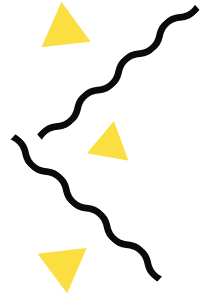


GAAYIP-YAGILA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



THE LATEST EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 3 Week 3. It's been a busy and exciting fortnight filled with memorable experiences for our students across multiple year levels.

Earlier this week, I had the pleasure of attending the Year 5 City Camp, where 114 of our students explored some of Melbourne's most iconic locations. From the Melbourne Sea Life Aquarium to ACMI, the Immigration Museum, NGV, State Library, as well as bowling and laser tag, the students had an amazing time full of learning and fun. A huge thank you to the fabulous staff who attended and supported our students throughout the camp: Mr Butera, Miss Lilla, Miss Fredericks, Miss Demirbas, Miss Graham, Miss Khum, Miss Hill, Miss Curthoys, Miss Watson, Miss Entwisle, Ms Morandin, Miss Mizzi and Mr Corso. Your time, energy and commitment helped make this an unforgettable experience!

We recently celebrated a very special milestone — our Foundation students' 100 Days of School. The day kicked off with a joyful assembly where students shared their learning so far and paraded their special 100 days outfits. Throughout the day, students participated in a range of fun and engaging activities all themed around the number 100 — from counting challenges to creative art tasks and hands-on games. Their enthusiasm, confidence and joy for learning were truly on display. Thank you to our Foundation team for your creativity and effort in making this day so meaningful for our youngest learners.

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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL Cont...

Last Friday, our Year 4–6 Athletics Day was held at Sprint Craigieburn. I had the pleasure of attending and cheering on our students – despite a chilly start, the day warmed up beautifully. Students participated in a range of track and field events, with students who finished first or second in their age group qualifying for District Athletics in the coming weeks. A big thank you to our PE team for their thorough organisation which ensured everything ran smoothly.

Well done to all students and staff involved — what a fantastic showcase of learning, participation, and community!

Friday night we have our year 1 & 2 disco. We are looking forward to a fun-filled night with music, dancing, disco lights, food and games. We can't wait to see our students enjoying a wonderful night together!!

Have a great fortnight.

Kind Regards

Cassy Hoggins



100
DAYS OF
SCHOOL!



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ASSEMBLY DATES 2025

We extend a warm invitation to join us at our upcoming school assembly! As we gather together, we'll celebrate our students' achievements, share important updates, and foster a sense of community. Your presence enriches our school culture, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Please note that we hold three assemblies each term: two throughout and a final one which reviews our successes for the term. Below are the dates and times of our assemblies for the year.

Term 3

Monday 11th August - 2:30pm
Monday 8th September - 2:30pm
Friday 19th September - End of term 1:30pm

Term 4

Monday 27th October - 2:30pm
Monday 24th November - 2:30pm
Friday 19th December - End of Year 12:30pm



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 3

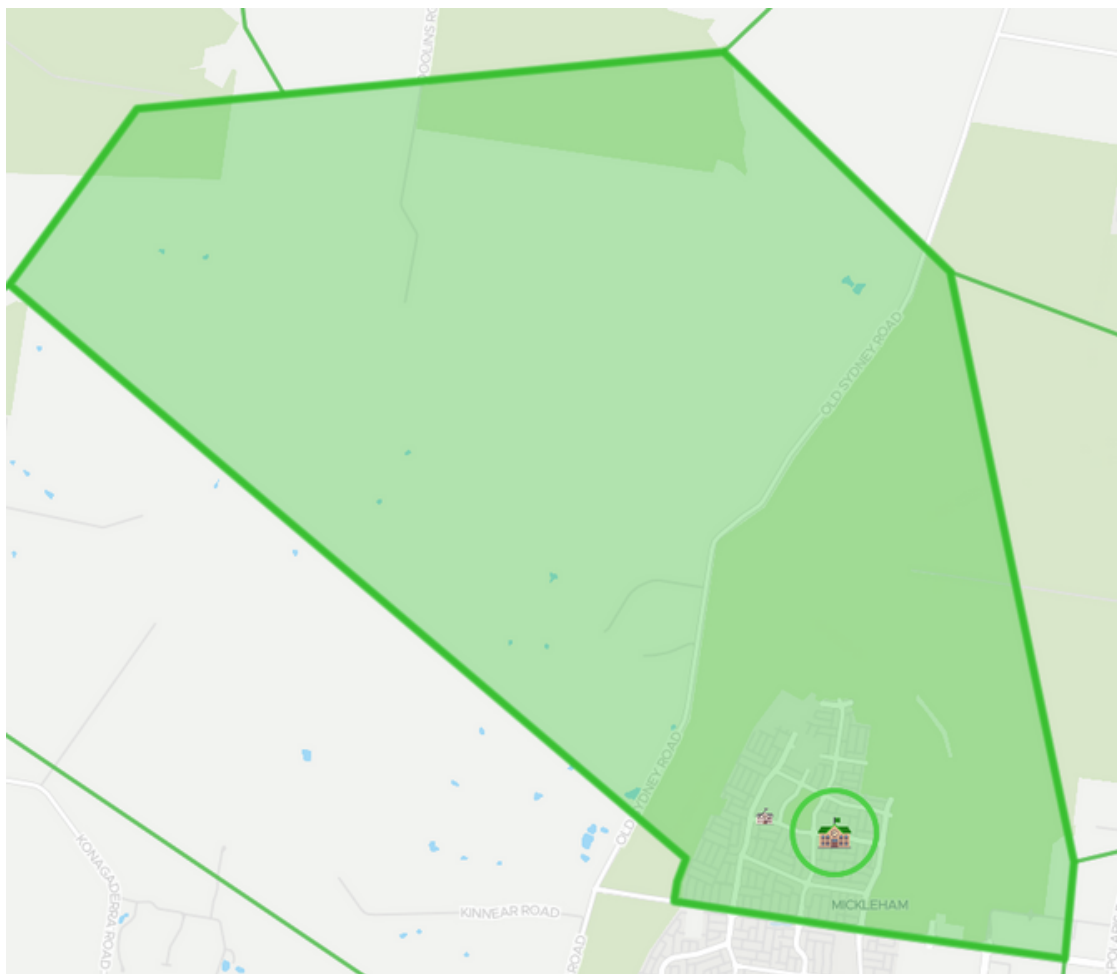
Date	Event
Friday 8 th August	Year 1 & 2 Disco
Mon 11 th August - Friday 15 th August	Science Week
Mon 18 th Aug - Friday 22 nd Aug	Book Week
Mon 18 th Aug - Friday 22 nd Aug	Year 2 - Swimming
Monday 25 th August	District Athletics
Tuesday 2 nd September	Year 6 Graduation Photos & catch up photo
Wednesday 3 rd Spetember	Crazy Hair Day
Thursday 4 th September	Father's Day Stall
Thursday 4 th - Monday 8 th Sep	Year 2 Ripponlea Excursion - Designated Dates
Friday 5 th September	Hot Shots Gala Day
Wednesday 10 th September	STUDENT FREE DAY
Wednesday 10 th September	Parent Teacher Interviews
Thursday 11 th - Monday 15 th Sep	Year 5 Quantum Excursion

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Enrolments for 2026

Foundation enrolments for 2026 are now due. If you have a child who will be starting Foundation next year it is important that you speak to our administration team this week to complete enrolment forms so that we can plan for anticipated enrolments. If you have a neighbour, friend or relative who lives within our designated neighbourhood (www.findmyschool.gov.au) we ask you to check that they have enrolled their child. If you have any questions, please speak with our administration team.

Once our enrolments are confirmed, we can plan our transition program and offer sessions and times to enrolled families. Our transition program will begin from October 12th 2025.



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PRE-FOUNDATION PROGRAM

Our Pre-Foundations program for future students begins in Term 4. There will be a Tuesday or Wednesday session offered to accommodate family need. Students attend one session each week (Day of the week remains the same).

Week	Tuesday 2.15 - 3.00pm	Wednesday 2.15 - 3.00pm	Student Letter Focus	Parent Information Session
1	14th October	15th October	Please bring an item that starts with the letter Mm	Welcome from Principal
2	21st October	22nd October	Please bring an item that starts with the letter Ss	
3	28th October	29th October	Please bring an item that starts with the letter Ff	Literacy and Numeracy at School and Home
CUP WEEK				
4	11th November	12th November	Please bring an item that starts with the letter Aa	
5	18th November	19th November	Please bring an item that starts with the letter Pp	Wellbeing
6	25th November	26th November	Please bring an item that starts with the letter Tt	
7	Tuesday 9th December 9.30 – 11.00am Whole Foundation Transition Session Bring your teddy!		In this session, your child will meet their teacher for 2026 and you will receive further information and materials to support your child's school readiness. Parent Helper Training	

Please complete the following online form [2026 PreFoundationTransition](#) or return this form to the administration office by Tuesday 7th of October 2022



Children's Name: DOB:

Parent Name: Contact Phone:

Parent Email:

Indicate order of preference: ☒ Tuesday ☐ Thursday

Bullying. No Way! Week 2025

“Be bold. Be Kind. Speak up”

Bullying No Way Week is returning 11–15 August 2025. It is a national initiative that promotes kindness, inclusion, and respectful relationships. This important week empowers students to take action and helps build a school culture where everyone feels safe and supported.

The theme for this year is: **“Be bold. Be kind. Speak up.”**

This message encourages students to take brave and compassionate steps to stand up for themselves and others — to show kindness, challenge disrespect, and seek help when needed.

At Gaayip-Yagila Primary School, students will be involved in a range of class-based activities and discussions aimed at:

- Recognising what bullying is and what it isn't
- Understanding how to respond safely and respectfully
- Promoting kindness and inclusion across our school
- Identifying trusted adults to speak to when help is needed

Our school is committed to fostering a safe and inclusive environment for all students. Families are encouraged to have conversations at home to reinforce the week's key messages: be courageous, act with kindness, and always speak up when something doesn't feel right.

Bullying No Way has produced a handy fact sheet that defines key terms and outline characteristics related to bullying. We encourage families to review the fact sheet around what bullying is and what it is not. Together, we can make Gaayip-Yagila Primary School a place where every student feels safe, seen, and supported — every day.

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Definitions of bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence

Bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence are all interpersonal behaviours that can create or contribute to negative social environments. All school communities should have clear definitions outlined in their school policies and procedures for bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence.

Bullying

The national definition of bullying for Australian schools says: Bullying is an ongoing

and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power, or perceived power, over one or more persons who feel unable to stop it from happening.

Bullying can happen in person or online, via various digital platforms and devices and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). Bullying behaviour is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time (for example, through sharing of digital records).

Bullying of any form or for any reason can have immediate, medium and long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders. Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include:

- ☒ mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)
- ☒ not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
- ☒ one-off acts of meanness or spite
- ☒ isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

However, these conflicts still need to be addressed and resolved.

Likewise not all online issues are bullying. (Online bullying is sometimes referred to as cyberbullying and refers to bullying that is carried out through information and communication technologies.)

Harassment

Harassment is behaviour that targets an individual or group due to their:

- ☒ identity, race, culture or ethnic origin
- ☒ religion
- ☒ physical characteristics
- ☒ gender
- ☒ sexual orientation
- ☒ marital, parenting or economic status
- ☒ age
- ☒ ability or disability.

It offends, humiliates, intimidates or creates a hostile environment. It may be:

- ☒ an ongoing pattern of behaviour or a single act
- ☒ directed randomly or towards the same person(s)
- ☒ intentional or unintentional.

Discrimination

Discrimination occurs when people are treated less favourably than others because of their:

- ☒ identity, race, culture or ethnic origin
- ☒ religion
- ☒ physical characteristics
- ☒ gender
- ☒ sexual orientation
- ☒ marital, parenting or economic status
- ☒ age
- ☒ ability or disability.

Violence

Violence is the intentional use of physical force or power, threatened or actual, against another person(s) that results in psychological harm, injury or in some cases death. It may involve provoked or unprovoked acts and can be a single incident, a random act or can occur over time.

These definitions outline key characteristics and have been taken from Student Wellbeing Hub <https://studentwellbeinghub.edu.au/resources-and-help/Glossary?origin-host=www.safeschoolshub.edu.au/>

NATIONAL SCIENCE

WEEK

9th - 17th August 2025

DECODING THE UNIVERSE



Scavenger Hunts

Lunchtime activities

Visitor Reminder – Bathroom Access

To support our commitment to child safety, we kindly remind all parents and visitors that student toilets are not to be accessed by adults at any time. If you require access to a bathroom while on site, please speak to our administration team who will be happy to assist. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe environment for all students.

Father's Day Stall Donations

Our Father's Day Stall is fast approaching and we have some great items picked out for our students to purchase for their dad or special person. After the Mother's Day Stall we had a few parents reach out asking if they could donate items that they make, for the Father's Day Stall.

So we wanted to put a call out to our whole school community! If you have items that you would like to donate to the school for our Father's Day Stall please let the Administration Office know and please bring these items in by Tuesday, September 2nd.

Thankyou for supporting our events and helping them to be a great success for our school.



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**SUPER
COOL
DAD**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

FATHER'S DAY STALL



**4TH
SEPTEMBER**

WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO
ANY PARENTS WHO MAY BE
AVAILABLE TO ASSIST
DURING THE MORNING OF
THE STALL.



IF YOU COULD SPEND AN
HOUR OR TWO ASSISTING,
PLEASE COMPLETE THE
FOLLOWING FORM:

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/BW1MM
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Road Safety around Schools

Speed zones, pedestrian crossings and parking restrictions around school are there to improve the movement of traffic during peak times and maximise safety for children and road users. During the Summer holiday period our school crossing on Blackmore Road received an upgrade. The school crossing is now raised and aims to slow cars travelling along Blackmore Road.

It is vital as adults, we lead by example and set good road safety practices travelling to and from school. As such, we are asking all parents and carers to observe and obey parking signs.

Hume City Council have asked us to remind our school community that 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 on the centre median strip (Blackmore Road)
- stop or park across a driveway or footpath (especially down our side streets this has been occurring)
- 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.

Council Local Laws Officers will be active around our school area to issue warnings and fines.



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Assistant Principal

Curriculum Update

Book Week

We are excited to announce that **Children's Book Week** is coming soon! Organised by the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA), this annual celebration is the highlight of the year for book lovers across the nation.

This year, **Children's Book Week will run from Saturday 16 August to Saturday 23 August**. It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the joy of reading, the creativity of Australian authors and illustrators, and the power of stories to inspire and connect us.

The 2025 theme is **Book an Adventure!** – inviting children to open the pages of a book and journey into new worlds, meet unforgettable characters, and discover the magic that stories can bring.

To mark this exciting event, we are organising a range of activities throughout the week, including:

- **Dress-Up Day and Parade – Tuesday 19th August** where students can dress as a character from their favourite book and take part in a fun school parade.
- **Cross-Age Activities** – students will work together across year levels to explore literature and create projects that represent their understandings.
- **Book Character Treasure Hunts** – search for popular book characters hidden around the school.
- **Special Lunch Clubs** – teachers will read shortlisted CBCA books in the library during lunch breaks.

We look forward to a week filled with imagination, creativity, and, of course, plenty of reading. Let's 'book an adventure' together!



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Assistant Principal

Curriculum Update...cont

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment that all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake.

As students progress through their school years, it is important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy. NAPLAN assesses the skills students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents and carers to see how their child is progressing against national proficiency standards.

NAPLAN is just one part of our school's overall assessment and reporting process. It does not replace the ongoing assessments teachers make every day, but it does provide additional information about each child's learning progress. The results also give schools valuable insights into how educational programs are working.

We are pleased to share that our school's NAPLAN results this year have been positive, showing strong growth across year levels. We have also seen an increase in the number of students achieving results in the Strong or Exceeding categories. These results reflect and reinforce the changes we have made to our teaching and learning model, with a focus on explicit teaching to support every child's success.

We are proud of our students' efforts and achievements, and we thank our teachers and families for the important role they play in supporting learning every day.

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BOOK WEEK 2025

18TH AUGUST - 22ND AUGUST



WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE BOOK WEEK IS FINALLY HERE!

Below are some of the wonderful activities the students will be participating in throughout the week.

BOOK PARADE

For important information about our Book Parade, Please see information on the next page.

OPEN AFTERNOON

For important information about our Open Afternoon, Please see information on the next page.

STORYTELLING IN THE LIBRARY

Each day, students will have the opportunity to visit the library for a read-aloud session led by our wonderful teachers.

SCAVENGER HUNTS

Each day, students will be able to participate in a scavenger hunt! They will need to find pictures hidden around the school!



BOOK AN
Adventure



2025 Children's Book Week®

BOOK WEEK INFORMATION



BOOK WEEK PARADE

Students will come dressed up as their favourite book character! Families are welcome to attend the parade. Please check the parade times below carefully.

When: Tuesday 19th August 2025

Location: Gym

Times: Foundation - Year 2: 9:00am

Year 3 - Year 6: 9:40am



WRITING EXPO OPEN AFTERNOON

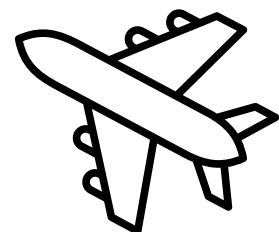
We are excited to invite families to an open afternoon for all students across our school.

This is a time for our students to present some of their fantastic pieces of writing to their families.

When: Thursday 21st August

Time: 2:30pm

Location: Student Classrooms



PE NEWSLETTER

GYPS ATHLETICS DAY

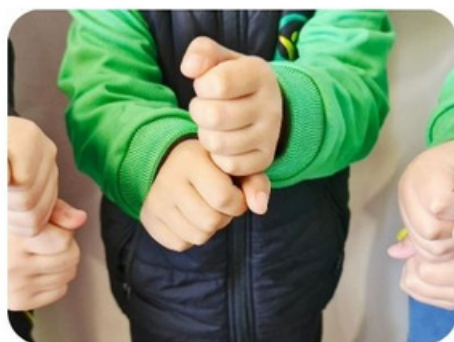
Last Friday, our Year 4, 5, and 6 students took part in our annual GYPS Athletics Day at the Sprint Athletics Track in Craigieburn. It was a fantastic day where students competed in a range of events including Long Jump, Shot Put, High Jump, 400m, 100m, and Hurdles.

Based on their performances, selected students will be invited to represent our school at the Craigieburn District Athletics Day on Monday, 25th August. Congratulations to all students on their outstanding effort!



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Auslan Moments Captured



AUSLAN NEWS

Friendly Reminder: My Island Home performed during assembly, Monday the 11th.

What's been happening in Auslan?

Our Foundation students have been busy little learners, and they're almost finished learning signs for colours, numbers up to 20, the letters of the alphabet, and a wonderful selection of animals in Auslan. Through hands-on activities, games, and songs, they've been building strong skills while having lots of fun.

In Years 1-2, students have been learning to sign about families and connections. It's been heart warming to see them describe their loved ones and learn how to express important relationships using Auslan. They've enjoyed storytelling, partner work, and role-playing to bring these signs to life.

Students in Years 3-6 have been exploring how to describe daily routines and activities in sequence. From "wake up" to "go to bed," they've been practising how to sign what they do each day. They've been working together to create little performances, helping them grow in confidence and fluency.

Across the whole school, there's been a buzz of excitement as we prepare to perform the Auslan version of 'My Island Home' at our school assembly on Monday, August 11th. Everyone has been practising the signs beautifully, and we can't wait to share this special performance with our school community. We'd love to see you there!

GYPS AUSLAN TEAM

GET READY FREE DENTAL IS COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL SOON!

The smile patrol team is coming to provide free dental health checks. For more information visit:

www.smilepatrol.com.au



SMILE PATROL
SCHOOL DENTAL



Gaayip- Yagila Primary school's sustainability student leadership group have begun a fundraiser for our school, through the Victorian deposit container scheme. The funds will be used to develop our whole school sustainability learning and improve our garden areas around the school.

Here's how you can help...

1. Download the app and choose the [charity](#) that is Gaayip- Yagila Primary school

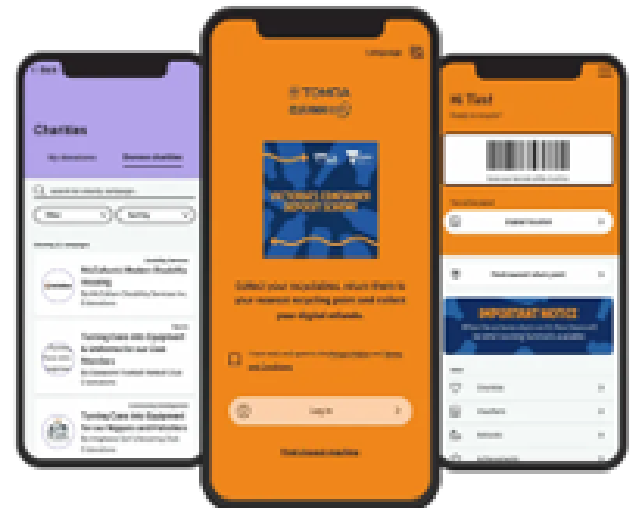
CDS VIC (WEST ZONE) - APP

Everything you need to make your change, all in one place

The CDS Vic West Zone app is the rewarding way to recycle your bottles and cans for 10 cents each. You can receive a digital payment straight to your bank account, track how much you earn or donate your refunds - all through the CDS Vic West Zone app. It makes recycling more convenient and rewarding than ever before.

Simply scan your app barcode and start returning eligible containers to watch your earnings grow. You can directly transfer your earnings into your bank account or PayPal, store digital vouchers to redeem for cash or purchases at your nearest supermarket, or you can donate to charity.

Making change has never been easier - download the CDS Vic West Zone app below:



2. Collect 10c eligible containers

Eligible ✔

- ✔ Aluminium cans
- ✔ Plastic bottles
- ✔ Glass bottles
- ✔ Paperboard cartons (under 3L)
- ✔ Steel bottles/cans

Most beverage containers (between 150ml and 3L) made from aluminium, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard are eligible.

Ineligible ✘

- ✘ Wine and spirit bottles
- ✘ Milk containers
- ✘ Paperboard cartons (over 3L)
- ✘ Cordial bottles

Don't throw these out! Ineligible containers may still be accepted in your kerbside recycling bin.

3. Deposit at a collection centre or station or bring them to school.



If you are not collecting the 10c containers for your household, please donate them to our school.

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until 5:00pm
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West Zone - Operated by Tomra Cleanaway

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