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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 14 -24 March	NAPLAN Years 3 and 5
Friday 24 March	Bilbies Preschool Photos
Monday 27 March	Think U Know Parent session 5pm
Monday 3 April	Year 2 Excursion Cotter Dam
Monday 3 April	Year 3/4 Excursion NGA "Art Ways of Learning"
Thursday 6 April	School Photos
Thursday 6 April	Last Day of Term
Monday 17 April	First Day of Term 2

Our Vision

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

Dear families,

I think that our warm weather is quickly leaving us! Please ensure your children have named jumpers and jackets so we can return them to their rightful owners when we find them in the playground!

P&C – Save the Date – Welcome Community Picnic 31 March 5-8pm

We are looking forward to seeing our community celebrating all things Italian with our wonderful P&C coordinating an Italian Language Celebration. There will be lots of yummy food and drinks, as well as music to enjoy.

Think U Know

Our resident IT expert Maestra Claire Hansen has coordinated a parent information session on Monday 27th March at 5:00pm. The school will be hosting a parent-based presentation from ThinkUKnow about cyber safety.

"ThinkUKnow Australia is an evidence-based education program led by the [Australian Federal Police](https://www.afp.gov.au/) (AFP), delivered nationally in partnership with police and industry partners to prevent online child exploitation. Please fill out this google form to indicate your attendance

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NAPLAN

Our year 3 and year 5 students have completed their NAPLAN assessments. We are very impressed with their perseverance and grit when participating in these online assessments. Thank you to our teachers for ensuring our students felt prepared for the task!

5/6 Camp

From the look of the bus loads of weary faces that arrived at school last Friday – 5/6 campers had a great time! From what I heard – the big swing and the assault course were absolute favourites!

Woden Weston Swimming Carnival

We wish the students who have qualified for the Woden Weston Swimming Carnival the best of luck as they represent our school – good luck to the 35 students! They will be representing Yarralumla on the 5th of April! We can't wait to hear how they go!

Ride to school

If the weather is fine, we look forward to meeting our Ride To School-ers tomorrow morning at the Yacht Club at 8.30. Thank you to our regular parent riders too! We couldn't do it without you!

Assembly

Our year 1 students hosted the assembly this week. The highlight was their beautiful singing! I was lucky enough to get my own performance from the students and Maestra Helen this morning.

Working Bees

Our early childhood space sure looks fabulous after the working bee on the weekend – thank you to the families and educators who moved a MOUNTAIN of mulch! We will be hosting a working bee for our vegetable garden on 25th of March from 9-12. Please RSVP your attendance to info@yarralumlaps.act.edu.au

Building Works

Works continue to be on track for our new hall windows to be put in over the school holidays. We look forward to seeing them next term!

Yours in education,
Lauren Bruhwiler



Cyber Safety Presentation at Yarralumla Primary

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“ThinkUKnow Australia is an evidence-based education program led by the [Australian Federal Police](#) (AFP), delivered nationally in partnership with police and industry partners to prevent online child sexual exploitation.

We incorporate up-to-date research, real case studies and examples from reports made to the AFP-led [Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation](#).

The program is pro-technology and addresses topics including self-generated child abuse material, online grooming, sexual extortion, and importantly encourages help seeking behaviour.” – ThinkUKnow website, About.

Whilst this is a difficult topic to think about, it is very important to keep ourselves educated, as parents and teachers, about how to handle these topics.

Please note, this session is not suitable for children. It is aimed at adults only, due to the sensitive nature of the content.

Please fill out this google form to indicate your attendance.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdvMtBweemx4KhLOHaV8vAbKpGsFMs9Am8WZPDXIPQP3BIT5A/viewform>

For more information and resources please click on the link below.

<https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/resources-tab/parents-and-carers>

We hope to see you there. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Claire Hansen

Claire.hansen@ed.act.edu.au.



STAR AWARD

Awarded to

Alexander N

March 2023



Alexander is a kind and polite student in classe Rossa. He comes to school each day with a positive attitude, ready to learn. Alexander shows enthusiasm when learning new concepts and enjoys exploring these through fun games. He consistently models Yarralumla's STAR values, particularly being a 'Team Player'. Alexander is very thoughtful and can always be counted on to help his teacher and classmates. Keep being a superstar, Alexander!



STAR AWARD

Awarded to

Annabel E

March 2023



Annabel is a student in year 1 who is always kind and respectful towards her peers. She does her best to care for the safety and wellbeing of herself and her peers, always striving for self-improvement and encouraging others to be their best. Annabel understands that everyone is different, and that we all need different supports to succeed. She often goes out of her way to cheer up a sad friend. Lately she has been spreading happiness by playing guitar in the playground for her friends. Annabel always models active learning. She tries her best, encourages others, and works towards her goals. Annabel shares her thinking and helps her peers to try new strategies too.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL



A reminder to our families about bringing medication to school.

Please be mindful of:

1. Action Plans and Expiry Dates - this all needs to be updated regularly. Most Action Plans are only current for 12 months from the date of issue.
2. Medication such as Puffers/EpiPens/Antihistamines need to be checked regularly by families for current expiry date.
3. Most importantly, if you have not already supplied a current Medical Information Form then this needs to be a priority.
4. If your child requires medication to be dispensed to them during school hours, please complete a [Medication Authorisation Administration Record Form](#) and send in to the front office.

P & C News

Dear parents, carers, students and friends from the YPS community,

Dantedì – community picnic to celebrate the Italian language!

Dantedì is an international celebration of the Italian language in late March each year.

This year the YPS P&C invites you, your family, neighbours and friends to bring along a picnic blanket and celebrate the Italian language together. This will be our inaugural *Dantedì* celebration so please help us make it a big success!

There will be beautiful Italian music performed by the Dante Alighieri Society. This will be followed by music from local Italian DJ, Joe!



There will be delicious food from local Italian food vendors, Papa Joe's and Mellabella Gelato. Papa Joe's will be selling arancini, Italian sausage, chicken burgers, lasagne spring rolls, cannoli, Italian donuts and much more.

The P&C will be fundraising by selling delicious **biscotti**, homemade Italian baked treats. Please bring along small change. Gold coins and small notes are preferred.

We will be having a raffle with amazing prizes. Tickets will be sold on the night.

There will be twilight **bocce** on the Yarralumla oval. Most of us will be beginners, so come and have fun learning this classic Italian game.

This will be a fantastic opportunity to meet other families in our community and celebrate the wonderful Italian bilingual environment at Yarralumla Primary School.

For planning purposes, the P&C would be extremely grateful if you could please RSVP here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfWj6Ji14Qrc0NicVgNkZhV3b7moCDGO1tzI_VyXZ0iOHIFkg/viewform

If the form does not work for whatever reason, please let us know if you can come by email, fundraising@ypspandc.com

Mother's Day Family Photo Mini Sessions – FINAL!

Don't forget, one of our talented parents, Carly Taylor, will be holding Mother's Day Photo Mini Sessions at the school in March. A percentage of each session fee will be donated to the YPS P&C.

Carly ran a very popular series of mini sessions last year for Christmas family photos. We are excited to be able to offer this opportunity again. This offer is open to anyone so please spread the word to your friends, family and colleagues.



- **When:**
There are only **three** spots left on Sunday 26 March.
- **Where:**
Yarralumla Primary School Hall
24 Loftus Street, Yarralumla
- **Cost:**
\$160. This includes a 20 minute indoor session and 5 digital images. Additional images will be available for purchase.
- **Bookings:**
<https://book.usesession.com/s/jT3KtxiGB>

For more information please contact Carly Taylor on 0414 927 156

Mother's Day stall – Friday 12 May

The Annual YPS Mother's Day stall is a much-loved opportunity for YPS students to purchase gifts for the special woman in their lives.

In order to raise funds, we would be grateful if each family could donate a suitable gift(s) for sale. This could be candles, moisturisers, chocolate, stationery, bracelets – whatever you would like to receive! Gifts will be sold for \$5.

There is no need to wrap donations as the gifts need to be able to be seen by students as part of the process of finding the perfect gift. If you do need to wrap a donation, please use clear wrap.

We would be grateful if donations could be brought to school in during Weeks 9 and 10 of Term 1 (from 27 March).

If you have a business that is keen to provide bulk gifts or vouchers please contact us on fundraising@ypspandc.com for an opportunity to promote your business.

And lastly but importantly, the P&C will need some helpers to run the Mother's Day stall on the Friday morning from 9.00 am to 12pm (or for an hour or two during this period). If you can help, please email us on fundraising@ypspandc.com. It is a lot of fun!

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open every Friday, 8.30-9.00 am during term time for all your preloved and new uniform needs.

Families are also able to order uniforms via Flexischools and have them delivered to the front office for collection.

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

P&C Annual General Meeting

And finally, the P&C's AGM was held on Monday 20 March 2023. Thank you to all of those who attended, both in person and online. Thank you in particular to Signor Evans, whose report was, as always, the subject of great interest and many questions about the inner workings of YPS.

The good news is that all Executive Committee positions were filled by enthusiastic volunteers. It is looking like it will be a great new team this year!

The P&C is always keen to have further general members on the Executive Committee. Apropos of it being Harmony Week, the P&C's Executive Committee would greatly benefit from being a more representative body in terms of the diversity of the YPS population.

New members can be appointed by casual vacancy throughout the year. If you would like to join at any time, please email me on president@ypspandc.com. The more members we get on our Executive Committee, the more we will be able to achieve for YPS.

That's it from the P&C. See you at *Dantedi*! If not at this Saturday's Working Bee!

Patience Neal

P&C President

president@ypspandc.com

Kindergarten Term 1 Week 8



Literacy -

We have been learning new sounds and are beginning to construct interesting sentences!



Maths -

This week in maths we have been learning to add and subtract using concrete materials!

We have also been focusing on ordering numbers and making picture graphs!

Italiano - Questa settimana, abbiamo imparato 'mi piace' e 'non mi piace'.

Impariamo anche i colori! Quale colore ti piace?



SEL - We have continued to focus on being a good friend through exploring the friendship tools of joining in, using kind words with a friendly voice, giving compliments and sharing. After reading *The Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister the children created a scale depicting a way to share or be a good friend.

Year One Learning Snapshots

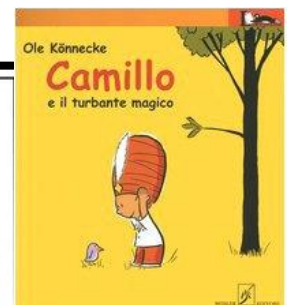
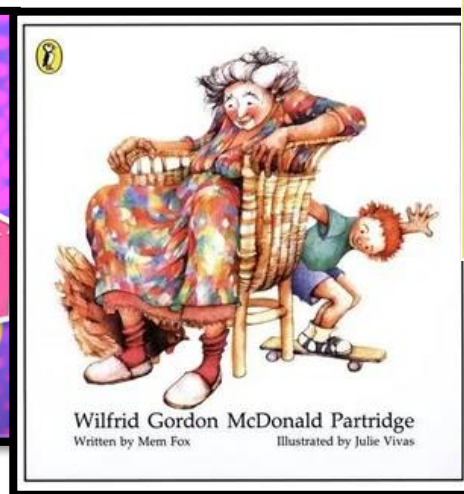
Term 1, weeks 7-8

In classes Corallo and Magenta, we have been extremely busy getting ready for hosting the Week 8 assembly. Every day we have been practising getting into our positions, reading our solo scripts and individual retells and recounts, and learning the lyrics and actions of our Italian song, *La Canzone della Felicità*.

In the English classroom we have been learning about different ways to keep ourselves safe and who we can call upon for help (Health). In literacy, we have been continuing to write recounts and retells and are currently exploring the Mem Fox picture book, *Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge*. We are analysing the sequence of events in the book and are making connections between the book and our own lives / experiences, with a focus on 'memories'.

In Italian we continue to practise listening and speaking, while learning how to read and write simple words. The highlight in our Italian classroom (other than our super cute song!) has been reading a book called "*Camillo e il Turbante Magico*". It's a funny book about a boy, Camillo, who has a magic turban. We have learned a lot of new language from the book and retold the story in English as well, consolidating those skills we are also learning in the English classroom.

Helen Del Guzzo and Jessica McGarrity.



Year 2: Smeraldo – Giada – Rossa

Playing with Grammar:

In the Italian classroom we are using 'colour coding' to identify the parts of a simple sentence and create new similar sentences.

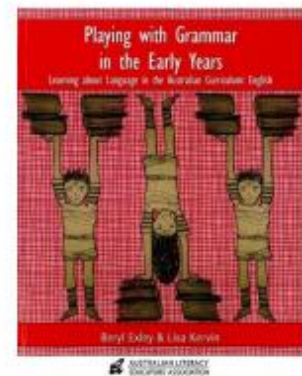
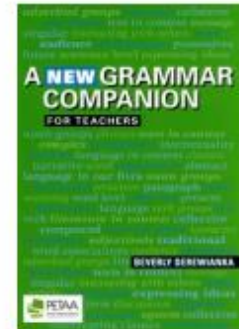
We have started with **verde** and **rosso**:

Verde: 'What's happening?' and relating verbs, such as 'to be' (process/verb group).

Rosso: 'Who or what is involved?' (participant/noun group)

We have decided to use **arancione** to highlight adjectives, even though they are considered participants.

This method is based on the Functional Grammar approach (Beverly Derewianka) underpinning the National Literacy Curriculum.



In English, we continue to work on recounts and retells. Students have learnt that the purpose of these texts are to inform and/or entertain the audience. Have a read of some recounts of the fabulous swimming carnival.

In Mathematics, we are getting really clever with counting by 2s, 5s and 10s. Some of us are challenging ourselves and counting by 3s and 4s. As well as forward and backward number sequences, we have been broadening our place value knowledge of numbers to 1000. Our goal is to be able to read, write, model, represent and order these numbers. There are so many fun games that we play to strengthen our understanding in this area.

Year 3 - 4 Update

We've had a sporty fortnight with tennis lessons starting last Friday and our school swimming carnival and water fun day.



Sappiamo come contare le sillabe

Pizza

Pizza è buona

Pomodoro, formaggio

Sale e pepe

Il drago

Drago viola

Il drago mangia
pizza

Il drago vola

In Italian the 3 /4 classes have been writing Haiku Poems created from their new vocabulary & grammar
A Great READ!!!



5/6 NEWS

WEEKS 7-8, TERM 1

Camp Cooba

Our students had a great time last week at Camp Cooba. It was excellent to see all the students giving things a go. Students participated in an assault course, low ropes, team initiatives, team maneuvers, the pump bike track, and the big swing! Our school community will hear more about camp in the Week 10 assembly. We can't wait to share!





All students at Yarralumla Primary School have been registered for the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge.

Children can read books in any language they know.

All Italian language learners are encouraged to read at least 5 books in Italian.

Any book read between 20 March and 30 June (end of Term 2) can be included in the challenge.

Please note:

- Students need to collect an *Individual Student Reading Record* from their teacher
- Students (or their parents/carers) need to add each completed book to the *Individual Student Reading Record*
- Parents/carers need to initial/verify their child's entry
- When students have finished reading 30 books and have recorded them, they need to return their completed *Individual Student Reading Record* to their teacher.

Reading Tips can be found here:

https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/additional-programs/chief_ministers_reading_challenge/reading-tips

The Challenge is a wonderful way to encourage and acknowledge reading completed by your child.

We are going to organise prizes for the keenest readers.

Please encourage your child to participate!

maestra Federica (CMRC Coordinator) & the YPS Staff



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SRC Fundraising for Sustainability projects

Care famiglie,

Questo trimestre stiamo organizzando una raccolta fondi per progetti sostenibili, come il compostaggio.
Per comprare i bidoni per il compostaggio, tutti gli studenti sono invitati a donare una moneta o una banconota.
Inoltre ci saranno un centinaio di dolci da comprare con \$1 o \$2.
Per le donazioni confidiamo nella vostra generosità. Grazie!

Quando: venerdì 31 marzo 2023

Cordiali saluti,
I rappresentanti del comitato degli studenti



Dear Families,

This term we are organising a fundraising for our sustainability projects, including a composting system.
To buy composting bins, we invite all students to make a donation.
Moreover, if children would like to buy a cupcake or a cookie, about one hundred of them will be sold for \$1 or \$2.
We welcome all gold coin and note donations and appreciate your generosity.
Thank you!

When: Friday 31 March 2023

Uniform free day – please dress appropriately

Kind regards,
The Students' Representative Council

COMMUNITY TRIP 2023

SCANZOROSCIATE/PEDRENGO, ITALY

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to announce that the Community Trip 2023 to Italy this year is on!

I have heard back from the Director of the four primary schools and two middles schools in Scanzorosciate and Pedrengo in the Comune of Bergamo. He informs me that the four primary schools can accommodate 29 students and the two middle schools (our Year 6 students) can accommodate 13 students.

Our students will attend school in Scanzorosciate/Pedrengo Week 1 of Term 4. Our students, along with their accompanying families, must arrive in Scanzorosciate by midday Sunday, 8 October 2023 to begin school on Monday 9 October 2023. Primary school children attend school Monday to Friday. Traditionally, Middle School children attend school Monday to Saturday. I will, however, confirm this detail as in 2018 the middle schools were trialling Monday to Friday school days. Watch out for my next article!

On the Sunday afternoon (8 October) the Mayor of Scanzorosciate, along with our Australian families and the billeting families meet in the townhall where we are formally welcomed. Our students receive a small bag of goodies, usually a tea shirt, workbook, pencils, pens etc for school. After the ceremony the Australian families hand over their children to their billeting family.

This is the beginning of a full week of new, exciting experiences for children, adults, teachers and locals.

If you are interested in participating in this Community Trip 2023 please email me with your child/ren's name, year level, date of birth, names of attending parent/carer, email addresses and mobile numbers.

My email address is: Lynden.Lawton@ed.act.edu.au



Active Streets for Schools program

Message 1:

Our school is participating in the [Active Streets for Schools](#) program.

Active Streets delivers infrastructure improvements around schools to make it safer and easier to ride, walk, scooter or skate to and from school.

To support students who may be beginning to travel independently, we will distribute an Active Streets resource pack to students in years 4-6. The pack will include a map highlighting routes to our school.

Parents are encouraged to talk to their children about how they can use these resources to support walking or riding to school. Starting small is often a good approach, so try using part way points a short distance from the school and accompany students to teach them safe habits.

The Active Streets program helps children to develop independence, while providing health and safety benefits for the school community, with increased physical activity and fewer cars on the road.

Message 2:

Walking or riding to school is a great way for students to be physically active each morning and afternoon, while helping to reduce congestion around the school and limiting our environmental impact.

Our school is part of the [Active Streets](#) program, which is designed to drive culture change within school communities to make walking and riding to school the norm for Canberra students. Discussing riding or walking to school with your children may include:

- showing children the best route to and from school (in person and on a map – check out the [Transport Canberra website](#))
- teaching children how to cross roads safely (utilise crossings and underpasses where possible)
- what to do in case of an emergency (key people to contact or where to go).

Walking or riding is a fun, safe and healthy way to get to school!

Message 3:

Walking or riding to school regularly is a great way for children to receive their recommended one hour of physical activity every day. It also helps to ensure they arrive energised and ready to learn.

Our school is participating in the [Active Streets for Schools](#) program, which is helping to make the environment around our school safer and more accessible for active travel.

Did you know we have a ride or walk to school map? If your child hasn't received a hard copy, you can download and print the map from the [Transport Canberra](#) website.

The map includes a selection of safe routes to school and highlights 'part way' drop off or collection points for families that need to drive but want to avoid congestion at the school gate and allow their children to be physically active for part of the trip.

Help our school engage in Active Streets by encouraging your children to be active. Students will enjoy the health benefits while you enjoy avoiding school traffic during peak times. Do you have an infrastructure suggestion that will

make it safer and easier to walk or ride to school (e.g. a new footpath or crossing)? Contact [Transport Canberra](#) to make a suggestion.

Message 4:

Increased traffic is common around schools for short periods each morning and afternoon during the peak periods.

One way our school is trying to beat the congestion is through the [Active Streets](#) program. More people walking and riding to school will help to create 'active streets' – where drivers are more aware of our school and slow down when children are present.

You can show your support by driving less or avoiding the main carparks at the school. Try one of the part way drop-off locations on [our school map](#) or walking or riding the entire way. It doesn't need to be every day, choosing to walk or ride once or twice a week is a great starting point and will make a significant difference to create a safer school environment for our students.

Message 5:

Have you noticed this logo on footpaths and shared paths in Canberra and wondered what it is?

The logo is part of the [Active Streets for Schools](#) program, which is a program to make the environment around schools safer to ride, walk, scooter or skate to and from school.

The logos will be around our school soon as part of the Active Streets program to promote walking and riding routes highlighted on our school map. The pavement stencils help to promote 'part way' drop off and collection points for families that live too far away to use active travel for the entire journey.

The logos also help to promote to the broader community that they are in the vicinity of the school and children are likely to be present.

As part of the program, educational resources have been distributed to certain year groups throughout the school to teach children about independent travel.

There are a number of benefits of children walking and riding to school, including safety in numbers, the health of the children, reduced congestion and less impact on the environment.

Message 6:

The Active Streets for Schools program helps to make school environments safer by improving infrastructure and educating school communities about the benefits of active travel.

The program aims to create 'active streets', because well populated streets help to make motorists more aware of our school environment and encourages them to slow down.

You may have seen the Active Streets logos around schools. They highlight walking and riding paths to school that have minimal road crossings and will be provided near our school as part of the program.

[Active travel](#) is a fun, safe and healthy way to get to school and is encouraged within our school community.



Social media content

Facebook:

Active schools are safer schools, with fewer cars on the road and more children and parents creating a hive of activity.

We are participating in the Active Streets for Schools program, which provides support to make the area around our school safer.

Download our Active Streets map and work with your children to identify safe routes to school.

We need your support to make our school safe. For more information head to: www.transport.act.gov.au/travel-options/schools

Facebook:

Do you know that our school is participating in the Active Streets program?

Help drive cultural change in our school community and make walking and riding to school the norm again for #Canberra kids.

Active travel is a fun, safe and healthy way to get to school. For more information head to: www.transport.act.gov.au/travel-options/schools

Facebook:

The Active Streets for Schools program makes the environment around schools safer to ride, walk, scooter or skate to and from school.

We are part of the program, which delivers infrastructure improvements around schools and provides educational resources to support walking or riding to school. You can support the program by encouraging your children to walk or ride to school, either the whole way or from a part way point near the school.

For more information head to: www.transport.act.gov.au/travel-options/schools

Facebook:

Walking or riding to school is a great way to ensure children receive the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity every day.

Our school is committed to improving the health and wellbeing of our school community. That's why we are participating in the Active Streets for Schools program and we're keen to see as many children as possible walking or riding to our school.

Support the school (and our students) by encouraging children to walk or ride to school, even once or twice a week can make a significant difference! For more information head to: www.transport.act.gov.au/travel-options/schools

Facebook:

Have you seen this logo on paths around #Canberra? It is used as part of the Active Streets for Schools program to promote routes leading to schools.

The pavement stencils will soon be around our school. Keep an eye out for them and teach your children about the benefits of walking and riding to school, to create a safe, healthy and happy school community. #activestreets

For more information head to: www.transport.act.gov.au/travel-options/schools



Parent & Carer Online Safety Webinars - 2023

Help your family be more confident and safe online

All parents and carers of an ACT public school student are invited to attend an online safety (eSafety) information session designed to develop their knowledge and skills in supporting their child with digital technologies. This webinar will look at understanding the current eSafety issues children and young people are experiencing, how to support your child to be safe online, resources for preventing and responding to online issues, and where to go for further support.

Families are invited to attend one or more of the following sessions held online from 6.00-7.00pm:

	Primary	Secondary
Term 1	21/2 or 23/3	23/2 or 21/3
Term 2	9/5 or 8/6	11/5 or 6/6
Term 3	1/8 or 31/8	3/8 or 29/8
Term 4	17/10, 14/11 or 16/11	19/10, 14/11 or 16/11



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Scan the QR Code or type in the address for more information and to register for one or more parent and carer eSafety webinars.



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Southern Cross Basketball Stadium, 7 Pitman St, Greenway

Soccer - Deakin - Wednesday 4pm-5pm
Alfred Deakin School Oval, 111 Denison St, Deakin

JOIN NOW via www.allstarssports.com.au

