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*"Certamen Praeter Palman" - "The endeavour is more important than the prize."*

## NEWSLETTER NO 13 2 JUNE 2016

### NOTES HOME THIS WEEK

Athletics Carnival note

### PARENTS' CHECKLIST

(Reminder of things to DO)

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 6 June	ACT Cross Country Stromlo
Monday 13 June	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Wednesday 15 June	School Assembly hosted by Year 3/4 Turchese 12.45pm
Thursday 16 June	SRC Fundraiser for our Garden
Friday 24 June	ACT Swimming AIS
Wednesday 29 June	Yarralumla Athletics Carnival
Friday 1 July	School Assembly hosted by Year 1 Scarlatto 12.45pm
Friday 1 July	Last Day of Term 2
Monday 18 July	First Day of Term 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

Time flies when you are having fun as a Principal. You would think that the cold weather would be slowing us down but everything has been full steam ahead at Yarralumla Primary. I had the pleasure last week to travel to Melbourne with maestra Lawton and maestra Brissoni to attend Camberwell Primary school, a French/English bilingual school. The visit provided us with the opportunity to moderate a writing task with 10 other bilingual schools including the languages of Italian, French, Mandarin, Japanese, Greek, Macedonian and Vietnamese. We also had two professional development experiences with teachers around literacy practices in a bilingual setting. I was given the pleasure of a guided tour of the school with the Principal. I gained valuable knowledge of the running of the school and how they structure their bilingual program. The school has received outstanding academic results in recent years. I look forward to working with our classroom teachers, students and community to continue to strengthen our bilingual program in years to come.

Our Kindergarten students produced a very entertaining assembly this week. They performed two songs one in English and one in Italian to the delight of the 60 parents and carers in the audience. The kindergarten students shared their dioramas which were on display outside the hall. Congratulations to Eva F for receiving the Fish Award this fortnight for displaying the school values.

On Wednesday this week we had a number of our year 5 and 6 students attend the Da Vinci competition. Our students finished in 1st place in Code Breaking and 3rd in Arts and Poetry. Congratulations to all our students for their outstanding efforts and maestra Brancato for providing the opportunity for the students.

Our students recently participated in the World Championship Language Perfect 2016. Our school finished 6th out of 27 schools in the ACT, 181 overall globally out of 1111 schools, 13th overall in Italian out of 869 schools, 1st for Italian in ACT out of 17 schools. Congratulations to all our students who spent numerous hours on their computers answering all the questions.

We have been placing some orange witches hats on the footpath in the main car park to ensure cars are not parking up on the footpath ensuring a safe passage way for our students and families. We have had a positive change since we have adopted this procedure. Another area we are working on is ensuring cars are not jumping the gutter to park in the central grass island of the carpark. I have witnessed a number of students running between cars and crossing the road to get to their parents and carers parking in this area. If parking is limited please avoid parking in this area at all costs. Please remember there are two car parks at the rear of the school as well as on street parking.

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Please remember we are an Anaphylactic Friendly School. Please do not bring nut products into the school, and be aware that "Nutella" spread and many muesli/health bars contain nuts.

This weekend is our working bee in the community garden. Many hands make light work so please return the orange expression of interest note if you are able to attend. If you can only give up an hour of your time every minute would be greatly appreciated. If you have gardening tools which can be used on the weekend please bring them along. We will have drinks and snacks to keep up peoples' energy during the morning. We are expecting rain over the next few days so please check our Facebook page on Saturday morning to see if the working bee will go ahead.

Unfortunately last weekend we had some vandalism occur at the school. A number of windows near the entry way of the Gambarri building were smashed. If you see any suspicious behaviour after school hours please ensure you contact the authorities.

Keep Smiling,

Rohan Evans | Principal



## Swim & Survive Aqua Safe – Water Safety Awareness Program

In weeks 6 and 7, Term 3 Yarralumla students will have an opportunity to participate in a swimming program. If they are in Year 2, all students are required to participate in the Aqua Safe - Water Safety and Awareness Program. All other year levels will be offered the Swim and Survive program (swimming lessons). This year we have requested more places so that we can cater for more students. There will be three sessions each day throughout the 2 week period. Please note it will be a first in first served basis. Permission notes will be going home early next term. The cost for the Year 2 Water Safety and Awareness Program is \$50 and the Swim & Survive Program is \$99.

Arianna Cansdell – Swimming Program Coordinator

### P&C News

Thank you to everyone who attended the P&C Meeting on Thursday 19th May, I would also like to thank Rohan for taking the time to update the P&C on the school's activities and priorities. I would encourage all parents and cares to attend our Term 3 meeting (dates will be promulgated in the next newsletter) as it is a good opportunity to hear what is going on in our school community.

#### P&C Winter Dinner

The P&C is looking for volunteers to help with preparations for our Winter Dinner in mid-August. We try and organise a casual dinner every two years and this year we need some support. If you are available to provide any help

to the organising committee or would like to find out more regarding volunteer roles please contact myself, Craig Fitzgerald, on 0437449421 or at [president@ypspandc.com](mailto:president@ypspandc.com)

P&C  
President

### Canteen News

Thank you to all those that have been helping in the canteen every week and also to those that helped today for the Italian Republic Day lunch. We served over 170 pieces of pizza and over 60 bowls of Pasta Napolitana, Phew! Thanks also to our enthusiastic Year 6 students who have been giving up some of their lunch time to help serve every week. Grazie!

NOTE: Canteen is NOT open tomorrow because we celebrated today. Please remember your lunch!

The rest of Term 2 menu is now available for orders. As always, orders are via Flexischools and close at 8pm on Wednesday evening. [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

The volunteer roster for Term 2 is attached, please check your class week and email [canteen@ypspandc.com](mailto:canteen@ypspandc.com) of your availability. If you would like to help in any other week, you would be very welcome! The canteen relies on regular volunteers to operate.

Cheers  
Raeleigh and Sarah

### Canteen Volunteer Roster Term 2, 2016

	Date	Class	Year
Week 7	10 Jun	Verde	Kinder
		Rossa	Kinder
Week 8	17 Jun	Cadmio	5/6
		Celeste	3/4
Week 9	24 Jun	Menta	2
		Corallo	1
Week 10	1 Jul	All on board!	
		Sausage Sizzle	

### Saturday Italian classes for kids and adults

Why not enrol your family in Italian classes this semester? Classes for kids are packed with fun games, songs and interesting activities. This semester we are also pleased to be running adult classes to provide parents and carers with a greater understanding of the Italian language.

Classes for both kids and adults are run:

**When:** Every Saturday during semesters

**Time:** 1:30 - 4:00 pm (kids); 2:00 - 4:00 pm (adults)

**Where:** Gambarri Annex, Yarralumla Primary School, Loftus St

**Cost:** \$150 (kids) \$280 (adults)

**How to enrol:** Online at

[www.italianlanguageschool.org.au](http://www.italianlanguageschool.org.au) under

'Courses' in the menu, or by sending an email

to [italianlanguageschool@gmail.com](mailto:italianlanguageschool@gmail.com)

For more information please email

[italianlanguageschool@gmail.com](mailto:italianlanguageschool@gmail.com).

The Italian Language School (ILS) was founded in 1969 with the financial support of the Italian Government. Our ongoing mission is to promote the Italian language, culture and customs amongst children in Canberra and surrounding areas. ILS is a not-for-profit association.

Thanks for your collaboration.

Kind regards

Bruno Santagostino Baldi

YARRALUMLA ASSEMBLY ROSTER 2016	
Wednesday 12:45-1:30	
Term 2	
Week 8	Year 3/4 Turchese
Week 10	Year 1 Scarlatto

### SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

School Bank Account details are as follows:

**BSB: 032-777 WESTPAC**

**ACCOUNT NO: 001906**

**Ref: Surname eg Vol Cont, Swimming**

### REMINDER

**SIGN OUT BOOK** – It is a legal requirement that parents/carers sign the book in the Front Office if taking children out of school during school hours.

**LATE SIGN IN BOOK** – If students arrive late to school (after 9.15am) they are to report first to the Front Office to sign the Late Book and to be given a Late Pass. The Late Pass is then handed to their class teacher.



## End of May is Hats Off Day

In Canberra, May is when we start to witness daily UV levels take a nose dive, to what is considered "low" levels (under 3). This generally occurs during the morning and afternoon periods. However by the end of May UV levels drop and remain low (under 3) all day for a few months and so **End of May is Hats Off Day** for Canberra schools.

Cancer Council ACT does not generally recommend sun protection behaviour (ie hat wearing and sunscreen application) when UV levels are under 3 due to the low risk of potential UV skin damage.

### Why Hats Off Day?

Being SunSmart is all about being "smart" when spending time outdoors in the sun, this includes having an understanding around the balance required between UV exposure, sun protection and vitamin D.

During the summer period, maintaining vitamin D levels should be relatively easy for children who are active and spend time outdoors most days of the week, even with sensible sun protection. The fact is that your body should be able to store your summer vitamin D levels over the winter period, however by leaving your hat off during this low UV period and getting some winter sun exposure to your skin you can assist with its vitamin D production to maintain adequate levels built up over the summer period.

### Winter Sun Exposure

In winter, by exposing some skin most days of the week during the middle of the day (when UVB will be present), students and workers should be able to maintain the bulk of their summer vitamin D. Of course there will be groups in the population that are at higher risk of having vitamin D deficiency. To read more about vitamin D and our recently update position [click here](#).

Research also suggests that maintaining daily physical activity throughout the winter period, ie

at lunch time, will also assist the body with its efforts to produce and maintain vitamin D.

ACT students and teachers should be well versed as to when sun protection is and is not really necessary in Canberra.

### Resources and Support

Cancer Council ACT has numerous free resources to assist ACT schools maintain a positive and balanced approach to being SunSmart including the **SunSmart Web Widget** for your school website and the popular **Generation SunSmart Professional Learning** modules for Canberra teachers. You can access these resources and more [here](#) or contact Cancer Council 13 11 20.

Keep warm this winter, get active and take advantage of the midday sun for vitamin D.

## LOST PROPERTY IS OVERFLOWING !!!!!!



Are you missing uniform items, hats, lunch boxes etc.? As the end of term approaches we again will be looking at disposing of lost property which is not labelled. Uniform items will be given to the uniform shop and non-uniform items will be given to charity, **if not claimed by 30 June**. So please check, or get your children to check, the lost property area for anything that may be yours.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

It is extremely important for the Front Office at Yarralumla Primary to have up to date emergency contact details of parents and carers for all of our students. If you have had a change of contact details or email address or are unsure if your details are current, please contact or see the Front Office as soon as possible.

## Sports News

Good luck to Leo S, Allegra S, Harry H and Oliver H who will compete in the ACT Cross County Carnival next Monday (6 June).

Congratulations to:

Jude F for his selection in the South WestonTouch team which played in the Gala Day in Week 5.

Gianna H for her selection in the South Weston Hockey team which played in the Gala Day in Week 4. Gianna has also been selected to play in the ACT team in the national carnival in Cairns in Term 3. Well done Gianna!

Cameron R who recently won the ACT Road Championship for U13 boys as well as 3rd overall in the tour.



Again a reminder that if you are a parent of a child in Year 4-6 who is interested in representative sports please check the School Sport ACT website which has all the information you need to make sure your child doesn't miss out. The website is <https://www.schoolsportact.asn.au/>. Any questions please email maestro Matthews [david.matthews@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:david.matthews@ed.act.edu.au)

The annual Yarralumla Athletics Carnival will be held on 29 June (week 10). If you can help out on the day please contact [katherine.geerdink@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:katherine.geerdink@ed.act.edu.au)



### CANBERRA RAIDERS PLAY MANLY SEA EAGLES FRIDAY 3 JUNE @GIO STADIUM

Friday night football is back in Canberra! GIO Stadium will be the perfect place to start your weekend as the Canberra Raiders take on the Manly Sea Eagles. The Raiders will be looking to make it three wins on the trot after powerful displays against the Warriors and Bulldogs in recent weeks.

GIO Stadium will be decked out for the occasion, with pyrotechnics and an amazing Raiders themed light display that will transform the outside of the East and West Grandstands.

The first 4,000 through the gates will also receive a free Defence Housing Australia (DHA) and Raiders beanie! The Salvation Army is the official match day charity for the game.

#### Friday June 3

Gates Open: 5.20pm

(NYC Raiders v Sea Eagles: 5.35pm)

**KICKOFF FOR MAIN GAME: NRL Raiders v Sea Eagles: 7.50pm**

# Corallo



Scienza- How does cream change into butter?

In the Italian Maths programme the Year 1 corallo class has looked at graphs, data representation and interpretation. We listed for example the fruit in our lunch boxes and made predictions about the amount of apples and bananas in our bags for fruit break. A chi piace l'uva? Chi mangia verdura invece di frutta? Central to our research was learning the weekdays, months and seasons In Italian and it all came together in a class birth date graph. Every student contributed their self-portrait to the poster and we could see the month in which most Corallo students were born: La maggioranza degli studenti di Corallo sono nati in aprile. We all enjoyed this detailed investigation and the fun activities around it, such as the song "Canzone dei mesi", playing Fruit Salad with the seasons in Italian and our weekday spelling game.



Fundamental movement skills



Collaborative art





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## SRC Fundraising for our Garden

Cari genitori,

Questo trimestre stiamo organizzando una raccolta fondi per rinnovare il giardino scolastico e allestire un orto biologico.

Per questo evento invitiamo tutti gli studenti a vestirsi con abiti che richiamino il tema del giardinaggio e dell'agricoltura biologica.

Anche i costumi e le tutine intere da animale sono ben accetti.

Per le donazioni confidiamo nella vostra generosità. Grazie!

**Quando: giovedì 16 giugno 2016**

Cordiali saluti,

*I rappresentanti del comitato degli studenti*



Dear Parents/Carers,

This term we are organising a fundraising to buy gardening tools, equipment, seedlings and other items needed to revamp our school garden and set up an organic vegetable patch.

For this fundraising event we invite all students to come dressed up in a gardening theme (e.g. as a gardener, a vegetable/fruit/plant, a gardening tool or decoration) or in their favourite animal onesies.

We welcome all gold coin and paper money donations and trust your generosity. Thank you!

**When: Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

Kind regards,

***The Students' Representative Council***

# L'orto

Dear Parents and Carers

As I wrote in the last newsletter the students and staff at Yarralumla Primary School are tidying up and revamping the garden! A committee of seven interested teachers has been formed to plan, organise and put into action this project. The students are particularly enthusiastic and have been putting forward very interesting and exciting ideas as how to use the garden and what to grow.

As promised in the last newsletter I will outline for you how we are building relationships with the Embassy of Italy, l'Associazione Valerio Daniel De Simoni and ComItEs Canberra to create a viable, sustainable organic garden.

In this newsletter I outline the Valerio Daniel De Simoni Associazione. Valerio was a young Italo-Australian man of 24 whose life ended tragically in a road accident in Malawi while attempting with two friends to break the world record of the longest journey on Quad Bikes. At the same time Valerio and his friends were raising funds for OXFAM Australia, a non-profit organisation, to fight poverty and to support the 'Southern Africa Livelihood Program'. During their trip from Istanbul to Sydney through 34 countries and 3 continents Valerio and his friends were also trying to spread the environmental message: Saving Energy/Saving the Planet. Valerio and his friends appear in the Guinness Book of Records in the 2013 edition for their trip. L'Associazione Valerio Daniel De Simoni is a benevolent, non-profit institution organised for the direct relief of poverty, sickness, disability, refugees, asylum seekers and Australia's indigenous youth.

The Association is supporting YPS to create a sustainable organic vegetable & herb garden based on their practices in Sydney, Malawi and Rome. We are also in the initial stages of building a connection with a primary school in Rome that already has an operating organic vegetable and herb garden through the Association. Our Enrichment gardening children are making a video to send to the children in Rome showing them our garden, our work and explaining all these activities in Italian. Hopefully the children in Rome will respond with their own video. It takes a lot of energy, hard work, love and dedication to create and sustain such a garden but it is our dream to have an organic veggie and herb garden that all students at YPS use daily.

For further information you can go to: <http://www.valeriodesimoni.org/>

Alla prossima

maestra Lynden

## EXPLORING BERGAMO - la città' dei mille

As a lead up to our Community Trip 2016, each fortnight I will be including a page in the school newsletter around exploring Bergamo – La Citta' dei Mille.



Top: The ancient Venetian walls.

Below: Il Leone Alato di San Marco symbol of the Venetian Empire present on buildings in Bergamo.



Below: view of Citta' Alta with Mount Resegone and Grigna

Bergamo is a city in Lombardy region in the north of Italy. It is situated 40km northeast of Milano, 30kms from lakes Como and Iseo and very close to the Swiss border.

The foothills of the Bergamo Alps are located north of the city and on a clear day you can see the majestic Pizzo Coca (3,052m) from the top of Citta' Alta, the older part of the city of Bergamo. The city of Bergamo is composed of two parts: Citta' Alta (Upper Town) built up on the hills and Citta' Bassa (Lower Town) the more modern and financial centre of the city. The two parts are separated by the magnificent Le Mura (Venetian Walls), which were built by the Serenissima Republic of Venice in the second half of the 16<sup>th</sup> century to defend the city.

According to historical data Bergamo (from *bergheim*, i.e. the hill-town) was probably founded by Celtic populations, which settled on the hills looking onto the plain at the outlet of the pre-Alpine valleys of the Brembo and Serio rivers, two tributaries of the Adda river.

In the next newsletter I will talk about the ancient Roman influence on Bergamo and where you can see historical evidence of the Roman Empire's presence in *Bergomum* (the Latin name for Bergamo).

Va salute!                    maestra Brissoni



# Language Perfect World Championship Languages 2016

Yarralumla Y3-6 students, congratulations!

This year's World Championship lasted from 16 - 26 May. Our students in Y3-6 have access to the Language Perfect site all year round to learn and do their homework. We encouraged them to take part in this World Championship and 126 students decided to compete. They answered 310,123 questions and gained 115,930 points. Students spent 2,221 hours in total working on a computer, which is 1.7 hours per day each, on average.

This year our students delivered the best results since starting this competition five years ago. As we have seen progression each year, I will compare only the results from 2016 with the results for 2015:

	2015	2016
Elite (10,000 points)	0	3
Gold (3,000 points)	6	7
Silver (2,000 points)	4	2
Bronze (1,000 points)	12	23
Credit awards (500 points)	17	32
TOTAL	39	67

How do we rank compared to other schools?

**For Italian:**

1st for Italian in ACT (out of 17 schools)

2nd for Italian in the 101-250 students category (out of 253 schools)

13th overall in Italian (out of 869 schools)

**Including all subjects which our students decided to try on:**

2nd in ACT for the 101-250 students category (out of 3 schools)

6th overall in ACT (out of 27 schools)

30th in Australia for the 101-250 students category (out of 216 schools)

45th overall in the 101-250 students category (out of 293 schools)

127th overall in Australia (out of 761 schools)

181st overall globally (out of 1111 schools)

And finally, who are our most dedicated learners:

Carl V	10,900 points Elite
Max V	10,900 points Elite
Callum H	10,000 points Elite
Harry	4280 Gold
Oliver	Gold
James	Gold
Nikola K	Gold
Lavinia A	Gold
Brandon T	Gold
Sophie	3001 Gold
James P	2168 Silver
Julian T	2011 Silver

On the Language Perfect site you can see the names and points for the 23 students awarded Bronze and the 32 students awarded Credit Awards.

Thank you to all teachers who gave students the opportunity to use computers at school during the World Championship. In particular thanks to maestre Carmela Brancato and Lynden Lawton for the encouragement given to students and helping me with the administrative jobs for Language Perfect during the year.

Thank you to all parents who supported their children using computers at home and allowing them to stay awake longer than usual.

Excellency does happen but it requires vision, dedication, collaboration, motivation, hard work, enthusiasm for learning, and above all willingness to better yourself.

Congratulations, Yarralumla!

The certificates will be awarded to students at the School Assembly as soon as they arrive.

*Meri Dragicevic, Language Perfect World Championship Coordinator*

**Tip: Click the  icon next to an achievement to see who else competed!**

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30th in Australia for the 101-250 students category (out of 216 schools)

13th for Italian in Australia (out of 619 schools)