

Bayswater North
Primary School

THE LINK

A NEWSLETTER LINKING THE BAYSWATER NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

From the Principal's Desk

This edition of the LINK finds us firmly in the midst of a very busy term. Our Preps have celebrated being at school for 100 days and begun their PMP Program, our Production rehearsals and preparations are in full swing, AND we have already begun celebrating Book Week with a really engaging performance that students watched yesterday.

Shout out to all of our teaching and support staff who are working super hard to provide fantastic activities and learning for students every day, and also working together to help put on our Production. This week we had a prop making working bee after school, led by our wonderful Art teacher Bu Dijk.



Calendar

Friday August 15 2025
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August

Monday 18th
Book Week Begins

Wednesday 20th
Book Fair Opens

Friday 22nd
Assembly 9.10am
Book Week Dress Up Day

Tuesday 26th
Whole School Production Dress Rehearsal

Friday 29th
Father's Day Stall
The Link

September
Wednesday 3rd
Dress Rehearsal at Karralyka

School Production Performance
Karralyka Theatre

Thursday 4th
School Production Performance
Karralyka Theatre

Friday 5th
Assembly

Tuesday 9th
District Athletics

Friday 19th
Footy Lunch
Last Day of Term 3
2.30pm Dismissal

October
Monday 6th
Curriculum Day (Student Free)

Tuesday 7th
Smile Squad Dental

From the Principal's Desk continued..

Bullying No Way - National Week of Action - Cyber Safety

Another focus across the school this week has been an emphasis on the national week of action against Bullying. You will see in some of the other LINK items how students have engaged in activities related to this through their Wellbeing lessons this week. We also have some new posters up on display around the school as well encouraging students to report any behaviours they are concerned about to a trusted adult.

To complement the support that we are providing in school via the students, I thought I would share some information regarding cyber safety and online behaviours that may help you at home.

Navigating the complex situation of managing access to the internet, the range of devices students use at home, and the apps they use is a very difficult area for many families to manage.

However, there are some excellent resources and recommendations you can follow to help with this. These four recommendations are found throughout all of the reading I have done in this area, and are considered essential for helping your child to stay safe online.

1. Keep devices out of bedrooms and bathrooms
2. Talk with your children often about the internet and how to stay safe online
3. Know which apps your child is using and know their passwords
4. Set up some parental controls

While there may only be four tips suggested, behind each of those recommendations there is further information available to help you put them in place.



Please visit this website to find a range of resources for parents and young people <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

Another tool you could use at home, could be to set up a Family Tech Agreement. These are recommended to be made with children from very young, as early as three!

I have put together a sample of something you could use if you like. Or you can make your own. If you would like a printed copy to use at home, please come and get one from the office.

You could also watch some excellent programs that are available to stream for free to help learn more about this important topic.

The Role of a Lifetime on ABC iView
Parental Guidance on 9Now

Mrs Graunke
Principal



Wellbeing Update

This week is 'Bullying No Way: National week of Action'. This runs from Monday 11th to Friday 15th August, and is a chance for schools to continue to create safe and respectful school environments for all students. This year's theme is 'Be bold. Be kind. Speak up'. It encourages students and school staff to speak up and foster safe spaces where everyone feels supported and respected, and all voices are heard and valued.

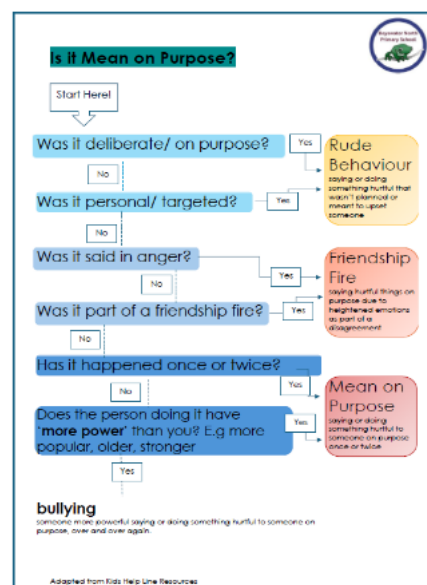
As part of our Wellbeing sessions for this week all classes have participated in age-appropriate lessons with a focus on the importance of this topic. These lessons also linked to our Friendology strategies and processes which we value at BNPS. The lessons included rich conversations about different types of conflict (Friendship Fires, Mean on Purpose, Bullying), as well the importance of seeking help when needed.

Whilst we do not want to dismiss or minimise the significance of bullying within our society in general, it is important to remember that 85% of school yard issues are 'Friendship Fires'. This is why the continual education around these areas of conflict and 'Help Seeking' from trusted adults or reliable sources is so important to teach and model to all our kids. It does come back to that age old saying, "It takes a village to raise a child".

If you would like any further information or require resources to support you and your child, you can find the links below:

- **Bully Stoppers** - <https://www.vic.gov.au/bully-stoppers> - an online toolkit providing evidence-based and practical advice and resources to empower schools, parents and students to understand, prevent and respond to bullying
- **Kids Help Line** - <https://kidshelpline.com.au/>
- **eHeadspace** - <https://headspace.org.au/online-and-phone-support/> - connects you people with online resources and mental health support
- **You Are Strong (Friendology)** - <https://urstrong.com/> - free subscription for families

Katie Riley



Upcoming Events



**Bayswater North
Primary School**



Please see the Compass Portal for more information. Consent and payment may be required for some events.

WEDNESDAY 20TH AUGUST:
BNPS SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
Will be in the Library until
Wednesday 27th August.

Come along to browse & purchase
books, posters and stationary from
the stock between the times of
8:30-8:45am and 3:40-4:00pm
school days.

FRIDAY 22TH AUGUST:
BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY
Students can come to school
dressed as their favourite story
book character.

TUESDAY 26TH AUGUST:
DRESS REHEARSAL
Whole School Production
Dress Rehearsal.

FRIDAY 29TH AUGUST:
FATHER'S DAY STALL
Gifts will be available for \$1-\$5
Great ideas for Dads,
Grandads, Uncles and Carers.

WEDNESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER:
DRESS REHEARSAL AT KARRALYKA
All students will be attending
Karralyka Theatre for a whole
school dress rehearsal.
Students will leave school on a
bus at 9am and return by 3:30pm.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION
Performance at Karralyka
Theatre. Night One.

THURSDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER:
SCHOOL PRODUCTION
Performance at Karralyka
Theatre. Night Two.

TUESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER:
DISTRICT ATHLETICS
The Warrandyte South District
Athletics Carnival to be held
at Bill Sewart Reserve, East
Burwood for selected
students.

MORE INFORMATION
Contact us on 03 9729 1744
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www.bayswaternorth.vic.edu.au

Junior School News

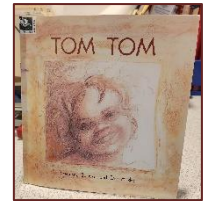
It has been another busy and exciting fortnight in our classrooms. Here's what's been going on:

Literacy

In Little Learners the Preps have been learning about suffix 's' and which words to add an 's' onto. They have been playing Snakes and Ladders and Race to the Vet word games with the aim to practise reading decodable words. In Grade 1 students have been focusing on the graphemes oi, oy, and oo.

Our Grade 2 students have been focusing on the short /u/ sound in common spelling words - particularly those with less common spelling patterns such as the 'o' in *son* and the 'ou' in *cousin*.

For reading, we are making connections between the books we read and ourselves. After reading *Tom Tom* by Rosemary Sullivan and Dee Huxley, some students made the connection that they sometimes would dive under the water to pick up stones, just like the book character, Tom Tom.



Maths

The Preps have been continuing to learn about sharing - making equal groups using unifix cubes and smarties when we celebrated our 100 days of school. We are continuing our understanding of time, with a focus on reading clocks to the quarter and half hour. This week we also started exploring fractions with a hands-on activity where students created their own fraction animal by cutting and pasting paper shapes in different fraction amounts (halves, quarters, eighths). Have a peek at their display next time you visit the classroom.



Wellbeing

We have been looking at persistence and bravery - two important traits for learning and life. We have been discussing times when students have shown persistence, such as trying again after something felt tricky, and bravery, such as speaking up or giving something new a go.

This week in *Bullying No Way!* Monday 11 to Friday 15 August 2025 is a chance for schools to continue to create safe and respectful school environments and address all forms of bullying, including online.

This year's theme is 'Be bold. Be kind. Speak up'. It encourages students and school staff to speak up and foster safe spaces where everyone feels supported and respected, and all voices are heard and valued.

In Junior school we looked at the 'Thinking and Talking' poster which tells us the five important things to remember when talking in a group and that listening is just as important as talking. We also read a chapter of *Allan's Adventure* where Allen the alien was learning how to ask to play a game with other students. Our students then used the puppets to act out a similar scenario they made up in groups to demonstrate their understanding of how it is important to listen and respect each other!



Kitchen Garden

The students were thrilled to finally eat some delicious vegetables as part of our Kitchen Garden unit. They enjoyed working together to prepare and eat rice paper rolls. It was great to see students giving everything a go and trying something new. Yum!



Perceptual Motor Program (PMP)

This week saw the Preps introduced to our PMP program held each Wednesday afternoon in the small hall. The aim is to further develop students' gross motor skills. If there are any parents who wish to help out, please let Mrs Tyrrell know your availability.



100 Day Celebration



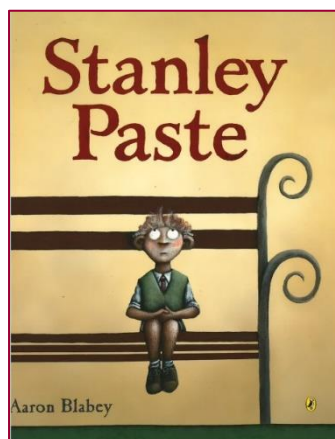
Grade 3/4News

It's been a great but very busy couple of weeks for our 3/4 students! We've enjoyed the excitement of Hooptime, explored our creativity through poetry writing, and continued to build on our skills in working with TIME. Our production rehearsals are now in full swing, and the energy in the classroom has been fantastic!

In Wellbeing we have been learning about character strengths and exploring how these positive qualities are shown in everyday life. Through engaging discussions, interactive activities, and reflection tasks, students have identified their own unique strengths. They have also examined how these strengths help them navigate challenges, build relationships, and contribute positively to their classroom and wider community. By recognizing and celebrating their strengths and those of others, students are developing a deeper understanding of themselves and those around them.



During reading students have been using the mentor texts *Four Feet, Two Sandals* and *Stanley Paste* to develop their reading comprehension skills. Through focused reading sessions, students explored the comprehension strategies of cause and effect and inferring, identifying how events in the stories lead to particular outcomes and drawing deeper meaning from characters' thoughts, feelings, and actions. They also engaged in character analysis, examining the motivations, challenges, and growth of the main characters.



The character I chose was the new girl. The inference I made was that the new girl was nervous and worried. She doesn't know if they are going to like her and I can relate to that, like on my first day of school. Also she is smiling just a little bit so you would think she is happy but her eyes show fear, almost like she is happy but she is trying to make a good impression. Hattie L

Stanley and Elanor look sad because you can see the tears running down their faces. This might be because all of the other kids are picking on them, calling them names and being mean on purpose to both Stanley and Elanor. They both might feel the same way because they are being teased because of their height and they can help each other and be kind because they will know what it feels like to be treated like this. By Curtis T

At the start of the book *Stanley Paste* and Eleanor's situation was that they both were being teased about their height. This changed because they both stuck together and they are having fun together because they feel safe. By Rose M

Hooptime



We had a fantastic day at Nunawading Stadium representing BNPS at Hooptime. A personal highlight for me was seeing our students play in the true spirit of the game—showing respect to the opposition, demonstrating great teamwork, and giving their best effort. A big thank you to all the parents and family members who came along to cheer us on. Well done to our wonderful students and the supportive BNPS community! Special shout out to Mr Hannah for organising our day. Mrs A

My highlight at Hooptime was getting to play with my friends from school. Cooper K

My highlight at Hooptime was that everyone played together as a team and we all had a part in the game. Tex W

My highlight was the canteen, (only joking) I did really like playing basketball but I was really tired at the end of the day because we had to play so many games! Divsheen

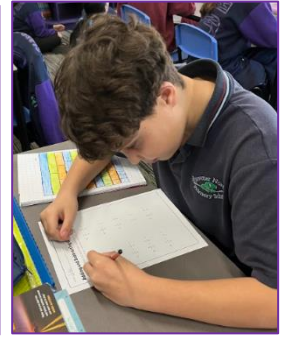
My highlight was playing the games because we won four out of five games and we played really well. It was lots of fun because I don't play basketball normally. Kai R

Grade 5/6 News

MATHS

All Year 5/6 students are focusing on fractions in Maths this week. We have been learning about equivalent fractions and developing the skills to confidently add and subtract fractions, using visual tools such as fraction walls to support our understanding.

Students have been practising how to recognise and create equivalent fractions, making addition and subtraction easier. Some students have also extended their learning by tackling the challenging "Crack the Code" task, applying their fraction knowledge in a fun and engaging problem-solving activity.



GLOW PARTY

Our 5/6 students recently attended the school's fun and energetic Glow Party. The hall was transformed into a glowing wonderland, filled with bright lights, music, and laughter.

Students enjoyed showing off their dance moves, wearing plenty of colourful accessories that lit up the night. It was a fantastic opportunity for everyone to relax and dance the night away!

BAYSWATER SC TASTER DAY

Last week, all our Grade 5 students had the opportunity to visit Bayswater Secondary College for a Taster Day.

Here are some more photos from the day!

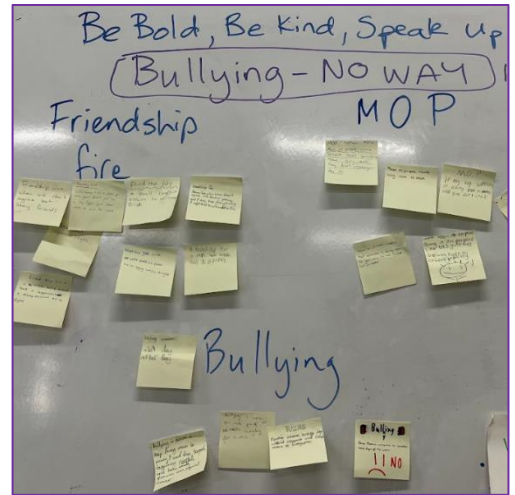
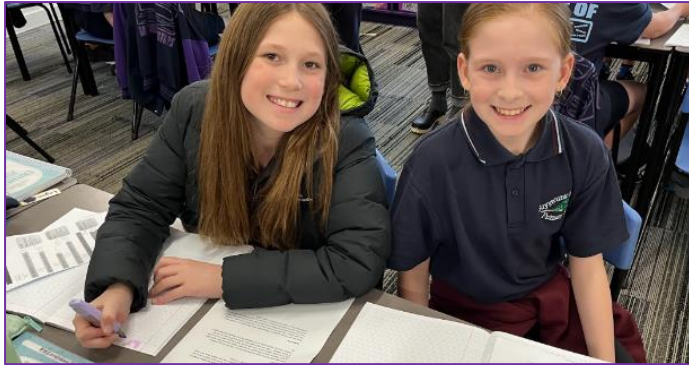


INTEGRATED

This week, we explored the history of colonies in Australia, examining how they were established and the key people and events that shaped them. Through a variety of activities and discussions, students developed a deeper understanding of our nation's early history.

BULLYING NO WAY: NATIONAL WEEK OF ACTION

This week, our Year 5/6 students have engaged in activities as part of the Bullying No Way: National Week of Action. Students explored the differences between a "friendship fire", "mean on purpose" and "bullying". Through class discussions, students developed strategies to respond in positive and respectful ways.



BOOK WEEK INCURSION – TREASURE HUNT



Our 5/6 students enjoyed the Book Week incursion, which was a live performance of Treasure Hunt presented by Schools Aus Live 2025.

The performance was full of adventure, excitement, and humour.

5/6 HOOPTIME

The Grade 5/6s had a fantastic time at Hoop Time, showing great skill, teamwork and enthusiasm on the basketball court.

Throughout the day, they enjoyed the games, cheered on their classmates, and showed great sportsmanship in every match.

It was a memorable day filled with energy and excitement.



Performing Arts News

20 Days to Go Until... *The Amazing Adventures of SuperStan!*

The countdown is on! With only 20 days to go, our students are working incredibly hard to bring *The Amazing Adventures of SuperStan* to life. In Performing Arts classes—and even during recess and lunchtimes—our students and main cast members have been rehearsing their hearts out.



Alongside production rehearsals, students from Grade 1 to Year 6 have been learning about **monologues**. What is a monologue?

A monologue is a speech delivered by a single actor in a film, show, play, or musical, showcasing a range of emotions and dramatic skills. Our students have each chosen a short monologue from a *SuperStan* character and have been - memorising their lines, adding facial expressions, changing their voice tone and using gestures to express emotions and bring their characters to life.



Here are some snapshots of students performing their monologues in class:



Our Prep students have also been busy, fine tuning their production songs and exploring storybook characters from favourites like *Wombat Stew* and *Tiddalick*. They have been acting out characters with different voices, facial expressions, and movements—laying the foundation for future performances.



Tickets are now on sale for our performances on **Wednesday 3rd** and **Thursday 4th September** - see link in Compass. If your child is performing, you do not need to purchase a ticket for them—they will remain backstage for the entire show.

Production T-shirts: These are on the way and should arrive here next week!

Important Dates:

- **Week 5** – Costumes due back. Please label all items clearly, place in a named plastic/ziplock bag, and return to classroom teachers.
- **Week 5** – Whole School Rehearsal – Gym, Tuesday 12th August
- **Week 6** – Whole School Dress Rehearsal – Gym, Tuesday 26th August
- **Week 7** – Dress Rehearsal – Wednesday 3rd September (during school hours) at *Karralyka Theatre*. Excursion permission note and payment due.
- **Evening Performances** – Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th September, 6:15pm arrival for a 7:00pm show at *Karralyka Theatre, Ringwood*
- **Main Cast Members** – Arrive at 5:30pm: Blake M, Taya W, Macca T, Dakota P, Asher H, Jobe S, Alex P, Jayla L (for lapel microphone fitting). **All other Main cast members can arrive at 6.15pm.**
- **Drop-off & Pick-up** – Please use the external **STAGE DOOR** on **BOTH** performance nights.

Donations: Thank you for your generous donations of gold buttons and coat hangers, we have enough to get us through, thank you very much!!!

We can't wait to share this exciting production with you! Thank you for your ongoing support in helping our students shine.

Ms. Mariel Koroibulu
Performing Arts

Chaplain's Spot

"Peace"



'How's the serenity. So much serenity' – name that movie – yes, it's 'The Castle', one of Australia's iconic movies. Another of its' classic quotes is 'Tell him he's dreamin,'.

Serenity is peace. There are numerous perspectives on what peace is. Here are some:

Absence of Conflict: Peace is often understood as the opposite of war or violent conflict, both on a large scale (international relations) and within smaller communities or families.

Harmony and Cooperation: It also implies positive relationships, mutual respect, and cooperation between individuals or groups.

Freedom from Fear and Anxiety: Peace can be a state of security and freedom from fear or worry, both for individuals and for communities.

Tranquility and Calmness: Peace can refer to a state of quietude and inner peace, a sense of calm and serenity.

Individual Peace: This can refer to personal well-being, emotional stability, and freedom from internal conflict.

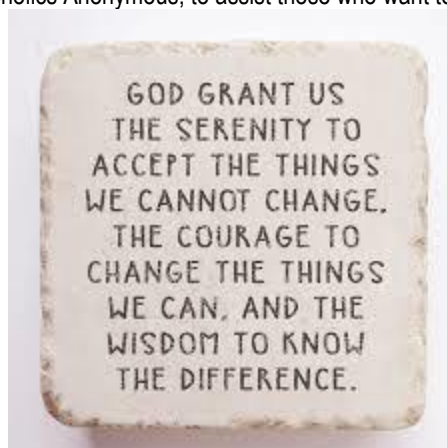
Social Peace: This can refer to the absence of conflict and violence within a community or society, as well as the presence of justice and social stability.

Political Peace: This can refer to the absence of war or other forms of organized violence between nations or political entities.

Spiritual Peace: Some perspectives link peace to spiritual enlightenment, inner harmony, and a connection to something larger than oneself.

Peace is a multifaceted concept that can be understood at different levels, from the individual to the global, and it encompasses both the absence of conflict and the presence of positive relationships and well-being.

One of my favourite quotes is part of what is called 'The Serenity Prayer'. When I refer to it, I usually say, 'whether you believe in God or not, this is an important concept'. It is used by Alcoholics Anonymous, to assist those who want to break free from alcohol addiction.



There are many things we cannot change in life. These include world conflicts, the weather, other people's actions or words, and our history. However, there are things over which we do have control, such as our response to the above things.

We will certainly find peace elusive if we take to heart every tragic situation around us and across the globe. Often when I am meeting with a student, we consider what may be just one thing they may be able to do in their situation, to take back some element of control.

Inner peace is what is most needed, even amidst a crazy world, near or far. As we focus on who or what is before us, and what we can do to empower and support them, then we will be more able to have inner peace.

There have always been world conflicts, and natural disasters. For us to live our lives to full potential, we need to find what will help us retain a resilient spirit. For me it is my faith, plus music and exercise which help me de-stress and find peace, as well as family time.

- Peace to you all -

Community wellbeing: Each Thursday, we run a Breakfast Club program before school in the Canteen. This is open to all students. Fruit now includes bananas. Cereal includes Vita Brits. Vegemite is salt-free.

We also have available **second-hand uniforms** in good condition for sale, for gold coin donations – including many polo shirts. There are also about 12 **school bags** available. **Come and check out our stock.**

We have some **food items** available from Foodbank. These include cereal, tinned fruit, lunch snacks, tinned baked beans and spaghetti, plus Colgate toothbrush and toothpaste. Feel free to visit us at Breakie Club if you would like some of these, or you can email me or see me on Wednesdays or Thursdays.

Roster: If you would like to help regularly, or just occasionally on our team, please let me know. We would be rapt to welcome any new team members. We have lots of fun as we serve our students in this practical way.



Contact: If you need to contact me, you can email, phone, or see me on my days at school. Whatever concerns you, I am happy to support you and your family.

Alan Silverwood: Chaplain - Pastoral care for our community. [Wednesday & Thursday]

[\[alan.silverwood@education.vic.gov.au\]](mailto:alan.silverwood@education.vic.gov.au)



Supporting the School community in emotional, social, spiritual and practical wellbeing.



Our Chaplaincy program is funded by the Federal Government's 'National Student Wellbeing Program'.

Connections & Fundraising

We had a very successful Glow Party last Friday night. The kids all had such a ball and looked great in all their glowing gear. It was the first time we have booked with 'Bop till you drop' and Bec was absolutely fantastic, keeping all the kids entertained, engaged and moving. No doubt the kids (and Bec!) slept well afterwards! It's been fantastic to hear such great feedback from both kids and parents alike.

Without the support of our school community we wouldn't be able to run these events, so a big thank you to all our parent helpers: Corina H, Mathew W, Thomas W, Scott M, Rebecca L, Mark M, Tracy D, Holly D, Shauna A, Aaron T, Michelle M, Stephanie M, Kylie KB, Jodi R, Alecia T, Lynn S, Sarah R and Alana R. And thank you to Mrs Tyrrell, Mrs Reid, Mrs Graunke and one of our student teachers, Miss A for also coming along to assist.



The excitement doesn't end there for us, our next event is the Father's Day Stall on Friday 29th August. Notices will have gone out by the time you're reading this newsletter, so be sure to check your child's bag. We'll also be seeking volunteers to help us run the stall on the day, there's a QR code on the notice and we'll share the link on Compass over the coming weeks. Please consider signing up if you can help with either or both shifts in the morning. Whether you're a first time helper or a seasoned volunteer, we'd love to see you.

The last day of Term 3 we'll be running a special Footy lunch day. With the success and positive feedback from last year's footy lunch, we'll be offering Hot Dogs, Juice, and some snack options on the side, including those delicious Honey Bread Footy Cookies that were so well loved. If you are free around 12pm on Friday 19th September, please save the date and keep an eye out on Compass later in the term for the volunteer sign up that will include all the details. Footy Lunch order forms will also go out to students early next month.

We hope you enjoy some more photos from the Glow Party. Bop till you drop also run kids parties, check them out if you're in need of a birthday idea.

Connections & Fundraising Committee

Book Fair

You're invited to our

SCHOLASTIC Book Fair

20-28th August
8:30-8:45 in Library
3:40-4:00pm

MR. LUKE'S Magic Library
OCEAN ADVENTURE

OCEAN ADVENTURE
Mr Luke's class opened a magic book and found themselves under the sea!
100144570 | HB PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+

\$10

TWO CRANKY BEARS
NICK BLAND

TWO CRANKY BEARS
Can two cranky bears learn to share?
100144522 | HB PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+

\$10

Wombat.
PHILIP BUNTING

WOMBAT
A funny look into the life of a wombat.
100141320 | PB PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+

SPECIAL VALUE \$6

THE PUPPY PARADE
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THE PUPPY PARADE
A new series all about Ella and Olivia's puppy, Bob.
100144370 | CHAPTER BOOK | AGES 5+

\$6

NINJA SUPERSTARS!
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Can Ninja Girl and Karate Kitten save the town from evil lizards?
100145003 | CHAPTER BOOK | AGES 7+

\$10

DARE TO BE SCARED!
Pizza and Taco go Ghost Pepper hunting!

DARE TO BE SCARED!
Pizza and Taco go Ghost Pepper hunting!
100145054 | GRAPHIC NOVEL | AGES 6+

\$10

SLEEPOVER BFFS: BIG DREAMS
These BFFs make a business out of planning sleepover parties for people!

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These BFFs make a business out of planning sleepover parties for people!
100145640 | PB NOVEL | AGES 9+

\$10

EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL

SCHOLASTIC

SCHOLASTIC REWARDS

KSC PHOENIX BASKETBALL SUMMER SEASON 25/26 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

REGISTRATION FEES
SATURDAY – \$215
SUNDAY – \$195

Join us!



TRAINING AT BAYSWATER NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL GYM

FEES PAYABLE BY THE **5TH SEPTEMBER 2025**
A LATE PAYMENT FEE OF \$20 PER MEMBER WILL APPLY
IF FEES HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED BY THIS DATE.

SEASON STARTS OCTOBER 4TH/5TH 2025

FEES QUESTIONS? EMAIL: KSC.TREASURER@OUTLOOK.COM
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