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"Certamen Praeter Palman" - "The endeavour is more important than the prize."

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NOTES HOME THIS WEEK

PARENTS' CHECKLIST

(Reminder of things to DO)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 27 May	Reconciliation Day Public Holiday
Monday 3 June	Italian Republic Day ?
Monday 3 June	South Weston Cross Country
Wednesday 5 June	Assembly hosted by Year 3/4 Blu
Monday 10 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Wednesday 12 June	ACT Cross Country Championships
Monday 17 June	P&C Meeting 7pm
Thursday 20 June	Circus Challenge Yr K-6

Dear Parents and Carers,

Strategic Plan

At the start of the year I addressed the parent community with the schools priorities for 2019. Through School Board and P&C meetings we discuss the schools progress and identify learning opportunities that are provided to the students to assist the school in achieving its goals.

In 2019 YPS is concentrating on two specific priorities:

1. **Improve learning outcomes for all students**
2. **Build a school culture to improve student engagement.**

The strategies we have in place to address these priorities are:

To improve learning outcomes for all students

1. Establish and implement a systematic plan for the collection, analysis and use of student data.
2. Establish Professional Learning Communities with a strong focus on the achievement standards and learning goals.
3. Establish sound literacy and numeracy practices across all areas of the school.
4. Continue to instil the Italian language and cultural focus within the delivery of the Australian Curriculum.

Build a school culture to improve student engagement

5. Establish the Positive Behaviours for Learning program across all areas of the school.
6. Implement the Fresh Tastes program across the school.
7. Provide regular opportunities to run community forums.
8. Establish national and international connections with Italian and Bilingual schools

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In coming newsletters I will continue to write about how the school is tracking with each of the strategies. The school uses data from NAPLAN, PIPS, Staff/Student/Parent Satisfaction Survey, Climate Survey, system trends and internal data collection to evaluate how we are progressing against each of our priorities.

National Reconciliation Week 27 May – 3 June

Monday 27th May is Reconciliation Day and a long weekend in the ACT. It marks the start of National Reconciliation Week and, as part of the Cultural Immersion of the students of Yarralumla, it is important for us to educate our students on its significance. At the heart of reconciliation is the relationship between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. To foster positive race relations, our relationship must be grounded in a foundation of truth. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have long called for a comprehensive process of truth-telling about Australia's colonial history. Our nation's past is reflected in the present, and will continue to play out in future unless we heal historical wounds. This National Reconciliation Week, we invite Australians from all backgrounds to contribute to our national movement towards a unified future. **What can you do?** Talk about the upcoming holiday and what Reconciliation is: <https://www.reconciliation.org.au/what-is-reconciliation/>

Cross Country Carnival

The annual Cross Country Carnival was held on Wednesday this week with beautiful conditions for all the students to compete. Thank you to maestra Carrin for organising the event and all the parent helpers that were able to assist on the day. It was great to have a coffee van on the day to continue the high energy levels of the supporters. The staff were extremely pleased with the level of sportsmanship on the day with many of our senior students running the course several times to support younger students.

Staffing Update

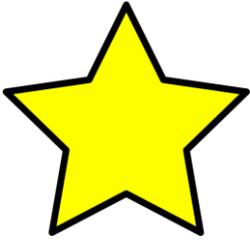
In the coming weeks we will be holding interviews for a new Italian teacher and Building Services Officer. We hope to secure new staff into these positions by the end of the term.

Election

Thank you to all the parents and carers who volunteered their time to assist the P&C in running the BBQ and the cake stall last weekend. A big thank you to all the families that promoted the event amongst their families and friends. Due to everyone's support the P&C raised \$3000 on the day.

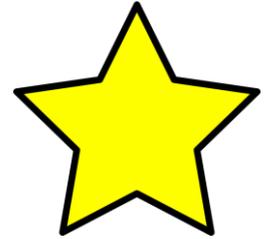
Keep Smiling,

Rohan Evans | Principal



STAR AWARDS

Awarded to



May 2019

Kalista H

Kalista is a hardworking and focussed student. She consistently displays the STAR Values both within and outside the classroom and for this is an inspiration to her peers and the junior students. Kalista is mature and determined in everything she attempts, and she thrives when challenged. She is an excellent role-model to all in the way in which she approaches team and individual competition. Congratulations on receiving the STAR award on this occasion.

Raffaele A

Raffaele has dived into the life of the school since he has been at Yarralumla. He is a friend to everyone, a natural leader and quietly confident. He always enthusiastically displays the STAR Values and as a Community Leader has proven to be reliable, responsible and a great example to other students. He delivered a Rostrum speech that was of outstanding quality. Congratulations on receiving the STAR award on this occasion.



Merit Awards Week 6 Wednesday Assembly

Classe	English	Italian
Kinder rosa	Samah I	Eleanor L
Kinder scarlatto	Jayden G	Max I
Year 1 fucsia	Lumina Lin	Anwen H
Year 1 magenta		Christian D
Year 1 corallo		Michael N
Year 1/2 giallo		
Year 2 verde marino		Gabriella
Year 2 verdolino		Ava M
Year 2 verde menta	Alex L	
Year 3/4 turchese		
Year 3/4 celeste		
Year 3/4 acqua	Giselle J	Rocco C
Year 3/4 azzura		
Year 3/4 Bblu		
Year 5/6 ambra		
Year 5/6 oro		
Year 5/6 zafferano		
LSUA perla	Olivia Smith	
Other		

Kindergarten Newsletter Term 2 2019

Kindergarten loved their excursion to the zoo earlier this term. We learnt lots about the different animals and the things they need to survive. Have a look at some snapshots from our excursion.



It has been wonderful seeing the students engaging and trying their very best in all of their learning tasks. Here are some of the things Kindergarten students love about school so far:



I loved painting my clay animal – Ripley

I love doing all the art and painting – Frankie

I liked learning how to draw different types of lines and making a line monster – Connor

I love the dress ups and playing snakes and ladders – Aya

I like playing outside with my friends – Brendan



I loved the Learning Journey – Amalia

I like maths and playing with my friends - Max

P&C News

Election Day Fundraiser

The P&C want to extend a huge thanks to those volunteers who baked, ran a stall (or both), and those individuals who helped coordinate in the lead up to last Saturday. Between the biscotti, cakes and the sausage sizzle we made over \$3000 to go towards new teaching resources at the school. Volunteers were down on previous years, and biscotti and cakes were essentially sold out by lunchtime. These kinds of events are a little bit of effort for a lot of return, and with more support from across the different year groups in the school, we can really capitalise on these kinds of opportunities. It was also great meeting volunteers whose kids haven't been at the school that long, and for whom the fundraising we do now – will deliver the most!

Mother's Day stall

Thanks also to the parents who graciously offered to help out for an hour or more on the Friday before Mother's Day. Thanks to the donations from the Yarralumla Heritage Nursery we also raised a modest amount (approx. \$500), to supplement the money raised by the year six kids. This is a minor event, but it always creates huge interest from the kids – it's a great chance for parents to mix it with the kids in a school context.

Entertainment Book as a fundraiser

\$12 from every subscription to the (YPS) Entertainment Book goes directly to the school - by following the link to order the Entertainment Book for the YPS P&C at <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/23930j> . If the hard copy is ordered, it can be delivered to you at home at a charge, or alternatively the P&C can arrange to have the book delivered for parents to pick up from the school.

Next P&C Meeting

- **Monday 17 June, 7:00 pm** YPS Staff Room
- Main Agenda Item: **2019 School Fete.**

The fete is the biggest fundraising event on the P&C calendar, and we are aiming to raise over \$25,000 for the school through this one event. Thanks to those "returning" volunteers (who ran stalls at our last Festa in 2017), but we need more help! There are still a range of functions and stalls for which we need central coordinators, including a cake stall, cafe stall, sideshow alley, sausage sizzle, and trash and treasure. We'll need other volunteers to help run stalls on the day but we would love to hear from you now if you have the capacity or interest to help with the planning and lead up work, for one of these parts of the fete?

Our current priority is the organisation of a silent auction. This is one of our most effective fundraisers at the fete but it is an event that takes time to prepare for; attracting and gathering donations is the biggest part of the job and we welcome any contacts you may have, of businesses, friends, or family that would be willing to donate to support the schools fundraising cause. The P&C will be promoting all donors or sponsors on the day, and through our promotional material and social media.

For early volunteers, or potential donation opportunities please email us at yarralumlaprimaryevents@gmail.com. **Please don't be shy, even if you're not sure how you can help!**

Phil Hartley
P&C President

**2020 ENROLMENTS
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PRIMARY YEARS K-6**

Enrolments for the 2020 school year opened on 29 April 2019. All ACT children are guaranteed a place in their local public school for Kindergarten to year 12. However, due to growth in recent years in enrolments in the public system, some schools no longer have the capacity to take "out of area" enrolments. These schools have been identified as "Category A" schools and a list appears on the Education Directorate website.

You will not be able to seek enrolment for your child at one of these schools unless you live within the school's priority enrolment area (ie, the school's geographic zone). All schools will, however, consider cases where there are legal issues, or exceptional circumstances based on student wellbeing.

To avoid disappointment, you are encouraged to check the information on the Education Directorate's website so you can make the best decision for your family from the options available.

Did you know that we are a nude food school?

This is part of the movement towards reducing our environmental footprint as well as removing the use of single use plastics. Last fortnight the sustainability team gathered rubbish that was littered around the playground and over a two week period they collected 7kg of unrecyclable material including plastic chip and biscuit packaging as well as plastic yoghurt packaging and broken un-named lunchboxes. We will be doing another rubbish audit in two weeks time and in the meantime we are encouraging all students and families to focus on having nude food in reusable containers. Our aim is to have no rubbish or waste in our school environment. Every little action counts!



Protect yourself and your family from the flu

Getting vaccinated is the best way to prevent your family getting the flu this winter. The flu vaccine can save a child's life. The vaccine is safe, and everyone 6 months of age and over, including pregnant women and young children, should get the vaccination. Children are more likely to contract the flu, spread it around, and are at a higher risk of serious complications if they get sick. The flu is highly contagious and is spread easily through childcare centres and schools. The flu vaccine is free in the ACT for:

- children aged 6 months to under 5 years
- pregnant women
- people 65 years of age and older
- all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 6 months and older, and
- people aged 6 months and older with some medical conditions such as severe asthma,



Since our last assembly there has been a huge response from children in Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2! They come to my Room 16 every lunchtime and recess to collect their tongs and bags for rubbish collecting.

I must admit that due to their consistent and thorough rubbish collections it is becoming more challenging to find rubbish in the playgrounds. What a phenomenal effort!

An enormous thank you to every single student in the Junior and Senior school for their grand and consistent efforts.

Grazie mille da Maestra Lynden

heart or lung disease, diabetes or weakened immune systems. Where to get your flu vaccination. Everyone can get a flu vaccine from their GP or immunisation provider.

People over 16 years of age can also get a vaccine at some pharmacies.

ACT Government Early Childhood Immunisation Clinics provide a free flu vaccination for children aged 6 months to under 5 years.

To book an appointment, call Community Health Intake on 02 5124 9977. Learn more about influenza and where to get your vaccination at health.act.gov.au/flu



End of May is Hats Off Day for Canberra schools.

In Canberra, May is when we start to witness daily UV levels take a nose dive during certain times of the day, to what is considered "low" levels (under 3). This generally occurs during the morning and afternoon periods. However by the end of May UV levels drop and remain low (under 3) ALL DAY and so the **End of May is Hats Off Day** for Canberra primary schools and early childhood services (for a few months anyway).

Cancer Council ACT does not generally recommend sun protection behaviour (ie hat wearing and sunscreen application) when UV levels are low (under 3) due to the low risk of potential UV skin damage.

Why Hats Off Day?

Being SunSmart is all about being "smart" when spending time outdoors in the sun, this includes having a general understanding around the balance required between UV exposure, sun protection and vitamin D.

During the summer period, maintaining vitamin D levels should be relatively easy for children who are active and spend time outdoors most days of the week, even with sensible sun protection.

In fact most people should be able to store their summer vitamin D over the winter period, however by leaving your hat off during this low UV period and getting some winter sun exposure to your skin you can assist your body with its vitamin D production.

Winter Sun Exposure & Vitamin D

In winter, by exposing some skin most days of the week during the middle of the day (ie lunch time), students and workers should be able to maintain the bulk of their summer vitamin D. Of course there will be groups in the population that are at higher risk of having vitamin D deficiency. To read more about vitamin D and our recently update position [click here](#).

Research also suggests that maintaining daily physical activity throughout the winter period will also assist the body with its efforts to produce and maintain vitamin D. So the winter message is leave your hat at home and get students (and teachers) active everyday for general health.

Resources and Support

Cancer Council ACT has numerous free resources to assist ACT schools maintain a positive and balanced approach to being SunSmart including the **SunSmart Web Widget** for your school website and the popular **Generation SunSmart Professional Learning** modules for Canberra teachers. You can access these resources and more [here](#).

Keep warm this winter, get active and take advantage of the midday sun for vitamin D.



Woolworths has just launched Earn & Learn, and we're once again joining it. For those parents who aren't aware of the program, if you shop at Woolworths between 1st of May and the 25th of June you can earn stickers. Our school will be collecting these stickers which we'll then be able

to swap for new school equipment; things like art and craft supplies, sports gear, teaching aids, and more.

So for any parents and carers who shop at Woolworths, please collect those stickers and drop them in to our collection box, which is located at the Front Office.

Thanks for helping out!

2019 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Voluntary Contribution (recommended amount is \$110/child or \$160.00/ family).

Direct Debit: BSB 032 777

Account: 001906

(Reference : surname, Vol Cont

Community News



ParentLink

ParentLink provides parenting education to the community, from birth to teenage years. It is available for parents, carers, kin, teachers, and the broader community, providing information and links to local resources and services.

The ParentLink website provides links to all ParentLink guides including a variety of topics - *Starting School*, *More than Reading and Writing*, *Optimism* and *Cyber Safety*.

The ParentLink suite of resources includes guides specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, and access to resources for diverse cultural groups.

ParentLink guides are available to view and order via the website at,

<https://www.parentlink.act.gov.au/>



Get down to GIO Stadium for Friday night footy and watch our Brumbies take on the Bulls from Pretoria traditionally offering a physical and robust opposition. The Brumbies claimed a historic win in the Republic last season, can they repeat the feat in front of their own fans?

Curtain Raiser: Canberra Easts Colts v Canberra Royals Colts - 5:15pm

Super Rugby: Brumbies v Bulls - 7:45pm

Date: Friday, 24 May 2019

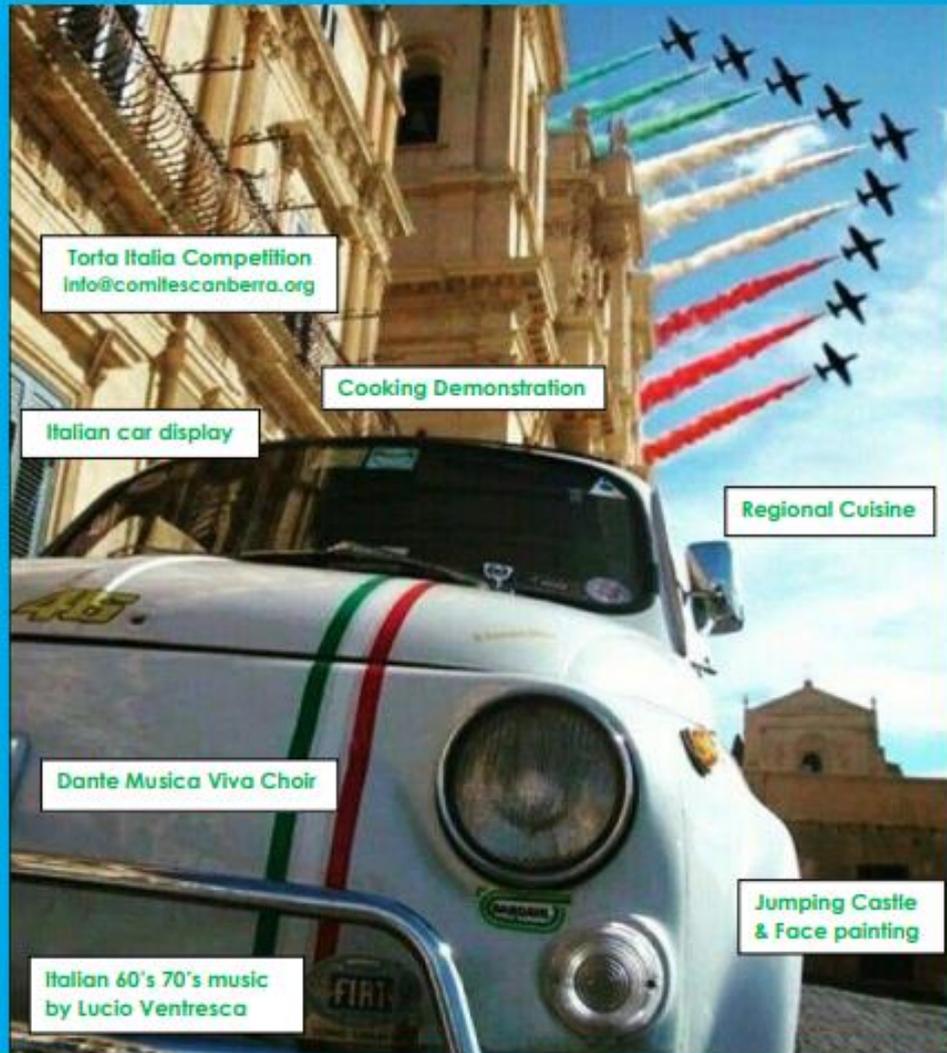
Gates open: 5.00pm

Game time: main game kick off at 7.45pm

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

Italian National Day

Sunday 2 June 2019 11.00am- 4.00 pm



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Plastic Free July

Living Plastic Free

Yarralumla Primary School has registered to be a part of **Plastic Free July!** As a school we are striving to be a **Nude Food School**. We are practising not bringing our fruit and lunches wrapped or packaged in plastic. This in turn keeps our playgrounds free of plastic and rubbish. You remember that Yarralumla Primary School is also a member of **Eco-Schools Australia** and our commitment is to collect the rubbish and plastic in the playground, weigh the plastic collected each fortnight and present our collected rubbish and its weight at Assembly. Our aim is to have pristine playgrounds and **NO rubbish** to be collected. This will happen through our **Nude Food** commitment and the goodwill of our keen students who pick up rubbish every lunchtime and recess. **The are very committed groups of students!**

Be sure to register for the [Plastic Free July challenge](https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/register.html) if you haven't already as we'll be sending you more useful tips during July. Your family can register at:
<https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/register.html>

More than 6 out of 10 of us are already refusing plastic shopping bags, avoiding pre-packed fruit and veg, picking up other people's litter and avoiding buying bottled water.

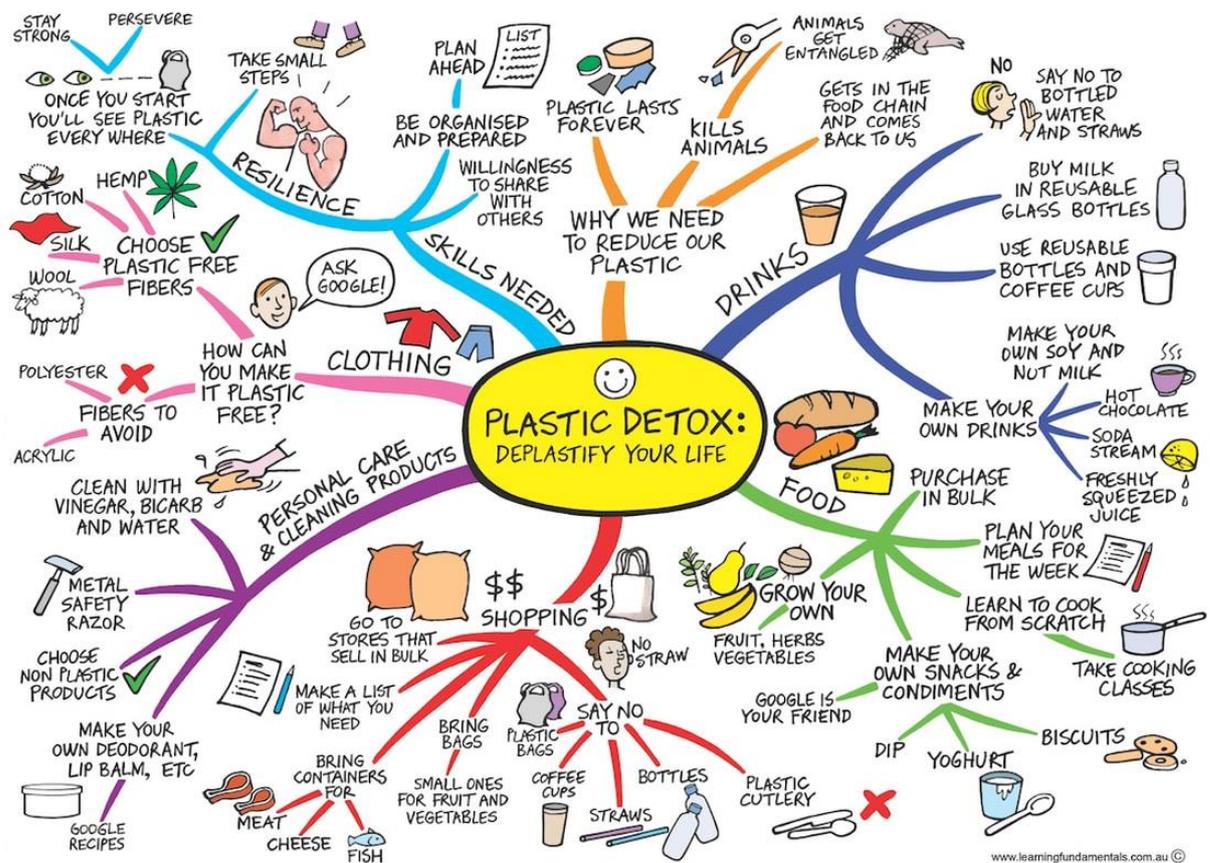
Choosing to be part of the solution, you can act by:

- Avoiding products in plastic packaging (choose alternatives)
- Reducing where possible (opt for refills, remember your reusable shopping bags)
- Refusing plastics that escape as litter (e.g. straws, takeaway cups, utensils, balloons)

Recycling what cannot be avoided

Join millions of people world-wide joining Plastic Free July each year. [Click here to choose what you will refuse.](#)

Also, check out our handy [Action Picker](#) to help you get started.



Take part in the **Plastic Free July** challenge and attempt to reduce your plastic consumption - you don't even have to wait for July to make a difference, you can start today!

Dear Parents/Carers

As you are probably aware, the month's free travel period comes to an end on Sunday 26 May 2019. With paid services starting next week on Monday May 27, students are being reminded to top up their MyWay cards or purchase tickets to avoid fines of up to \$181 for travelling without a ticket.

During the month's free travel period, whilst drivers have encouraged all students to tap on and off, it has been brought to our attention that there are some students who are not.

Tapping on and off is required by all customers travelling on light rail and buses, and also provides Transport Canberra with accurate data to plan and review services in the future.

 <p style="text-align: right;">Where</p>	<p>A select number of newsagencies, post offices, and Access Canberra outlets. For the full list visit: https://www.transport.act.gov.au/tickets-and-myway/get-myway/recharge-agents</p>
<p>can I get a MyWay card?</p> <p>I'm a student, how much does it cost?</p>	<p>A MyWay card is \$2.50, and then you'll need to top it up for travel.</p> <p>Concession: Tertiary: \$1.61 School student – school day: \$1.22 School student – non-school day: \$1.61 Weekday cap: \$4.80 Weekend/public holiday cap: \$2.17</p>
<p>I want to catch a bus and light rail – will it cost me two tickets?</p>	<p>All MyWay fares include a free 90-minute transfer period so you can connect to a different bus or light rail service or commence your return journey using the same ticket within 90 minutes of purchase. Daily tickets are valid until midnight on the day of purchase.</p>
<p>What if I forget to tap on/off?</p>	<p>If you don't tap on, you could be fined up to \$181. If you don't tap off after a trip, you'll be charged a <u>default fare</u>.</p>
<p>My balance is low, how do I recharge?</p>	<p>You can instantly top up your card at a recharge agent, set up an autoloading direct debit online, or top up at a ticket vending machine at all light rail platforms and major bus stations.</p>