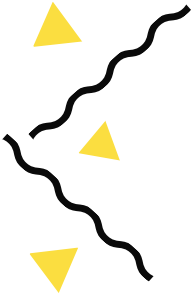


GAAYIP-YAGILA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



THE LATEST EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families

Welcome to Term 2 Week 5. I hope the mothers and special women of our students had a lovely Sunday with their loved ones and were well spoiled by everyone. To our amazing Mother's Day volunteers, I would like to thank and acknowledge you for providing our students with the opportunity to purchase a special gift for their loved ones last Wednesday.

Today was Education Support Day. This is a day to honour and recognise the extraordinary contribution that Education Support Staff make to our schools. From our administration team to our school nurse, from learning support staff to our facility manager, their dedication forms the backbone of our school. They ensure the smooth functioning of Gaayip-Yagila Primary School, creating an environment conducive to learning and growth. Their often behind-the-scenes work is integral to the success of our students and their overall educational experience. We celebrated our amazing staff with a lovely morning tea to say thankyou.

While we are thanking our wonderful ES staff, we would also like to officially introduce some of our new team members. Welcome to Marian Ghosn who started at GYPS last Monday. Mariam is working in our Year One team replacing Aine O'Neill who has begun her Family Leave. We wish Aine all the best and cannot wait to meet her little one. We also welcome Kirrily Spencer who began this week. She is working across the school 2 days a week.

Enrolments are now open for Foundation (Prep) 2025. Parents are welcome to visit the Administration Office and complete their child's enrolment process by filling out our school enrolment form. Parents/Carers will also be required to provide evidence of their child's date of birth and immunisation record, as well as proof of address. To help us with planning, we would like to request that parents finalise their enrolments by Friday 28th July. If you have any questions or need clarification regarding the enrolment process, please speak with our administration team on 9216 3200 or email gaayip.yagila.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Kind Regards

Cassy Hoggins

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2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 2

Wednesday 22nd May	Student Free (staff Professional Practice: DE required day)
Monday 27th - Friday 31st May	Swimming Year 4
Monday 3rd June - Friday 7th June	Swimming Year 3
Monday 10th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Friday 28th June	Last Day - 2.10pm finish
TERM 3	
Monday 15th July	First Day of Term 3
Wednesday 4th September	Parent Teacher Interviews 11 - 6.30pm Student Free Day
Friday 20th September	Last Day - 2.10pm finish
TERM 4	
Monday 7th October	First Day of Term 4
Monday 4th November	Student Free (Staff Reporting: VGSA requirement)
Tuesday 5th November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Friday 20th December	Last Day - 1.10pm finish

Education Week

Celebrate Education Week in 2024. Education Week across the State, and more importantly, at Gaayip-Yagila Primary School has been a fun and engaging week.

This year's theme, Spotlight on STEM, highlights the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) in our everyday lives, in the classroom and beyond.

Throughout Education Week, our students have been encouraged to celebrate and learn more about the endless possibilities of STEM. Our Maths night was a huge success and our learning in Science has been highly engaging. Don't forget to sign up for the Science Talent Search. Applications close May 20th.

For parents/carers and students

For parents/carers, learn more about [encouraging your child with STEM skills](#).

The following external websites may also help provide for further ideas:

- [Scienceworks](#)
- [Melbourne Water activities for all ages](#)
- [Junior Landcare Just for Kids activities](#)
- [NASA Kids' Club](#)

Maths video resources for young children can be accessed through the [Mathscots animation series](#) and [Everyday Maths animations](#).

Professor Bunsen



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UNIFORM

As we settle into the routine of the cooler weather, we kindly remind you of the importance of ensuring your child wears the correct school uniform. Maintaining our uniform standards not only fosters a sense of belonging and pride.

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that your child arrives at school dressed in the appropriate attire each day. Should you have any queries or require assistance with uniform requirements, please don't hesitate to reach out to our administration office.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Girls Winter Uniform

- Black Pants / Trackpants / Shorts
- Short/Long Sleeve Polo with School Logo
- Choice of Knitted Jumper or Soft Shell with School Logo
- Puffer vest with School Logo
- Winter Pinafore (in School pattern)
- Winter Blouse with School Logo
- Black Tights may be worn with the Winter Pinafore

Boys Winter Uniform

- Black Pants / Trackpants / Shorts
- Short/Long Sleeve Polo with School Logo
- Choice of Knitted Jumper or Soft Shell with School Logo
- Puffer vest with School Logo

Other Items

- Black or white socks
- Hair accessories to be school colours – Green, Yellow and Black, along with White
- Foundation to Year 6 – School Bag with Logo
- New Year 6 students – School Bag with Logo (optional)



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EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Foundation	Cyrus Le (FE)	For demonstrating EXCELLENCE by being persistent when faced with new challenges in all learning areas.
Year 1	Maxton Vang (1C)	For maintaining a positive attitude towards learning and embracing challenges.
Year 2	Ansharah Kasif (2E)	For STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE by always trying her best and works. She works hard in class to achieve her learning goals.
Year 3	Shrutika Yerra (3E)	FOR EXCELLENCE and trying her best with every task. Shrutika has been working really well especially in maths recently, mastering our addition strategies.
Year 4	Abbass Al Rubayi (4F)	For consistently STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE by always applying himself into every task, taking on feedback and supporting his peer's academic success as well.
Year 5	Fatima Barati (5A)	For demonstrating EXCELLENCE by always applying herself to all areas of learning and aiming for her personal best.
Year 6	Jack CHAPMAN 6B	For demonstrating increasing engagement in his Numeracy lessons which has had a positive impact on his learning.



WELLBEING AWARDS

Foundation	Zaria Assi (FA)	For working COLLABORATIVELY with others and always having a positive attitude towards her learning. She never gives up even when tasks are challenging. Amazing effort!
Year 1	Amira Al-Amine (1E)	For demonstrating KINDNESS and RESPECT by being polite and helping others in the classroom.
Year 2	Aymina Inan (2C)	For showing resilience in challenging learning scenarios.
Year 3	Beth Hector (3D)	For consistently showing KINDNESS to her peers and helps include anyone in activities.
Year 4	Kainat Iqbal (4E)	For constantly demonstrating all of the school expectations. She has been an excellent role model for her peers and always willing to go out of her way to assist the teacher.
Year 5	Hunter Hoeg (5B)	For consistently demonstrating all school expectations inside and outside the classroom.
Year 6	Sargi JHAND (6A)	For always meeting the school expectations, assisting teachers and helping other students.

ENROLMENTS OPEN 2025

SCHOOL TOURS

Wednesday 17th April 2024

9:30am and 4:30pm

Thursday 2nd May 2024

9:30am and 3:30pm

Tuesday 14th May 2024

9:30am and 4:30pm

Monday 27th May 2024

9:30am and 4:30pm

Friday 14th June 2024

9:30am and 3:30pm



**CONTACT US FOR
ENROLMENT INFORMATION**

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For more info and to book,
scan the QR Code

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

WELLBEING UPDATE

One School, Many Cultures

The Wellbeing Team is excited to share with our school community our new display in the main administration building. It showcases some of the amazing work students completed during their Harmony Day multi-age activities. There are also some photos of students in their cultural dress and with family members who attended the open afternoon.

Gaayip-Yagila Primary School is committed to making sure every member of our school community, regardless of their background or personal attributes, is treated with respect and dignity. We strive to provide a safe, inclusive and supportive school environment, which values the human rights of all students and staff as outlined in the Inclusion and Diversity Policy.

Some of the feedback we received during our Term 1 Community Forum on Cultural Diversity was to include a variety of languages from our school community into the work we do. It was fantastic to see the 'One School, Many Cultures' translated.



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EVERY DAY COUNTS

Attendance Update

Going to school is usually an exciting and enjoyable event for students. However most children are occasionally reluctant to go to school or have some concerns about certain activities. This is very normal and is likely to happen at some stage in their schooling life. As parents/guardians there are many strategies you can use to support them including the following suggestions from the Department of Education:

- Remain calm: you will be better placed to make them feel more confident. Try not to let your child see that you are worried or frustrated
- Listen to your child: encourage him/her to share their feelings
- Don't dismiss your child's feelings: everyone feels afraid sometimes and your child might perceive this as you not understanding or not caring about their concerns
- Talk it through: discuss various scenarios, possible outcomes and ways to handle situations to help your child develop problem solving strategies
- Be punctual: avoid being late when dropping off your child
- Encourage and reassure: encourage your child to go to school; reassure them that you will contact the school to explain
- See the GP: arrange for a visit to the GP if your child reports persistent physical complaints
- Be consistent: have a clear agreement between parents (even if separated) that school attendance is not optional and communicate this in a clear and calm manner to your child
- Seek assistance: there is assistance and support available. The sooner you talk to your child's school about concerns, the better
- Get support: if you need support for yourself if things are feeling overwhelming, Parentline is available – 1300 30 1300 (8am to 10pm seven days a week) and web counselling Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11am and 2pm

Funding Reviews

When PSD funded students have short-term funding or are transitioning from Year 6 to Year 7, they will require a review to completed. We have a number of students that fall into these categories this year. Our Leading Teacher completing these applications has started this process and has been/will be in contact with families.

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MHiPS (Mental Health in Primary Schools)

Each week students participate in structured Wellbeing lessons that align with the Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships (RRRR) resource, a Department resource that is designed to develop students' social, emotional and positive relationship skills.

As well as teaching academic skills, schools provide opportunities for students to develop resilience, promote wellbeing, and cultivate positive social attitudes.

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) is the process through which children and young people build and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes and skills necessary to:

- Understand and manage emotions
- Set and achieve positive goals
- Feel and express empathy
- Establish and maintain positive relationships
- Make responsible decisions
- Develop resilience to deal with change
- Create positive identity
- Contribute to social cohesion

Student Managers and classroom teachers plan lessons following a Wellbeing Scope and Sequence. In Term 2, students will be participating in age-appropriate activities focusing on Problem Solving and Positive Coping.

Wellbeing Team!

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SCIENCE NEWS

We have had a busy start to Term 2 in all year groups!

Foundation

In Foundation, we have been learning about the weather. We have already learnt about the difference between day and night, and we have discussed different types of weather including sunny, windy, rainy, snowy and stormy. We made these lovely cloud pictures to show what cloudy weather is like.



Year 1 and 2

In Year 1 and 2, we have been learning how food changes when it is heated and cooled. We looked at the properties of cooked spaghetti and used a spaghetti poem to create some fun posters! We then looked at uncooked spaghetti and compared how it is different from cooked spaghetti. We tried to make tall towers out of uncooked spaghetti, which was very challenging! Next, we investigated reversible and irreversible changes by looking at melting chocolate and popcorn.



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SCIENCE NEWS

Year 3 and 4

In Year 3 and 4, we have been learning about solids and liquids, and completing many fun, hands on activities to share our new learning. We have explored the properties of both and completed some different experiments. We made rock people to explore more about solids, and we used oil and water to learn about liquid density.



Year 5 and 6

In Year 5 and 6, we have been completing a variety of experiments to learn about reversible and irreversible changes. We have been melting butter (reversible), dissolving salt (reversible), evaporation (reversible) and learning about how water changes between the three states of matter.



Science Team!

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ARTS NEWS

Visual Arts: Foundation

Our youngest artists continue to develop their hand eye coordination by completing various drawing, cutting, pasting, and painting activities. They have learnt about homes and how they all look different and have worked enthusiastically to create their very own house collage.

Below are some examples of their work.



Media Arts: Year 1-6

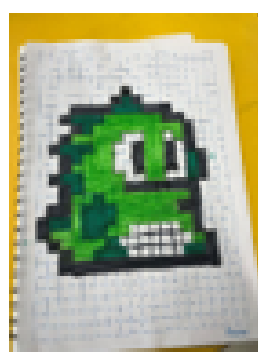
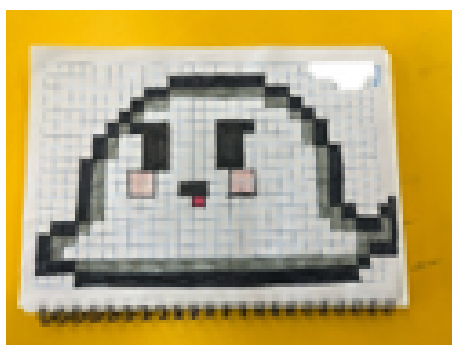
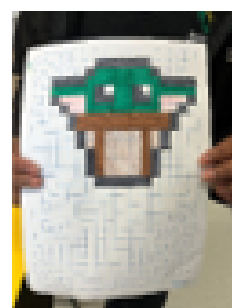
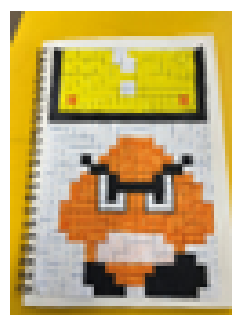
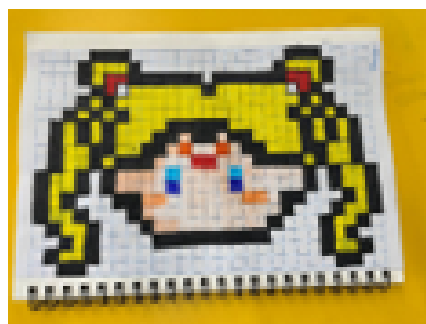
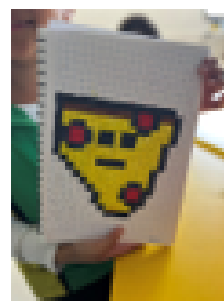
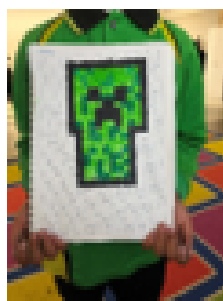
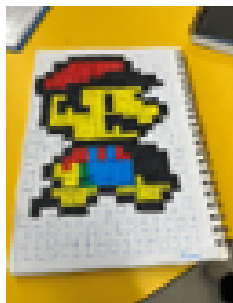
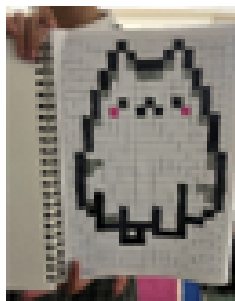
Throughout the last few weeks students in Years 1-6 have been very busy creating pixel art in our media art sessions. They have had a couple of weeks to learn how to create pixel art by following instructions in guided drawing sessions, and time to experiment -students were able to choose the characters/objects they wanted to practice drawing.

Below are examples of work from some of our very talented artists.



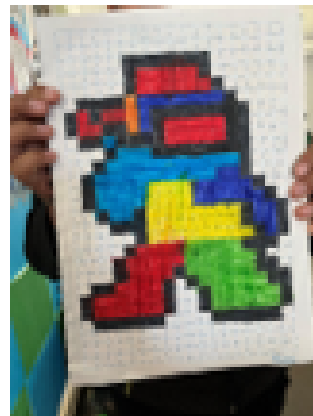
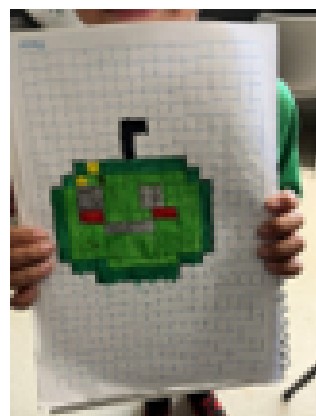
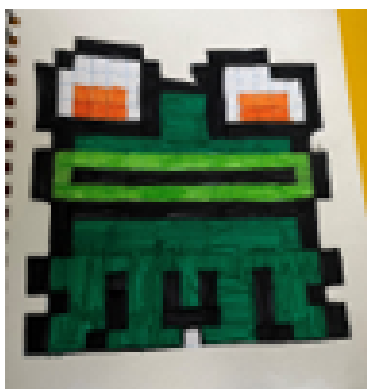
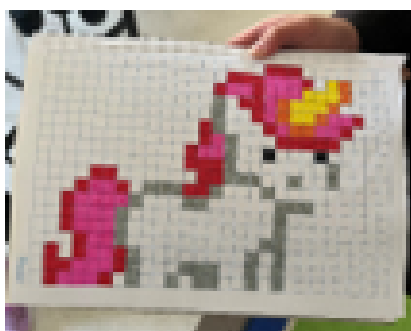
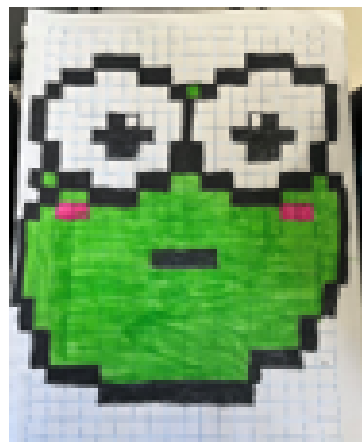
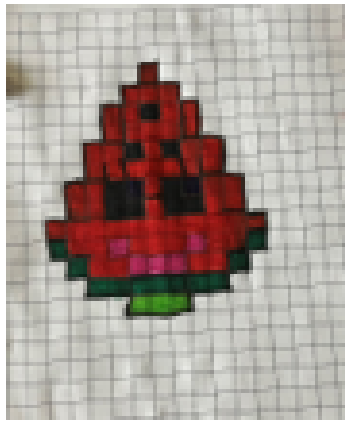
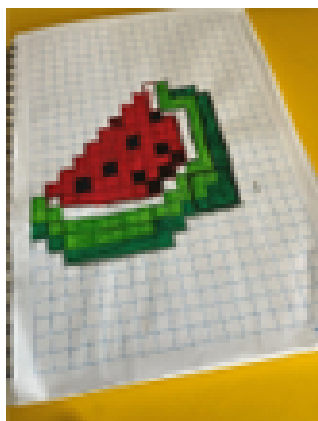
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GYPS ARTS TEAM

GYPS ILKAY YAGCIOGLU, MARNI HARRIS & LAUREN HOGG

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LIBRARY NEWS

During Term 2 at the library, students from all year levels have continued to build on learning valuable strategies in choosing good fit books. These include the five-finger rule and iPick strategies. As we want to continue encouraging a love for reading, strategies such as these help our students choose books that are best suited for them in terms of enjoyment and reading level.

During our library sessions our **Foundation** students are continuing to explore a variety of Eric Carle books which include The Bad Tempered Lady bird and The Mixed-Up Chameleon.

Year 1 students will be exploring more Julia Donaldson stories which include Room on the Broom and A Squash and a Squeeze.

Year 2 students have been enjoying Nick Bland books such as The Very Super Bear and will continue to explore more Nick Bland stories including The Unscary Book and When Harry Caught Imaginitis.

Year 3 students are off to a great start exploring Graeme Base books which include Animalia, The Watering Hole and Uno's Garden.

Year 4 students have been introduced to author Jeanie Baker and will explore Jeanie Baker books which include Belonging and Circle.

Year 5 students are exploring Shaun Tan books which include Rules of Summer and Red Tree.

Year 6 students have enjoyed learning about author Paul Jennings and are beginning to explore his books which include Unbelievable and Gizmo. This term, students of all year levels are building their skills in making text to self, text to text and text to world connections.

Our library is a space where students not only attend scheduled library sessions, students also have an opportunity to visit our library on Mondays and Thursdays during lunch time. They can browse through and borrow a book from a huge selection of genres or they can spend some time reading a book of their choice in a calm, quiet and relaxing environment. We encourage all students to visit our lunch time library club.

Thank you for being part of our library community.

Warm Regards

Library Team

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IMAGINEERS IN THE MAKING

Being able to share the imagination and building focus of students is incredible. Having an incredibly immersive and multiage sand area within our school, allows for all ages of students to come together and create. We had castles, volcanoes, mountains with bridges and passages for vehicles, holes exploring the depth of our sand area and possible future housing ideas.



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IMAGINEERS IN THE MAKING



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Term 2 Winter Menu

All meal deals contain a main meal item, snack and a drink

From \$7

Meal deals

Monday – Mac n Cheese meal deal

Tuesday – Toasted sandwich meal deal

Wednesday – Pizza meal deal

Available all days

Fried Rice meal deal

Hot dog meal deal

Napoli or Bolognese Pasta Meal deal

Price		Price	
Hot Food – Online order only			
\$3	3 pack chicken nuggets	\$5	6 pack chicken nuggets
\$5	Penne napoli (veg)	\$3.50	Hot chicken noodles
\$6.50	Penne bolognese	\$1.20	Steamed dim sim
\$4	4 pack cocktail franks	\$1.50	Party pie / mini sausage roll
\$4	Hot dog	\$2.50	Vegetarian samosa
\$4.50	Four'n Twenty Meat pie / Sausage roll	\$2	4 pack vegetarian cocktail spring roll
		\$0.40	Tomato, sweet chilli or soy sauce
Salads and sandwiches – Online order only			
From \$3	Sandwiches– Variety of fillings	From \$5	Green Salad Caesar Salad Greek Salad
Wrap \$1 – Toasted \$1		Gluten free bread available – extra \$0.50	
Snacks – Over the counter and online order			
\$1.20	Fruit piece – apple, banana	\$1.50	Homemade large choc chip cookie
\$1	Homemade healthier mini muffin	\$3	Homemade healthier large muffin
\$1.20	Diced fruit in juice	\$1.50	Popcorn varieties
\$2	Harvest snaps baked pea crisps	\$2.50	Le Snak cheese dip and crackers
\$2.50	Red rock deli chips varieties Pringles minis - Sour cream and onion	\$2.50	Hummus dip with carrot and cucumber and sticks
Beverages and Frozen items - Over the counter and online order			
\$2.50	200ml Juice box varieties – no added sugar	\$2.50	200ml milk box varieties
\$2	600ml bottled water	\$3	Paddle Pop varieties
\$1	Zooper Dooper	\$2	Lemonade icy pole
\$2	Smooze – mango coconut icy	\$2.50	99% fruit juice slushie
\$1	Frozen orange wedges		

View item descriptions, options and place orders using the **flexischools app**.

Dietary requirements, allergy friendly, vegetarian and halal options available.



Skip the canteen line by adding frozen items to your recess or lunch online order, then using the express collection line for faster service.

CHESS CLASSES



LITTLE LUMIERE LEARNING

ENLIGHTENING TOMORROW'S MINDS



TERM 2 CHESS CLASSES



- 8 classes each term
- Classes will be held on Thursdays from May 9, 2024 to June 27, 2024
- Venue: Biik Building
- Class timing: 3:15pm - 4:15pm
- Fee: \$80 per term

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TRIAL CLASS**

For more info contact:
Teenu 0450698014



Eco Craft & Play Sessions

Join us at the Mickleham North Community Centre for 4 special eco events designed for 4-7 year olds!

Enjoy sensory play, nature and recycled craft, wooden games & more.

25th May - 'Recycled Robots'

12th July - 'Winter Wonderland'

27th September - 'In the Garden'

30th November - 'Festive Fun'

FREE ENTRY!

Sessions run from 1-2.30pm.

Book at reception.

Adults must accompany children at all times.



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Eco Play Group Special Events

Join us at the Mickleham North
Community Centre for 4 unique play
groups designed for 1-4 year olds!
Grow your community connection as your
little ones enjoy an array of themed
nature sensory play, music, wooden toys
& games plus more.

FREE ENTRY!

Sessions run from 10-11.30am. Book your place
at reception.

25th May: 'Space & Sky' - dads session

**30th August: 'Bookish Play' - cousins
session**

17th October: 'The Seasons' - mums session

**30th November: 'Festive Celebrations' -
grandparents session**



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2024 HUME CITY WINTER SOFTBALL LEAGUE

COST

TEAM
REGISTRATION
\$500.00
SENIORS NEW
MEMBER \$72
JUNIORS NEW
MEMBER \$63

EVENTS

T-BALL
12 & UNDER
U14
U16
U18
MIXED SENIOR
WOMEN'S SENIOR
MEN'S SENIOR

**9 WEEK SATURDAY COMPETITION INCLUDES FINALS
1 HOUR GAMES, CATERING FOR ALL AGES, GENDER AND ABILITY**

DATES

SAT 1 JUNE - SAT 10 AUGUST JUNIORS FROM 9.00AM
SENIORS FROM 12.00PM

TIME

AGES

U8 & ABOVE

VENUE:

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