



YARRALUMLA PRIMARY SCHOOL
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 14 March	Canberra Day
Friday 8 April	Last day of Term 1
Friday 15 April	Good Friday
Tuesday 26 April	First day of Term 2

Our Vision

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Positive Cases

As you are aware we have had a small number of positive COVID 19 cases from Friday 11 February till Tuesday 15 February in our Montessori, 3/4 and 5/6 cohorts. Letters were emailed home to those cohorts when a positive case was identified. The school continues to maintain a low risk using strategies including; RAT for staff and students, cohorting, social distancing, wearing masks, a ventilation plan and the use of our touch point cleaners. In the majority of cases our students have been sent home in the first hour of the school day. We urge all families to keep students at home if they are feeling unwell. Our thoughts are with our students and parents who are currently unwell and we wish them a speedy recovery.

Information Evening

Our information evening was held for all year levels K-6 on Tuesday 15 February. If you were unable to join the session on line, all sessions across the school were recorded. Please contact your classroom teacher if you require any assistance with the recording or if you have any further questions. A semester overview and getting to know you form will be emailed to all families. Please complete the getting to know you form at your earliest convenience and return to your classroom teachers via email.

Book Packs Reminder - [online ordering portal closing soon](#)

For those who have yet to place an order for their child's stationery pack, the COS Online Ordering Portal will be closing on 28 February 2022.

Please email info@yarralumlaps.act.edu.au if you require a copy of the book pack list for your child. All orders placed are delivered directly to the school.

If you require any financial assistance with book packs please contact the school.

School Leaders

Congratulations to all our Year 6 leaders on their written and verbal presentations for leadership positions in 2022. Students have the opportunity to lead in the following areas: Library, ICT, Sustainability, Community, House Captains and School Captains. Please see the leadership teams on the following page. Our Year 6 students are currently ordering their Year 6 shirts and jumpers and we look forward to them wearing them at the end of this term.

Year 5 and Year 6 Band

Our Year 6 woodwind band are back rehearsing on Tuesday and Thursday. Students are reminded to bring their instruments on those days. Our Year 5 students are completing their selection testing for our two year band program. Families will be notified shortly of the outcome.

Drop off and Pick up

Thank you for all of your support in ensuring the safety of the students each day. Both car parks have been working beautifully for the past three weeks.

Online Assembly

Congratulations to all our merit certificate recipients from last weeks online assembly, hosted by our Year 6 students. Our Year 6 students reinforced the importance of our STAR values with all of our students. These values are also apart of our Monday morning messages, run by our school captains using the intercom system. Next week's assembly will be hosted by Year 3/4.

Individual Learning Plans

YPS is currently developing a meeting timetable to hold 27 online Individual Learning Plan (IPL) meetings with families of students who receive targeted supported. ILP meetings occur three times during the year to set goals and strategies in both academic and social areas. ILP's are also reviewed every six months as part of the process. Our targeted support is offered to students who have been identified by the classroom teacher through a referral to our support team. Our school psychologist then works with families and the student to complete required testing to determine what support can be sought out from the Education Directorate or modifications to learning tasks can occur in the classroom by the teacher. Our Learning Support Assistants also work with students in small group settings or 1:1 to achieve specific learning goals.

Keep Smiling

Rohan Evans | Principal

YEAR 6 LEADER 2022

School Captains	Edward F	Evie A
	Finn H	Lily C

House Captains		
Menzies	Mckell	Slim
Julia G	Stella P	Koya N
Olive J	Rose B	Elodie Mcl
Kai F	Lachlan C	Giacomo V
Gabriel E	Ciaran R	Oliver J

Community	ICT	Sustainability	Library
Josh O'H	Blake A	Scarlett S	Edward B
Jade W	Aarna J	Sienna O'H	Isaac P
Solomon DeD	Julia MacG	Rueben S	Isobel C
Kamila M L	Indiana S	Emily B	Jemima Mck
Minh N	Henry M-C	Olivia C	
	Alejandro C-S		

Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT)

- If your child tests positive with a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT):
 - they should isolate for 7 days and follow the guidance on the [COVID-19 website](#), and
 - register their positive RAT result with ACT Health using the [online form](#), and
 - tell your child's school if your child was at school during the time they may have been infectious.
- Registering a RAT result using the [online form](#) means ACT Health can contact you and provide further information and support if required.
- If your child has tested negative with a RAT but has ongoing COVID-19 symptoms, they should have a PCR test. If the PCR test is positive, they should follow the guidance for people with [COVID-19](#). If the PCR test is negative, they may return to school when they are well.

Household (high risk) contacts

- If your child is in quarantine because someone in your household has COVID-19, they cannot attend school during the quarantine time period. They are required to quarantine as a household (high risk) contact.
- As a [household \(high risk\) contact](#), it's important that your child stays in quarantine for the full 7 days, even if they have returned an initial negative COVID-19 test during this time.
- Once your child has completed their quarantine period, they can return to school, if they:
 - do not have any symptoms of COVID-19, and
 - have had a negative exit quarantine test.

Information about children and COVID-19 is available on the [ACT COVID-19 website](#)

COVID-19 vaccinations for children aged 5 to 11 years of age

- Children aged 5 to 11 can now receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Children will get 2 paediatric doses of the Pfizer vaccine, 8 weeks apart.
- Walk in appointments are currently available at the AIS COVID-19 vaccination clinic. The AIS Arena COVID-19 vaccine clinic is open every day from 8am and 8.30pm (last walk-ins at 7.30pm).
- If you'd like to make an appointment, please call the vaccine booking line on (02) 5124 7700, between 7am to 7pm, daily (online bookings using MyDHR are unavailable for children's COVID-19 vaccinations).
- If you'd like to book your child in for their COVID-19 vaccination at a GP or pharmacy, use the Vaccine Clinic Finder: <https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/booking/>
- If you are unsure about vaccinating your child, speak to your GP or another trusted health care professional to make an informed decision about their health.
- More information and resources about COVID-19 vaccinations for children can be found at: www.covid19.act.gov.au/vaccinechildren

Contact Details

It is very important that we have current contact phone numbers for parents and carers in the case of an emergency. Please make sure you contact the front office via email on info@yarralumlaps.act.edu.au if you have a new mobile phone number, home number or have changed workplaces. It is very worrying for your child if we can't get in touch with you when we need you to collect them.

COVID-19 Safety Plan Requirements

We are required to limit the movement of ALL adults attending the school site:

Please contact the front office on: 02 6142 3250 or via email info@yarralumlaps.act.edu.au if you need to:

- drop items off for your child
- collect your child during the school day
- collect items such as uniform orders or learning resources
- collect a child who is unwell

Staff will bring children or items to you while you wait in your car.

ALLERGIES AT YARRALUMLA – Yarralumla is a “Nut Aware” school.

This year Yarralumla has a number of students who have severe allergic reactions to peanuts and tree nuts (cashews, pistachios, hazelnuts and almonds).

We are asking that you consider this when packing your child's lunch and recess.

Spreads such as Nutella and Almond Paste could set off an anaphylactic reaction in some students which may require the use of an EpiPen and an ambulance being called.

Please read labels on muesli bars and look for nut free items where possible. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Student Medication and Medical Conditions Information

STUDENT MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Does your child require a Medical Condition Response Plan and Medication to be held at school? If your child has a medical condition that requires assistance over and above general first aid or if they are required to have medication administered while at school, parents must complete the following forms which are available at the Front Office:

- a General Medical Information Consent Form,
- a Known Medical Condition Response Plan, and
- a Medication Authorisation and Administration Record

All medical plans must be renewed annually. The start of the school year is the best time to do this to ensure arrangements do not expire during the year.

Please contact Front Office staff on 6142 3250 if you have any questions.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Parenting Plans and Family Court Orders - if you have a plan or an order in place that impacts on your child's schooling; e.g. shared parenting, access, etc, it is important that we are familiar with these and that a copy is available to be kept on your child's file. All information provided is confidential.

Canteen Information for 2022

Welcome to the canteen for 2022

The canteen is operated by Healthy-Kids Association. **The canteen will resume Friday 18 February.** See attached menu for term 1.



We provide an online lunch order service every Friday during the term to give your child the opportunity to experience the joy of receiving a lunch order.

The lunches are delivered to the school then distributed to the students. All orders are to be placed online via flexischools at www.flexischools.com.au. This can be done as a once off order or as a recurring order.

If you require any further information email alfreddeakincanteen@gmail.com



ONLINE ORDERING

- Available 24/7
- Convenient for parents
- Removes paper orders and cash
- FREE registration

Online ordering is more convenient, providing a 24/7 payment and ordering system that can be accessed from home, work or a mobile device.

No more fumbling around for coins in the morning or sending kids to school with excess cash, online orders are faster and more accurate giving parents peace of mind that their order and payment is received accurately at the school.

Registration is free and only takes a few minutes.

EASY, ONLINE REGISTRATION

- Go to www.flexischools.com.au
- Click REGISTER
- Enter your email
- You will be emailed a link to an online form - follow the link
- Choose a username and password and complete the form
- Add each student and their class
- Top-up the account - VISA or Mastercard preferred.



Place lunch orders from your iPhone, iPad or mobile device!

For help call **1300 361 769**



www.flexischools.com.au



Healthy Kids Canteen Menu

Yarralumla Primary School

Order online at www.flexischools.com.au

Term 1
2022

Sandwiches & wraps

Salad:	\$4.50
Layers of cucumber, lettuce, tomato, grated carrot	
Egg & Mayo:	\$4.50
Egg, mayo, crunchy lettuce	
Chicken & Salad:	\$5.50
Chicken, tomato, carrot, lettuce, cucumber, mayo	
Toasted cheese	\$4.00
Extras: cheese or chicken	extra \$1.00

Gluten free available on request

Salad

Design your own salad	from \$4.70
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Hot meals

Pasta Napolitana	\$5.00
(with or without cheese. <i>Gluten free available on request</i>)	
Beef Bolognaise	\$5.50
(with or without cheese. <i>Gluten free available on request</i>)	
Beef lasagna	\$5.50
Veggie lasagna	\$5.50
Stone baked pizza:	
Cheese or Ham & Pineapple	\$5.80
Sausage roll	\$4.70
Chicken nuggets x 6	\$4.70
Honey & soy chicken rice bowl	\$5.50

Snacks

Jelly	\$1.50
Banana bread	\$2.00
Chocolate mousse cup	\$2.00
Homemade mini muffin	\$2.00
Homemade cheesy garlic bread	\$2.50

Drinks

Water: 600ml	\$2.00
Juice (tropical, apple)	\$2.00
Moove flavoured milk (choc, strawberry): 250ml	\$3.00
Plain milk	\$2.00

Frozen

Frozen juice cup (apple, blackcurrant)	\$2.00
Twisted frozen yoghurt	\$3.00

School Student Travel Term 1 2022



School student travel information for parents and students

School Travel Passes

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to [apply](#) or [update](#) their details as soon as possible.

In the Opal network, students should travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

New Student Opal cards (including new Term Bus Passes) will be sent to the student's nominated postal address within two weeks of their application being approved.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas will receive their travel pass from their nominated transport operator. It may be issued via their school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Terms of Use

Students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Opal terms of use](#).

All students are required to comply with the [Student code of conduct](#). The code of conduct aims to ensure the safety and well-being of school children and other passengers. It is important that parents ensure their child is aware of this, as failure to comply with the code of conduct can result in a suspension from travel.



Transport
for NSW

Chess class is due to start on Wednesday, 9 February 2022, 11:10am to 11:55am



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CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Yarralumla Primary School (ACT) is held on Wednesdays from 11:10am to 11:55am, starting on 9 February 2022.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.