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DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 9 – Fri 20 May	Scholastic Bookfair
Mon 9 – Fri 13 May	NAPLAN Year 3 and 5
Tuesday 24 May	Year 5/6 Excursion to Parliament House
Monday 30 May	Reconciliation Day Public Holiday
Thursday 2 June	Italian Republic Day
Thursday 2 June	Reconciliation Performance
Mon 6 – Fri 10 June	Year 3/4 Aqua Safe Program
Thursday 9 June	Year 5/6 Excursion to Questacon
Mon 27 June – 1 July	Year 2 Aqua Safe Program

Our Vision

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 2

Welcome back to all our students and families including our new families who have joined YPS this term. The students have settled back in to the classrooms and have been applying themselves in all curriculum areas. Our 5/6 students hosted our Week 2 ANZAC assembly this week with our audience showing attentive listening skills and respect to our speakers. Congratulations to all our merit certificate recipients and the two STAR awards presented by Adrian from Southern Property. The YPS staff are currently consulting regarding some COVID changes including play areas, drop off and pick ups, school reports, reporting and planning, pupil free days and cohorting that will occur in the coming weeks. We will email this information to families shortly.

Cross Country

Our students in Kindergarten to Year 6 participated in the Cross Country Carnival on Wednesday this week. We were extremely lucky to complete the carnival before the rain set in. I was proud of the courage of our students to complete their age related distance, 3km for some of our students is a long way. They showed grit and determination to complete the distance. A special thank you to Maestro Ajay and his team for running a successful carnival. A number of our students will now progress to the South Weston district carnival in the coming weeks.

Building Works

The completion of the two new classrooms beside the hall are due in the next fortnight. Our families would have seen the beautiful new windows that have just been installed into the space. On Tuesday next week the concrete will be poured to create a path from the classroom to the outdoor front fenced area. Electric windows are currently being installed this week with the carpet and floating timber floor as the last step of the build. The marquee at the front of the school will be removed in the coming weeks in preparation for the upcoming election to be held at YPS. Our 5/6 students in west wing will move into the new classrooms in Term 3 when the windows in their classroom are replaced. This week, due to the recent rain the classroom on the way to the hall was flooded due to a crack in the roofing. The space is currently being dried before new carpet is installed. Our Preschool veranda covering was recently replaced in the April school holidays.

House names

At the recent Cross Country Carnival the students used the house colours of red, blue and yellow. We are currently in consultation with the students in renaming our three houses to build a current connection to our students and school. The students are very excited about this new opportunity and are developing some creative ideas including Canberran/ Australian athletes, Canberra landmarks and linking with our Italian bilingual program (artists, cars and cities). Our students and families will have an opportunity to vote on the ideas put forward by the students. If you have a great idea for three house names please email me so I can include it with the students suggestions.

Board Election

Thank you to all the nominees for our Board positions for the next two years. It was great to see parents volunteering their time for the role. Congratulations to our two new elected parents.

Federal Election

YPS will hold a polling booth at the upcoming election on Saturday 21 May. Over 1600 voters will come through the booth. Our Preschool families have volunteered to run a Jolly Sock fundraiser on the day and our Montessori P&C to run a cake stall. We would love to run a BBQ on the day and will email families to see if any families could volunteer an hour of their day to assist with cooking and serving. Please ensure you encourage your family and friends to vote at YPS and bring a few dollars to assist our P&C with fundraising for our students.

Italian resources

Our wonderful P&C have kindly donated funding towards our Italian bilingual program. Maestra Lynden and the Italian staff have chosen a number of bilingual books to purchase and we are currently waiting for their arrival from Italy. Our first Italian prac student will arrive this term on the 20th June. We are very excited to have three native speaking Italian University students in our classrooms working closely with our teachers for a six week period. Thank you to the families who have reached out to billet the three university students.

Keep Smiling

Rohan Evans | Principal

SCHOOL BOARD

School Board elections for 2022 have closed and we wish to welcome our new Board members. We would also like to thank those who nominated for the Board and look forward to working with them in other capacities throughout the year.

Our School Board members are:

Parent Member – Katrina Sanders

Parent Member – Jerry Nockles

Parent Member – Tu Vo

Staff Member – Bruno Santagostino Baldi

Staff Member – Helen Del Guzzo



STAR AWARD

Awarded to

Samuel S

April 2022



Sam you always put in 100% effort into everything you do. You are a respectful and kind member of classe Magenta, always offering to help your friends and teachers. Congratulations Sam, on being an excellent role model and STAR student at Yarralumla.



STAR AWARD

Awarded to

Amy N

April 2022



Amy is a caring, trustworthy and conscientious member of classe Corallo. She consistently strives to display all four STAR values and faces every learning challenge with a smile. Congratulations on being a fantastic role model, Amy!





STAR AWARD

Awarded to

Finn H
May 2022



Finn is so very well deserving of this STAR award. On a daily basis he demonstrates kindness, respect and care for both classmates and teachers. He actively participates in all aspects of learning - always striving to improve and do his absolute best. In his role as school captain, Finn consistently uses impeccable manners, demonstrates compassion for others and models being a team player across all situations. Congratulations on being a true Yarralumla STAR Finn!



STAR AWARD

Awarded to

Rose B
May 2022



Rose is the epitome of our school's four STAR values. She is a quiet, attentive student who consistently tries her best in every classroom and outdoor activity. Rose is generous with her time and knowledge. She consistently assists her peers and offers support when they have difficulties with their work. Rose is a reliable, dependable and responsible team player. She has impeccable manners, shows kindness and compassion to her fellow students and enjoys the company of her friends. Congratulations on being a true Yarralumla STAR, Rose!



Year 5/6 News



The 2022 year 5/6 classes are impressing their teachers and peers by being absolutely outstanding! They're respectful, hardworking and fabulous role models for the junior years in our school.

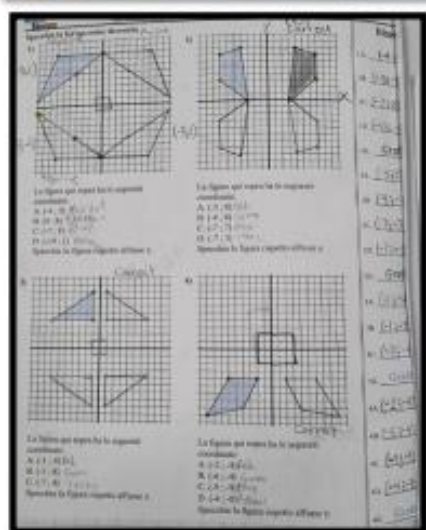
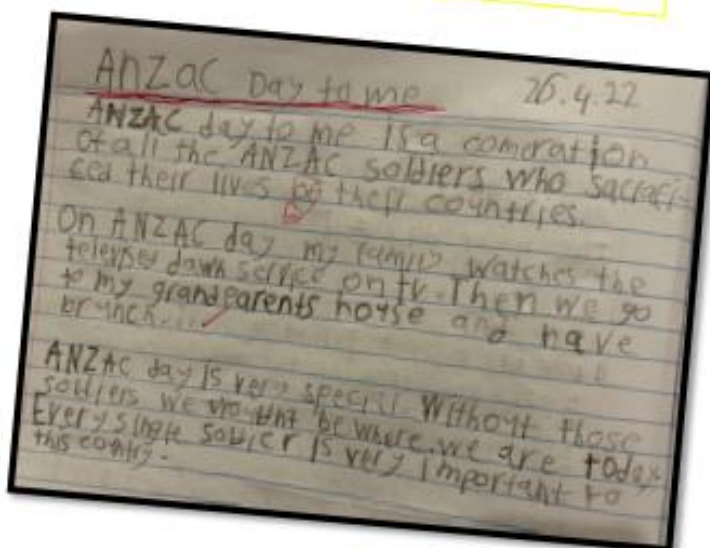
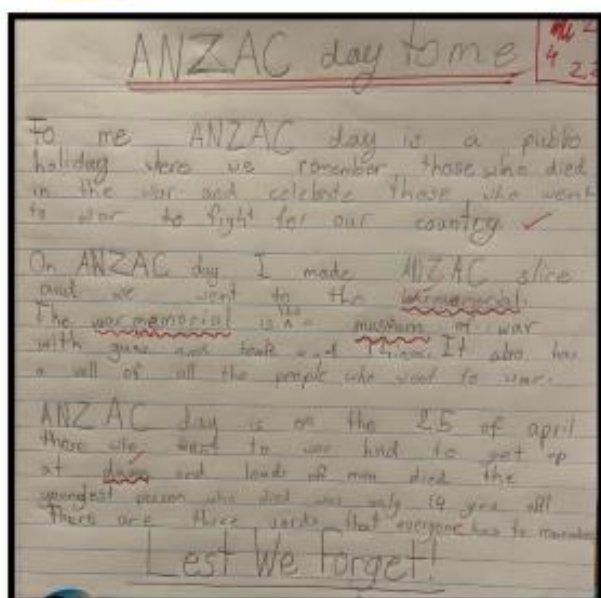
Take a look at what they've been up to recently...



In Italian we have been learning about transformations in maths. We are learning to move challenging shapes on Cartesian planes by rotating, reflecting or translating them. We're also locating landmarks by reading and plotting coordinates on the Cartesian plane.



In English we've been learning a lot about ANZAC Day and what it means. We've looked at its history, hosted a moving assembly, written reflections about what ANZAC Day means to us, and read books about it. We've also been learning more about and building our editing skills.



Our year 6 leaders have also been working hard around the school.

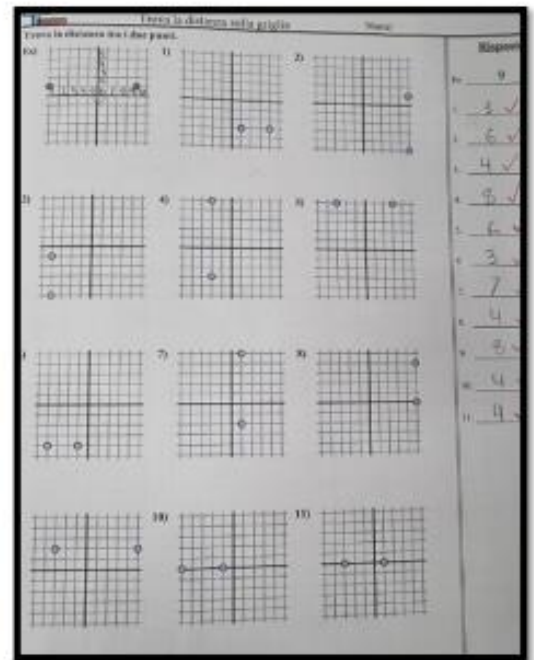
Our community leaders have been setting the hall for assemblies, coordinating lunch orders, and with COVID restrictions easing, will hopefully be able to host a fundraiser soon.

Our library leaders have been working collaboratively with Beth to ensure everything is in tip top shape and in excellent working order.

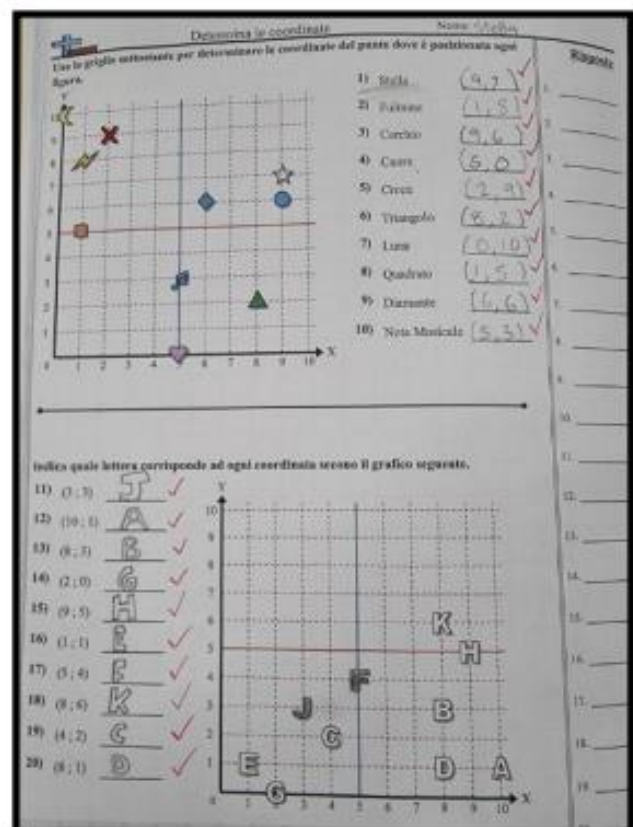
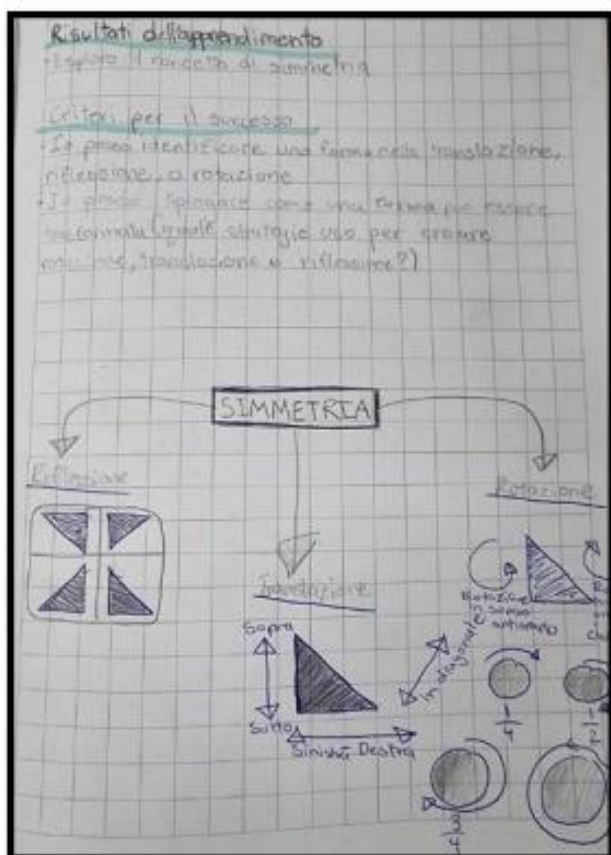
Our sustainability leaders have been preparing newsletter and assembly items every fortnight.

Our fabulous house captains had a big first day on the job coordinating their houses at cross country this week, and are gearing up to lead their houses at next term's athletics carnival.

Our school captains have been running COLA each week, selecting the purple dragon award at assemblies and assisting staff and students around the school.



LEADERSHIP



PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning)

As a follow on from previous articles I wanted to talk to you all about our negative incidents. Minor incidents include things like non-compliance, poor language choices and unwanted physical contact. Much of the instances of these happen prior to our students gaining a deep understanding of the behaviours that are expected at school. For example, in our outdoor learning spaces, the younger students are often spoken to about grabbing hold of their friends if they want their attention. For the most part this all works out, but every so often a grab can result in someone getting hurt. If this happens, the on-duty teacher quickly helps resolve the issue by talking it through with all parties and everyone is allowed to go on with their play.

You will have heard teachers say “hands off, feet off” which is the phrase we use to quickly remind our youngest students. This is not to say people are being kicked – but when friends are sitting and talking, attention can be sought by touching with a foot and then situations develop from there. Never with any intent of causing harm.

As well as the touching, some of the minor physical contacts can occur when someone quite accidentally runs into someone on the playground. Teachers then spend time unpacking whether it was accidental or on purpose. This takes some time as initially, most young students will say it was on purpose. It usually ends up with us figuring out that the person who was harmed, inadvertently walked into the path of someone running and neither party even saw the other. A lot has to do with when peripheral vision kicks into play (not until around 10 hence the inability to avoid these crashes).

Generally though, our beautiful playground is a safe and wonderful place to be. We are fortunate to have so much open space.

Major incidents are recorded when, for example, very poor language choices are deliberately and intently made or when someone is purposefully physically contacted. These will result in time away from the playground and conferencing with a member of the executive team.

The following pages contain our inside and outside behaviour management flowcharts for your understanding.

Data from PBL

eSTARS: in the month of April the following data was recorded :

11 Students reached the 50 eSTAR milestone and will receive their bouncy ball and 4 students reached the 100 eSTAR milestone and will receive their bronze star to wear on their collar.

SAFE = 112

TEAM PLAYER = 54

ACTIVE LEARNER = 312

RESPECTFUL = 453

Minor Negative Incidents = 18 Many of these involved students using unkind words to other students in playground.

Major Negative incidents = 1 which occurred in the classroom and directed at the teacher.

As always, I am happy to discuss our processes in further detail and can be contacted on

debra.sayers@ed.act.edu.au



2023 Enrolments open: 6:00am, Tuesday 26 April 2022

2023 ACT Public school enrolments opened 6:00am on Tuesday 26 April 2022.

Lodged enrolments online at <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school> for your child to:

- Start in preschool in 2023
- Out of Area Preschool 2022: some families who do not live in the schools PEA may be required to submit an enrolment application for kindergarten in 2023 (written advice will be sent to families who this applies to early in term 2)
- Progressing to High School in 2023

You **DO NOT** need to lodge an enrolment for your child to progress from one year to the next at Yarralumla Primary School e.g, from preschool to kindergarten unless otherwise advised, kindergarten to year 1 etc.

Families moving from Government to Private schooling should contact their prospective schools for advice.

Changes to Proof Residency Requirements:

From 26 April 2022 all students starting at or transferring between ACT Public Schools will be required to meet a 100-point proof of residency check. Further information about proof of residency will be available in the near future. For all information about enrolling in an ACT Public School please visit www.education.act.gov.au.

Enrolment information sessions for parents and carers of children with developmental delay and disability

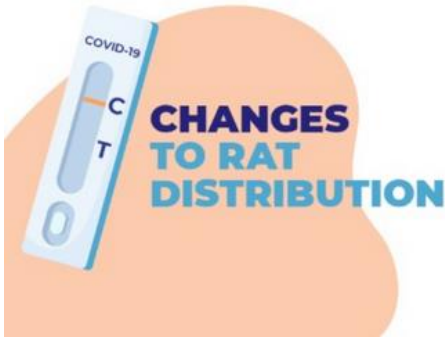
The sessions will support parents to understand the enrolment process and to start planning for 2023. All sessions will be held online.

- **Enrolling for Preschool 2023** on Monday 9 May from 1:00 to 2:30 pm, or Thursday 12 May from 10:00 am to 11:30. Register and forward questions to preschoolpathways@act.gov.au.
- **Enrolling for Kindergarten to year 6** on Tuesday 10 May from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm, or Wednesday 11 May 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Register and forward questions to disabilityeducation@act.gov.au.
- **Enrolling for year 7 to year 11** on Wednesday 11 May from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm, or Friday 13 May from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Register and forward questions to disabilityeducation@act.gov.au.

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

Contact Jean Walker on 02 620 58495 or jean.walker@act.gov.au.

The ACT Government has made some changes to the way rapid antigen tests (RAT) are distributed to ACT school communities for the beginning of Term 2.



RATs will continue to be available through our school but will be provided to students/families and volunteers as needed, or if there are increased cases in our school.

RATs can request by phoning/emailing the front office to organise a time to pick up these RATs.

RATs can only be picked up from school or sent home with students. If your child is not attending school at the time, or your family is in quarantine, we can make arrangements with you to have a relative, neighbour or other student collect the RATs on your behalf.

You can find more information on the Education Directorate website:

[FAQ 2022 school arrangements - Education \(act.gov.au\)](https://www.act.gov.au/education/faq-2022-school-arrangements)

IMPORTANT COVID Reminder



As you would be aware, Yarralumla Primary School has received notifications over the past few weeks of several positive COVID-19 cases within our school. This is a difficult time for families and schools across the ACT as we manage these cases in our community.

We would like to remind everyone that adults and children with any COVID-19 symptoms should not be attending the school for any reason. While we understand the significant impact and pressure that this presents to families with work and care arrangements, the health and safety of learners, families, staff and the broader community remains our priority. We ask that you support us in this process by keeping your children at home if they are displaying any symptoms, no matter how mild.

People with a confirmed case of COVID-19 have reported a wide range of symptoms, which can range from mild to severe. About 3 in 4 people who develop COVID-19 will do so in the first 7 days after they are exposed. However, about 1 in 4 people still develop COVID-19 between days 7 and 14.

See below table for symptoms of COVID-19:

Main symptoms

- fever or chills
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- new loss of smell or taste
- runny or blocked nose

Less common symptoms

- muscle pain
- joint pain
- diarrhoea
- nausea
- headache
- vomiting
- loss of appetite
- fatigue
- unexplained chest pain
- conjunctivitis (eye infection)

Note: Numerous COVID-19 symptoms are also experienced as part of seasonal allergies, such as cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, headache, sore throat, congestion or a runny nose.

For further information about symptoms and getting tested, visit the [COVID-19 website](#).

Children who present to school with any symptoms will be sent home. As always we thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Communication with the school

To ensure continuity of communication in regards to absences etc please send all emails to the info@yarralumlaps.act.edu.au address. If you send emails directly to individual front office staff this information may not be sent on in a timely fashion.

You can continue to send class related emails to your child's class teacher/s. However, please be mindful that they may be receiving a large amount of emails resulting in a slower than normal response time. Thanks for your understanding. **If the matter is urgent or relates to the safety of a student, please ring the Education Directorate's Parents and Carers Hotline on 6205 5429. Thank you.**

Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN Online

NAPLAN Online will occur in our school between 9 and 13 May 2021.

NAPLAN Online is a more engaging assessment that adjusts questions to each student's achievement level. It also delivers more precise results to schools and parents more quickly.

NAPLAN provides valuable information to schools and parents about literacy and numeracy achievement. It supports school improvement processes by enabling teachers to monitor student progress over time and to identify areas of strength and development.



YARRALUMLA ASSEMBLY ROSTER 2022 (Even Weeks)

Year Cohorts to host each fortnight
Wednesday 2:10-3:00

TERM 2

WEEK 4	Year 3/4
WEEK 6	Year 2
WEEK 8	Year 1
WEEK 10	NAIDOC

YARRALUMLA PRESCHOOL

Election Day Fundraiser



Come along to Yarralumla Primary School on election day and purchase some of these Jolly Socks to support the Yarralumla Preschool

Sizes available

<p><u>XS</u> Kids 4-8 years</p> <p><u>S</u> Kids 8-11yrs</p>	<p>\$7</p>
<p><u>M</u> Older kids, Teens and Women</p> <p><u>L</u> Women and Men</p> <p><u>XL</u> Men</p>	<p>\$10</p>

All money raised goes directly to improving the outdoor play environment at preschool

Please note we can only accept cash payments

Community News



Level 1 30A George St, Burwood 2134
Office: (02) 9745 1170

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 27 April 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.

Public health alert: Death cap mushroom incident

ACT Health has issued another public health warning about the dangers of Death cap mushrooms, after a young child was admitted to an ACT hospital after consuming a Death cap mushroom. Death Cap mushrooms can be deadly, and all parts of the mushroom are poisonous whether they have been cooked or not. Death caps grow across the ACT. Anyone who sees a Death cap mushroom in a public area can report it to Access Canberra on 13 22 81.

Please help raise awareness of this public health issue by sharing the attached alert with your school community.

Attachments:

- [Public health alert: Death cap mushroom incident](#)

Contact Health Protection Service on 02 5124 9700 or hps@act.gov.au.



EASTS JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

WANT TO TRY RUGBY?

Easts Junior Rugby Club is a family friendly club in the heart of Canberra that is always looking to welcome new players from U7s and up!

We provide kids and parents with a fun, social environment whilst teaching the game and values of rugby through quality coaching.

TRAINING
EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 5:30 - 6:30PM
NORTH CURTIN PLAYING FIELDS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
AIDEN WHITEMAN, VP & HEAD OF RUGBY
2022EJRCTEAM@GMAIL.COM

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM
OR ONLINE WWW.EASTSJRC.COM

AFL Giants vs Geelong, Saturday 7 May



Bring your friends and family and enjoy an afternoon of Aussie Rules footy at Manuka Oval. Gates open at 3:00pm. There's plenty of food and drink options to select from at the venue.

To plan your trip, patrons are advised to arrive early and carry any items in a clear see-through bag for faster entry. For the full list of permitted items, please visit <https://bit.ly/ManukaOvalFAQs>

Date: Saturday, 7 May 2022

Location: Manuka Oval

Gates Open: 3:00pm

First Bounce: 4:35pm

Purchase Tickets: [Ticketek](https://www.ticketek.com.au)

Authorised by Matthew Elkins, Executive Branch Manager, Venues Canberra, Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate