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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 30 June	Last Day of Term 2
Monday 17 July	First Day of Term 3
Monday 24 July	Author Visit Jack Heath for Chief Minister's Reading Challenge
Monday 7-8 August	Kindergarten Health Screen
Monday 7 August	P&C Meeting -6.30pm
Wednesday 9 August	Kindergarten Excursion Jerra Wetlands
Monday 21 August	Year 5/6 Birrigai Day Excursion

Our Vision

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Teresa's Retirement

Teresa Smith has been in our front office at YPS since 2009, but after 14 years of love and commitment to the students, staff and parents of YPS she has decided to retire. During her 14 years of service at YPS she has seen the growth of students from Preschool to Year 6 from their enrolment in the school through till their graduation. She has assisted many of the students with bumps and bruises, lost jumpers, forgotten lunch boxes, music lessons, permission notes and late pickups in the afternoons. We wish Teresa well in her next chapter of her life and thank her greatly for all that she has done for the YPS community. Teresa's last day is this Friday.

Italian Programme

This week we also farewell maestra Francesca who has been with us for the past five years working with our classroom teachers to increase the Italian levels of our students. It has been a big move for Francesca over the past five years leaving her school community, family and husband in Italy to pursue the opportunity in Canberra. Francesca has been instrumental in sharing her knowledge with our Italian classroom teachers. She has run acceleration programs for native speaking and advanced students. Francesca has also assisted students who have struggled with the Italian language. Her skills and knowledge will be greatly missed and we wish her well in her future educational pursuits.

Last fortnight we notified our families who were interest in the community trip to Italy that we were unable to proceed with the trip in 2023.

Thank you for expressing an interest in the community Italy trip planned for October 2023. Unfortunately, due to time constraints for staff approvals our trip is unable to proceed this year. As you will be aware, the COVID-19 pandemic meant our schools were unable to travel overseas for a number of years. Since this time there have been some changes to the overseas travel policy and procedures which requires us to review elements of our trip. Unfortunately the work required cannot be completed in the timeframe needed for this trip to go ahead. Whilst we appreciate that this news is disappointing, we are working closely with the Education Directorate to ensure we are ready for a trip in future years. We will keep you updated as we progress.

Maestra Lynden and myself will be attending an overseas excursions meeting being held by the Education Directorate today to plan for our future community trip. Through this meeting we hope to determine a new date for the trip to occur and confirm this with our Italian schools. We expect that with a new policy that their may be

changes that the school will need to make from previous trips for the trip to occur including billeting. As soon as we have further information we will share this with the community. Our Community Trip plays an important role in the development of our students language acquisition skills but also has important benefits for our teachers, resources use within the school and strong connection with the University to collaboratively work with and develop future Italian teachers at our school.

Lunch Time Clubs – Parent Volunteers

We try to provide our students with alternative play programmes during our lunch breaks. Students have the open spaces and playground to play, opportunity to borrow sporting equipment, participate in the school choir, join the sustainability team, play the Ukelele, attend the library or learn how to play chess. If you are a parent with a talent (sporting, musical, visual arts, science, paper planes, poetry, photography, cooking) that would like to volunteer their time one day a week from 11:00am-12:00pm on a certain day for a 5 week or 10 week block please make contact with me via email to talk through your availability.

Parent Teacher interviews / Reports

Our school based semester 1 reports were sent home on Friday of week 8. A second report was sent home in week 9 that contained an update to the wording of The Arts subject area and also contained the distribution of A to E grades across each year level. Parent teacher interviews have been available for parents in weeks 9 and 10 for parents to speak with the classroom teachers about their child's progress and strategies to assist them moving forward. If you have not had the opportunity to meet with your classroom teacher/s please send them an email to book an appointment.

Building Works

During the school holidays further plumbing works will occur at YPS at the front and rear of the Gambari building. If you are in the area you will notice fencing that is erected around the building while the works occur. The works will include the replacement of many of the original pipes from the 1950's.

As we continue to grow as a school and a community if you have any suggestions, comments or positive feedback regarding Yarralumla Primary please do not hesitate to contact me via email, a conversation in the playground or make a suitable time via the front office to sit and talk.

We wish all our families a safe and relaxing school holiday and look forward to the return of all our students at the start of term 3.

Keep Smiling

Rohan Evans | Principal



STAR AWARD

Awarded to

Lucy J

June 2023



Lucy is a bubbly, positive member of Kindergarten, who always displays our school's STAR values. She is an Active Learner and loves learning new things, always willing to take on a challenge, big or small. Lucy's stories are always creative, and she communicates her ideas confidently in lots of different ways. Lucy has a zest for life and works well with others, showing respect for her peers and teachers. She frequently helps her class members in a variety of tasks, showing her skills as a Team Player. Congratulations on your STAR award!



STAR AWARD

Awarded to

Mailén H-P B

June 2023



Mailén is a positive and enthusiastic member of the Kindergarten class. She is an Active Learner who enjoys challenges and seeks feedback to continually develop her skills. During learning times, Mailén is always focused and her passion for Italian is infectious! Mailén is also an incredible Team Player. She willingly supports her peers, whether it is encouraging them to have a go, or discussing thoughts and feelings. What a wonderful member of the class you are, Mailén! Congratulations on your STAR award!



YPS PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION / ASSOCIAZIONE GENITORI E CITTADINI

Dear parents, carers, teachers, students and friends from the YPS community

FAREWELL TO TERESA SMITH

This week marks the end of an era at YPS with the departure and retirement of Teresa Smith. She has been the YPS School Secretary since 2009 - 14 years! I wish I had some statistics to put her extraordinary commitment to YPS into context, in thinking about the number of students and teachers who have passed through the school during Teresa's tenure. Teresa arrived at YPS when the Italian program came to YPS in 2009. As a stalwart of YPS administration, Teresa has greatly assisted YPS grow and mature into the amazing bilingual school it is today. Thank you so much Teresa!

The P&C marked the occasion at Assembly on Wednesday by presenting Teresa with a heartfelt Certificate of Appreciation for her many years of service to YPS and some beautiful tricolour biscotti to wish her *buona fortuna* as she leaves Loftus Street and moves onto a happy retirement.



FAREWELL TO MAESTRA FRANCESCA

At the end of this week, YPS will also say a sad farewell to Maestra Francesca, our very special Italian language assistant. Maestra Francesca arrived at YPS in 2019. Her appointment at YPS was part of an Italian government program to improve Italian language standards internationally. She was selected and awarded the position at YPS over hundreds of other applicants. We have been exceptionally lucky to have her at YPS.

Maestra Francesca has worked with all students from the bilingual program in various capacities. She has provided enrichment for more advanced students. She has assisted students who needed extra support in aspects of bilingual education at YPS. She has worked closely with Italian classroom teachers to enhance the Italian learning at YPS.

Having inspired so many of YPS's bilingual students in Italian education, Maestra Francesca will return to Italy to teach at her previous school in Cagliari, Sardinia. On behalf of the YPS Community, the P&C would like to officially thank Maestra Francesca and honour her for all she has done for YPS.

WELCOME TO ALESSIA TALLARINI

YPS is extremely fortunate to welcome a new Italian student teacher, Alessia Tallarini. Alessia has written a lovely introduction for us so that we can all get to know her. Thank you Alessia - we are so glad that you are here!



My name's Alessia Tallarini, I'm 23 years old and I'm a pre-service teacher from Bergamo here in Yarralumla.

At the University of Bergamo, I'm studying for becoming a primary school teacher and I decided to make my thesis project about the similarities and differences between primary school here in Australia and in Italy.

Being a teacher has always been my dream. I was lucky enough to have an amazing teacher when I was little that really encouraged me and saw something in me that even I didn't see, being a teacher like her is what I aspired to be.



This is a photo of me with my host family in Yarralumla!



I love travelling so much. I have been lucky enough to travel a lot within European borders, but I have never been outside Europe, so I'm pretty excited to discover Australia and seeing its culture, its people and, why not, food.

I live in a small town in the north of Italy called Gandosso. Gandosso has less than 1500 inhabitants and it is a really quiet place to live in, there aren't many locals and even groceries, but I wouldn't change it, in about 10 minutes you can be everywhere you need to be.

I'm excited to meet you all and if you see me around the school just come to say Hi!

COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER

Don't forget the P&C's fundraiser selling **Cookie Dough**. Every tub sold earns \$4 for the school. We are hoping to put this money towards playground upgrades (more about that next term!). We hope that students will love selling tubs of *dough-licious* cookie dough and earning awesome incentive prizes.

Please visit <https://cookiedough.com.au/> and click 'Register' to create your personalised fundraising page. If you missed out on a pamphlet or have any questions, please reach out to fundraising@ypspandc.com.

This is a really important fundraiser for the P&C due to its negligible administrative overhead for P&C volunteers. This year the P&C has organised four large events, each of which required a high level of volunteer time and commitment. This cookie dough fundraiser will hopefully raise a lot of money while giving P&C parent volunteers a break!

Remember to get your orders in by **28 July 2023** so we can all start baking!

P&C GENERAL MEETING - 19 JUNE 2023

On a very cold, wet and dark evening on 19 June, the P&C held its second meeting for Term 2. Perhaps surprisingly for such an inhospitable night, we were well over quorum and had an interesting meeting. Thank you to all of those who attended both in person and online.

The P&C Executive updated attendees regarding the P&C's submission to the ACT Government about continuity of Italian education in High School, as part of the consultation phase for the upcoming legislative reforms to the *Education Act*. There was also debate about how the YPS P&C should properly recognise the service of departing YPS teachers staff.

We concluded with a lengthy discussion about the postponement of the YPS Community Trip to Italy which was planned for late 2023. This included an outline of the options for families who might still want to attend school in Italy on an individual basis, and the future of YPS Community Trips from 2024 onwards.

The first P&C meeting for Term 3 is currently scheduled for the evening of Monday 7 August. This will be confirmed closer to the date - see you there.

Happy holidays and *buone vacanze a tutti!*

Patience Neal

P&C President

Presidente dell'Associazione Genitori e Cittadini

president@ypspandc.com

Kindergarten Term 2 Week 10

Literacy - The kindergarten students have been learning about onomatopoeia and how to use in their writing! They have also been working hard to use new adjectives to make their writing more exciting!

We have also been working on creating some class poetry. We will be making a class book with our poems.

Don't forget to keep sending in home reading folders to change daily, especially on Fridays as that is when we check to see how many nights reading has been done, and give out stickers!

Maths - We have been learning how to solve word problems! We are learning to read the question carefully and work out what we need to do in order to solve it!



Italiano

Questa settimana, abbiamo imparato posti speciale e perche sono differente per ogni persona.

Gross Motor

The kindergarten children are loving playing tag games! We are becoming dodging and weaving experts!

We have also been working on our throwing and catching skills!



1/2 Rossa News

We have had such a busy term and have been doing some reflecting about our favourite parts. Have a read what we have enjoyed.

- I enjoyed everything. - Yindy
- I liked playing snakes and ladders and basketball. - Isaac
- I enjoy Maths and Science, art and P.E.- Kevin
- I liked every game in P.E and writing. - Blake
- I liked when we did the line monsters and playing Ship, Shark, Shore. - Tristan



I enjoyed playing Pacman in P.E, writing stories and Maths counting and creating line monsters. Archer

I liked doing writing and my favourite thing in writing story plans. - Marley

My favourite thing about school is writing stories and all the excursions. - Zane

I like ship, shark, shore and writing stories that I make up. -Brayden

I enjoyed ship, shark, shore, I like playing buzz Maths and I like writing. Hunter F

I enjoyed playing soccer in P.E and the excursions and making the line monsters. -Prem

I like to play with Maria and I like playing stuck in the mud in P.E. - Ashar

I like to play with Ashar and painting in art. - Maria

I liked the excursions - Brittany

I liked playing around the world in Maths and making money monsters. I also like playing ship shark shore in pe. - Leo

I liked going to the museum. - Hunter J

Have a safe Winter break and I look forward to seeing the class after the holidays.

Jacinta Hunter



Year One Learning Snapshots

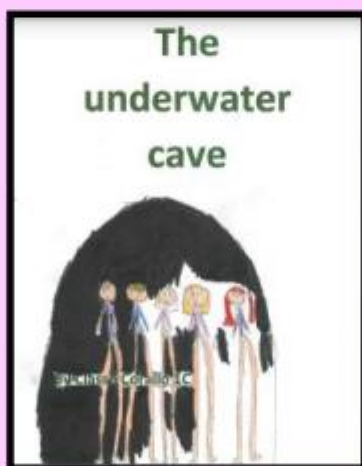
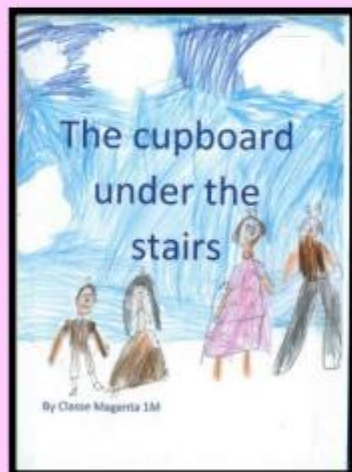
Term 2, weeks 9 - 10

In classes Corallo and Magenta, we have continued to work on writing narratives. Our favourite experience so far has been turning off the lights, lowering the blinds, getting our thinking caps on, and writing a whole class narrative. Students shared ideas for the characters, setting, problem, and resolution and we voted for our favourite ones. We then printed off our class narrative and each student was responsible for illustrating a page. Students put in their best and most creative effort, resulting in two very imaginative and exciting class narratives.

In Maths, we have been working on identifying the patterns within odd and even number sequences, skip counting by 2s through odd and even numbers, skip counting by 5s, and skip counting by 10s.

In HASS (Geography) we have been learning about the traditional owners of our local area and the special connections Ngunnawal / Ngambri people have to our surrounding Country / Place. We learned about the meaning of the name 'Yarralumla', explored Google Earth to locate our school and local surrounds, and analysed and recorded (through drawings) the oldest identified drawings in the ACT - Ngunnawal rock art at the Yankee Hat Rock art site in Namadgi National Park.

Students have also been busy making Henri Matisse style collages. This involved students painting their own interesting shapes cut out of paper and gluing them into interesting, vibrant arrangements.



Helen Del Guzzo & Jess McGarrity.

YEAR 2: Smeraldo – Giada

**STEM - Science, Technology,
Engineering and Mathematics**

SAIL CAR

While investigating push and pull forces, the Year 2 students have used a toy car as the basis of their sail car.

Building upon their knowledge of shapes and area, children have tested how the design of the sail (material, shape and size) affects its wind catching ability.



Personal Strengths

Children have had lots of fun exploring their personal strengths through drama:

“What are some of our strengths?”;

“How can we use our different strengths to successfully achieve personal and common goals?”

Grazie Elisha (Sam’s mum) for another very relevant and enjoyable lesson!



Excursion at the National Museum of Australia: ‘Then and Now’

A wonderful opportunity to learn how life has changed in Australia over the past 100 years.



Year 3 - 4 Update

Year 3 / 4 have experienced yet another successful term. We look back on this term with all that has been achieved as we start to plan the way forward for term 3. This is an opportunity to reflect with pride and a chance to look ahead with optimism and excitement. Students are looking forward to the trip to Birrigai which is planned for September. Have an amazing break, stay safe & warm 😊



Card making for a special person! 😊

In visual arts, Celeste and Azzurra looked at a mural representing the six indigenous Noongar seasons from W.A. They created images that represent the seasons for Canberra.



The year 3/4s have been studying Italian visual artists with Maestra Mimma. This week we learnt about Leonardo da Vinci's fascinating life and work.



5/6 NEWS

WEEKS 9-10 TERM 2

5/6 thoroughly enjoyed their excursion to the Museum of Australian Democracy on Monday, Week 10. Please enjoy these photos and student reflections from the day!

"I liked going into the Senate and being a Senator. The Senate Room was interesting because it's the same as how it was the last time the politicians sat in it" - Maeve



"I really enjoyed going into the Cabinet Room because it was cool to sit there and see where important decisions were made" - Jack I



"I really enjoyed the senate. It was cool to see the history that has been preserved. I liked the costumes that were worn by the Governor Generals.- Leo

"I enjoyed going into the Senate because the seats were so big and comfy. We saw and spoke about how women were originally not allowed to vote, or even come into the building!" - Amber



Dear Families,

The ICAS Parent portal closes on Friday 7th July (in the holidays). If you would like your child to participate in ICAS this year, please follow the steps below as soon as possible.

What is ICAS?

ICAS is an online academic competition for students in year 2 and above. Each ICAS assessment is taken as a formal, sit-down test, and the results are compared to other students across the country who have signed up. The questions are designed to assess problem-solving and higher-order thinking skills in each subject. If your child enjoys and/or excels in a particular subject **and** has no anxiety around test conditions, then this is a great opportunity. All tests will take place in term 3, and we have set up a parent payment portal so you can order and pay directly with ICAS.

This year at Yarralumla we are offering Digital Technologies and Writing (both in week 4), English (week 5), Science (week 6), and Mathematics (week 7).

Every student who participates will receive a printed certificate in assembly, and an online results report. Top performers will be eligible for medals. Learn more about ICAS [here](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas). (<https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas>)

How to participate in ICAS

If you wish for your child to participate in ICAS this year, please:

1. read about ICAS subjects and prices [here](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas): ([icasassessments.com/products-icas](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas))
2. read the terms and conditions [here](https://www.icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Parents-PPS-TsCs_final.pdf): ([icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Parents-PPS-TsCs_final.pdf](https://www.icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Parents-PPS-TsCs_final.pdf))
2. go to Parent Portal to purchase tests [here](https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps): (shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps)
3. enter our school's access code – **OHI115**
4. enter your child's details, select the tests you would like to purchase, then proceed to payment.

After payment is made via the Parent Payment System, you will receive an order confirmation email, please keep this for your records.

ICAS Results and Certificates

We will notify you of the exact dates that we run ICAS at the school and when your child's ICAS results are ready. Certificates will be presented in assembly once the school receives them. The back of the certificates show ICAS results and the login details, "TAP ID and Pin", that you and your child need to enter the [Results Portal](https://www.icasassessments.com/ortiStudent) [orti.icasassessments.com/ortiStudent](https://www.icasassessments.com/ortiStudent)

Privacy Collection Statement

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- transfer any personal information or data obtained during the delivery of assessments, tests or exams conducted in Australia to any jurisdiction outside of Australia other than with the specific consent of the person, or his or her parent or guardian;
- transfer any personal information or data obtained during the delivery of assessments, tests or exams conducted in other international regions out of the child's jurisdiction other than with the specific consent of the person, or his or her parent or guardian;
- share any personal information or data relating to children or students with any third parties (other than a third party whose services are necessary for servicing our products, e.g. print/distribution companies, medal engraving, etc.) except with the specific consent of the person, or his or her parent or guardian;
- use any personal information or data relating to children or students for marketing purposes.

Janison may retain personal information and data relevant to a child for their future purposes or for research purposes by Janison for the duration of the school life cycle of the child. However, if you or your child at any time wish to have their personal information or data removed from our systems, they or you may opt out by simply contacting our Privacy Officer-at privacy@janison.com.

If you are not sure if this is right for your child, please don't hesitate to contact me before the end of term.

Helen.delguzzo@ed.act.edu.au

Community News



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3 - 5 July

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Term 3 2023

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Group 1

Bricks Challenge

Kindergarten to Year 2

Group 2

Engineering+Robotics

Year 3 to Year 6



Weekly Classes - 9 Weeks

Starting on the 2nd Week of Term 3

From 3.15pm to 4.30pm



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Improving child, youth and family services

Due 5 July 2023

The ACT Government is looking at how the future design of its Child, Youth and Family Services program can best support ACT children, young people and families.

To help do this, we want to hear directly from the community about what is working and what could be improved. Three simple and quick surveys are open now to capture the views of young people, parents and carers and frontline workers.

If you, or someone you know can help us, please head to our [Improving child, youth and family services YourSay conversation](#) page and complete one of the surveys. You can also contact us at cyfsp@act.gov.au.

Surveys close on the 5 July 2023.

Winter in the City – 30 June to 16 July

The Canberra City Centre will be transformed into a magical winter wonderland from 30 June to 16 July.

The festival will feature snow play, toboggan rides and ice-skating, as well as delicious winter treats, live entertainment, and cosy spaces for all ages.

Book your tickets now and find more information on the [Winter in the city event webpage](#).

Help fight the spread of illness this winter

One of the best ways to help protect you and your family this winter is to get the flu vaccine. It's important to vaccinate your child as they're at a higher risk of serious complications if they get sick and are more likely to spread it to others.

Help fight the spread of illness this winter by staying home if you're sick and wash your hands regularly. Please read the [stop influenza flyer from ACT health \(1.4 MB PDF\)](#) or visit [ACT Health Influenza \(Flu\) page](#) for more information.