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DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 1 August	Year 5/6 Excursion to Birrigai
Thursday 4 August	Year 3/4 Excursion to Birrigai
Friday 5 August	Pupil Free Day
Monday 8 August	Athletics Carnival
Monday 8 August	P&C Meeting 6:30 – 7:30pm
Wednesday 24 August	Book Week Performance
Wednesday 31 August	Kindergarten Excursion to Wetland
Friday 2 September	Fathers Day Stall
Friday 9 September	Pupil Free Day

Our Vision

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

Welcome

A warm welcome to the start of term 3. We have an action packed term ahead of us. We hope that all our students and families had a well deserved break during the school holidays. This term we have a number of new families join our wonderful school. The school is aiming to hold a learning journey for parents to visit classrooms in week 10. The school is currently establishing a booking system to ensure we comply with covid safe practices keeping adult numbers in the classroom at a safe level. The students are looking forward to sharing their learning with you.

Italian Program

The three students from the University of Bergamo have settled in well to the school community and are working across our bilingual classrooms providing invaluable support to our teachers.

Last week I met with the President of the Dante Alighieri Society to discuss supports for the school. Starting next week, a new Italian Language Assistant will start at the school to support Italian learning at the school five days a week for the remainder of the year. A MoU has been established with Dante Alighieri Society and the Education Directorate to support this initiative. We look forward to continuing our positive relationship with the Dante Alighieri Society.

This week Maestra Lynden and I met with the new Education Support liaison from the Italian Embassy. Her posting in Canberra is for 12 months. We took her on a tour of the school showing our bilingual program in action. We were also able to share suggestions on how the Italian Embassy could continue to support our bilingual program. Currently we have maestra Francesca for a six year period assisting our teachers in raising the Italian academic competence of our students.

Athletics Carnival

Our annual school athletics will proceed on Monday 8 August at Woden Park. We are very lucky to have the support of students from St Edmunds College who will assist us in running our track and field events. Parents are welcome to attend on the day and watch their students complete ensuring they are social distancing and practising covid safe practices.

Day Trip Excursions

Next week our Year 5/6 students will attend Birrigai on Monday and our Year 3/4 students will attend Birrigai on Thursday. Our students will travel to and from the venue via bus. We look forward to sharing their experiences via our facebook page and future newsletters.

Assembly

This week our Year 2 students hosted our fortnightly assembly. I was extremely impressed with the confidence of our Year 2 students as they announced each item in both Italian and English. It was a very polished performance. The students enjoyed watching Year 2 share their musical instruments they had made and the musical performance. Congratulations to all our award winners and our newly elected SRC representatives for semester 2.

Label Clothing

A reminder to all our families to label your children's clothing so it can be returned to classrooms. Last term saw over 1000 unnamed items in lost property.

Pupil Free Days Term 3

ACT Public schools have continued to face workload pressures with higher than usual staff and student absences due to the ongoing presence of COVID-19 and seasonal flu in the community.

This has often meant school leaders and teachers are taking extra class time to cover staff absences. We value and appreciate everyone's commitment to our students during these challenging times.

We expect these workforce pressures will continue through the colder months of the year.

The Education Directorate is supporting ACT public schools to manage their extra workloads and two staff planning days in term 3. These days will give teachers the time for lesson planning and administrative tasks that they cannot do while on class.

Our school will hold staff planning (pupil free) days on:

- Friday 5 August (week 3) and
- Friday 9 September (week 8)

Where possible, we ask that students do not attend school on these days. Students who can't stay at home will be able to attend school and be supervised while undertaking general learning activities. Please confirm via phone on (02) 6142 3250 or email info@yarralumlaps.act.edu.au if your child will be attending school on this day

Rohan Evans | Principal



STAR AWARD

Awarded to

Anneliese F

July 2022

Anneliese is a quiet, kind, and caring member of Verdolino. She consistently strives to do her best and actively participates by supporting others. When instructions are given for tasks which present challenges Anneliese encourages and supports her peers. Anneliese demonstrates each of the STAR values which are so valued at Yarralumla. Congratulations on this very well-deserved award Anneliese!



STAR AWARD

Awarded to

Alyssa R

July 2022

Alyssa is a kind and considerate member of our class who always strives to do her very best. She actively participates in all activities and learning presented to her. Alyssa is supportive of her peers and always encourages them to change their mindset to become independent and consistently try their best no matter how challenging the task. She demonstrates each of the STAR values which are so valued at Yarralumla. Congratulations on this well-deserved award Alyssa!



Yarralumla Preschool is proud to be on the land of the Ngunnawal people



Preschool started Term 2 revisiting what it means to be 'on country'. We spend lots of time talking about what country looks like, sounds like and feels like. When we say our Acknowledgement of Country we are saying we have a special role to play looking after everything we can see, hear and touch.

We painted a still life picture of some native plants - using our eyes to observe.

P & C News

Welcome back to Term 3. We hope you had a wonderful break with your kids.

Thanks so much to those who attended our AGM last term and for voting me in as your new P&C President. Our family has been at Yarralumla Primary for nearly 5 years and we've really loved being a part of the community. I've enjoyed supporting the school through the P&C and I look forward to continuing to doing this with you.

We are compiling a list of fundraising and social ideas. If you have suggestions or are keen to volunteer for any of the events below please email yarralumlaprimaryevents@gmail.com

Regards
Claire O'Neill
P&C President

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FATHERS DAY STALL- FRIDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER

A chance for our students to purchase gifts for the special men in their lives.

We'll send out information on how you can donate to the stall in the coming weeks. If you'd like to volunteer on the stall (9am – 12pm) please email yarralumlaprimaryevents@gmail.com

P&C MEETING

MONDAY AUGUST 8TH 6:30 – 7:30 PM SCHOOL LIBRARY & ONLINE

Please join us for our next P&C meeting to plan community events and fundraisers and hear the latest school news from Rohan Evans. It's a great way to meet other families in our community too.

DISCO- FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER

This great school community event is back for 2022. Stay tuned for more details.

PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning)

Welcome back to another term of PBL growth across our community.

The students and teachers continue to work towards whole school and individual success with the awarding and receipt of e-stars. The STAR value of the week this week is team player which the student can demonstrate by:

Working with partners or in small groups effectively; involving friends in games during break times; following rules; etc. At home you can support this by talking with your child about how the family is a team and that you all work together for a common goal.

We have had no students reach 50 or 100 e-stars yet this term. They accumulate over the year and we have some students who are very close to reaching a milestone. So far this term the following e-stars have been awarded:
S = 62; T = 37; A = 116; R = 76

As always, I am happy to discuss PBL with anyone who is interested in joining our team
debra.sayers@ed.act.edu.au

Stay warm over the coming sub-zero weekend and keep being STARS
Deb



BOOK WEEK 2022 is coming up!

On WEDNESDAY of WEEK 6 in TERM 3, we will be celebrating book week. This year's theme is "Dreaming with eyes open". Okay so it's not *right* on our doorstep, but if you're anything like me, it will sneak up on you anyway.

Book week is an amazing opportunity to develop the joy of reading, as well as the higher order thinking skills of analysing, evaluating, and creating. It is also a great way to support independence and responsibility with careful guidance and support.

We will be recognising students whose costumes:

- Are chosen and created by their own minds and hands
- Are composed mainly of recycled or renewable materials
- Represent a character in a creative way

term 3, Weeks 1-2	Help your child choose their character and assist them in making a list of all the items they need.
Weeks 3-4	Look and ask around for costume items Assist your child to make some items
Week 5	Make or buy whatever is left Print a copy of the book cover and/or a picture of the character, or write it on a card to pin to your child.
Week 6	Wednesday morning- Your child wears their costume to school and has a great day talking about all the books they're going to read next!

ENROLMENTS 2023

1st round of Enrolments for 2023 has now closed, however enrolments are still open for 2nd round.

Every ACT public school is a great school, and if Yarralumla Primary School is your local priority enrolment area (PEA) school your child is guaranteed a Kindergarten to Year Six place here. Your best source of information for enrolling is the Education Directorate website education.act.gov.au or the Enrolments Telephone Service (02) 6205 5429. You can also contact us about enrolments directly by emailing YarralumlaPS.Enrolments@ed.act.edu.au

Preschool Every four-year-old is guaranteed 15 hours of preschool. Enrolment timeline for 2023-enrolments-timeline-public.pdf (act.gov.au)

Change of Contact Details?

Have you changed your email address or phone number? Has your family situation changed? Please remember to let the front office staff know immediately if your contact details have changed.

In the event of an emergency with your child/ children at Yarralumla Primary, it's critical that our records are up to date so that we can reach you quickly.

Please email:

info@yarralumlaps.act.edu.au

RAT TESTS

The ACT Education Directorate will no longer be asking schools to distribute two RAT's per week to students. Instead from the commencement of term 2, week 9, RATS will be provided on an as needed basis for all students in ACT schools. Schools will hold a supply of RATS that can be sent home with students at the request of a parent/carer (2 per student) if required or can be collected from the Front Office between 8.30am to 3.30pm.

In the event that you require RAT tests please email info@yarralumla.act.edu.au stating:

Child's name

Class

RAT tests will then be given to your child to bring home. If students are not attending school when requesting tests, or are subject to isolation or quarantine requirements, families can make alternative arrangements to collect RATs through a relative, neighbour or other student. If you have any queries please feel free to contact the Front Office on 6142 3250.

Leaving Yarralumla?

We are currently organising classes for 2023 and require families to indicate if they will not be continuing at Yarralumla 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 School in 2023** could you 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

Community News

eSafety webinars for ACT public school parents and carers

The Education Directorate's eSafety team will be delivering webinars (repeated each term) for all ACT public school parents and carers to learn more about eSafety and how they can best support their child to develop eSafety knowledge and skills. Topics covered in the webinar include:

- understanding eSafety issues impacting young people
- hard to have conversations with your child
- where to go and how to report when things go wrong
- current trends and updates.

The webinars will be held online from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm for:

- secondary schools on 4 August or 30 August 2022
- primary schools on 1 September 2022.

Please use the attached flyers to advertise the webinars to parents. Parents and carers will be asked to fill out surveys and feedback forms before and after the sessions to ensure we are developing targeted and effective webinars. Please contact the eSafety team if you have questions or would like to discuss the webinars.

Attachments:

- [eSafety Parents and Carers Webinar Flyer – Primary \(963kb Word\)](#)
- [eSafety Parents and Carers Webinar Flyer - Secondary \(963kb Word\)](#)

Launch of augmented reality road safety activities for children

Kidsafe ACT and CreativiTek have collaborated to create augmented reality road safety learning experiences and games for ACT kids. Mobile users can scan QR codes to try the augmented reality activities.

To read more about the project and augmented reality, go to [Augmented Reality Children's Activities - KIDSAFE ACT](#).

Contact Jes Rylen-James on 0411 433 965 or jes@kidsafeact.com.au.

Transition planning information sessions for parents of children with developmental delay and disability

Please share with your school community the upcoming transition planning information sessions for parents and carers of children with developmental delay and disability. The sessions will give parents practical suggestions of how they can support their child's transition and begin to develop a relationship with their child's next school.

- **Transition to Preschool for children with developmental delay and disability** on Monday 15 August from 10:00 am to 11:30 am at Hall Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning or Wednesday 24 August 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm online. RSVP to preschoolpathways@act.gov.au.
- **Transition to Primary School for children with developmental delay and disability** on Tuesday 16 August from 10:00 am to 11.30 am at Hall Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning or Thursday 25 August from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm online. RSVP to EDUCommunityPartner@act.gov.au.
- **Transition to High School and College for children with disability** on Thursday 11 August from 10:00 am to 11:30 am at Hall Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning or Tuesday 16 August 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm online. RSVP to EDUCommunityPartner@act.gov.au.

For more information, contact Jean Walker on jean.walker@act.gov.au.



Healthy Kids Canteen Menu

Yarralumla Primary School

Order online at www.flexischools.com.au

term 3
2022

Sandwiches & wraps

Salad:	\$5.00
Layers of cucumber, lettuce, tomato, grated carrot	
Egg & Mayo:	\$5.00
Egg, mayo, crunchy lettuce	
Chicken & Salad:	\$6.00
Chicken, tomato, carrot, lettuce, cucumber, mayo	
Toasted cheese	\$4.00
Extras:	
Cheese	extra \$1.00
Chicken	extra \$1.50

Gluten free available on request

Salad

Design your own salad	from \$5.00
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Hot meals

Pasta Napolitana	\$5.00
Beef Bolognese	\$5.80

Gluten free pasta available on request

Add cheese to pasta \$.30

Beef lasagna	\$5.80
Veggie lasagna	\$5.80

Stone baked pizza:	
Cheese or Ham & Pineapple	\$5.80

Sausage roll	\$5.00
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Chicken nuggets x 6	\$5.00
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Butter chicken and rice	\$5.80
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Snacks

Jelly	\$2.00
Banana bread	\$2.00
Chocolate mousse cup	\$2.50
Homemade mini muffin	\$2.00
Homemade cheesy garlic bread	\$2.50
Milo cookie	\$1.00
Popcorn	\$1.00

Drinks

Water: 600ml	\$2.00
Juice (tropical, apple)	\$2.20
Moove flavoured milk (choc, strawberry): 250ml	\$3.30
Plain milk	\$2.00

Frozen

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