivy Sullivan
	Atticus Anderson
Year 2 VERDE MENTA	Penelope Stewart
	Jasper Sedgwick
Year 2 VERDE MARINO	Cleo Steger
	Angelo Proestos
Year 3 / 4 AZZURRA	Monty Henwood (y3)
	Evie Anderson (y4)
Year 3 / 4 ACQUA	Scarlett Sedgwick (y3)
	Alejandro Carvajal-Sanchez (y4)
Year 3 / 4 TURCHESE	Brady Wiseman (y4)
	Nethara Gamlakshage Don (y4)
Year 3 / 4 CELESTE	Rose Biboudis (y4)
	Max Willis (y3)
Year 3 / 4 BLU	Poppy Tibbitts
	Sagi Reubinoff
Year 5 / 6 ZAFFERANO	Eva Tine
	Trinity Frezza
Year 5 / 6 AMBRA	Milly Bentley
	Nicholas Christian
Year 5 / 6 ORO	Gabriel Punturiero
	Lucy Bradbery
Year 5 / 6 CADMIO	Audrey Lingard
	Arlo Tibbitts
School Captains	Charlize Willis
	Eve Rawlings
	Alan Othman
	Atticus Fittler

UPDATING CONTACT DETAILS As we move into Semester 2, we would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers to ensure that the school has your correct and up to date contact details, this ensures that the school has the correct information should we need to contact you.

If you have changed your contact details, phone number or email address, please contact the school via email to info@yarralumlaps.act.edu.au. Thank you for your assistance.

August is hats on again

Broad brimmed hats are required for outdoor play and Physical Education activities from Monday 3rd August 2019. In line with our Sunsmart Policy all students are required to wear a brimmed hat (not a cap) for the remainder of the year. Please ensure your child has a brimmed hat each day.

COVID Impact - Schools are still being advised to minimise adults coming onto school grounds. We understand how frustrating this is, however, ask that you continue to support the school as we continue to work together to keep everyone safe and well.

CEIS CANCELLATION

CEIS classes will be cancelled until further notice due to some works being conducted in our large Gambarri building, Preschool and Montessori. This means that every possible space now houses a working classroom. This includes two classes in corridors, two in the hall, 1 in the art room, 2 in the library and one in our afterschool care building therefore, we have no space available to conduct CEIS classes.

SPARE CLOTHES LOANED TO STUDENTS

If your child has been given a change of clothing by the school, please wash and return them to the Front Office as soon as possible, as we are running extremely low. Thank you for your cooperation.

Insurance and Ambulance Transport

The ACT Education Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

LOST PROPERTY



There has been a large amount of clothing left outside and around the school with no names on them. It is important that your child's clothing is labelled so that it can be returned to them. This is also the case with lunch boxes and drink bottles. Outside the Front Office and outside Year 5/6 Zafferano are baskets of lunch boxes and drink bottles with no names on them. There is also clothing with names on them. If they do not get collected by the end of term they will be disposed of.

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.

Children's Crossing – Safety

A children's crossing is provided on Loftus Street near the front of the school to provide amenity for children (and parents) who need to cross the road. When driving near the school, please remember to drive slowly and be alert for pedestrians who may be crossing.

A children's crossing is similar to a pedestrian crossing, when the 'children crossing' flags are displayed motorists must not proceed through the crossing if children or adults are crossing. Motorists must also stop when pedestrians are approaching the crossing and allow them to cross safely.

More information is available in the [children's crossing fact sheet](#) on the Transport Canberra website. Please help to keep our school community safe.



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