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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Thursday 18 August | Year 6 Careers Expo Excursion |
| Friday 19 August | Year 1 Questacon Excursion |
| Wednesday 24 August | Book Week Performance |
| Wednesday 31 August | Kindergarten Excursion to Wetland |
| Friday 2 September | Fathers Day Stall |
| Monday 5 September | P&C Meeting 6.30pm |
| Friday 9 September | Pupil Free Day |
| Friday 23 September | Last Day of Term 3 |
| Monday 10 October | First Day of Term 4 |

Our Vision

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

Dear families,

What a busy week we have had with our Athletics Carnival and 3/4 AquaSafe Program happening! On Monday, we loved seeing our students participating and trying their best at the Woden Athletics Park and also at school for our Junior students. Children displayed our Yarralumla STAR values at all times and showed their school spirit cheering loudly! Our school representatives for the South Weston Athletics Carnival have been notified and we wish them the best of luck next Tuesday. I was able to attend the AquaSafe Program today and enjoyed watching the students practise their strokes with laps up and down the pool, as well as enjoying wearing their life vests getting in and out of the dingy!

Next week, our school satisfaction survey opens. As part of our continuous effort to improve, the Education Directorate invites you to give feedback in an online survey about your experience of Yarralumla Primary School. Your responses will help us to identify what we do well and how we can improve. The data will also be used to underpin school improvement practices and inform government priorities, as well as in research projects and longitudinal studies aimed at improving the quality of education services in the ACT.

Last year, 60.3 % of parents responded with "I am satisfied that this school has high expectations". As a result we have focussed our professional learning and staff development on building positive relationships with all students to support learning. We see teachers use a range of strategies to understand where children are at with their learning and work through a range of strategies to move their learning forward. These strategies include but not limited to: observations, anecdotal reports, checklists, pre and post assessment tasks, student conferencing, collection of data and student reports. A core factor in this work is ensuring students have individual goals for their learning and that they can articulate these and show when they have mastered them.

Everyday our teachers are building their knowledge of where students are with their learning and the understanding of the Italian language. We are working closely as teaching staff to understand the data we are collecting and how it is used. Information is both formative to understand the where to next; and summative to gather evidence of what has been understood.

Our work in creating Visible Learners ensure that all lessons include a clear learning Intention and Success Criteria. We are currently working on ways for students to peer and self-assess their progress too.

As parents and carers, you will see differentiated, targeted learning in our classrooms with clear expectations and outcomes. You will see students working towards their individual learning goals and receiving feedback verbally and written by the classroom teachers.

For more information about the Satisfaction Survey, please go to: www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/school-satisfaction-and-climate-survey

We look forward to welcoming you into our wonderful classrooms in Week 10 as part of our Learning Journeys – more information will be sent in the coming weeks.

Yours in education,
Lauren Bruhwiller



STAR AWARD

Awarded to
Sophia C

August 2022



You are caring, thoughtful and always willing to help others. Your enthusiastic approach to the many aspects of school life is inspiring. You are an active learner, always searching for new ideas in both Italian and English. You demonstrate the ability to make connections through exploration and high-level questioning. Your respectful manners are exemplary. Sophia you are a STAR! Congratulations on this very well-deserved award. BRAVA!!!



STAR AWARD

Awarded to
Aija T

August 2022



Aija you are kind, considerate and caring. You are a team player, supporting anyone in need of help during learning tasks or in the playground during sports games. You engage with such positive attitude in all learning tasks. In both, Italian and English, you demonstrate the ability to make deep connections with learning. You are always ready to ask relevant questions and be an active learner. You are a role model to all, and we are honoured to present you this award. Aija you are a STAR! BRAVA!!



Year 3/4 Newsletter




It's been a wonderful start to term 3 in the 3/4 cohort with lots of exciting learning and some special events that happen each year falling in the first half of the term.

In English, we have spent time writing to entertain with the focus being poetry. The children have created some fantastic haiku poems (three-line poems that are structured according to the number of syllables – five in the first line, seven in the second line and five again in the third line). These poems are a way of conveying meaning or an emotion about a subject in only a few words, so precise language choices can really create a big impact. We wrote on topics including pets, hobbies, animals and seasons, with some highly entertaining and absorbing finished products. Well done everyone!

In Mathematics, the times tables have been a recent focus for students. We had opportunities to explore a range of games to support our mental computation. Students self-selected a times table of their choice to use in some of these games, to help consolidate speed and accuracy in their work. These games are a lot of fun to play and also teach incredibly valuable mental computation skills at the same time.

A very physical start to the term has seen everyone participate in the Athletics Carnival, where a range of track and field events gave students a chance to participate and show off their skills. Aquasafe swimming lessons have also kept us busy recently. It has been wonderful to see students grow in ability and confidence as they challenge themselves to develop and refine water safety skills. Students have conducted themselves with distinction during the activities and showed impressive dedication to the task at hand.

In Italian the students started a project to describe and present a person they admire. The project called 'My Champion' offers the student the opportunity to bring in the classroom their passions and interests. When the information project is ready the students present to their class their choice with emphasis on why they chose that person. Here are some examples:

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| <p><i>PERCHE?</i> <i>Il motivo per cui ho scelto Lewis Hamilton è perché prima della mia nascita mia mamma e mio papà lavoravano con lui, mia mamma era la sua assistente personale e mio padre era il suo medico e allenatore.</i></p> |  |
| <p><i>ammiro emma mckeeon perché è disposta ad affrontare cose difficili e non si arrende mai anche quando i tempi sono difficili, è ancora forte ed è un'eroina australiana.</i></p> |  |
| <p>Dylan Alcott e' il mio campione perché e' fortissimo, e' simpaticissimo, e' modestissimo e nonostante le difficoltà ha sempre il sorriso tra le labbra. Io ammiro Dylan perche' e' un ispirazione per tutti</p> |  |

We can't wait to see the completed posters hanging up in the corridors.

We look forward to the excitement that the rest of term 3 will bring!

The Year 3/4 Team

P & C News

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN FROM THIS FRIDAY 8:30- 9am

The uniform shop will be open every Friday during term time (except Pupil Free Days) for all your preloved and new uniform needs. You are still able to order uniforms via Flexischools and have them delivered to your child in class.

To enable the shop to stay open we need more volunteers. If you are able to help regularly or even a one-off please email uniform@ypspandc.com

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.

To raise funds we're asking families to donate suitable gifts ready for sale (e.g. plants, food... whatever you would like to receive). There's no need to gift wrap, but please use clear wrap if you do. Gifts will be sold for \$5. We'll collect these gifts in weeks 6 & 7 (from 22nd August).

If you have a business that is keen to provide bulk gifts or vouchers please contact us for opportunities to promote your business.

Students will also have the opportunity to sponsor animals through for a \$2 donation and receive a gift certificate.



ACT Wildlife

If you can help on our stall on the Friday morning from 9am to approximately 12pm please email yarralumlaprimaryevents@gmail.com. It's a lot of fun

P&C MEETING

***NEW DATE* MONDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH 6:30 – 7:30 PM SCHOOL LIBRARY & ONLINE**

Please join us to plan community events, fundraisers and hear the latest school news from Rohan Evans.

DISCO- FRIDAY EVENING 2ND DECEMBER

For all the family, please save the date!

If you have any suggestions for the P&C or are keen to volunteer for any of the events above please email yarralumlaprimaryevents@gmail.com

We hope you have a wonderful week

Claire O'Neill

P&C President

PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning)

So far in August we have had the following successes 2 x 50 E-STARS and 4 x 100 E-STARS.

Student recognitions are in the following categories Safe=95, Team player=27, Active Learner=96 Respectful =69.

Minor Neg 9 physical contact mostly in class. Major neg 2 harassment and disruption.

We continue to couch all of our comments to student in positive ways to support them to make good choices both in class and on the playground.

You could help us to help your students by reminding them that they can approach teachers during break times if they are having trouble resolving an issue – this is what the teachers love to do. They are easily spotted because they wear a fluoro vest.

Keep being STARS

Deb

A message from the ACT Education Directorate: Keeping our students learning in Term 3

Every ACT public school is working hard to manage the impacts of COVID-19 and the flu in our schools to ensure minimal disruption for everyone and keep students learning.

Face-to-face learning in the classroom remains the core way students are learning this term; however, staff shortages may see them learning a little differently from time to time.

What can parents and students expect?

When schools do not have appropriate staffing levels to support students in their usual classrooms the following measures may be put in place:

- Older students may learn online in a supervised setting.
- Students may be engaged in a modified program of learning in their regular classroom with supervision from school staff.
- Students may participate in self-directed learning (supervised by other classroom teachers this may be via Google Classrooms or a pre-prepared activity).
- Students may be split into classes across the school, where children may engage in self-directed learning and/or the learning of their host class.
- Some activities may be put on hold (eg lunchtime clubs)

Where schools are no longer able to manage using the above strategies students may move to learning from home for short periods of time.

If this is the case your school will work with the Directorate ahead of time to make this decision and families will be provided with learning activities for use during this time.

Sometimes this decision will need to be made quickly. We appreciate that the short notice is difficult for families and, where we can, will ensure we give as much notice as we are able.

Non-essential events and excursions

There may also be the need to postpone/cancel planned activities and events offsite (eg camps, excursions, sporting days etc) from time to time, sometimes at short notice.

We appreciate any cancellation is disappointing and wherever possible schools will reschedule these missed opportunities.

Thank you once more to our parents, carers and staff for their ongoing support and commitment again this term.

With Spring just around the corner, Cancer Council ACT says it's important for Canberra schools, early childhood services and all outdoor workers to think ultra violet (UV) not heat, as we make our way into another hot summer, and remember to put 'hats on' when outdoors.

Whilst August is still a cold month in the nation's capital, ultraviolet radiation (UV) levels are on the rise to levels that warrant sensible sun protection, for at least part of the day.

The Cancer Council ACT message is pretty simple, when UV levels reach 3 and above, a combination of sun protection behaviour is required to protect against skin damage that can contribute to skin cancer later in life. The higher the UV level, the quicker unprotected skin can damage, sunburn or no sunburn.

Evidence suggests that childhood and adolescence sun exposure plays a significant factor in the development of skin cancer in later life. Therefore it's vital that Canberra schools and early childhood services implement and manage an effective sun protection policy when UV levels reach 3 and above.

Wearing sensible clothing and hats, making sunscreen accessible to students and teachers and taking advantage of shade, means children, students and teachers can significantly minimise their lifetime risk of developing skin cancer.

Every year over 12,000 Australians are diagnosed with melanoma skin cancer and approx. 2,200 Australians will die from skin cancer each year. The majority of skin cancers are preventable.

Monday 1 August through to 31 May 2023.



2022 School Satisfaction Survey

2022 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey Each year, the Directorate surveys all parents and carers, school staff and students in Years 4 to 12 about their experience of public education. The 2022 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey will be available online from 19 August to 9 September. The survey results will help us to continue to make quality informed decisions about how to improve our school. No personal identifying information will be provided to any school or college.

For each child in their family who attends an ACT public school, parents and carers will receive:

- An email about the parent survey, including a link to access the survey; and
- A letter about the student survey outlining the reasons for collection and privacy provision for the data.

If you do not receive the survey invitation, please check your Junk email folder; if it is not there, contact the school and you will be provided a survey link. If you do not have an email listed with the school, please contact the front office on 6142 3250.

The Parents and Carers Survey will be available online in other languages: Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Urdu, Vietnamese, Punjabi, Bengali, Spanish, Telugu, French and Italian. Respondents can select their preferred language when they start the survey. A shortened paper-version of the Parents and Carers Survey is also available in the following 5 languages: Dari, Dinka, Farsi, Karen and Mon.

For the results to reflect the opinions of our whole school community, we need as many parents and carers, staff and students as possible to complete the survey. Your feedback is important, and we hope you will take part. For more information, visit: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/school-satisfaction-and-climate-survey>

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

Author Visit – Amelia McInerney

As part of our Book Week celebrations we are lucky enough to have renowned author, Amelia McInerney, running workshops with the students next week! Amelia will be providing interactive reading and writing sessions with students from Preschool to Year 6, sharing her writing tips, how to generate ideas, and encouraging students to connect with their own creativity. Workshops will run from 9:00 – 3:00, Tuesday 16th August (P-6: Wombats and Montessori), and 9:30 – 10:00, Thursday 18th August (Bilbies and Montessori). We look forward to this exciting opportunity.

Along with the workshops, Amelia has provided the chance for students to buy signed copies of her books through The Book Cow in Kingston. Orders placed by the 14th August will be delivered to the school on the day of the workshops. Any orders after that will be delivered as soon as possible to the school. Please see the attached flyer for more information on this wonderful opportunity for our school community.

Amelia McInerney is coming to Yarralumla in August!

Amelia is an internationally published children's author who lives in Canberra.

She spends most days writing kids' books, staring out the window thinking about kids' books, and occasionally just plain staring out the window. She also enjoys yoga and snorkelling, although not simultaneously.

Find out what really happened in Amelia's retelling of the classic rhyme in *Mary Had a Little Lamb - What REALLY Happened*.

Laugh out loud when riding in a car with your bird Bertie. The contented couple find that twos company and threes a crowd when giggling Gertie gets on board... then jiggy Jack and Silly Billy too!

Find out what happens when Ray the Book Chook discovers he is a drawing in a book.

And read all about Ted, Ned, and Fred, Fred's dog, Jed, and Fred's fish Zed.

And get set for one shell of a story in *Bad Crab* as a crabby crustacean grabs life by the claws!!

TO ORDER

- SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT SHOP.BOOKCOW.COM.AU/C/AMELIA-MCINERNEY
- ADD YOUR CHILD'S NAME, SCHOOL AND CLASS IN THE ORDER NOTES
- AT CHECKOUT SELECT 'AUTHOR SCHOOL VISIT' FOR SHIPPING

Order by Sunday 14 August for your child to receive their signed book/s on the day Amelia visits. Orders placed after this date will be delivered to the school as soon as possible.



Zed the fish is white and red. His poo hangs down in one long thread. The main thing though, is what Fred said. Never, ever feed Zed bread. A darkly comic, mono-rhyming story about a goldfish.

Themes: humour, responsible pet ownership, awareness and acceptance of food allergies, importance of food label reading. **\$24.99**



A tale so tall you will pinch yourself! Get set for one shell of a story, as this crabby crustacean grabs life by the claws. Bad Crab learns self-control and makes friends...but not overnight! A funny, near-wordless picture book.

Themes: empathy, impulse control, consequences, how to make friends. **\$24.99**



When Ray discovers he's just a drawing of a chicken in the book, he panics! Can he hatch a plan to escape from the pages of the book and be a real chook? Luckily, his plucky friend, Janine, is there to help. A funny, rhyming, interactive picture book where your child is part of the story!

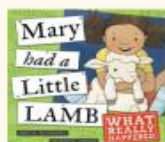
Themes: self-acceptance, belonging, home. **\$24.99**



Riding in the car with my bird, Bertie. Riding in the car, just Bertie and me...

The contented pair find that two's company and three's a crowd when giggling Gertie gets on board....then jiggy wiggle Jack and silly-billy Tilly too! Full of rhyme, rhythm and repetition, My Bird, Bertie is for quiet kids and loud kids alike!

Themes: introversion, extroversion, self-assertion, establishing healthy boundaries in friendships. **\$17.99**



The Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly is on a ravenous rampage and the town's animals are going missing! Meanwhile, little Bo Peep has lost her sheep... and it's not looking good. It's up to Mary and her little lamb to track down the Old Lady, but will she find Bo Peep's sheep in time?

Rollick along to this gripping, action-packed, never-before-retold story and find out... WHAT REALLY HAPPENED! **\$17.99**



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Canberra's newest, independent bookshop - selling pages for all ages

Community News



FAMILY FUN DAY

10AM-3PM SUNDAY 11TH SEPT 2022

**MARKET STALLS • FOOD TRUCKS • LIVE MUSIC
RAFFLE • ACTIVITIES AND GAMES FOR KIDS OF ALL
AGES • AND MUCH MORE!**

LYNEHAM NETBALL COURTS
OUTDOOR COURTS - 435 NORTHBOURNE AVE, LYNEHAM

Love Your Sister is bringing all of Canberra together for a massive Family Fun Day fundraising event with music, food stalls and heaps of activities for kids of all ages! Australia's favourite cancer vanquisher, Samuel Johnson OAM, will be there with bells on to thank you all in person and announce the total amount raised by your community.



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Helping Your Teenager with Career Planning

PARENTS AND CARERS CAN HAVE AN ENORMOUS INFLUENCE ON THEIR CHILD'S CAREER DECISIONS AND PATHWAY PLANNING, BUT IT'S NOT ALWAYS EASY TO KNOW WHERE TO START.

The ACT Education Directorate, in partnership with the Canberra Institute of Technology, will present workshops for parents and carers in August as part of the ACT Careers Expo and National Skills Week.

During this workshop, experienced career practitioners will present useful career information, resources and strategies to start career conversations with your young person including:

**UP-TO-DATE
INFORMATION ON
DIFFERENT PATHWAYS**

**COMMUNICATION
STRATEGIES**

**LEADING BY
EXAMPLE**

**SEEKING
SUPPORT**

Choose one of these sessions.

**CANBERRA CAREERSXPO
WEDNESDAY 17 AUGUST 2022
BUDAWANG AND COORONG
BUILDINGS
5-7PM**

To register go to our [Eventbrite page](#).

**WEBINAR
TUESDAY 23 AUGUST
6-7PM**

To register go to our [Eventbrite page](#).

For more information please contact careers@act.gov.au

Covid-19 Smart Behaviours while attending the Canberra Careers Expo workshop

- Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations
- Stay home if you're unwell and get tested
- Wear a mask
- Practise good hygiene
- Physically distance

Visit the ACT Government COVID website for the latest information. [COVID Smart behaviours - COVID-19 \(act.gov.au\)](#)

NATIONAL SKILLS WEEK

AUGUST 22 - AUGUST 28

2022

real skills for
real careers



ACT
Government

Parent workshops: Helping your teenager with career planning


Parents and carers can have an enormous influence on their child’s career decisions and pathway planning, but it’s not always easy to know where to start. The Directorate, in partnership with the Canberra Institute of Technology, will present workshops for parents and carers in August as part of the ACT CareersXpo and National Skills Week.

All
Ages


Only
\$40


Social
Softball/tball


Four
Weeks



SUTHY SOCIAL SERIES


Seniors (ages 18+)
Registration


SUTHERLAND
SOFTBALL CLUB


Juniors (ages 3 to 17)
Registration


Every Thursday from 18/8 - 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Sutherland is running a short mid-week tournament. All ages are welcome from 4 years old to adults. The social format is a great introduction to softball as well as an opportunity for returning players to get into it before the season. No previous experience is required and all equipment is provided.

@sutherlandsoftballclub

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Sutherlandsoftball@gmail.com


the Y
We believe in the power of
inspired young people

Is your child Summer Safe Ready??

Now is the perfect time to enrol, ensuring that your child develops necessary skills of water safety in preparation for Summer.


Not only is learning to swim a skill for life, lessons also prepare your child for a lifetime of aquatic fun, such as trips to the coast and fun in the backyard pool!!

Our Learn to Swim program caters to all abilities, from the beginner to students needing a little stroke correction. We have availability after school from 3.30 until 7pm on Monday through Wednesday and across both Saturday and Sunday.

We would love to have you become a part of the Canberra Olympic Pool community, please call the centre on 6248 6799 and one of our friendly receptionists will be happy to help!!

Yours in swimming,

Lisa Jones
Aquatic Manager.





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

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

Chicken nuggets x 6 \$5.00

Butter chicken and rice \$5.80

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