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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 11 June	Reports to be sent home
Monday 14 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Tuesday 14 - 25 June	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Friday 18 June	Kindergarten/Montessori Red Group Excursion The Very Hungry Caterpillar
Friday 18 June	Year 3/4 Excursion to the Mint
Friday 25 June	Last Day of Term 2
Monday 12 July	First Day of Term 3

Our Vision

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Building Works Update

Jet rodding of our pipes around the school have been completed and now camera work and quotes are being obtained for the staff toilets, corner of the hall, under the Gambarri building and from the new equipment running down towards the bridge. The new pedestrian crossing on Loftus street is currently being constructed and we look forward to the road being open again shortly. The removal of the cladding on the library is ahead of schedule with scaffolding and safety fence in place and the panels all facing the oval removed. The demountable is still planned to arrive this term for use in term 3. There has been a small delay with crane approval due to moving the building over the drain. The Directorate are currently targeting areas around the school and receiving quotes to continue the removal of lead. The supply of specific building materials post COVID are providing delays in quotes and start dates. I am meeting fortnightly with the Infrastructure and Capital works team and Directorate Media team to receive updates and provide school priorities.

Voluntary Contributions

Invoices for voluntary contributions have been sent home to all families in term 2. The school has received 70 contributions to the total of \$8000. We have set a target of \$15,000 in our school budget for 2021. Thank you to the families who have contributed to the voluntary contributions. The contributions are supporting our increase in Chromebooks across the school after Covid, increase our home reading program and developing a future natural playground with local plants at the front of the school.

The school has a Library Trust Fund which parents can make tax deductible donation to, as we lead up to the end of financial year if any parents would like to donate to the library please contact the front office. All donations to the Library Trust Fund purchase resources for the library which are required to remain in that space. Resources purchased can include new books for home borrowing, Italian reading resources, teaching resources and updating our robotics program.

First Aid

Our students K-6 will undertake general first aid training next week. It is a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn from the experts at St Johns Ambulance to assist with minor injuries and how to support their parents in case of an emergency.

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Lunch Programs

Our Year 6 leaders have begun running lunch time activities for our students once a week. A skipping program assisted by one of our parents will begin next week for students of all ages. Chess Club continues to run in the library once a week. These opportunities are providing alternatives to our children on the playground and increasing students levels of physical activity.

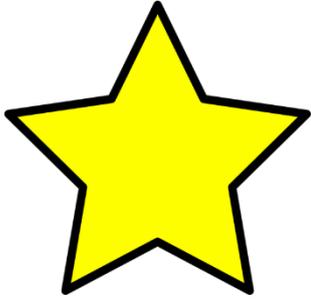
Semester 1 reports and Interviews

Semester 1 reports will be sent home to families on Friday 11 June. A parent teacher interview form will also be sent to families to book an appointment with teachers for the following two weeks.

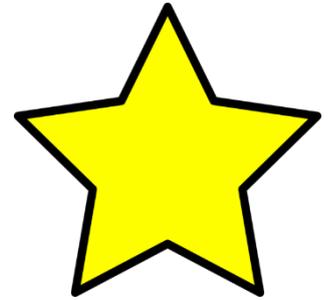
Parent Survey

The school received 135 responses to the parent survey. Thank you to all the parents who took the time to answer the survey and provide detailed written responses on suggestions for improvements in identified areas. This data has been analysed by the school executive team and my direct supervisor the Director of School Improvement. It will also be shared with the teaching staff at an upcoming staff meeting. The survey indicated an increase in satisfaction in the majority of areas from the results in 2020. The comments provided invaluable information on areas of improvement. We have been able to collate the written responses into three major areas of 1. School communication 2. Classroom pedagogy 3. Support for students at home/student progress. The school is now developing an action plan to address these areas. Further information about the steps the school will be taking will be identified in future newsletters. The school is currently working with the esafety team in the Directorate in the use of an app Seesaw to be trialled in semester 2 for a cross section of our year levels. Seesaw will provide parents with instant feedback on student work and learning. The school will seek feedback from teachers, students and the community on the benefits and areas of development for the app. If the trial is successful the school will developed procedures on its use across the whole school in 2022.

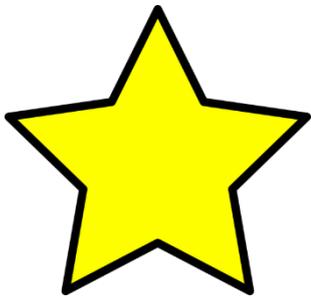
Questions	2019 YPS	2020 YPS	2021 YPS	All schools 2020
My child is making good progress at this school	76.6	70.9	89.9	82.5
My child's learning needs are being met at this school	67.3	70.9	85.3	79.6
Student behaviour is well managed at this school	60.7	59.3	84.5	72.6
Teachers at this school motivate my child to learn	83.2	73.3	89.1	85.1
The school is well maintained	72.9	41.9	75.2	87.3
The school looks for ways to improve	73.8	62.8	82.1	82.2
The school takes parents opinions seriously	61.7	59.3	76.2	72.7
This school works with me to support my child's learning	72.0	66.3	76.8	79.0
Overall, I am satisfied with my child's education at this school	76.6	72.1	86.1	85.3
I am satisfied this school has high expectations in all that it does	67.3	50.0	79.1	78.9
I am regularly informed about my child's progress	58.9	45.3	42.7	68.7
Students are being equipped with the capabilities to learn and live successfully	72.9	73.3	84.5	81.3
My child understands how to be a good digital citizen	61.7	55.8	67.5	66.7
I am happy with the availability of healthy food and drink at my school	58.9	47.7	72.1	63.9
Digital technologies are an integral part of learning and teaching at my child's school	73.8	67.4	74.4	78.6
Community partnerships are valued and maintained	73.8	61.6	75.2	72.4



STAR AWARD
Awarded to
Zyan Rehman
June 2021



Zyan is a friendly and caring member of our class who is always willing to share his knowledge and skills with teachers and classmates. He eagerly participates by assisting other students to persevere when attempting tasks, which are challenging. Through doing this, Zyan demonstrates each of the STAR values which are so valued at Yarralumla. Congratulations on this very well-deserved award Zyan!



STAR AWARD
Awarded to
Ilina Üren Aydın
June 2021



Üren is a thoughtful student who makes sure everyone is **safe** at all times whether in the playground or at excursions outside of school. In group work tasks, Üren demonstrates the skills of a **great team** player by offering suggestions and encouragement to other members of her team. She applies herself consistently with a diligent attitude which reflects her **active learner** attitude. Üren is always **respectful** to everyone. She is a deserving recipient of the Yarralumla Primary School **STAR** award. BRAVA!!!!



VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Many families have already made contributions, but if you haven't made a voluntary contribution this year and it is within your means please consider this as a simple and effective way of providing extra support to the school. Please make payments through the payment tab on the school website or by Eftpos at the front office.

LIBRARY GIFT FUND

Please consider donating money to the Yarralumla Primary School Library Trust Fund, so we can continue to provide high quality resources for our students. Your donation will help purchase student resources for the whole school to use through the school library. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible for Australian tax payers. Payments can be made by quickweb or eftpos.

INVITATION

You are invited to attend an eSafety seminar for our parent community on Thursday 10th June from 5:30 – 6:30pm in the School Library.

The session will provide evidence-based, targeted advice about online harmful sexual behaviours, misinformation and emerging technologies. It will be co-presented by Nicole Agius from the Education Directorate and Deb Sayers our Deputy Principal.

Our target audience is parents of students in years 3-6 but we are happy for parents of other age groups to attend as well.

COVID safety rules will apply and attendees will need to sign in using the Government app.

ACT Student Reporting

Student reports will go home to families Friday 11 June. We will be distributing the Semester 1 Academic Reports directly from Sentral to your email address.

ACT public schools use the appropriate reporting template on the Schools Administrative System (SAS) to report on student achievement. Students from Year 1 – 6 will receive an A – E graded report for each subject studied; Kindergarten students will receive a report without overall grades per learning area; a descriptive scale will be used instead.

Assessment and reporting practices for students in ACT public schools are aligned to the Achievement Standards of the Australian Curriculum. The Achievement Standards describe the knowledge, skills, and understandings a student is expected to learn in each subject for their year level. For students in Years 1-6, the following A-E descriptors will appear on the report:

- A - demonstrating outstanding achievement of the standard
- B - demonstrating high achievement of the standard
- C - demonstrating achievement at the standard
- D - demonstrating partial achievement of the standard
- E - demonstrating limited achievement of the standard

Here are some examples of semester 1 integrated learning from the year 1 students in class **FUCSIA** and class **ROSSA**



In Science students learnt to: “describe changes in the local environment and how different places meet the needs of living things” (ACARA)

They visited the Arboritum to learn how the weather and climate changes are affecting the plants and our environment.



In Maths students learnt to:
“Collect data by asking questions, draw simple data displays and make simple inferences” (ACARA)

Teachers modelled how to make a graph. Then students collected data by interviewing each other and made their own graphs. After that, they recorded changes in the weather and learnt to interpret, describe and analyse data in graphs.



The students had cross-country practices during their daily PE lessons and ran very fast on the day of their races. All students were “BRAVISSIMI” which means “very good” in Italian.





National Reconciliation Week 2021: 27 May – 3 June



June



Indigenous performer, Duncan Smith and his family visited the Montessori school. He told us about different Aboriginal artefacts and shared Dreamtime stories and traditional songs.

The children from the Red Group presented information about a famous Indigenous Australian.



Children engaged in different activities to reflect aboriginal culture.



YARRALUMLA ASSEMBLY ROSTER 2021

(Even Weeks)

Year Cohorts to host each fortnight

Wednesday 2:10-3:00

TERM 2

WEEK 10

NAIDOC

Cold Weather

With the cold mornings at the moment it is really important that students come to school with plenty of warm layers. This ensures they are warm enough before school and during break sessions. Please ensure these items are labelled as students will often need to remove some of these layers as the day warms up and we want to make sure clothing can be returned if misplaced.

If your child is feeling unwell please consider keeping them at home. Students find it very difficult to learn when they are feeling this way and coming to school when they are sick also means they may pass the illness onto others. We thank you for your support with this.

School Drop off

Parents are permitted to be on school grounds, however we are encouraging as many families as possible to utilise the Pickup and Set down only area at the front of the school for school drop off and pick up. This area will operate for all families who are able to drop their child/ children at school from 8:45am and pick up from 3:00pm without leaving their car. This area will be supervised by Yarralumla Primary staff in the morning and afternoons. Please note this is not for parking as we are trying to keep the flow of traffic moving. Please do not park in the allocated bus bays.

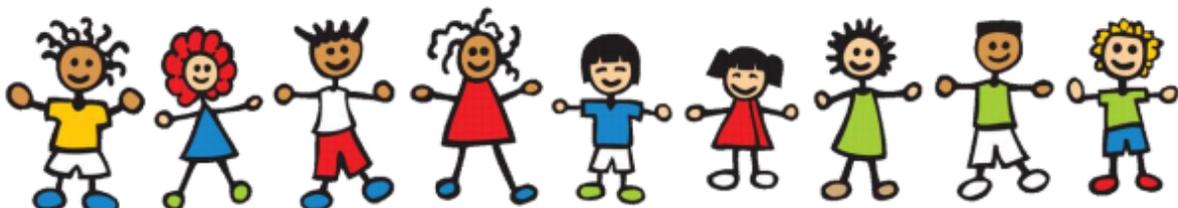
Heating of Student Lunches

As the cooler months are approaching, it is understandable that you might like your children to have hot food at lunch time. Due to Directorate guide lines we are unable to heat students lunches. However, you are able to send your child's food in insulated food or beverage.

2022 ONLINE ENROLMENT

Is your child starting preschool or moving to high school next year?

The online enrolment portal for 2022 opened on April 27th. Families lodging enrolment applications by June 4th will receive an offer from July 26th for the following year. Applications made after June 4th will receive an offer later in the year.



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Hydroponics Program
Program Description
AGE RANGE
5-10 years
DATES
Week 1: Jul 26 - Jul 31
TIME
Morning Session: 9:30 am - 11:00 am
Afternoon Session: 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm
FEE
\$10 per session
LOCATION
151 Wickham Street, Mackay
BOOKING

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