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DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 6 April	Last Day of Term 1
Friday 7 April	Good Friday
Monday 24 April	First Day of Term 2
Tuesday 25 April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 26 April	Enrolments for 2024 open from 6am Preschool – Year 6
Mon 8 May - Thu 18 May	Bookfair
Tuesday 9 May	Preschool Wombats Kenny Koala
Wednesday 10 May	Cross Country
Thursday 11 May	Preschool Bilbies Kenny Koala
Friday 12 May	P&C Mother's Day Stall
Mon 22 – Fri 26 May	Reconciliation Week
Monday 29 May	Reconciliation Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 30 May	Reconciliation Day
Friday 2 June	Italian Republic Day

Our Vision

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the final newsletter for term 1. Our students had a very engaging first ten weeks of school with camp, swimming carnivals, incursions and excursions as well as all the new learning in their year level. A huge thank you to the P&C for organising the community picnic last Friday, raising approximately \$2000. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community and meet many of our new families. Thank you to the families and community stores who donated prizes for the raffle. The next P&C event will be the Mother's Day stall. We will be holding our cross country carnival in May and look forward to parents coming on site to cheer on the students as they run. St Edmunds College have kindly offered to support us with volunteers on the day.

School Holiday Programs

If you require care for your child during the school holidays you have a number of options. YWCA run programs from Majura Primary School, Turner Primary, Kingsford Smith School and Charles Conder Primary. Aeon Academy run their holiday program at YPS. Due to the building works including the replacement of the windows in the hall and corridor, Aeon Academy are relocating to the Gambari building. The Education Directorate have organised removalists to assist with the relocation this week. Aeon Academy will use all five classrooms, office and bathrooms within the Gambari building. The works are expected to be finished at the end of week three. Aeon Academy will continue to use the five classrooms in the Gambari building at the start of term 2. Parents can access the Gambari building from the glass doors facing the circular driveway. The Aeon Academy office will be located in the office space at the front entrance of Gambari. At the end of the building works Aeon Academy will return to their original spaces at YPS.

Gambari Concrete

This week we had new concrete poured at the front of the Gambari building and some new bricks placed into our steps. You would have noticed that the garden has been removed on either side. Fresh soil has been deposited ready to create a new garden environment.

Assembly

Congratulations to all our merit award and STAR award recipients for their hard work during the past fortnight. The 5/6 leaders hosted the week 10 assembly, with our Year 6 leaders receiving their badges. We handed out the swimming carnival ribbons at COLA on Monday and at assembly. Congratulations to all our students who represented YPS at the South Weston Carnival on Wednesday.

Staffing

Mel our wonderful Learning Support Assistant is retiring at the end of this term after five years of service at Yarralumla Primary School. Mel has worked with a large number of students and we wish her well with her future adventures.

Opening Soon: 2023 School year enrolments

Enrolments for the 2024 school year for students transitioning schools or starting at a school open 6am on Wednesday 26 April. Families can [apply online](#). Information about the school in your child's Priority Enrolment Area can be found on the Education Directorate website. During the school holidays a list of [school information sessions](#) for prospective students will be published. Alternately you can visit school websites to find out more about your child's new school.

Have a safe and relaxing Easter break.

Rohan Evans | Principal

2024 ONLINE ENROLMENT

2024 Online Enrolment - Is your child starting preschool or moving to high school next year? The online enrolment portal for 2024 will open on Tuesday April 26 6:00am (after Anzac Day long weekend). Families lodging enrolment applications received by 11:59pm by June 3 will receive an offer from July 25 for the following year. Applications received after 12:00am June 4 will receive an offer later in the year.

Information about the enrolment assessment criteria and priority enrolment areas can be found at https://www.education.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school. If you would like any advice or require any assistance to lodge an enrolment application please contact Teresa Smith (Enrolments Officer) on 6142 3250.

Enrolment information sessions: Children with developmental delay, diverse learning needs and disability

An online session on **Wednesday 19 April from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm** will provide parents and carers of children with developmental delay, disability, and diverse learning needs with information on the 2024 school year enrolment process and developing a relationship with their child's next school. The session will be relevant for the enrolment of students from preschool through to college, including specialist school enrolments.

Sessions for parents and carers about supporting school transition will be held in term 3. Parents and carers can register by emailing EDUCommunityPartner@act.gov.au and they should include the school year their child will commence in 2024 (i.e. preschool, Year 9 etc.).

Contact Jean Walker on 02 620 58495 or jean.walker@act.gov.au.



STAR AWARD

Awarded to

Kristoff McK

April 2023



Kristoff consistently demonstrates the Yarralumla Primary STAR values. He is supportive of his peers and is a Team Player in all learning areas. Kristoff is an Active Learner in our classroom and beyond. He strives to always do his best in all aspects of learning. Kristoff is a respectful and considerate student who is a valued member of our class and Yarralumla Primary School.



STAR AWARD

Awarded to

Anna C

April 2023



Anna is a wonderfully respectful active learner and team player. She helps classmates and fellow students without being asked and is always listening, ready to learn & have a go with any task big or small. Bravissima!



P & C News

YPS PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION / ASSOCIAZIONE GENITORI E CITTADINI

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

DANTEDÌ – ITALIAN COMMUNITY PICNIC

Thank you to the entire YPS community for enthusiastically supporting our inaugural **Dantedì** celebration of Italian language, culture and food last Friday. We were honoured to have esteemed representatives from the Italian Embassy at the school to celebrate with us.



The P&C hopes that you all had a wonderful night. We were lucky that the Autumn weather enabled us to picnic outside at twilight.

The YPS community ate so much gelato that Mellabella Gelato had only a few scrapings left by the end of the night. There were certainly enormous queues at Papa Joe's Italian Street Food van for most of the night.

And the P&C under-estimated the amount of pizza which could be consumed by YPS families (and the speed of consumption!). Huge pile of pizzas sold out within the first 45 minutes. Our sincere apologies to those who missed out. We are on notice for the 2024 **Dantedì** about how many pizzas will be required!

Thank you so much to all the wonderful YPS **biscotti** bakers. The P&C had a wide variety of delicious homemade Italian treats to sell all night.

The **Dantedì** raffle was a huge success. We are immensely appreciative to all the sponsors and donors who gave so willingly and generously to support YPS.

Thanks to Signor Evans for drawing the winning tickets for the nearly-20 prizes in the dark (while being closely monitored by a cohort of junior YPS students hoping to win the lolly jars!). We hope that all the lucky winners enjoy their prizes - maybe over school holidays!



There was a funny moment during the drawing of the raffle when Maestra Federica Maggioni won the prize for an Italian Language Basic Course at the Dante Alighieri Society! Not an appropriate prize for one of YPS's amazing Italian teachers! 🇮🇹



Thank you to the volunteers who sold pizza, biscotti and raffle tickets throughout the night, as well as those who set-up and cleaned up at the end of the night.

The biggest shout-out to YPS parent, Carly, whose leadership of **Dantedì** and coordination in bringing everything together, were extraordinary.

While the P&C originally envisaged **Dantedì** as an opportunity to celebrate the wonderful Italian bilingual environment at YPS as a community, I am pleased to report that the P&C raised nearly \$2000.

All funds raised directly support YPS so this is an excellent result of our **Dantedì** celebration!



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 women 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 you could keep bringing in donations in the lead up to Mother's Day. There is a box in near the Front Desk for donations to be placed.

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!

ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIPS

A reminder that you can support YPS by purchasing an Entertainment membership. 20% of the purchase price goes towards P&C fundraising.

There are plenty of 50% off and 2 for 1 offers in Canberra and all over Australia and New Zealand. All memberships are now on an App so there is no need to carry a book of vouchers on your travels.

Follow this link to purchase from the Yarralumla Primary P&C

https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/23930j?utm_source=braze&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2022-18102022-Lapsed-AU-Reactivation-Multicity-Upgrade-FR

That's it from the P&C. See you all in Term 2!

Patience Neal

P&C President

Presidente dell'Associazione Genitori e Cittadini

president@ypspandc.com

Kindergarten Term 1 Week 10



Literacy – We have been setting some goals in our writing and working on challenging ourselves to make progress, including writing more than one sentence! We have been continuing onto our Unit 2 sounds and using this knowledge in our writing and reading. We have extended our knowledge of our sight words or camera words to use as well.

Maths – We have been continuing on with our addition and subtraction learning using concrete materials, as well as challenging ourselves to do some tricky questions in our heads, using the counting on strategy.

We are finishing up our exploration of data and graphs. Ask us about what we have learnt!



Italiano – Questa settimana, abbiamo imparato i nomi degli animali in italiano e abbiamo giocato a tombola!

SEL – We added being a good listener and being a good sport to our friendship toolbox. The children have practiced using all the tools with each other. This week they reflected on all their learning by putting 'ingredients' into a bowl to create a recipe for friendship!

Inquiry – We have continued to explore what we know about ourselves and our families, discussing that being different is great and makes our world so interesting! We can learn so much from other people because we all have different experiences to share.



Year One Learning Snapshots

Term 1, weeks 9-10

In classes Corallo, Magenta, and Rossa, we are excited to have come to a happy and settled end to our first term of Year 1.

In the English classroom (Magenta and Corallo), we have been busy working on our reading. The students continue to make commendable gains in their ability to comprehend and use a variety of strategies when reading texts. These texts include 'big books' displayed on our interactive whiteboard from the Reading Eggs program and a range of interesting fiction and non-fiction books from our school library. The students have been involved in replenishing the collection of library books for our class 'Reading Den' by each choosing two books from the library to keep in our classroom. The students have also been exploring and practising a variety of reading strategies to help decipher tricky words and have chosen one to focus on as a personal goal. We have also learned how to do an 'overarm throw' in PE, studying the correct technique and practising it in a new favourite class game on the oval - 'Knights and Castles' (essentially a form of Dodgeball!).

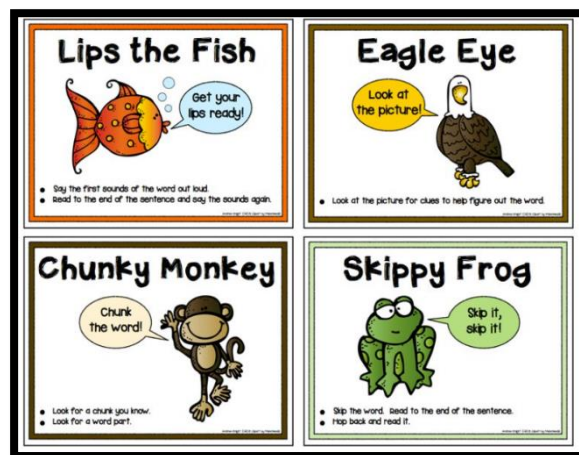
In the Italian classroom we continue to read and write Italian words using the correct letters for sounds. We are listening and responding to questions about the weather, and we are beginning to use Italian vocabulary for feelings. We are practising the question and answer:

Q: Come ti senti? (How are you feeling?)

A: Mi sento... (I feel...)

Possible responses might be felice (happy), triste (sad), eccitato/a (excited), content/a (content), tranquillo/a (calm), emozionato/a (emotional, touched), arrabiato/a (angry), preoccupato/a (worried), scontroso/a (grumpy), timido/a (shy).

We are really looking forward to next term when the Italian home reading program will begin. Have a fabulous holiday!



Helen Del Guzzo, and Jessica McGarrity.

1/2 Rossa Week 10 Snapshot

We have had a wonderful term getting to know each other, learning lots of new routines, concepts and having fun along the way. Here are our highlights:

I liked everything in Term 1 and the water Funday. - Alex

My favourite thing was everything and the water Funday. - Blake

My favourite thing in Term 1 was Maths. - Hunter F

I liked everything that we did in Term 1. I am really good at writing. - Ryan

I like drawing. - Naif

My favourite thing in Term 1 was learning how to write. - Leo

My favourite thing is P.E. - Yindy

My favourite thing in Term 1 was doing handwriting. - Brittany

My favourite part of the school is the oval, the assembly, the basketball courts and going in the tent with the toys and sitting down in group time. - Isaac

I like P.E. - Brayden

I liked everything but especially Art. - Maria

I like writing stories about The Hungry Giant and The Giant's Ice cream. - Marley

My favourite thing was making the timers and the Swimming Carnival and the Cotter Dam excursion. - Archer

My favourite thing was the Cotter Dam, the swimming carnival, writing and Maths. - Tristan

MY favourite thing was art and the Water Funday. I like the basketball court, the oval and the hall. - Ekin

I like doing counting. - Robert

My favourite thing was everything except the swimming carnival. My very favourite activity is quiet activities. - Kevin

I like lunch and recess - Zane

I love seeing you. - Hunter J

My favourite thing in Term 1 was writing and reading groups. I also like maths games. - Prem

Have a lovely and safe Easter. Looking forward to seeing you all next term.

Jacinta Hunter



YEAR 2: Giada - Smeraldo

Drama lessons with Elisha

Elisha (mum of Sam S in classe Giada) is an English and Drama teacher in High-School and College.

Classes Smeraldo and Giada have thoroughly enjoyed Elisha's lessons this term.

Grazie mille Prof! 😊 (nb: Italian high-school students call their teachers 'Prof' = Professoressa/Professore)

Learning Intention:

Name different emotions and understand that all feelings are ok.

Success Criteria:

Explore what emotions feel like in my body.

Observe and describe what they look like in others.

Name emotions in both languages (English and Italian).



Music lessons with Adriano

Adriano shared his passion for playing the guitar with our year 2 classes during two fabulous lessons. Adriano brought in some favourite guitars, including an acoustic and an electric he bought with his savings when just 15 years old.

Adriano also played the tune of the Italian song 'Quante cose io so fare' and 'E Poi, E Poi', an Italian counting song, that the children sang beautifully.

He read the book 'Libba: The Magnificent Musical Life of Elizabeth Cotton'. Libba was a self-taught left-handed guitarist who played a guitar for a right-handed player upside down. Adriano also shared a book about Sardinia's music.

We are very grateful to Gloria's dad: Grazie mille!



Year 3 - 4 Update

Tennis continued this fortnight with students continuing to develop their ball skills on Fridays.



Le barriere coralline rumorose più sane

In Italian year three students have been studying how the noisiest coral reefs are the healthiest reefs. The noises made by the fish, marine birds, crabs, parrotfish and marine plants create thumping, popping, crackling and snapping sounds that attract other marine animals to live in the reef!



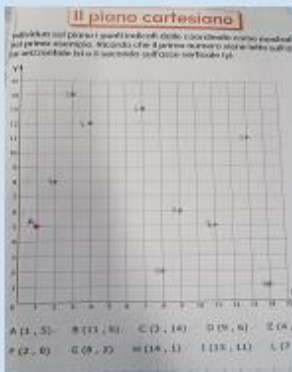
The Y3-4 excursion to the NGA had students observing a range of First Nations art including tree scars and *The Aboriginal Memorial* installation of 200 hollow log coffins from Central Arnhem Land.



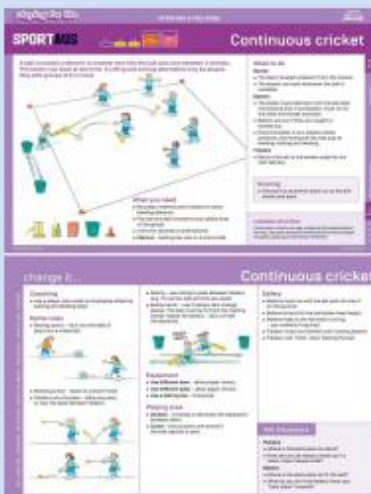
5/6 NEWS

WEEKS 9-10, TERM 1

In Italian Maths, Ambra and Oro have been busy learning about the Cartesian Plane and how to recognise and plot coordinates. We have seen great effort and high quality work!



Zafferano have been fine tuning their creative scientist personas, finishing their amazing habitat dioramas for the most unique animals on earth. They present them to the other classes in week 10



Students in Oro and Ambra have been learning how to play Continuous Cricket. Students have been enjoying learning how to use a cricket bat, bowling, and fielding. We have seen excellent hits and some fantastic catches!

In Week 10, the 5/6 boys took part in the Menslink 'Silence is Deadly' workshop. The boys spoke about different ways to deal with their emotions and the people they can turn to when things get tough. All boys walked away with strategies they can use to help them.



Congratulations to the 5/6 students who took part in the South Weston Swimming Carnival this week! Well done Gianna, Valentina, Hamish, Sarelia, Cleo, Will S, Suzie, Angus, Lara, Sam R, Eve, Neko, and Max!



**The Chief Minister's Reading Challenge
continues until the end of Term 2:**

All students are encouraged to participate and record all read books on their *Individual Student Reading Record*.

At the end of Term 2, students completing the Challenge will have the opportunity to win a book voucher of the value of \$30.-



GREAT NEWS

We are very fortunate to have Children's Author Amelia McInerney visiting us on Thursday 27 April (week 1 Term 2).

Amelia (mum of Rose in classe Azzurra) will share her passion for books and her expertise as a writer. She will also launch her brand-new book:



Grazie Amelia! We look forward to your presentation. 😊

Buona lettura a tutti! Keep reading, everyone!
maestra Federica (CMRC Coordinator) & the YPS Staff

COMMUNITY TRIP 2023

SCANZOROSCIATE/PEDRENGO, ITALY

Dear parents,

If you are interested in submitting an expression of interest in participating in the Community Trip 2023 to Scanzorosciate please do so. Your expressions of interest in participating in the Community Trip 2023 will be included on the spreadsheet which contains all your children's names and all your contact details.

Before we can progress with planning the Community Trip 2023 we need the Directorate of Education to authorise the trip and give us feedback on the billeting arrangements we propose. Secondly, the School Board must authorise the Community Trip 2023, as well.

Priority to participate in the Community Trip will be given to students in Years 6 and 5. These students are given priority as it is the last opportunity for Year 6 students to attend, and if there is not to be a Community Trip 2024, it is the last opportunity for our Year 5 students to participate.

Once the Community Trip 2023 has been authorised there will be regular meetings held throughout Terms 2 and 3. The first meeting will be held Week 1 of Term 2 on Wednesday, 26 April 2023 in the Staff Room from 4:30pm – 5:30pm. If you are interested, but have not decided yet, you are very welcome to attend this meeting.

I will discuss all aspects of the Community Trip with parents and carers travelling to Scanzorosciate. The Directorate has processes and procedures that we must follow and a fair amount of paperwork to be completed. The documents you receive will outline the purpose of the trip, students' health issues and medications, food allergies, permission for billeting, permission for student activities, fees for the canteen at schools, etc. This documentation will provide more detail regarding the trip.

Historically, the trip is biannual, but due to COVID-19 we haven't been since 2018. We were beginning to plan the trip for 2020 in late 2019 but it was cancelled early 2020.

The participating children attend school for a week. They are with a billet family (if approved by the Directorate) who has a child the same age as your child and attends school in the same class with the billet child.

I usually advise that children in Years 3-6 participate. This is for a few reasons, any time before Year 3 the children don't have enough Italian to attend school without feeling lost and overwhelmed. Also, due to their young age, they may find living with a family they don't know and doesn't speak any English distressing and confusing. I strongly suggest that you speak to your child's classroom teacher regarding your child's level of Italian if they are in a class below Year 3.

Parents accompanying their children stay in local hotels, meet their children outside the school in the mornings with the billeting family and are within walking distance of the billeting family. Often the parents meet the billeting family after school or are invited to dinner. All participating parents often organise tourist outings/events through the days.

The main benefit for our students participating in this visit is to give them an experience in an Italian classroom. Our students cope well in class and are surprised to find they understand and speak more Italian than they realised. It demonstrates to them that all their hard work in a bilingual environment does have tangible benefits. They return to school feeling proud of themselves and proud of their experiences in Italy. The billeting families are very caring, as is the Italian way, and our students are spoilt with good food, lots of care and attention, not to mention a lot of gelato.



If you have any questions please contact me on the email address below. **Buona Pasqua a tutti!**

Maestra Lynden: Lynden.Lawton@ed.act.edu.au

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www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet



Young Italian Professional Couple looking for temporary accommodation:

Maestra Ilaria Pellegrini (27-year-old Primary School Teacher in Bergamo/pre-service teacher here at YPS in 2018) and her partner **Dr Giacomo Cordoni** (28-year-old Astrophysicist, winner of a 3-year postdoctoral fellowship at ANU) will move to Canberra this September.

Ilaria and Giacomo are currently searching for a **one-bedroom apartment or granny flat** in the central area, possibly close to the ANU campus or on a convenient bus route.

Their preferred dates for a temporary lease would be between 14 and 28 September, with some flexibility.

If you think you might be able to help them or have further questions, please get in touch.

Grazie mille! Many Thanks!

Maestra Federica

Federica.Maggioni@ed.act.edu.au

Week 10 is the last week of Young Engineers for Term 1 / Resumes 3 May Term 2




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Year 3 to Year 6

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