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DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 26 April	Enrolments for 2024 opened 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
Monday 15 May	P&C Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 17 May	School Assembly host by Year 3/4
Mon 22 – Fri 26 May	Reconciliation Week
Monday 29 May	Reconciliation Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 30 May	Reconciliation Day
Wednesday 31 May	School Assembly hosted by Year 2
Friday 2 June	Italian Republic Day
Tuesday 6 June	Preschool Wombats CMAG Excursion
Thursday 8 June	Preschool Bilbies CMAG Excursion
Monday 12 June	Public Holiday Sovereign's Birthday
Wednesday 21 June	Christian Education

Our Vision

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome

Welcome back to the start of term 2. The students have settled back into the school routine and have started learning new concepts in all subject areas. A warm welcome to our new families who have joined our school this term. Semester 1 reports will be sent home at the end of week 8 with opportunities for parents to attend interviews in weeks 9 and 10. Our school based report will include a general written comment as well as grades against each of the subject areas. If you have any concerns about your child's academic progress or social and emotional needs please do not hesitate to email your classroom teacher to establish an appointment.

Year 6 Shirts and Jumpers

Our Year 6 students are excited to receive their Year 6 shirts and jumpers. The Year 6 shirt is a slightly different design to our standard school shirt. Our Year 6 students will also be wearing a red hoodie with school logo and the students' name on the back.

Smart Watches and Mobile Phones

We have seen an increase in students wearing smart watches at YPS. Unfortunately during the first few weeks of term we have noticed that students are receiving and sending messages, making calls and playing games during the school day which is impacting their learning and students within their class. Students who bring mobile phones to school are required to sign their phone in at the front office on arrival and collect it at 3pm. We ask that students who are wearing smart watches follow the same process. The school will continue to contact families when required or provide students with information if there is a change to their family's afternoon arrangements.

Building Works

During the April school holidays the windows in the school hall and corridor were replaced. The works have been completed two weeks ahead of the schedule. We are very excited about the improved external appearance and the functionality of the windows. The Education Directorate are working with Aeon Academy around the relocation back to the hall and surrounding spaces. It is expected that this will occur in week 4. Later this term one of the bathroom spaces in Gambari will be upgraded and it is expected that the windows in the 5/6 villa will be replaced. Unfortunately due to a roof leak over the weekend our 1/2 English stream class have moved into Gambari for a few days allowing time for the carpet to dry.

Italian Programme

Through the support of Dante Alighieri we welcome back Anna and Paola our two Italian language assistants who work across all Italian classes four days a week. This term we continue to have three University students from the University of Bergamo completing their practicum at YPS. The increase of native speaking Italian teachers in our school has an enormous positive impact on our student's language skills. Maestra Lynden hosted an information evening for parents who are interested in our community trip to Italy in October this year. Please email maestra Lynden if you would like any further information on the trip or to express interest in attending the trip. On 2 June the school will host an Italian Republic Day assembly with students completing activities on the day.

Staffing

This term we welcome maestro Nathan who will be running Physical Education lessons for students K-6 as part of our release program. Maestra Brancato is still recovering from an injury and we hope to see her back later this term in a part time capacity. Maestro Corrigan will be working in Year 3/4 covering maestro Ben's class on Thursday (leadership of PBL and student welfare) and maestra Fiona's class on Friday (personal leave).

Cross Country Carnival

Our Cross Country Carnival will be held next week. At this stage we are expecting good weather and will be able to start at the earlier time of 9:30am. Families will be emailed a timetable of the racing schedule. We are lucky to have the support of St Edmunds College students assisting in running of the carnival.

Keep smiling,

Rohan Evans | Principal

2024 school year enrolments are open



Enrolments for the 2024 school year for students transitioning schools or starting at a school are open. Visit education.act.gov.au for the online application link and information about the school in your child's Priority Enrolment Area. [School information sessions](#) for prospective students are being held throughout May. Alternately, visit school websites to find out more or contact the school directly. Apply by 2 June to receive an offer by 24 July 2023.



STAR AWARD

Awarded to

Sebastian B

May 2023



Sebastian is a friendly and diligent student who consistently applies 100% effort to all learning activities. He uses good manners, demonstrates respect when sharing thoughts and contributing to class discussions, and excels in his leadership role of IT leader. Sebastian works effectively through all tasks and offers support to his classmates when they experience difficulties. He demonstrates each of the STAR values which are valued at Yarralumla.

Congratulations on this very well-deserved award Sebastian!



P & C News

YPS PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION / ASSOCIAZIONE GENITORI E CITTADINI

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

MOTHER'S DAY STALL - FRIDAY 12 MAY

It is nearly time for the Annual YPS Mother's Day stall!

Is it too late to bring in a donation? Not at all! If you haven't already done so, please place donations in the marked cardboard box in the front office area. Some students need more than one gift for multiple special women - mothers, stepmothers, two mothers, aunts and grandmothers. For this reason, we would like to have enough gifts on hand to ensure that all students are able to select gifts for the multitude of important women in their lives. We are very appreciative to all the families who have donated gifts so far - thank you so much!

What should I donate? Just bring in something you would like to receive, noting that gifts will be sold for \$5 each. Please don't wrap donations, as the gifts need to be able to be seen by students as part of the process of finding the perfect gift.

Do you still need volunteers? Yes please! If we could have two more volunteers, it would be great! It is a lot of fun being part of the frenzied happiness at YPS as the students choose their gifts. If you could be one of the two volunteers that we need for the stall, please email fundraising@ypspandc.com. The stall will run from 9.00 am to midday but we would appreciate helpers for even one hour or two during this period. Thank you so much to all who have already put their hand up to assist in running the Mother's Day stall.

What happens on the day? If you would like your child to be able to buy a present from the stall, please give them cash to make purchases. Gifts will be sold for \$5 each.

A shout out to local cafe *Deakin and Me* for their generosity in providing a number of gift vouchers for sale at the stall. Thank you so much for supporting the YPS P&C!

NOTIFICATION OF P&C GENERAL MEETING

The first P&C meeting for Term 2 will be on **Monday 15 May 2023, 6.30pm** in the YPS Staff Room and virtually. This will be the first P&C meeting since the election of the brand new P&C Executive Committee at the AGM in March. The new Executive Committee feels genuinely energised and enthused about the year ahead. We are so looking forward to discussing plans and ideas with the broader YPS community. So please come along to collaborate on improving the learning environment at YPS together!

If you have any questions or matters that you would like to go on the Agenda, please email secretary@ypspandc.com by **Wednesday 10 May**. Otherwise, there is always the 'Other Business' section of the Agenda for anything you would like to raise.

We are extremely lucky that our Principal, Signor Evans, generally attends P&C meetings. His presentations at P&C meetings provide a not-to-be-missed opportunity for parents to be comprehensively aware of the wide range of activities happening at YPS.

A virtual attendance link and the agenda will be sent out closer to the day. We hope to see as many of you as possible online and in person.

Grazie mille!

Patience Neal

P&C President

Presidente dell'Associazione Genitori e Cittadini

president@ypspandc.com



Students!
Do you have a ukulele? Would you like to learn to play it? If the answer is yes, then

Ukulele Club is for you!

Bring your ukulele (tuned if possible) to school on Fridays.
Come to Maestra Helen's classroom at recess with your uke and your recess.
We will learn some chords and play some simple songs together.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

School Hours

School commences at 9.00am and concludes at 3.00pm with breaks for lunch break from 11.00 – 11.50am and recess 1.30 – 2.00pm. If your child is late they need to enter the school via the front office and sign-in. They will be issued a late pass to hand onto their teacher.

Contact Details

It is very important that we have current contact phone numbers for parents and carers in the case of an emergency. Please make sure you contact the front office if you have a new mobile phone number, home number or have changed workplaces. It is very worrying for your child if we cannot get in touch with you when we need you to collect them or support them with a concern.

Student Medical Conditions

Does your child have a medical condition that may require a Medical Condition Response Plan and Medication to be held at school? If your child has a medical condition that requires assistance over and above general first aid or if they are required to have medication held at school or administered while at school, you will be required to complete one or more of the following forms:

- a General Medical Information Consent Form,
- a Known Medical Condition Response Plan, and
- a Medication Authorisation and Administration Record Student medical plans must be renewed annually.

Lost Property

Please ensure that you name all of your child's belongings so that if lost we are able to return them to their owner. We see lots of lost property without names.

Dogs in the Playground

From time to time we have 'visiting' dogs in the playground. ACT schools are 'dog free' zones, because many children (and staff) are scared of dogs and they can present as a risk to safety. Please assist us by ensuring that your family pet remains at home. This applies also to dogs on leads.

Kindergarten Term 2 Week 2



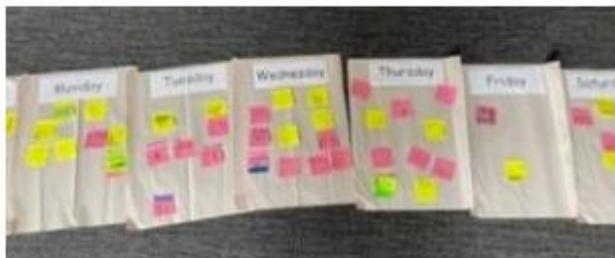
Literacy - We have been settling back into our routine and have completed some amazing writing tasks! We recounted all the things we did on our holidays, with our friends, and with our teachers.

We are moving onto our next set of letters in our Get Reading Write program and are working on using our strategies - Stretchy the Snake, Lips the Fish and Eagle Eyes!

We have also started Daily 5, practising our spelling, reading, writing and listening skills!

Maths - Teen numbers have been our focus over the last two weeks. We have been practising saying, recognising and counting numbers in the teens. We know they are made up of a bundle of ten and ones on their own. We have been singing songs and playing games to help us explore those numbers. Help me count out loud at home!

We are also beginning to explore events that take place on particular days. You could make a calendar at home and see what you do after school. Do you do swimming on Mondays? Or gymnastics on Wednesdays? What is your schedule?



Italiano - Questa settimana, abbiamo imparato emozione.

Abbiamo ascoltato il libro 'I colori delle emozioni'.

SEL - We have been thinking about what our Character Strengths are and how we use them to help us in our learning and our life! Ask me what my character strength is!

Inquiry - We are learning all about the different cultures in our classroom. We have had two guest speakers share information about their families from South Africa and India, and Slovenia and Türkiye. If you would like to come in and share some information about your cultural heritage, we would love to hear from you!

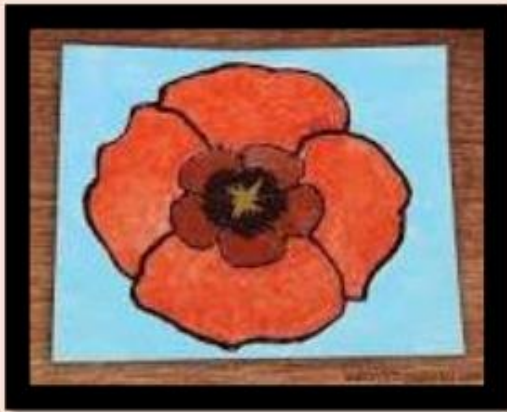


Year One Learning Snapshots

Term 2, weeks 1-2

In classes Corallo and Magenta, we have had a wonderful start to Term 2. It's been lovely to see the students' smiling faces and to hear all the exciting stories from the Autumn holidays. The students are settled and happy to be back at school.

In the English classroom, we have been busy writing about our holidays in the form of lists and recounts. We have also begun a new unit of work in Maths about Australian coins. We've been learning about how coins are made, which pictures are stamped onto each of the six coins, and how to order them according to their value. We've had so much fun investigating and sorting collections of plastic coins in a large circle on the classroom floor. We have also enjoyed using a range of materials and media to create close-up ANZAC poppies after learning about and paying our respects to the ANZACs. Did you know ANZAC cookies were carried around by the soldiers during the war to provide much needed energy?



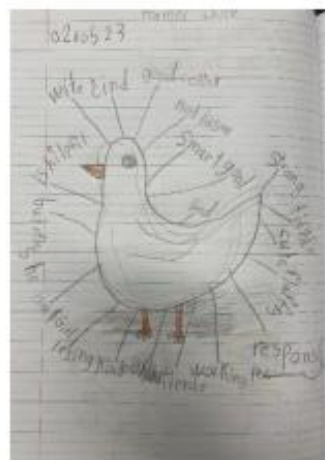
Helen Del Guzzo and Jessica McGarrity.

1/2 Rossa Learning Snapshots Week 2, Term 2

Rossa have had a wonderful start to Term 2. Students were very excited to share what they got up to over the holidays and have been getting back into our school routines.

We welcomed Maestro G for weeks 1 and 2. Maestro G is completing his teaching degree at University of Canberra and has been having a fabulous time teaching some lessons to our class. He will finish up his placement on Monday of Week 3.

This term we will be learning to write narratives. We delved into the structure and important features being characters, settings, complication, and resolution. This week we have been exploring adjectives and using these to describe characters in stories we read.



In Maths, we have continued our learning about collecting, representing and analysing data. We have been using tally marks to count collections and have been displaying our data in graphs.



Last week, we had our final tennis lesson. Students had a wonderful time learning the basic skills of the sport.

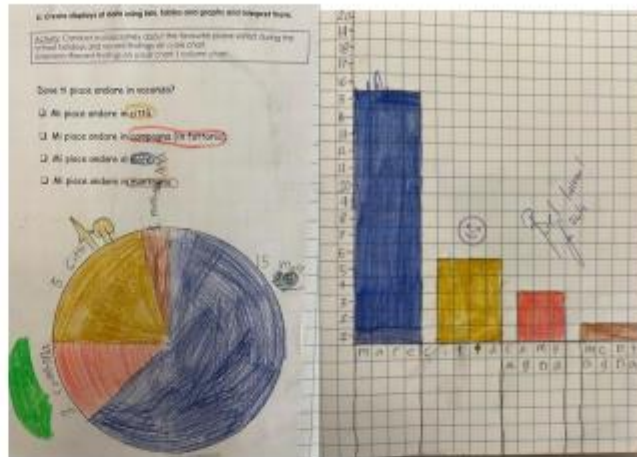
Please remind your child to pack their home reading folder to change the books each week and their library bags each Monday.

Jacinta Hunter

YEAR 2: Smeraldo - Giada

Data representation and interpretation

Since the end of Term One, we have been working on collecting, representing, and describing data. Tally marking has been useful to gather information to create data displays, such as picture graphs and bar or column charts. Many children liked how pie charts (circle graphs) represented data. Last week we described our favourite holiday places and found out that the beach is very popular.



Tennis Clinic

We had lots of fun during our four Friday tennis sessions. We worked on improving our ball tracking skills and practised useful tennis shots, including serve, return, forehand and backhand.

Anzac Day

Last week we read the commemoration book 'Here They Come' and discussed what Anzac means. We reflected on the significance of the day and how we pay respects to our service men and women. We identified symbols of commemoration and talked about the differences between a commemoration and a celebration.



Year 3 - 4 Update

Cross Country is coming up next week and we are training hard to achieve our personal best!



Our final tennis lesson was a great opportunity for students to showcase their skills in a friendly competition.



In English writing lessons 3/4 students are working hard to write engaging and interesting speeches. Tune in at Week 4's assembly to see the Rostrum finalists. One representative from each class will be presenting.



In Italian writing lessons the classes are deepening their understanding of grammar. The students are conjugating verbs applying grammar rules.

5/6 NEWS

WEEKS 1-2, TERM 2



This week, the Year 6 students received their long-awaited Year 6 t-shirts and jumpers. The shirts and hoodies look fantastic! Please don't forget to label your new clothes!



5/6 Zafferano had their science expo sharing their projects with other students.

We started our Rostrum speeches today and we can't wait to hear the remainder.



Students in 5/6 have started to practise for the upcoming School Cross Country.

Students have been working on trying their best, setting themselves small goals each time they practise. Students have been cheering one another along and can't wait to cheer along their housemates.



Oro and Ambra have worked on their piece of Art by using the perspective technique. When using this technique, a realistic impression of depth can be created. The results are fantastic!

Good job 5/6!!



Students in Oro and Ambra have also started to present their Rostrum Speeches to their classmates. So far, students have presented brilliantly, with a range of original ideas. We can't wait to hear the rest of the speeches! A winner is selected from each class, and they will get to present their speech to the whole school at the Week 4 Assembly.





The Chief Minister's Reading Challenge is on!

At the end of Term 2, students completing the Challenge will have the opportunity to win a book voucher.



GRAZIE MILLE Amelia! 😊

Children's Author and YPS parent Amelia McInerney visited us last Thursday 27 April.

As a passionate reader and writer, she got everyone excited about the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge.



Amelia's new book went on sale the day before her visit, and we were very fortunate to be her first audience.

Amelia certainly knows how to use character voices and we thoroughly enjoyed the amusing and touching story of *Neil, The Amazing Sea Cucumber*. Through a fun science quiz, we also learnt interesting facts about sea cucumbers, which are very peculiar creatures...not pickles! 😊

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

Community News



Alfred Deakin High School

2024 Information Evening



Monday, 15 May 2023



5:30 – 7:30PM



ADHS Hall



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 Cordon** (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

CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Yarralumla Primary School (ACT) is held on Wednesdays from 11:10am to 11:55am, starting on 26 April 2023.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

Have Your Say: Education Legislation Reform



Have Your Say

Modernising schooling requirements



As our education system continues to grow and evolve the ACT Government is considering a range of legislation improvements to ensure our systems and supports remain contemporary, and reflect the needs of students, families and teaching staff now and into the future.

Reforms are being considered to:

- clarify school enrolment requirements
- modernise participation and attendance requirements to reflect the different methods of education delivery
- strengthen enrolment, attendance, and participation provisions to minimise the risk of children and young people disappearing from the education system, and
- outline requirements for distance education.

To have Your Say, head to the Your Say conversations website to read the discussion papers, take the survey, leave a comment or make a submission:

<http://www.yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/education-legislation-reform>

Feedback will close at 11:59pm on 6 June 2023.

Get involved in Para-sport with Paralympics Australia

[Paralympics Australia](#) is hosting a Multi-sport Day on Sunday 7 May at the Australian Institute of Sport. Suitable for ages 10+, it's a great opportunity to learn more about the sports and programs on offer in your local area, meet new friends and have fun. Registrations via [Multi-sport day registration](#).

Contact Sarah Skidmore on +61 422 865 820 or sarah.skidmore@paralympic.org.au.

Term 2 Creative Catalyst Art (for children 7 yrs +)

Mondays- after school 4-5.30pm

Clay Classes are Back!



Join artist Lauren Van der Hoek and Teffany Thiedeman for some hands-on, earthy hand building. We'll start the term with mega coil building pots, learn how to direct and alter the clay forms then move into texture and decoration. Along the way we will stop to make some small clay animals and finish with our very own clay paint palette.



Tuesdays- after school 4-5.30pm

Develop painting and drawing skills!

Join artist Lauren Van Der Hoek for some skilled painting direction across a range of painting and drawing mediums. Everyone will start the term with a painted panorama, exploring scale and mood. As we progress into the term art students will move from the macro to the micro with observational paintings and drawings using seasonal and natural objects and models.



Thursdays- after school 4-5.30

A new mixed materials art class with Bethany-Ann Barclay!

Join artist Bethany to work with recycled materials to create expressive animal masks and forms. Learn how to handle hot glue guns safely and experiment with a range of joining techniques. Thursday class will also work with collaging and drawing techniques to explore the animal world.

All art students will also participate in the creation of a giant paper mache animal for our 20th Birthday celebrations in October.

Term 2 2023

Wednesdays – after school, 4- 5.30. (for children 7 years +)



Space Station Saturnine

The year is 2099. Leaving a sad old polluted Earth of diminishing resources, massive overpopulation, and environmental disaster, a motley crew of ne'er-do-wells seek new opportunities out in the Solar System for enterprising smugglers, thieves, hackers, and the like. From near-earth orbit to the Moon, from Mercury to Mars and beyond, get ready for the adventures of your life in a new era where the horizon is yet to be explored.

Thursdays – after school, 4- 5.30. (for children 7 years +)

Aztec Dusk



Experience the heyday of the Aztec Empire, the mightiest kingdom in their known world, and feel their pain as their ancient culture comes toppling down and is trodden beneath iron-shod feet. From the first omens of ruin and disaster to the conquest of Tenochtitlan, the Aztec capital that lies beneath modern-day Mexico City, take a stand against the invading Spanish and preserve as much as can be saved so at least something of the Aztec culture can survive!

Fridays – Elf Towers of Dawn – Tower of the Unicorn

Our Friday flagship Fantasy Roleplaying Campaign! Participate Online realtime for ages 10years+

Runs every Friday 4- 5:30 PM from 29th April- 30 June. Join a band of adventurers, the Peregrines, and answer the Summons of the Towers- to raise the sleeping power of the Towers, and to heal The Realm and prepare the Way for the Choosing of a High King and Queen to lead us against the Evil Empire that threatens the Realm's destruction.

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