

Bayswater North  
Primary School



# THE LINK

A NEWSLETTER LINKING THE BAYSWATER NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

## From the Principal's Desk

### Welcome Back!

I would like to wish all of our returning students and families a warm 'Welcome Back' for 2026! It has been lovely reconnecting with families and catching up on how everyone spent their time over the holidays. There is a definite theme of most people enjoying the break, but also being ready to return to the routine of school.



I would also like to extend a huge Bayswater North PS welcome to our new families. We have 20 Prep students this year, with 11 of those being new families to our school. We also have 9 new students across our other year levels, bringing another 7 families to our school as well. It is so great to have you all here, and I am looking forward to getting to know you better as the year goes on.

### Updated Class Schedule and Eating Times

We are now at the end of our first full week of the new schedule, and are beginning to get used to our different times for learning and eating. The aims of this update are to provide a longer time in the morning for our 'heavier' curriculum content, providing greater flexibility for implementing all curriculum areas, and allowing us to have a dedicated STEM specialist class.

Students are having a 'brain food' (fruit snack) break during the morning block, followed by 10 minutes of eating time at 11:30 where they are eating their main lunch. Before our second break at 2 pm, they are also provided time to eat their remaining snack.

### Clubs at Second Break

This year we have extended our Clubs Program to include a different club every day of the week. The year levels who are invited to clubs will change throughout the year to ensure there is something each week that will suit students from across the school.

There will be posters put up around the school to let students know which clubs are on each day. Once the library opens again for student borrowing, we will also be opening the library for quiet reading or mindful colouring during a couple of break times per week.

### Our Clubs Schedule for this term is:

- Monday - Choir with Miss Koroibulu - Years 2-6
- Tuesday - Art Club with Mrs Holland - alternating weeks seniors and juniors
- Wednesday - STEM with Mrs Wilton - P-2 students
- Thursday - Games with Mr Silverwood - all ages
- Friday - Garden with Narelle - ages to be decided.

## Calendar

Friday February 6 2026  
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2026

February

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>  
Gr 5 Boronia K-12 Discovery Day

Friday 13<sup>th</sup>  
Assembly

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>  
School Council Meeting 6pm

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>  
The Link

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
School Photos

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>  
Grade 5/6 Gala Sports Day  
Grade 5/6 Information Night 5pm-6pm

Friday 27<sup>th</sup>  
Assembly

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>  
School Discovery Morning

## From the Principal's Desk continued..

### **School Council Elections**

In the next couple of weeks I will be opening the election process for our 2026 School Council. In addition to our regular process there will be a couple of extra positions open as some of our current school counsellors are resigning due to other commitments.

As a parent of our school, if you have an interest in how our school runs, joining school council is an excellent way to get a deeper understanding of school operations, have input into important decisions and policies, and build an even stronger connection to our school.

For a small time commitment (8 meetings per year) you can really have a say in what goes on at Bayswater North.

Please talk to any of our current school council members, or me, to find out more.

### **Facilities Updates**

Did I mention to anyone that 2026 would be the year of building works at our school?

**Fences** - this project is getting closer to completion, and the hardware for the staff carpark gates has been installed today. This gate should be operational by the middle of next week if everything goes to plan. This has been a huge job and I appreciate the patience everyone has shown throughout the process. It has been great to hear positive feedback from both families and local residents about how good it looks, the added safety it will bring for our students, and security it will provide to our grounds outside of hours.

**Playgrounds** - I feel like I have been talking about the commencement of these works for months already - with nothing to show for it! However... My latest email was that the builders were being finalised and the project should commence shortly. Stay tuned.

**Junior Building** - If you have a student in the junior building, you would be aware that we have temporarily moved the Prep class to Room 5. This is to allow us to investigate and repair a damp issue in rooms 1 & 2. We have had all the rooms in the building checked and have been advised the rest of the rooms in that building are ok to use.

### **School Discovery Morning**

This year we are having an open morning on Saturday 28th February from 10am to 1pm to invite local families who may be interested in enrolling at Bayswater North next year or beyond. Please share this information with anyone you know who you think may be interested. There will be activities for little ones to complete, and some staff available to meet and chat to. See flyer below.

Mrs Graunke  
Principal

Bayswater North  
Primary School

**School  
Discovery  
Morning**

Come meet our teachers, tour the  
school, and learn about our programs!  
*All families and students are welcome.*

**FEB 28, 10 AM – 1 PM**  
2-24 STUART ST,  
BAYSWATER NORTH

PH: 9729 1744  
E: [bayswater.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:bayswater.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

## School Photos



PO Box 332 East Bentleigh VIC 3165 • 03 9570 9311 • [www.eliteschoolphotography.com.au](http://www.eliteschoolphotography.com.au)

### BAYSWATER NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING

The official School Photos will be taken by Elite School Photography on

## Monday 23rd February 2026

All orders are to be completed online, via the Elite School Photography website, prior to photo day.

You can order your Child's School Photos by using the login code ESP202515 and follow the easy to use steps to order. Please ensure all relevant details are filled out correctly, including full class details.

Family Discount - If you have more than 2 children attending this School, please list all their First Names and all their Classes and select only 2 as the quantity, for the Deluxe and Standard packs. Your third and subsequent Child will receive their packs free of charge, but you must list all your children's names though. This family discount will only apply to the Deluxe & Standard Packs.

If you have any queries regarding School Photos, please contact our friendly staff at ESP directly on (03) 9570 9311

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## Junior School News

### A big welcome to our 2026 Preps!

#### Literacy

The Preps have been introduced to Little Learners Love Literacy (LLLL) and have met Milo Monkey who represents the letter Mm. They have been practising writing the upper and lower case letter Mm and have been learning to 'chin it', 'bin it' and 'park it' with their individual mini whiteboards. They have been practising writing their name.

The students have begun investigating recount writing. We read the text, 'Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge' by Mem Fox, and learnt how memories can make us happy or sad or silly. They were able to recount a special memory of their own to tell to another student.

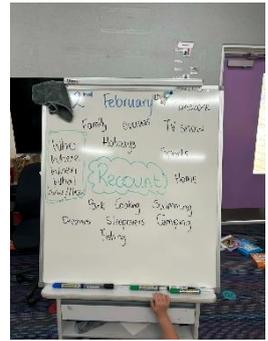


The Preps have been practising how to sit when listening to a story being read to them. They have also been learning that books have a title, author, pictures and a front cover. For reading, we have been practising choosing 'just right books' for our Independent Reading.

In Little Learners Love Literacy, the Grade 1's have been revising some of the sounds and letters that they learnt in Prep - 'sh, ch, th, ng and ph'. They have also practised writing words, letter formation and reading 'Heart Words' that they learnt last year.

Grade 2 LLLL began with revising sounds taught last year including 'ng, sh, tch, ph and er'. They have also practised robot walk with multisyllabic words such as 'entertaining' and 'rocket', and noticed how the word 'sunset' is made up of two smaller words 'sun' and 'set', and together they make a compound word!

In Writing students have been learning about Recounts, and how to write about things that have happened in the past using 'who, when, where, what, why and how'.



### Maths

In Maths, the Preps have been rote counting to 10 and learning the difference between numerals and non-numerals. The grade 1 /2's have been looking at Place Value, organising materials into groups of 10's, connecting the number of tens and ones with the name of the number and identifying and recording numbers on a Place Value chart.



### Wellbeing

The Preps have had a tour of the school and are learning where everything is and are enjoying the whole school play everywhere day on Fridays with the Grade 6s.

Grade 1 and 2 students have revisited the School Values of Respect, Connection and Perseverance, creating Class Agreements and posters of how the Values look/feel/sound. We have also created a mural which represents us all individually, but brings us together in connection as a community!

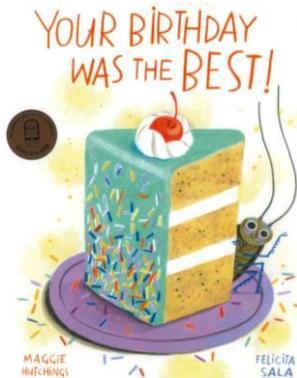


## IN GRADE 3/4 ....



### Getting to know you scavenger hunt

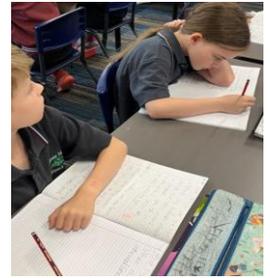
Last week, as part of our Back to School activities, all students participated in a 'Get to Know You' scavenger hunt. It was fun, interactive and encouraged students to move around the classroom, ask questions, and discover shared interests with their friends.



### Reading

The mentor text for this week was *Your Birthday Was the Best*, with a focus on helping students make meaningful text-to-self, text-to-text, and text-to-world connections. As we progressed through the book, students discussed how the events and characters related to their own experiences, compared the story to other texts they have read, and considered how the book connects to the wider world. Here are some amazing connections students have made:

I remember my 6th birthday because I had a jumping castle. - Cam S



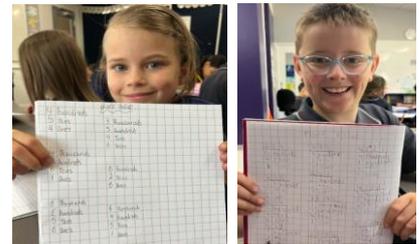
This makes me think about Super Mario Bros. Mario and Luigi save Peach from getting chased by Bowser, so Peach doesn't have to marry Bowser. - Tex

It reminds me of a friend at Kinder. But when we had to move to go to school, we went to a different school. - Ruby



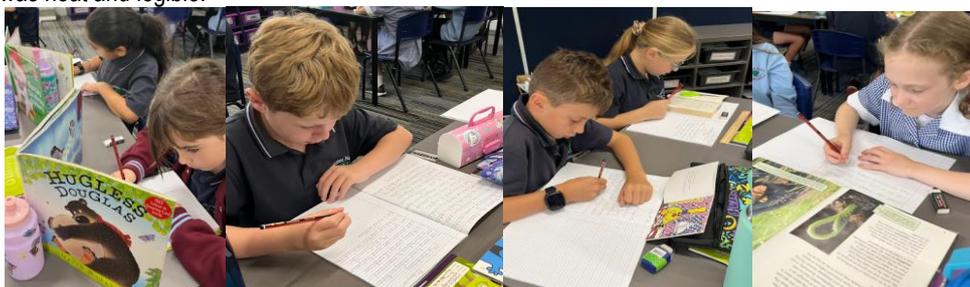
### Maths

This week, our Grade 3/4 students have been learning all about place value. Students rolled dice to create numbers up to 5 digits and then recorded them on their place value charts. They explored the value of each digit in a number, identified the hundreds, tens, and ones, and practiced reading and writing large numbers.



### Writing

This week in Writing, we focused on sentence structure. Students learned how to write complete sentences consisting of a subject and a predicate, and how to make their sentences more interesting by using strong verbs. They practiced joining simple sentences using connectives and exploring cause and effect in their writing. In addition to these skills, students also completed some handwriting practice to ensure their writing was neat and legible.

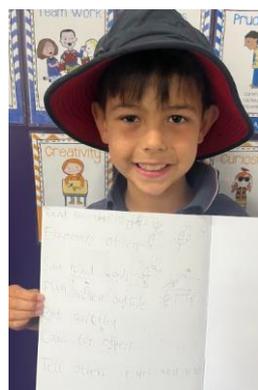


**All About Me Collage**

As part of our back-to-school activities, students created an 'All About Me' collage to share important information about themselves. They included things such as things they like, a self-portrait, family, and fun facts. The finished collages will be displayed in our classrooms to create a sense of belonging!



**School Values - Respect, Connection and Perseverance**



Last week, we explored the importance and meaning of Respect, as it is one of our school values. At the end of the session, students brainstormed an action for each letter in the word 'RESPECT'.

During our Connection lesson, students were given strips of paper to write down someone in their lives they feel a special connection to. Some students chose friends, parents, siblings, or neighbours. In addition to identifying the person, students also wrote about how they feel loved and supported by these people.



When learning about Perseverance, students participated in a variety of activities such as throwing and catching a balloon, stacking dominoes to build the tallest tower, rolling six dice to get sixes, and bouncing a ping pong ball into a cup.

They were given one minute to complete each activity, encouraging them to focus, try their best, and keep going even if it's challenging.



**Grade 3/4 Term 1 Overview 2026**



**Term 1 Overview - Year 3/4, 2026**



**English**

**Reading**

- Mentor texts (High quality picture story books and short texts to help students learn how good writing works)
- Soundwaves (Phonics based spelling Program)

**Writing**

- Explore language features of different genres (Expositions and Narratives)

**Integrated Studies**

**Kitchen Garden**

- Food Processes and Nutrition

**Civics and Citizenship**

- Local Government and Communities
- How Decisions are made
- Rules and Laws

**Mathematics**

**Number**

- Place Value

**Four Processes**

- Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division

**Measurement**

- Length, perimeter and Area

**NAPLAN**

- Week 7 & 8

**Wellbeing & Respectful Relationships**

**UR Strong**

- Friendology

**Start Up Program**

- Revising behaviour expectations, unpack school values, create class agreements and norms

## IN GRADE 5/6...

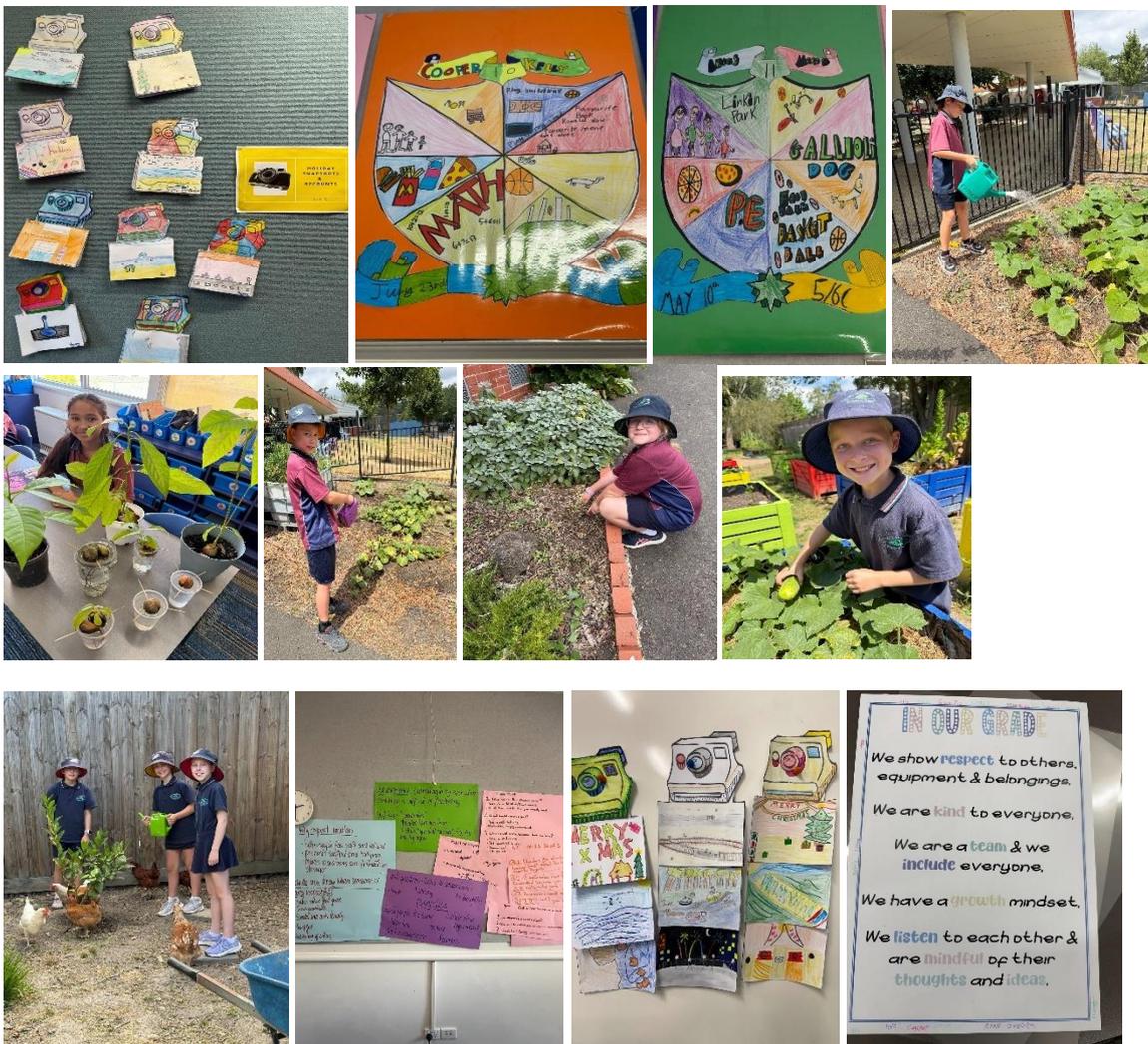
The first two weeks of school in grades 5/6 have been a positive and energetic start to the year. Students have been busy participating in a range of *get-to-know-you activities* and sharing *holiday recounts and pics*, helping to build connections and re-establish classroom routines.

A strong focus has also been placed on revisiting our school values of Connections, Perseverance and Respect. Through discussions and activities, students have worked together to establish positive learning communities and clear class expectations, setting the tone for a successful year ahead.

Excitement has been building as students discovered their interschool sport teams in preparation for the upcoming Gala Day on Tuesday 24th February. It has been wonderful to see many of our new Grade Five students proudly wearing their sports shirts, showing great school spirit as they prepare to represent BNPS.

Specialist classes and Kitchen Garden have also commenced, with the addition of STEM to the timetable this year. Students have adapted extremely well to the new routines, and it has been lovely to receive such positive feedback from our specialist teachers about how smoothly the transition has been.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year of learning, teamwork and growth as our students continue to demonstrate our school values each day.



## STEM News

I'm so excited to share that this year we have introduced STEM learning across the school, and it has been such a positive start already. *STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics*. It is all about students learning by doing - asking questions, solving problems, working together and having a go.

All classes have absolutely loved getting started with STEM. Students have been taking part in hands-on challenges, including longest paper chain and designing paper towers, which were a lot more challenging than they sound. It has been wonderful to see students so engaged, supporting one another and proudly sharing their creations.



We have had discussions around how we can all work safely and respectfully in the STEM room. Together, students brainstormed safety rules which will be collated to create a shared poster.

We have also spent time exploring where STEM learning can take students in the future. Our new wall display features hot air balloons representing different STEM related careers.



From Week 3 I will be launching a STEM Club during Wednesday afternoon play.

To begin with, the club will be open to Prep to Grade 2 students, and we'll see how numbers go as we get started.

The plan is to eventually open the club up more broadly across the school.

**Beth Wilton - STEM Teacher**

## Chaplain's Spot

'Who am I?'



Another school year has begun. I wonder how your holiday has been. One of my activities was to create a list of '26 things to do in 2026'. It is a mixture of one-off items and ongoing challenges. It is also categorised by health/exercise, self, faith, family, others.

One item is to complete all my jigsaws, including new ones [mostly purchased from the Opp Shop]. I have completed 7 so far. I like the challenge, even the 'Where's Wally?' one.

The following quote refers to the discovery of knowing 'who I am'. We are most at peace when we discover our strengths, the qualities that are inherently 'me'. From a place of such strength, we can empower others to find and embrace their own strengths.



For those families who are new to the school, here are a few facts about who I am:

I was born in the same year that Mount Everest was first successfully climbed. [Look it up if you don't know]. I have a wife, Bonnie, three children and five grandchildren. Bonnie and I have lived in the same Heathmont house for almost 47 years. I love music, brain puzzles and walking. I attend a gym 3 times a week. I am a man of faith, who seeks to empower others in their journey of life. I often wear odd socks and tell jokes. I love having FUN!

May this year be a significant one for you and your family. You will see below my theme for this year - 'Be the best you'. That will be my ongoing encouragement for students and the whole school community throughout the year.

**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, toast, and mini milks, and sometimes special focus days.

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 out regularly, or just occasionally, please let me know. We would be rapt to welcome any new team members. Stacey joined our team this week, and then all the other team members were unable to come, including Sarah with a foot injury. Thanks Stacey, plus the 3 staff who assisted us, plus Hannah, Zoe and Charlie as well.

**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



AUSTRALIA'S #1 NON-COMPETITIVE SOCCER PROGRAM



## TERM 1, 2026 SOCCER FUN FOR GIRLS & BOYS AGED 2-12!

STARTING FROM 13TH FEBRUARY



FIRST 30 NEW  
ENROLMENTS RECEIVE  
COMPLIMENTARY SHIRT  
AND SHORTS!

### FOR A FREE TRIAL CALL 0405469333

### MITE (2-3 YRS OLD) 35 MINUTE CLASSES

**\$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!



### PINT SIZE (4-5 YRS OLD) 50 MINUTE CLASSES

**\$175 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

**\$185 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

**\$190 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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**TERM 1 STARTING 13TH FEBRUARY 2026**



# ENROLMENT FORM

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

|                            |         |         |         |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| CHILD'S NAME:              |         | DOB:    |         |
| PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME:    |         |         |         |
| ADDRESS:                   |         | SUBURB: | P/CODE: |
| PHONE:                     | MOBILE: | EMAIL:  |         |
| HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US: |         |         |         |

## TERM CENTRES (PLEASE TICK)

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> WANTIRNA PRIMARY SCHOOL | 120 MOUNTAIN HWY, WANTIRNA VIC 3152<br>8 week program starting Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WANTIRNA PRIMARY SCHOOL | 120 MOUNTAIN HWY, WANTIRNA VIC 3152<br>8 week program starting Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> February to Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> April |
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## PROGRAMS

| CLASS TIMES           | MITE-E<br>2-3 YRS OLD | PINT SIZE<br>4-5 YRS OLD | INTRO TO MICRO<br>5-6 YRS OLD | MICRO<br>6-8 YRS OLD | MICRO PLUS<br>8-12 YRS OLD |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| WANTIRNA PRIMARY -FRI | N/A                   | N/A                      | 4.30 - 5.30 PM                | 4.30 - 5.30 PM       | 4.30 - 5.30 PM             |
| WANTIRNA PRIMARY -SAT | 8.30 - 9.05 AM        | 8.30 - 9.05 AM           | 9.30 - 10.30 AM               | 9.30 - 10.30 AM      | 9.30 - 10.30 AM            |
|                       |                       |                          |                               |                      |                            |
| <b>TERM FEE</b>       | <b>\$165</b>          | <b>\$175</b>             | <b>\$185</b>                  | <b>\$185</b>         | <b>\$190</b>               |

PLEASE TICK YOUR PROGRAM  MITE - E (2-3 YRS OLD)  PINT SIZE (4-5 YRS OLD)  INTRO TO MICRO (5-6 YRS OLD)  MICRO (6-8 YRS OLD)  MICRO PLUS (8-12 YRS OLD)

## PAYMENT

PAYMENT OPTIONS: CASH, BANK TRANSFER OR CREDIT CARD

GRASSHOPPER SOCCER HAS A **NO REFUND POLICY!**  
PLEASE NOTE: PAYMENTS WITH CC WILL INCUR A 1.7% PROCESSING FEE

NAME: Santosh T    BSB: 733044    ACC: 879756    REFERENCE: CHILD'S NAME

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT (PLEASE TICK)  VISA  MASTERCARD

CREDIT CARDS PROCESSED AS GRASSHOPPER SOCCER

CREDIT CARD NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRY: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_



**PARENT'S CONSENT:** I HEREBY AUTHORISE GRASSHOPPER SOCCER TO ACT ON MY BEHALF SHOULD MY CHILD REQUIRE MEDICAL ATTENTION AND RELEASE GRASSHOPPER SOCCER FROM ANY LIABILITY INCURRED BY MY CHILD AT GRASSHOPPER SOCCER PROGRAMS. PHOTOS/VIDEOS OF CHILDREN ATTENDING THESE PROGRAMS MAY BE USED FOR REASONABLE PROMOTIONAL PURPOSES BY GRASSHOPPER SOCCER

**ADD: GRASSHOPPER SOCCER SHIRT, SHORTS & HAT - ENROLMENT SPECIAL - \$70**

SIZE - PLEASE TICK

XXS  XS  S  M  L

DO YOU AGREE:  YES  NO

ENROLMENT SPECIAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TERM FEE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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**BAYSWATER JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**

**REGISTRATION DAY**

Sunday  
Feb 15th, 9:30am-11am

Bayswater JFC,  
799 Mountain Highway

**2026**

5 - 18 years old  
Boys and girls teams!  
New players welcome!  
Meet your coaches

We are a Good Sports club

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Contact Scott Jolly  
0400329679

Visit our website  
[www.bayswaterjfc.com.au](https://www.bayswaterjfc.com.au)

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EFNL UNDER 18 GIRLS PREMIERS 2025

EFNL EASTERN FOOTBALL NETWORK LEAGUE



**CROYDON RANGES**

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CROYDON RANGES F.C.

**JUNIOR REGISTRATION NIGHT**

9TH FEBRUARY  
6PM-8PM  
SILCOCK RESERVE  
BBQ  
COME AND TRY SOCCER ACTIVITIES  
#ONEINALLIN  
U7-U16 BOYS AND GIRLS  
CROYDONRANGESFCJUNIORS@GMAIL.COM



**ALL GIRLS GROUPS AVAILABLE**

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**AUSKICK REGISTRATIONS FOR 2026 ARE NOW OPEN!**



AFL PLAY



## GIRLS ONLY

# INTRO TO CRICKET PROGRAM FEB 2026

Calling all girls aged 4 and above? Come join Knox Boronia Cricket Club in a four week, girls only, come and try program. All sessions are **FREE** and will run on Saturday mornings from 9-10am - dates below. No experience required and all equipment supplied. Come alone or bring a friend. We hope to see you there! Parents are welcome to participate. All welcome!

**Session 1, 7th Feb -**  
Intro to Cricket

**Session 2, 14th Feb -** Meet some of our women's team.

**Session 3, 21st Feb -**  
Developing skills

**Session 4, 28th Feb -** Final session includes a scavenger hunt, BBQ and prizes!

Image credit: cricket.com.au

**MILLER PARK**  
1133 Mountain Hwy, Boronia VIC 3155

*hope to see you there!*

For more information/expression of interest contact James at [0406 846 765](tel:0406846765)  
[jcrender98@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jcrender98@optusnet.com.au) or Patricia at [patri1348.hi@gmail.com](mailto:patri1348.hi@gmail.com)

## Movie Night at Grayswood Reserve

Next date: Saturday, 21 February 2026 | 06:30 PM to 10:30 PM



**This free Celebrate Maroondah event will be a night of fun for all ages, with a special viewing of the movie 'IF'.**

Bring your family and friends to Grayswood Reserve for an evening of fun for all ages, featuring a special screening of the film "IF" once the sun sets. Before the movie there will be kids' crafts and activities along with raving entertainers for everyone to enjoy.

Pack your own picnic to enjoy, and if you are in the mood for a treat there will be vendors onsite to buy icecream and coffee.

Come and help us celebrate Maroondah at this wonderful community event!

### Event details

- **Date:** Saturday 21 February 2026
- **Time:** Activities from 6.30pm. Movie will start approximately 8.15pm.
- **Venue:** [Grayswood Reserve](#), 23-25 Watermaor Avenue, Kilsyth South
- **Cost:** Free
- No bookings required
- This is a smoke, vape and dog free family event.
- Please take all waste home with you.

### What to bring

- picnic rug
- chair (low back only)
- reusable water bottle
- picnic dinner (you can help minimise waste with re-usable bottles and containers)
- sunscreen
- appropriate clothing for the weather
- a torch if you will be walking home in the dark

Please do not bring anything that will block others view such as tents, marquees, and high back chairs.

### Schedule of events

**6:30pm: Pre-show entertainment**

- Free kids' crafts
- Face painting
- Roving entertainers
- Ice cream and coffee on sale

**approx. 8.15pm: Main entertainment**

- Screening of IF

### Further information

For further information please contact Council on [1300 88 22 33](tel:1300882233) or email [maroondah@maroondah.vic.gov.au](mailto:maroondah@maroondah.vic.gov.au)



## JUNIOR BASKETBALL PLAYERS WANTED

### FOR WINTER 2026

No experience in basketball is necessary. All players will receive training on a weekly basis to develop their basketball skills.

To join you must be aged 6 years and over as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

Winter 2026 will commence week beginning of Term 3, 2026.

**Registration Fee: \$340 (includes weekly game fee, player and spectator entry fees and all training costs)**

**Uniform: \$100.00 (includes player singlet and shorts)**

**Basketball Victoria Insurance Fee \$34.00**

**Basketball Australia Game Development Levy \$5.50**

**NEW UNDER 8's and UNDER 9's PLAYERS RECEIVE FREE REGISTRATION (Value \$90)**  
Apply voucher code '473D47CA' at checkout

Scan the QR code today to join the Hornet's nest!  
Registrations close 14th February 2026



For more information on becoming a player please contact Gayle Babb on 0401 217 758



## RINGWOOD CENTRAL TENNIS CLUB

Jubilee Park, Gardini Avenue, Ringwood

# OPEN DAY

**Sunday 8th February 2026**  
**11.00 am - 2.00 pm**

FAMILY FUN DAY | EVERYONE WELCOME

All Ages and Abilities

Hot Shots Tennis | Ball Machine | Giveaways

Food and Drink available throughout the day

Free Hitting on the courts 11.00 am - 2.00 pm!






**COME ALONG AND JOIN THE FUN**

For any enquiries contact e: [info@rctennisclub.com](mailto:info@rctennisclub.com)

**Community safety**

# Safety around schools

**A road safety initiative**




**2 Maroondah - Safety around schools**

## Help us ensure the safety of children, pedestrians and motorists around our streets and schools.

### Keeping children safe

Speed zones, pedestrian crossings and parking restrictions around schools are there to improve the movement of traffic during peak times and maximise safety for children and all road users.

You can help by obeying road rules and allowing enough time to drop off and pick up of your child. Children are vulnerable and subject to acting on impulse. It is vital that adults lead by example and set good road safety practices when crossing roads.

#### Five tips around schools:

1. Allow enough time to take your child to the school gate safely. Consider parking a few streets away and walking your child the rest of the way to school.
2. Obey all traffic control signs and the directions of the school crossing supervisor.
3. Plan with your child as to when and where they can be picked up or dropped off safely. Find locations where it is safe to get out of the car and cross the road.
4. Where available, always cross at a supervised school crossing even if it is further away.
5. Never call children from across the road.



**3 Maroondah - Safety around schools**

### Road rules, parking and traffic signs are there to protect the safety of all pedestrians and road users.

#### Observe parking signs:

- No stopping**  
No stopping zones cannot be used at any time for stopping, parking, dropping off or picking up students/passengers. These zones can also be marked by yellow lines.
- No parking**  
Often located in designated school drop off and pick up areas. The driver must remain with the vehicle at all times.
- Disabled parking**  
This parking space can only be used by vehicles displaying a blue disabled parking permit. Vehicles without a permit cannot park here at all, even to drop off/pick up.
- Bus zones**  
Bus zones are for public or private bus use only. The driver of a private vehicle is not allowed to stop in a bus zone at any time.

#### Remember:

**It is an offence to:**

- Double park by stopping next to a legally parked vehicle, even for a short time or to drop off/pick up passengers.
- Stop or park within 10 metres of an intersection or corner that doesn't have traffic lights.
- Stop or park across or in a bus zone.
- Stop in the middle of a road to drop off or pick up passengers.

#### How can Council help?

Council's Local Laws Officers regularly patrol streets and roads around Maroondah schools at peak school times.

If you have questions about restrictions, traffic control or enforcement, please contact Council.

#### Common parking rules:

**Pedestrian crossings**  
A vehicle must not stop 20 metres before or 10 metres after a school crossing, which may have no stopping restrictions or yellow line markings along the kerb. This ensures children can be clearly seen by approaching vehicles.



**Double parking**  
Vehicles must not stop on a road adjacent to another vehicle to drop off or pick up passengers. Double parking forces other vehicles to divert, causing traffic congestion and line of sight issues, which can cause accidents with pedestrians or vehicles.



**Driveways and yellow lines**  
A vehicle is allowed to stop on or across a driveway to pick up or drop off passengers, but the driver must remain within the vehicle, not stop longer than 2 minutes or block any footpaths. Areas marked with a yellow line are similar to No Stopping Areas, a driver must not park any part of a vehicle next to a yellow line.



**Maroondah City Council takes the safety of children around schools seriously. Council's Local Laws Officers can and will issue fines.**



1300 88 22 33 or 9298 4598  
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# Safe to school

**How to drop off and pick up children safely**



### Supervise children in or near traffic

The best way for children to learn to be safe on the roads is under your guidance, in real traffic, in everyday situations. Until children are about 10 or 11 years of age they do not have the necessary skills and physical abilities to be safe on their own so providing supervised practice is important.

#### What you can do

- Walk or cycle to school with your child.**  
Take the healthy option. If walking from your home to school is difficult, then consider parking a few streets away and walking the rest of the way. Children under the age of 12 are allowed to ride on footpaths and so can adults riding with them.
- Respect the road rules and parking signs.**  
It is important that parents park legally to provide a safer environment for children.
  - Double parking restricts the view of drivers, forces children onto the road and obstructs the flow of traffic.
  - Parking within 20 metres before a designated school crossing or 10 metres after is illegal.
- Wait on the same side of the road as your child.**  
Meet your child at the school gate to avoid your child dashing across the road.
  - If picking up your child from the bus stop, wait on the same side as the bus.
 If you need to drive to school, get your child into the habit of using the car's kerbside doors. The safest doors are kerbside doors, away from traffic.
- Develop a safe to school strategy.**  
Participate in the development of a safe drop off and pick up strategy for your school.

Raise this issue with your school council and participate in the development of a 'safe to school' strategy. Visit [www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/road-safety-education](http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/road-safety-education) for more information.

**Obey these signs**

**Speed limit signs**



All school speed limits across the State are clearly signposted. Look out for the speed signs near schools and slow down to improve safety for children.

**Children crossing**



When the flags are displayed at a children's crossing, you must stop for pedestrians who are waiting to cross or who have started crossing. You must remain stopped until the crossing is clear. These rules apply even if there is no crossing supervisor on duty.

**No parking**



Often located in designated school drop off and pick up areas. The driver must remain with the vehicle at all times.

**No stopping**



No stopping zones cannot be used at any time for stopping, parking, dropping off or picking up students/passengers. These zones can also be marked by yellow lines.

**Bus zone**



Bus zones are for public or private bus use only. The driver of a private vehicle is not allowed to stop in a bus zone at any time. Take extra care and be on the lookout near school bus stops as children may be trying to cross the road nearby.

For further information visit [www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/road-safety-education](http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/road-safety-education)

**Travel free**

West Street  
on Glenroy Road

**Under 18s travel free on all public transport with a Youth myki**

Buy a Youth myki

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# Supporting Anxious Children

**Does your child worry, feel anxious and seem stressed at times? Gain a greater understanding of anxiety and strategies to support your child.**

Parents, carers and professionals are invited to attend FREE online information sessions.

**Presented by Anxiety Recovery Centre Victoria, this session will cover:**

- Understanding anxiety and normal childhood development
- The signs and symptoms in your children
- Types of anxiety disorders
- What's helpful and not helpful
- Methods and strategies to support your children
- Where to go for more information/support

**Time: 7.30pm - 8.30pm**

- **Wednesday 11 February** - for parents and carers of children aged 0-6 years
- **Wednesday 18 February** - for parents and carers of primary aged children
- **Wednesday 25 February** - for parents and carers of secondary aged children

To book scan the QR code or visit: [www.trybooking.com/DIFFB](http://www.trybooking.com/DIFFB)

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