

Bayswater North
Primary School

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A NEWSLETTER LINKING THE BAYSWATER NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

From the Principal's Desk

Here we are, almost at the end of another incredibly busy and fun term! I am often amazed at just how much we are able to pack into each term, and I love that we are able to provide so many interesting and varied experiences for our students.

Our production was obviously a huge highlight, and I want to again thank all of the teachers, support staff, office staff and parents that helped bring it all together. What an amazing team effort.

On top of that we packed in Book Week celebrations, Hoop Time, District Athletics, Kinder visits, Father's Day stall and Prep Father's Day Breakfast, and we still have Footy Colours Day and our special footy lunch day to go next week. No wonder our wonderful staff are exhausted - they have worked so hard. Thanks also to our amazing regular parent helpers who go above and beyond for our school on so many occasions.



The **Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge** - Congratulations to all of our students who took on the challenge and recorded their books. Overall our school recorded 2,208 books read over the life of the challenge, with 31 students successfully meeting the challenge requirements for their age level. What a fantastic result! We will hand out the certificates for the Reading Challenge at the first assembly in Term 4.

Playground and Fencing Updates

The planned playground upgrades and new fencing around the oval are slowly moving forward with final plans and tender processes being followed. I am expecting some works to commence next term, and will keep our community updated with new information when I receive it. It is expected that there will be some areas of the school or carpark fenced off for periods of time while the projects are completed, and I do ask for your patience while this happens - I am sure it will be worth it to have new fencing and playground facilities.

Calendar

Friday September 12 2025
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September

Tuesday 16th
Footy Colours Day

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

October

Monday 6th
Curriculum Day (Student Free)

Tuesday 7th
First Day of Term 4
(Students attend)

Smile Squad Dental

Thursday 9th
Division Athletics

From the Principal's Desk continued..

2026 Enrolments

Next year is going to come around really quickly, and we are already beginning to put plans in place for classes and programs to be run next year. If you know of someone who has not yet enrolled in school for Foundation for next year, or for any of our other year levels, please encourage them to get in touch with us so we can factor them into our plans.

We are actually already beginning to meet some future students for 2027 who are currently in 3 Year Old Kinder, and had a lovely group from Arrabri Kindergarten join us for a garden session with Narelle this morning.



Parent and Caregiver Survey

Our survey is open until Monday 15th September. So far we have had 21 families complete the survey and our preliminary responses are looking very positive. I would really love to have as many families complete the survey as possible, as this gives us a clear picture of what we are doing well as a school and some areas that we can continue to target for improvement. Please consider taking a few minutes to complete the survey before Monday if you can.

To access the survey, use this link: <https://research.orima.com/parent>

And this PIN: 151435

Mrs Graunke
Principal

Upcoming Events



Bayswater North
Primary School



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

TUESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER:

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

We can't wait to see all the Students dressed in their favourite sporting colours.

FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER:

SPECIAL LUNCH

Celebrate the end of Term 3 with a special footy themed lunch.

MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER:

CURRICUM DAY

The first day of Term 4 will be a student free day.

TUESDAY 7TH OCTOBER:

THE SMILE SQUAD

A free dental check-up, preventive service and treatment for students at school.

THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER:

DIVISION ATHLETICS

The Maroondah Division Athletics. The Carnival will take place at Bill Sewart Reserve for selected students.

TUESDAY 14TH OCTOBER:

2026 PREP TRANSITION

MORE INFORMATION

Contact us on 03 9729 1744

or check our website

www.bayswaternorth.vic.edu.au

Junior School News

Maths

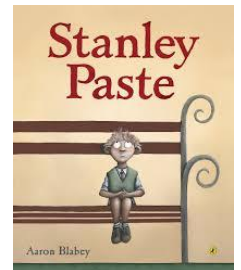
The students in Junior School have been investigating money. The Preps have been learning about Australian coins and have even been shopping with coins. They have also been skip counting by 5s and 10s. The Grade 1 and 2s are identifying Australian coins and notes, and skip counting by twos, fives and tens. The students are solving practical money problems, involving adding, multiplying and calculating change.



Literacy

The Preps have been practising their letter formation and learning to spell CCVCC words (five letter words). They wrote a note home as a reminder to bring in cutlery and crockery for the Father's Day Breakfast. The 1/2 students have continued to write informative texts about themselves. They have drafted their ideas and then produced good copies in their own personal books. It is great to see the extra detail they are adding to their writing, including a glossary of definitions, to help their readers understand key words.

In reading, we explored the story Stanley Paste to help us learn how to identify and understand key information in a text. After talking about the characters and main events of the story, we used a story map to retell the story in our own words. This helped us build stronger comprehension skills while enjoying a fun text together.



Production

We are so proud of our Junior School students for their performance in last week's production! The students were absolutely amazing on stage and showed such enthusiasm in their singing and dancing. It has been heartwarming to see the excitement continue, with many still proudly wearing their Superstan t-shirts to school.



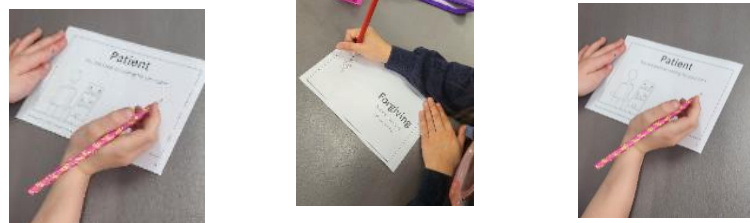
Kitchen Garden

The Preps have planted tomatoes and made Okonomiyaki (Japanese pancakes). We were so proud of the Preps tucking into their pancakes and trying something new! While waiting for the pancakes to cook the Preps completed a sensory garden scavenger hunt.



Well-being

Students have been learning to identify what strengths we need to be a good friend and family member. Groups acted out the different strengths while the rest of the class had to guess the strengths.



Father's Day Breakfast



Grade 3/4News

What a wonderful few weeks we've had in Year 3/4! Here's a snapshot of the exciting learning and achievements taking place in our classrooms.

Our students truly shone on stage in this year's **School Production, *Super Stan***. From singing, dancing and supporting behind the scenes, **every child played an important role** in making the performance a huge success.

We are so proud of the confidence, commitment, and enthusiasm the students brought to the stage. What a super effort – well done, everyone!

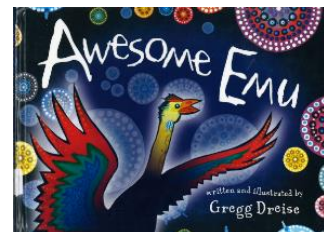
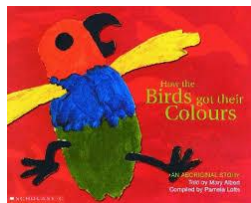
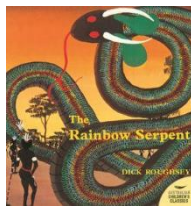


In reading, we've been diving into a range of **Indigenous mentor texts and Dreamtime stories**. Students have enjoyed discussing and writing reading responses, focusing on:

- Recalling important facts and details
- Identifying themes, morals, and messages in Dreamtime stories
- Exploring characters, settings, and events

We've had some fantastic conversations about the values and lessons shared in traditional stories – like honesty, kindness, patience, and respect for the land.

Inspired by what we've read, students have also started **creating their own Dreamtime-inspired stories**, using nature, animals, and meaningful morals to shape their narratives. Their imaginations are truly taking flight!



In Mathematics, we've been developing our understanding of:

- Number patterns
- Equations with missing addends
- Balanced equations

Students have been using their problem-solving skills to find missing numbers and explain their mathematical thinking clearly. We've been encouraging everyone to look for **patterns, strategies, and connections** in numbers.

In 3/4 Sport, we've continued to focus on teamwork, fair play, and communication through group and team games. Students are learning how to encourage each other, work towards a common goal, and show great sportsmanship — whether they win or lose. It's been fantastic to see their team spirit grow!

Reading

Last week, all Grade 5/6 students read Paul Jennings's short story 'Strap Box Flyer' and continued to practise using the 'Somebody, Wanted, But, So, Then' strategy to further develop their summarising skills.

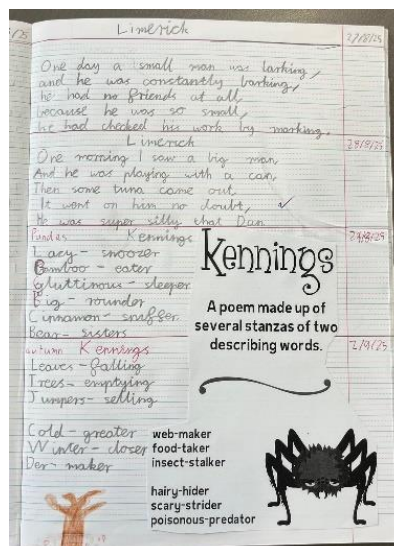
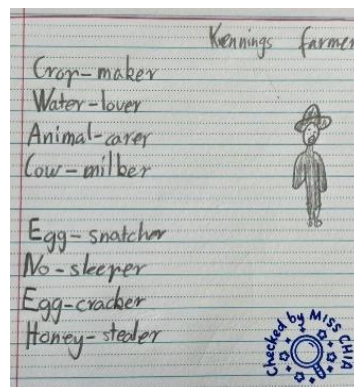
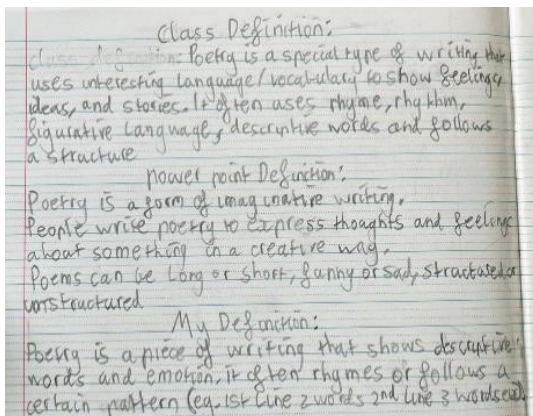
The story follows a clever, but dishonest Giffen who tricks people by selling an amazing glue that only works for a short time. His lies and schemes eventually catch up with him, leading to a surprising twist at the end.

Summarising	
<u>Somebody</u> Who was the main character or person?	Grierson who is a traveling salesman who sells daggy glue that only last 4 hours.
<u>Wanted</u> What did the character or person want?	he wanted alot of money.
<u>But</u> What was the problem?	Grierson got distracted with the strap box flyer.
<u>So</u> How did the character or person try to solve the problem?	Grierson wanted to steal the strap box flyer to make more money.
<u>Then</u> What was the resolution or outcome? How did the story end?	Grierson found out flinty made it with Grierson's glue and fell.

Summarising	
Somebody Who was the main character or person?	Giffen is a travelling car man who sells display glue that only lasts for 4 hours.
Wanted What did the character or person want?	He wanted to make alot of Money.
But What was the problem?	Giffen got distracted when he wanted to go away. (By the strap box flyer.)
So How did the character or person try to solve the problem?	He used the strap box flyer to go away because he had no time. Before the hours were up. Then Flinty told Giffen to use his glue to make the strap box flyer.
Then What was the resolution or outcome? How did the story end?	Hours were up and the glue started to stop. Shickling and Giffen fell.

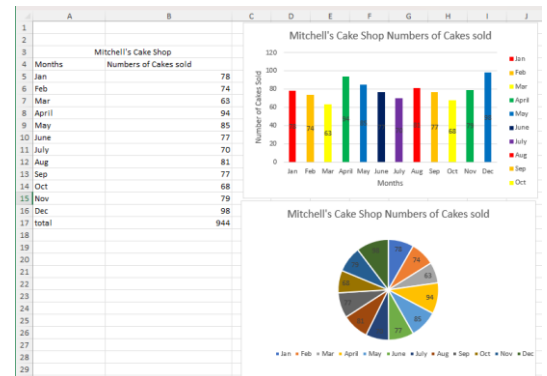
Writing

Over the past few weeks, students in Grade 5/6 have been exploring different types of poetry, including limericks, kennings, and free verse. They have enjoyed learning how each style works and trying out their own ideas. From the silly rhymes of limericks to the creative two-word kennings and the freedom of free verse, students have enjoyed playing with words and sharing their poems with the class.



Mathematics

We have been learning about different types of graphs, including column graphs, side-by-side column graphs, dot plots, line graphs, and stem-and-leaf plots. To begin, students practised collecting data by surveying their classmates on topics such as favourite takeaway food, sports played, and number of pets. They then used this data to create a variety of graphs and write factual statements based on their findings. In addition, all students learned how to use Excel to represent a given data set, and here are some examples of the digital graphs they created.



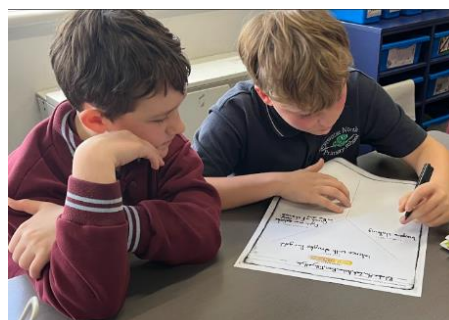
Cyber safety



This week and next week, students will be learning all about cyber safety. They reflected on their use of digital technology and their online activity, listing the different devices they use, how they use them, and how often. We also watched the #GameOn short clip on the eSafety Commissioner website, which highlights the consequences of making poor decisions online. After viewing, students discussed key topics around how to make responsible choices when using technology.

Integrated

This week, students continued to learn about life at the goldfields during the gold rush. We looked at where gold was mainly found and discovered that it was often located in creeks, rivers, and underground. Students explored how miners used different tools and methods, such as panning, cradling, and digging shafts, to search for gold. We also discussed the challenges they faced, including harsh living conditions, long hours of work, and the hope of striking it rich.



Father's Day

While the main casts were busy with their final rehearsals at school, the remaining 5/6 students were hard at work creating something special for Father's Day. Each student put in great effort to design a thoughtful card for their dad, grandpa, uncle, or another special person. They carefully chose their designs, wrote meaningful messages, and decorated their cards with creativity. It was a wonderful way to highlight the importance of showing appreciation and celebrating the people who support and care for us.



Production

Our school production is now complete, and what an incredible success it was! The two big nights were truly amazing, with the main cast giving their very best on stage two nights in a row. We are so proud of the effort, energy, and talent shown by all our 5/6 students. Well done, everyone!



EdConnect Week 2025

This week is EdConnect Week, and the Grade 5/6 teachers wanted to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to our two wonderful volunteers, Malcolm and Margaret, for the time, care, and support they give to our students each week. From patiently listening to reading, assisting with laminating, lending a hand in the classroom, and always encouraging our learners to do their best, they make a difference to our classroom. To show our appreciation, all students created a special thank you card filled with thoughtful messages!



Best wishes,
The 5/6 Team

Performing Arts News

The Amazing Adventures of SuperStan!

Wow, what amazing performances our students gave over the two nights at Karralyka Theatre. Taking the big stage in front of over 300 people each night, certainly takes a lot of courage.

I want to congratulate each and every student for your efforts and thank all staff and families for your combined support to make this all happen! We hope you all enjoyed the show and look forward to the next show in two years time.





Video and DVD- please purchase your copy of the show via the link in Compass.

Production T-shirts: It's fantastic to see the students wearing their t-shirts to school, this is part of the school uniform now - **except for excursions.**

Ensembles: Choir and Ukulele groups will resume in Term 4, new members are welcome to join.

Monday lunchtime - Choir

Tuesday lunchtime - Ukulele Group

Upcoming in Term 4: We will be busily preparing for our annual Christmas Concert, Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony and Final Assembly performances.

Thank you all for another amazing and successful production year, have a safe and relaxing holidays!

Ms. Mariel Koroibulu

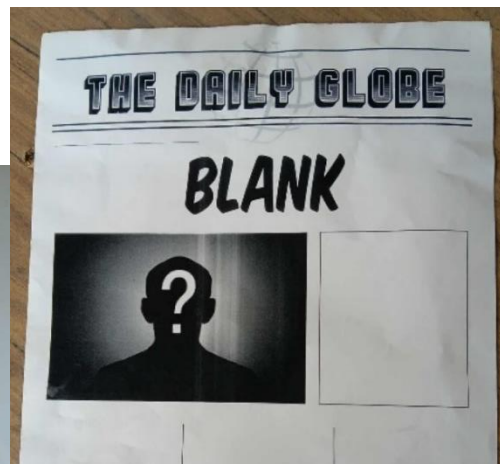
Performing Arts

Amazing Adventures of SuperStan Props!

I was so proud of how the props turned out and really added to our wonderful show. It is amazing what you can do with things we ordinarily throw away! Some of the things we used to create the props included cardboard boxes, tubes, plastic cups, paper plates and bowls, newspaper, lids, plastic packaging, polystyrene, pool noodles, foam and an old garden chair nabbed from hard rubbish!

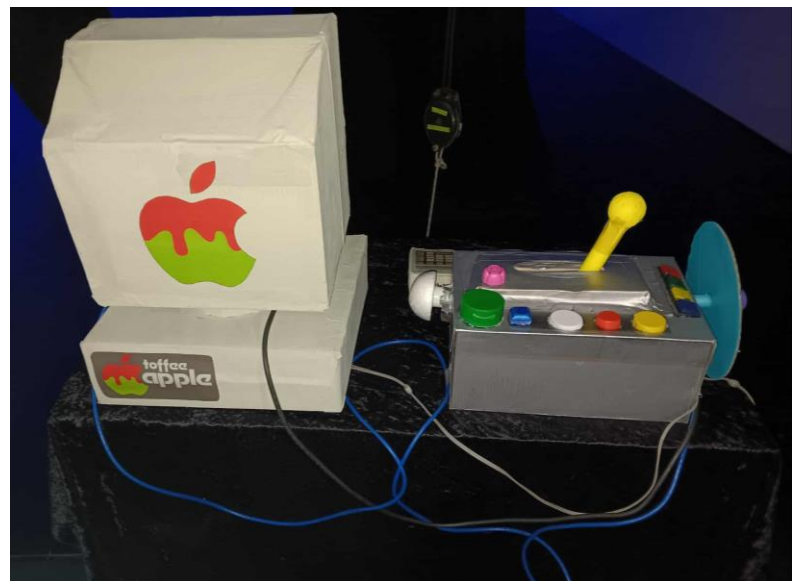
Thanks so much to all of the students who so eagerly met me in the Art room every recess and lunch, asking how they can help with props and sets. Your efforts and enthusiasm were so appreciated and what we created together was quite amazing! Thanks also to the staff for our lovely afternoon arty session and the support staff and teachers who also contributed in their spare time. These things are not possible without helpers, so I am so grateful for the support, particularly Ana, Kirsty, Sandra, Caroline, Cate, Lauren, Liz, Tegan, Georgia, Mariel, Mary Ellen, Sarah R and my husband Alex. Special mentions to Art club members; Phillip, Dakota, Emily T, Rose, Mika, Ri, Zoe, Charlotte R, Bella, who showed such commitment and initiative. We had extra students keen to help too, so thank you to Olivia, Emily HK, Hannah HK, Maia, Macey, Kayden, Jayden, Jaiden, Xavier, Grace, Mariah, Liliana, Kierianah. Hopefully I haven't forgotten anyone. Please enjoy the pictures and we hope you enjoy them as much as we enjoyed making them! (Ebony Dijk, Visual Art teacher)

Megaville Reporters,
Max Volume, Sunny Day
and Dan Deadline



The Candy Queen and the Fun Factory





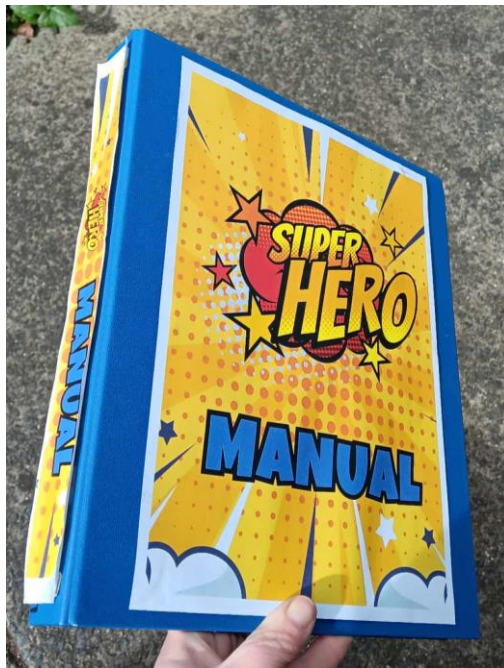


Mayor Doughnut and the Megaville Misfits-Bogeyman





Superheroes
Stanley Marvel
SuperStan
DC
Bogeyman



The Megaville Citizens'- Pop Art Onomatopoeia signs



Chaplain's Spot

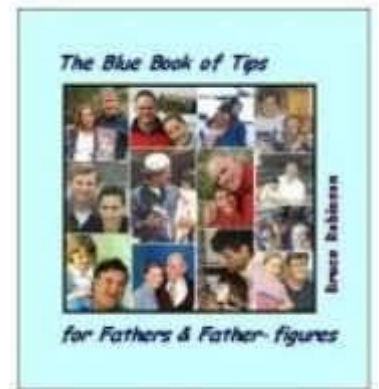
Top Tips for Fathers and Father figures

A few years ago, a group called 'The Fathering Project' created the above book to help Fathers and Father-figures to give children what they most need from male role models.

This was a handy and helpful book. Here are 10 of the tips they shared with us.

- 1] Saying 'I love you' to them: making eye contact, writing them notes, even when they don't expect it.
- 2] Showing them you love them: by spending time with them, hugs, caring for them when they are sick.
- 3] Letting them know that your love is unconditional: it doesn't depend on their performance or behaviour.
- 4] Help them feel special: about their personality, their talents, their creativity, don't compare them to other kids.
- 5] Create special times with them: have Dad dates, movies, walks, shopping, camping.
- 6] Help them realise they have a special future: it will have ups and downs, but it will be their own unique journey.
- 7] Build their confidence: teach them to do things for themselves, encourage reasonable risk, no put downs.
- 8] Make use of time before or after school: drive or walk with them to school, take them out for breakfast, turn off the TV and play board games.
- 9] Weekends and holidays: attend sports, pancakes for breakfast, take them on surprise trips, create adventurous holidays.
- 10] Stimulate their curiosity: encourage imagination, take them to the museum, help them become interested in nature, interesting people and the world.

Have fun trying these out guys. I had a lovely, and chaotic, Father's Day lunch with our 3 kids and 5 grandchildren, also sharing the day with our grandson turning 12. Fun times!



Here is a free event: Get ready to be inspired by stories of resilience and growth at the Youth in Focus event - it's all about helping young people thrive!

"Youth in Focus: Helping Young People Thrive"

[For parents, guardians and families](#)

[Wednesday, 17 September 2025](#) 7.00 to 8.30 pm

[Manningham Function Centre](#), 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

To register, go to the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/youth-in-focus-helping-young-people-thrive-tickets-1478917685609?aff=oddtcreator>

Community wellbeing: Each Thursday, we run a Breakfast Club program before school in the Canteen. This is open to all students. We are part of the Foodbank program, and we are able to offer fruit, cereal, toast, and mini milks

We have plenty of **second-hand uniforms** for sale, for gold coin donations – including many polo shirts. There are also several **school bags**. **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. 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.

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', the GRPS School Council and donations.

Community News



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\$165 FOR 8 WEEKS

A GREAT INTRODUCTION TO SOCCER! CHILDREN WORK WITH THEIR PARENTS TO LEARN NEW SOCCER SKILLS AND DEVELOP THEIR MOTOR SKILLS! LOTS OF FUN GAMES IN A NON-COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT!



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\$170 FOR 8 WEEKS

CHILDREN TAKE THEIR FIRST KICKS IN SOCCER! THEY'LL BE INTRODUCED TO SHOOTING, DRIBBLING, GOAL KEEPING AND MORE. CHILDREN GET TO PLAY LOTS OF FUN, SKILL BASED GAMES. GRASSHOPPERS GET INTRODUCED TO PINT SIZE 1V1 BIG GAME!



INTRO TO MICRO (5-6 YRS OLD) MICRO (6-8 YRS OLD) 60 MINUTE CLASSES

\$180 FOR 8 WEEKS

THE ULTIMATE CHALLENGE FOR YOUNG SOCCER PLAYERS! THEY'LL LEARN THE RULES OF THE GRASSHOPPER SOCCER BIG GAME AND DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS IN PASSING, DRIBBLING, SHOOTING AND MORE!



MICRO PLUS (8-12 YRS OLD) 60 MINUTE CLASSES

\$180 FOR 8 WEEKS

THIS PROGRAM FOCUSES ON SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND TEAMWORK IN PREPARATION FOR CLUB SOCCER. CHILDREN WILL ENJOY ALL THE FAVOURITE SOCCER BASED GAMES, FINE TUNE THEIR SKILLS AS WELL AS PLAY THE GRASSHOPPER SOCCER BIG GAME!



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SEASON STARTS OCTOBER 4TH/5TH 2025

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2025 Croydon Electorate Christmas Card Competition

A wonderful opportunity for students to have their artwork shared with the wider community.

**David Hodgett MP - Croydon Electorate**
Christmas Card Competition 2025

Artist Name:

Artist Age:

School:

Grade:

Parents/Guardian Name:

Address:

Mobile:

Email:





Entries close Tuesday 11th November 2025
Post or deliver to 60 Main Street Croydon 3136 or
email to David.Hodgett@parliament.vic.gov.au

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SORTED

LOCATION	DATE	TIME
WALKER PARK (MITCHAM) ALL GIRLS	TUESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER	9AM - 3PM
KILSYTH RECREATION RESERVE	TUESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER	9AM - 3PM
LIBERTY RESERVE (ROWVILLE)	FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER	9AM - 3PM
HEATHERDALE RESERVE (MITCHAM)	THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER	9AM - 3PM

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SORTED

KILSYTH RECREATION RESERVE
TUESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER
\$55
9am - 3pm






SUMMER OF CRICKET

COME & TRY JUNIOR CRICKET

Calling all boys and girls to a fun-filled morning of cricket!

 When: Sunday 14th and 21st September
 Time: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
 Where: The Basin Cricket Club (Batterham Reserve)

This is the perfect chance to come down, have a hit,
meet the coaches, and learn what junior cricket at
The Basin CC is all about!

- ✓ All skill levels welcome
- ✓ Free event
- ✓ Games, drills, and fun activities
- ✓ Meet our friendly junior coaches and club members
- ✓ Great for kids aged 5–16!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, GET IN TOUCH.

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or call 0413 367 780