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DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 2 December	Kindergarten 2022 Information Session
Friday 3 December	Montessori AGM and Picnic
Mon 7 – Thu 16 December	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thursday 9 December	Montessori End of Year Concert
Wednesday 15 December	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony 9.30am-11am Year 6 Graduation Dinner 5.30pm-7pm
Friday 17 December	Last Day of Term 4
Monday 31 January 2022	First Day of Term 1 Kindergarten & New Students
Tuesday 1 February	First Day of Term 1 Continuing Students

Our Vision

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Week 8 everyone!

Deputy Deb here and very excited to have the opportunity to talk with you 😊

I am pretty sure that we say this almost every week but WOW the year sure seems to have gone by quickly. We are definitely into the home stretch now with a lot of fabulous things happening over the next three weeks.

Firstly, a word of praise regarding the carpark situation. All of the teachers and the leadership team want to thank you for the way you have transitioned to a drop off and pick up routine. It is working seamlessly and we appreciate the patience you are showing, especially on these many, many, many rainy days. Whilst it may be taking slightly longer, we are a strong community team ensuring that our students remain as safe as possible.

As you will have read in last fortnight's newsletter, we are in the process of creating classes for 2022. As part of this process the teachers have helped students to create a list of people that they want to be in a class with. The suggestions being that they need to be a good learning friend and someone who they can be the best version of themselves with. If you would like to add to the request I am happy to receive an email to debra.sayers@ed.act.edu.au so I can layer the information from families over the work done by students and teachers.

For families of students transitioning to Kindergarten in 2022, we have an information session on Thursday 2nd December from 5-6pm on site here. You will have received an invitation asking you to RSVP so we can meet in a COVID safe manner.

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Reports will be sent home on Friday 3rd December via email. You will be receiving a timetable for interviews if you wish to book a short conversation with your child's teacher. If you feel that you have had enough communication with your child/ren's teachers over the course of the year, then there is no need to book a time.

Our yearlong writing focus is wrapping up over the next few weeks and teachers are all working on a final push to develop strong, interested writers to hand on to new teachers in 2022. Some of the pieces being created are wonderful and I am sure you will enjoy reading the work when books come home in week 11.

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning team continue to support the staff with noticing wonderful behaviours and acknowledging them. In the last week we have had a total of 535 positive incidents recorded by teaching staff. Safe = 107; Team players = 94; Active learner = 160; and Respectful = 174. In the same period, we had 3 minor negative incidents. Two involving mild disruption in class and one for inappropriate language. With reminders about following the school STAR values, students correct their behaviour choices. In this tricky term, we have been impressed with the work of all of our students. They have been resilient learners and have been incredibly adaptable.

A final quick plea to ensure your children understand putting their jackets, jumpers and hats INTO their bags when they take them off rather than ON or NEXT TO. Teachers give these reminders multiple times every day and yet the lost property containers continue to fill.

I hope you all have exciting indoor plans for the weekend and I wish you all restful, laughter filled days.

Deb Sayers

Leaving Yarralumla?

We are currently organising classes for 2022 and require families to indicate if they will **not** be continuing at Yarralumla Primary School. A response is **not** required if your child is currently in Year 6 and will be going to high school in 2022.

Leaving Yarralumla Primary School P-Yr 5 only:

If your child/ren (not Year 6) **will NOT be returning to Yarralumla Primary School in 2022**, please complete the form below and return it to the Front Office ASAP.

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

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The child/ren will be attending:

- another Government school in the ACT
- a Non-Government school in the ACT
- an Interstate school
- an Overseas school

Please keep your child home if they are sick



The COVID-19 pandemic is not over. Restrictions are still in place - including in our schools - and we all need to be vigilant. This includes not sending children to school sick.

If your child has any kind of illness, even if it is just a runny nose, they must not come to school. If your child is unwell at school, you will be asked to collect them. Please phone the front office when you arrive, and we will walk your child to your car.

It is important that we limit the spread of disease during this pandemic. By doing the right thing you can help keep Canberra COVID safe. ACT Education COVID-19 Pathway out of Lock Down: Supporting Students to follow Health Guidelines.

Staying home when sick - Children who are unwell must not attend school and should stay home and get tested. If they attend while unwell, they must be sent home. In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, a letter from the GP is sufficient to allow return to school without a negative test.

When collecting items such as uniform or resources, please park at the curb and call the front office and we will bring items out to you.

COVID-safe Plans

COVID-safe plans and measures to limit the spread of COVID-19 continue to be effective in keeping our school community safe. Student cohorting, vaccinated staff, use of masks, physical distancing, additional cleaning, improved ventilation, use of the Check in CBR app and limitations on outside visitors entering schools have been part of these plans.

It is important for us to remain vigilant about sending home anyone in the school setting who is displaying COVID-19 symptoms, no matter how minor, and we thank you for your support in not sending symptomatic children to school

EARLY PICK-UP

If your child needs to be picked up early from school it is important that you plan ahead and ensure you have ample time before your appointment.

Due to the current restrictions with parents entering the school building, we are relying on teachers to send students to the office to wait to be collected. Front office staff are also collecting children from classrooms.

It is a timely reminder to remember that teaching staff are busy teaching and managing the children in their class, this means that sometimes they may forget to send your child down. Front office staff are happy to help, however we may not always have staff readily available to collect your child from class and are usually unable to leave the office unattended. We appreciate your patience and understanding. Please remember that everyone deserves to be treated fairly and with respect.

- In the first case please email your child's teacher and advise them of when you need to collect your child. Please give as much notice as possible as teachers are busy and can only check their emails a few times a day.
- Your child's teacher will send them to the office to wait to be collected.
- When you arrive please **wait outside and call the front office** - we will bring your child out to you.
- It is important to note that if you present to the school before 3:00pm with no prior contact you may need to wait.

UNIFORM SHOP

Due to COVID restrictions, the uniform shop will remain closed during term 4. All orders are to continue via flexischools. <https://www.flexischools.com.au/>.

- Go to [flexischools.com.au](https://www.flexischools.com.au/), login or register for an account, add your students
- Top-up your account using VISA, Mastercard, PayPal or by direct deposit
- Click on "Start an order for...." and select "uniform"

To make sure your uniform arrives before school starts next year you must place your order by **10 December 2021**. If you place your order after this date we cannot guarantee that it will be available for the first week of school.

PRESCHOOL PATHWAYS PROGRAM



Starting preschool is an exciting time for your child and your family.

Each child's journey to preschool is different. Your child might transition from home or an early childhood education and care service, they might attend a public preschool or continue into their early childhood education and care preschool program.

The Preschool Pathways program is designed to assist you to support your child in starting preschool.

You know your child best – you are their first teacher – and you play an important role in helping them on their education journey.

A set of resources is available under the Preschool Pathways program, including:

- Preschool Pathways map
- Transition to Preschool and COVID-19
- What is the EYLF
- Great books to read with your child
- Talking to your child about their day.

For more information visit <https://www.education.act.gov.au/early-childhood/set-up-for-success-an-early-childhood-strategy-for-the-act/preschool-pathways>

Christian Education in Schools Cancelled for Term 4

To any Parents or Carers who have opted in to the CEIS program, please be advised that CEIS has made the decision to cancel all CEIS sessions for Term 4. This is in respect of the current COVID-19 situation, the challenging term for school staff and students, and the recommendations provided in both documents: *ACT Public Schools Term 4 Plan* and *Health Guidelines for Schools (ECEC, OHSC)*. It is also in respect of CEIS volunteers and the structure of CEIS sessions, that would not meet the recommended guidelines.

Community News

The Australian Therapy Sensory shop is now open in Forde, Canberra.

We have a wide range of products for people with special needs.
We supply tools for School, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, and of course for families.
We are filling our shop with special items for Christmas, so check us out.



Be quick for our Christmas Fidget Stocking, and Christmas presents are selling fast.

www.therapysensory.com.au

5 Grannal St, Forde ACT 2914

Open Saturdays 10am to 4pm or by appointment.

Sharon@therapysensory.com.au

PH: 0466 914 540

With the support of Events ACT, we will be hosting Melbourne based Slow Art Collective between Friday 28 January and Sunday 6 February 2022 as they deliver Sensory Art Lab at Gorman Arts Centre.

You can read the full blurb at the A+G website - <https://www.agac.com.au/event/sensory-art-lab/> - but essentially, Sensory Art Lab is an interactive installation takeover for the young (ages 3 and up) and young at heart, creating opportunities for creative exploration with a focus on environmental sustainability, DIY culture and collaboration (among other things!).

This project is free for the public to take part in with each day of opening with two sessions, one between 10am-12pm and the other between 12pm-2pm.

Places for the sessions can be booked at <https://events.humanitix.com/sensory-art-lab>

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LOCATION

Australian National University (ANU)

20 -22 December 2021

&

19 -21 January 2022

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to book or for more information.