



YARRALUMLA PRIMARY SCHOOL
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23 February 2023 NEWSLETTER NO. 2

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 28 February	Preschool Duncan Smith Wombats
Wednesday 1 March	FM104.7 Broadcast live 6am-9am
Thursday 2 March	Preschool Duncan Smith Bilbies
Wednesday 8 March	Whole School Assembly host Year 2 - 2.10pm
Friday 10 March	Swimming Carnival Year 2-6 Kindergarten Water activities
Monday 13 March	Canberra Day
Tuesday 14 -24 March	NAPLAN Years 3 and 5
Wed 15 -17 March	Year 5/6 Cooba Camp
Monday 20 March	Wombats Preschool Photos
Wednesday 22 March	Whole School Assembly host Year 1 – 2.10pm
Friday 24 March	Bilbies Preschool Photos

Our Vision

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Italian Program

Dante Alighieri will begin their Italian Language School at YPS on Saturday 4 March. Please see their website for more details. Dante is also looking for an Italian speaking community member to work as part of their team as an administrative assistant. Please contact Franco.Papandrea@canberra.edu.au if you are interested in this paid position. Starting next week Dante has provided YPS with an Italian Language assistant three days a week to support Italian learning in our school. Dante also provided the wonderful cultural experience for our students this week to watch the Sbandieratori flag throwers who were visiting Australia as part of the Canberra multicultural festival. Please see our facebook page for some of the photos from the day or see the following sites to discuss further with your children. <https://sbandieratorisangemini.it/en/> <https://www.facebook.com/sbandieratori.gemini>

104.7 Broadcast from YPS

On Wednesday 1 March the Ned and Josh show from FM104.7 will broadcast live at Yarralumla Primary from 6am to 9am. Please come down to the school and enjoy the show and festivities. It is a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together. The P&C have organised bacon and egg rolls and a cake stand. Please bring a gold coin donation to assist with P&C fundraising. There will also be an external coffee van and a fruit stand provided by 104.7.

Ride to School

This Friday is Ride to School. Please join me at the Yacht Club for an 8:30am departure. Students ride along the cycle path with a beautiful view of the lake returning to YPS. The ride is approximately 4kms which students need to complete independently. All students must be on a bike and wearing a helmet. Bikes can be parked at the bike rack in the front fenced area of the school for the day.

Communication

To assist with the ease of finding current information about the school our YPS School website will contain all newsletters and notes home to families. Please see the new added tab that has been included on the website to locate our notes home including the swimming carnival and Term 1 excursions.

Assembly

Thank you to our students in year 3/4 who hosted our fortnightly assembly this week. The students shared a video with the school discussing their strengths in writing and their goals for the term. Congratulations to all our merit award winners, STAR awards and students who received their SRC badges. At our COLA assembly on Monday our students received their 50 STAR award certificate and bouncy ball and their 100 STAR award badge.

Building Works

UPDATE – Aeon Academy relocation and thermal upgrades at Yarralumla Primary School.

The Education Directorate is committed to ensuring that all buildings remain safe for the school community and have the infrastructure to support high-quality education.

We would like to advise you that the Education Directorate will be carrying out targeted thermal upgrades to install double glazed windows within the school. The works will commence 11 April 2023 and will continue for approximately 4 weeks. The replacement windows include the hall, the stage wing and corridor leading to the hall. Upgrades to the windows include management of lead-based paint. The Directorate have engaged an Environmental Consultant to assess and clear the space until the removal work is completed. During this time the hall and adjacent areas will be unavailable to staff and students and all hazardous materials removal work will be completed outside school hours. The safety of students and staff is our highest priority. We would like to reassure you that appropriate safety measures are in place.

The School, the Directorate and the Aeon Academy are working together to ensure there is minimal disruption to the Aeon Academy after-school program. The Aeon Academy will be held in the Gambari building for the duration of the works. Student learning will not be impacted by these works.

Updates will be provided fortnightly through the school newsletter until works are complete.

You can learn more about management of hazardous materials in ACT public schools on the [Directorate's website](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact ACT.Education@act.gov.au

Keep Smiling,

Rohan Evans | Principal



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Media Release

New Saturday Italian Courses for Children

The Dante Alighieri Society of Canberra is pleased to announce the launch of new Italian courses for children attending schools that do not teach the language.

The classes will be held at Yarralumla Primary School on Saturdays beginning on 4 March. The new classes are a response to increasing requests from parents.

For decades, out-of-school Italian lessons were the only opportunity for children of Italian background to engage in formal learning of the language.

With the introduction of language courses in schools, the Saturday classes continued to be popular for children attending schools not offering Italian.

Despite their popularity, Saturday classes in Italian were discontinued four years ago following the demise of the then provider.

The Dante Alighieri Society's new initiative seeks to fill the resulting gap in learning opportunities.

The new classes cater for primary school aged children. Two classes of up to 15 children each will be offered initially catering respectively for students aged 6-10 years and 11-14 years. Depending on demand, additional classes will follow.

To promote the new service, enrolments (maximum 30) for the two initial classes will be free until the beginning of the second school term. The free enrolments will be allocated on a first come-first served basis.

A modest enrolment fee will apply subsequently. Membership of the Dante Alighieri Society is a pre-condition for enrolment.

For more information visit www.danteact.org.au or email danteschool@danteact.org.au



STAR AWARD

Awarded to

Tija M

February 2023



Tija is a quiet and caring member of our class who is always striving to do her best. She actively participates by supporting others in her group when instructions are given for work that presents challenges. Tija demonstrates each of the STAR values which are so valued at Yarralumla. Congratulations on this very well-deserved award Tija!



STAR AWARD

Awarded to

Evie D

February 2023



Evie is an energetic and highly motivated student. She approaches all her lessons and activities, inside and outside the classroom, with enthusiasm and determination. Evie receives direction with an open-mind and actively strives to follow suggestions and guidance. Evie is to be admired for her commitment to practising the STAR values each day.

Hello, amazing Yarralumla PS families!

In 2022 Yarralumla PS trialled a transitions plan to improve the experience of children as they move from one year level to the next. Now that we are almost halfway through Term 1, it's time for us to see what worked and what needs improvement.

Your family's experience is essential to this evaluation.

In the next week or so, please take 15-30 minutes to complete this survey, by clicking the link below or by copying and pasting it into a browser. Each section of the survey details the goals, challenges and actions in a particular area, before asking you what you knew about it (or how well we communicated it), how you experienced it, and what you think about it now.

Your feedback will be invaluable to improving our school processes and your child's learning, wellbeing and engagement. If you would like to give your feedback but for any reason can't do it online, email me or let me know in person and we can make a time to sit and chat.

Here is a link to the survey:

<https://forms.gle/cELMo1wn4vnj9vuf8>

When you submit your survey, please be sure to encourage another family to submit their feedback as well. I honestly can't wait to read what you all have to say.

With deepest gratitude and earnest anticipation,

Helen Del Guzzo

helen.delguzzo@ed.act.edu.au

SEESAW AND OTHER DIGITAL APPLICATIONS

Seesaw is a digital portfolio platform that we like to use to communicate with home about student learning. Each class has an account that parents and carers can sign up to so that they can see what is happening in their child's classroom. Seesaw is student driven; therefore, each child's portfolio will look different from class to class and year to year. Students are given the opportunity to include items they are proud of, work that shows their achievement of an individual learning goal or a reflection of their learning to make connections. Teachers will also include posts about what the class is currently inquiring into and other parts of school life (e.g., excursions) to keep you connected to what's happening in the school. As well as a way to help you engage with your child's learning, Seesaw will be used as one of the main communication tools for announcements and reminders. Teachers will make regular updates in conjunction with the newsletter, emails and hard copy notes. All students will be given a note requesting parent/carers consent for a range of different applications and programs that may be used in the classroom over the course of the year, including Seesaw. Please make sure that you return this note as soon as possible. If you do not wish to use Seesaw, or have difficulty accessing the internet, please speak to your child's class teacher directly so that a different communication method can be negotiated. We ask that, when you are viewing any items on Seesaw, you do not take screenshots or put any of the material onto other social media platforms to respect the privacy of all parties. We also ask that Seesaw is only used to communicate about learning. It is more appropriate that concerns be raised in person or through email with the class teacher.

Kindergarten Term 1 Week 4



What another busy fortnight!
We were so lucky to have a visit
from Kenny Koala! He taught
us three special rules to be safe!



We have started writing
words using our focus
sounds!

Test me at home using the
sounds: s, t, o, c, m and p!



Italiano!

Questa settimana, stiamo
imparando l'italiano parole come
giorni della settimana e contare
numeri!

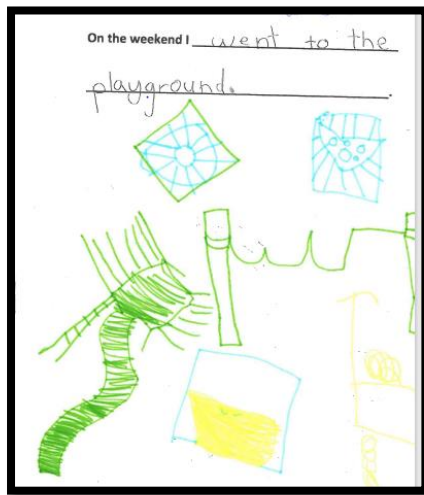


We have been learning about how to be
STARS -Safe, Team Players, Active
Learners and Respect. We have been
focusing on being Active Learners and
Team Players in the classroom and the
playground.

Year One Learning Snapshots

Term 1, weeks 3-4

In classes Corallo and Magenta, we have settled into the 2023 school year beautifully and have begun our Semester 1 learning program in all subject areas. In our English classroom, students are working on writing recounts. This involves drawing pictures and writing about past events in our lives, including the weekend prior and special memories. Students are learning that recounts include details about 'who, what, when, where, why, and how'. In the English classroom, students have also begun work on our Geography unit, exploring the features of places in our local environment and analysing whether they are constructed, managed, or natural. In Maths, we are working on numbers up to 100. We are counting forwards and backwards from any given number, are learning to use a number-line, and developing our number sense through investigating patterns in a 0-100 number chart.



In the Italian classroom we have been continuing our daily Italian speaking and listening, answering questions about days of the week and the weather. The highlight of this fortnight is definitely... CARNEVALE! We enjoyed seeing images and videos of lots of different costumes and activities, and with Maestra Francesca's instruction we made decorations and beautiful masks.

Congratulations to our SRC representatives Isaac and Oscar from Corallo, and Roman and Aadya from Magenta. We have been discussing what makes a good leader and we chose these four in a democratic process.



Helen Del Guzzo and Jessica McGarrity

Giada - Smeraldo - Rossa

Science with Professor Meghan S. Miller:

Last Thursday classes Smeraldo, Giada and Rossa had an exciting lesson about volcanoes.

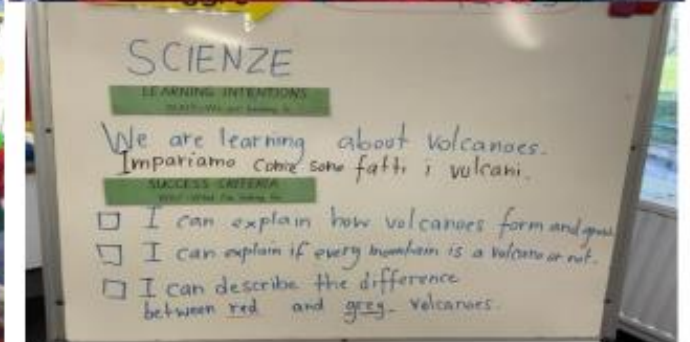
Students learned how volcanoes form and their importance for the environment.

Children participated with great enthusiasm in Meghan's presentation and asked numerous questions.

We also looked at a stratovolcano plasticine model and investigated two types of eruptions by mixing a range of household materials.

We are very grateful to Henri's mum for sharing her expertise with us.

Grazie mille Meghan! What an interesting and informative lesson! 😊



Year 3 - 4 Update

This week we have had an extra boost of Italian culture. The San Gemini Sbandieratori wowed the students with their gravity defying flag throwing!



We also saw the start of Italian Cultural Awareness class with maestra Mimma. During these lessons the students will be learning about all things Italian, including art, culture, food, geography, and history.

3-4 Assembly
This week the students hosted the school assembly and shared their writing goals with the school community. We are looking forward to achieving these goals this term!

"The trouble with not having a goal is that you can spend your life running up and down the field and never score."

5/6 NEWS

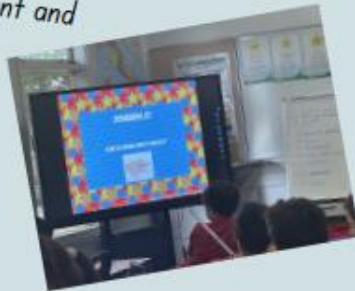
WEEKS 3-4, TERM 1

In Week 3, Year 6 students were awarded their leadership positions for the year! We congratulate all of our Year 6 leaders, who we know will do an amazing job in their roles in 2023.



Here's a picture of our new school captains presenting their first COLA assembly! Way to go Neko, Samuel, Grace and Luc!

In Weeks 3 -4 Year 5/6 students have been learning so much about angles in Italian Maths and ecosystems in science that they competed with each other playing the "unfair game"! Year 5 have also been learning about factor trees and how they help us to solve two-digit multiplication problems. Year 6 have been learning about prime and composite numbers and how to represent and identify them



In English, we have been learning the importance of planning when writing a narrative. Students have been working hard to ensure they include plenty of detail in their planning which will help them when they write a narrative.

In HASS, we have been learning the reasons behind the British colonisation of Australia, and the reasons behind the Federation of Australia. We welcome you to have these important discussions with your children, see if they can tell you the reasoning!



On Tuesday of Week 4, all students were treated to a flag show from SAN GEMINI SBANDIERATORI (the Flag-throwers from San Gemini)! We are so lucky to have awesome cultural experiences like this at our school. Plus, what a beautiful backdrop to have as well!

**Yarralumla has two student teachers from the University of Bergamo arriving in April 2023 and a third student arriving in June 2023.
We are seeking families to host them during their internship!**

Dear Parents and Carers

Again this year, we are very fortunate to be hosting three student teachers from the University of Bergamo! Last year Yarralumla Primary School hosted three student teachers from the University. When these students returned to the University they were asked to speak to their cohorts and detail their experiences at Yarralumla Primary School. They were so enthusiastic that we had six students asking to complete one of their teacher internships with us in 2023. However, the University of Bergamo only authorised three scholarships.

Hosting student teachers at Yarralumla is an enriching and exciting experience for the visiting student teachers, Yarralumla teachers, and of course, our students and their families! They bring to our school energy, vitality, new ideas, create resources for the Italian program and share their Italian pedagogy.

I am writing this notice to call for expressions of interest from our school families interested in hosting one of these three student teachers. If you are in a position to accommodate a student with their own bedroom and ensuite, live close to school so the student teachers can walk to school, or if not, are in a position to drop them off and pick them up each day from school, we are very interested in hearing from you.

Our first two student teachers, Valentina Magenga and Sara Fustella, arrive in Canberra on 20 April 2023 at 22:00. Valentina leaves Canberra on 27 June 2023 and Sara leaves Canberra on 10 June 2023. Our third student teacher, Alessia Tallarini, arrives in Canberra on 15 June 2023 at 20:00 and departs on 4 September 2023.

The student teachers will be at Yarralumla Primary School for approximately ten weeks. All three student teachers will send brief biographies of who they are and an accompanying photo. These will be sent to the host families. The host family will be able to contact the students before they leave Italy and that way get to know them a little before they arrive.

If you are interested in hosting one of these young teachers and would like more information regarding this opportunity please contact me via email at: Lynden.Lawton@ed.act.edu.au

I look forward to hearing from you!
Maestra Lynden

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Vision check



Hearing check



**Height, weight and
body mass index (BMI)**



If you have not returned your child's Kindergarten Health Check Consent and Questionnaire



Find — Information packs will be sent home early in Term 1



Sign — Complete the Kindergarten Health Check Consent and Questionnaire



Return — To your school by 7 March 2023



Scan for more
information or to
register for MyDHR

Your school can provide you with the date of the health check.

You will be able to view the results on MyDHR or choose to have a letter sent to you with the results after the physical health check.

Acknowledgement of Country

Canberra Health Services acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Ngunnawal people. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and contribution to the life of this city and region.



Accessibility
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Call 131 450

canberrahealthservices.act.gov.au/accessibility



Christian Education In Schools

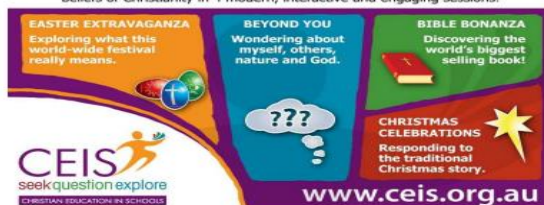
Christian Education is available as a curriculum option at your child's school because parents have requested it. This is based on provisions in the Education Act 2004. The Christian Education In Schools (CEIS) project provides a coordinated service to fulfil such requests. This service includes four modern and interactive sessions each year (one per term and varied each year), prepared professionally and delivered by trained and endorsed volunteers. The one-hour sessions are designed for groups of students to discuss and explore the topics outlined in the image.

Parent permission is essential for children to participate in CEIS. Please use the section below if you would like to request this for your child. Requests remain in effect while your child is at their school, but can be changed by contacting the front office. Each CEIS session will be advertised in the school newsletter. For further information please contact your school or visit www.ceis.org.au.

Kind regards,
Karen Baron
CEIS Coordinator

Christian Education in Schools

Each school year the ACT Churches' Council presents the values and beliefs of Christianity in 4 modern, interactive and engaging sessions!



www.ceis.org.au

PLEASE RETURN THIS SECTION TO THE SCHOOL FRONT OFFICE

☐ YES, I request that my child/ren listed below participate in the CEIS sessions offered at school.

CHILD: _____ Class: _____

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Parent/Carer signature _____ Date _____

Community News

Welcome to all our families new and old!

Aeon Academy is open for 50 weeks of the year providing Before School Care, After School Care, Vacation Care and an Open Day every Term.

Our foundation childcare program Creative Play allows children plenty of outdoor play in our fenced garden area with access to loose parts and engaging daily activities.

Our specialised programs (Creative Catalyst Art & Vala Adventures) are inspiring experiences for children 7 years+

Our Early Childhood qualified staff, provide a preschool/montessori pick up and take care of ages 3-5 in our Sparks program.

Aeon Academy is turning 20 this year!

Families are very welcome to get in touch to organise a walk through to meet us and see what we do.
See our website for more information and contact details

www.aeonacademy.com.au

