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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 1, Week 10. As we have come to the end of Term 1, it is a great opportunity to reflect on what has been a positive and highly engaging start to the year at Gaayip-Yagila Primary School.

Throughout the term, our students have embraced a wide range of learning and community experiences, consistently demonstrating our school values of Excellence, Respect, Collaboration and Kindness. From our Foundation students settling so confidently into school life—highlighted by their Teddy Bears' Picnic—to our senior students taking on leadership roles and representing the school with pride, it has been wonderful to see our community come together.

There have been many highlights throughout the term. Our Colour Run was a fantastic success, bringing a sense of fun and connection to the school while linking to the Holi festival. Events such as Ride to School Day and Harmony Day have supported student wellbeing and reinforced the importance of inclusion and belonging within our community. We have also seen students take pride in our environment, with our student leaders supporting the planting of seedlings in our Nature Walk space.



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Our Year 3 and 5 students approached NAPLAN with a positive mindset, demonstrating resilience and a commitment to doing their best. We are proud of the way they engaged with the process.

As always, we remain committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our students. This term provided opportunities to both practise and respond to emergency situations, and I commend our staff and students for the calm and responsible way these were managed. I also thank our families for their support and cooperation during this time.

As we look ahead to Term 2, there is much to be excited about. We will continue our strong focus on teaching and learning, alongside a range of engaging opportunities including Education Week, school photos, the beginning of our swimming program, and our Mother's Day celebration. Our Year 4 - 6 students will also begin preparations for our very first performance, which will be a highlight and a wonderful opportunity to showcase student learning and confidence.

Thank you to our families for your ongoing support this term. The strong partnership between home and school continues to make a significant difference to our students' success.

I wish all families a safe and restful break and look forward to welcoming everyone back for Term 2 on Monday 20th April, 2026.

Kind Regards

Cassy Hoggins

2026 CALENDAR

Term 2

ANZAC Assembly	Friday 24 th April 2026
Year 6 Winter Sport - Round 1	Friday 1 st May 2026
Mothers Day Event	Thursday 7 th May 2026
Cross Country - Craigieburn	Friday 8 th May 2026
Assembly	Monday 11 th May 2026 @ 2:30pm
Sustainability - Nude Food Day	Wednesday 13 th May 2026
Year 6 Winter Sport - Round 2	Friday 15 th May 2026
Whole School Photos	Monday 18 th and Tuesday 19 th May 2026
Maths Mania Evening	Monday 18 th May 2026
PUPIL FREE DAY	Friday 22nd May 2026
Swimming - Year 4	Monday 25 th May - Friday 29 th May 2026
Swimming - Year 3	Monday 1 st June - Friday 5 th June 2026
Foundation Incursion	Tuesday 2 nd June 2026



CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS

EASTER AND ORTHODOX EASTER CELEBRATIONS

At this time of year, many families in our community are celebrating Easter and Greek (Orthodox) Easter. While both celebrations share themes of renewal, hope and togetherness, they are observed on different dates and include a range of traditions.

Easter is a joyful Christian holiday that symbolises hope and new life. In 2026, Easter will be celebrated on Sunday 5 April, with many families marking the occasion across the long weekend. Traditions often include spending time with family, sharing meals and enjoying activities such as Easter egg hunts. For many, it is a time of connection, reflection and celebration.

Greek (Orthodox) Easter will be celebrated the following weekend on Sunday 12 April. This is an important cultural celebration for many families and is often marked by gatherings with extended family, traditional foods and meaningful customs. One well-known tradition is the decorating of red eggs, which symbolise new life and renewal. These eggs are often used in a game where participants gently tap eggs together - an activity that brings both fun and connection to the celebration.

At Gaayip-Yagila Primary School, we value the opportunity to acknowledge and learn about the diverse cultural traditions within our community. Sharing and recognising these celebrations helps to build understanding, respect and a strong sense of belonging for all.

We hope all families celebrating during this time enjoy the opportunity to connect with loved ones and create meaningful memories together.

ASSEMBLY DATES 2026

We warmly invite families to join us at our upcoming school assemblies. Assemblies provide an opportunity to come together as a community to celebrate student achievements, share important information and acknowledge the learning taking place across our school. Family attendance helps strengthen our sense of connection and reinforces the importance of celebrating student success together.

We hold three assemblies each term: two during the term and a final assembly that reflects on and celebrates our achievements for the term. Details of the dates and times for each assembly across the year are outlined below.

We look forward to welcoming families to our assemblies throughout the year.

Term 2

Monday 11th May - 2:30pm

Monday 15th June - 2:30pm

Friday 26th June - End of term 1:30pm

Term 3

Monday 3rd August - 2:30pm

Monday 31st August - 2:30pm

Friday 18th September - End of term 1:30pm

Term 4

Monday 26th October - 2:30pm

Monday 23rd November - 2:30pm

Thursday 17th December - End of Year 2:30pm

AWARDS

PE AWARDS



**NAMAN
BAJAJ
6C**



**ELIZA
MITCHELL
5D**



**ANAKHVEER
SINGH
4B**



**HOPE
HANSEN
3B**



**WEAM
ALMASSRI
2A**



**SHAHZAIN
ALI
1A**



**CONNOR
RYAN
FF**

AUSLAN AWARDS



**JIANA
BAWA
6C**



**SHRUTIKA
YERRA
5E**



**EMIR
GUNDEN
4D**



**ANIKET
ARORA
3G**



**MARKELLA
JALIL
2G**



**REIGN
BARDAN
1D**



**TANGAROA
FOMAI
FA**

AWARDS

SCIENCE AWARDS



**SARAL
POKHAREL**
6E



**ENRICO
LONGO**
5E



**JOHNNY
ZAHER**
4A



**MIRKO
VOLPATO**
3B



**GRIFFIN
CORSO-MACGREGOR**
2E



**TIMOTHY
VIOVICENT**
1B



**KABIR
MALHI**
FC

ART AWARDS



**MUHAMMAD
CHAUHDRY**
6F



**MARSEL
MIKHA**
5A



**NAYAB
KAUR**
4C



**ZAIN
CELIK**
3C



**AROOSHA
MOHAMMAD**
2C



**ARJUN
KHANNA**
1F



**AMOLAK
BENIWAL**
FC

Mother's Day at GYPS


In helping to celebrate the upcoming Mother's Day, we will be hosting a stall on **Thursday the 7th of May**.

Students will be able to purchase a small gift for mum or someone special in their lives.

We recommend that students bring along a maximum of **\$10.00** to spend.

Students will be able to purchase a **maximum of 2 gifts each**. Gifts will range in price from \$1.00 - \$5.00.

If you would be happy to **volunteer your time** to help us run this year's stall, please complete the form [here](#)



*For junior students, a clearly marked envelope/bag with their name and class is suggested



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16TH & 17TH
JUNE

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Youth Road Safety



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FactSheet

Whether you're biking or riding an e-scooter, follow these simple road safety tips to stay safe and have fun on the move!

MODIFIED OR PETROL POWERED BICYCLES

- Illegal.



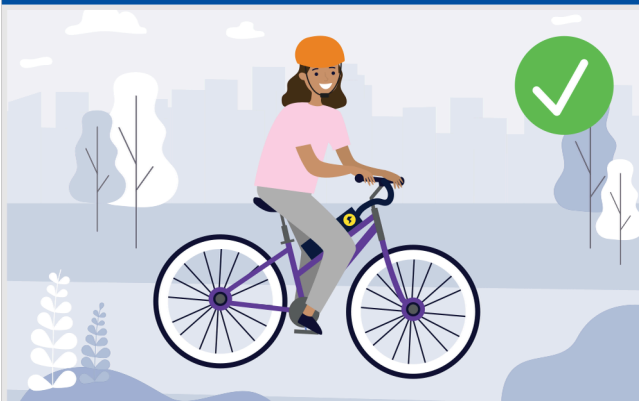
MOTORBIKES

- Toride on or off-road it must be registered with a full or recreation registration
- Helmet must be worn at all times.



E-BIKES

- 25km/h MAX speed
- Motor cannot provide power at speeds higher than 25km/h
- Helmet must be worn at all times
- No passengers
- Cannot be ridden on footpaths.



E-SCOOTER

- Beaged 16 yrs or over
- Max speed 20 kmph
- Helmet must be worn at all times
- No passengers
- Cannot be ridden on footpaths.



E-scooter Road Rules

Tougher penalties as e-scooters are made permanent.

e-scooter riders cannot

- Ride on the footpath
- Use a mobile phone while riding
- Ride while under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- Carry passengers or animals or ride in tandem
- Ride a high-speed e-scooter, one capable of more than 25 km/h
- Ride on roads that have a speed limit over 60 km/h

e-scooter riders must

- Be aged 16 years and over
- Not exceed the maximum speed of 20 km/h
- Ride only on shared paths and roads that have a speed limit up to 60 km/h
- Wear a helmet at all times
- Follow traffic rules
- Use lights and reflectors



Scan the QR code to learn more

For more information (including community language translations) visit transport.vic.gov.au/Road-rules-and-safety/E-scooter-road-rules





Anzac Day

Come and help
us create a craft
display to recognise
Anzac Day

MONDAY 20 APRIL
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TRANSFORMING POTENTIAL INTO PERFORMANCE!

TERM 2 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM 2026
OUTDOOR FOOTBALL TRAINING FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5-14
18 RHYOLITE DRIVE, CRAIGIEBURN 3064

SUNDAYS | 19 APRIL - 21 JUNE | 9:00AM - 11:15AM

PROPATH STARTERS (5-8)

KICK OFF THEIR FOOTBALL JOURNEY IN FUN, HANDS-ON SESSIONS THAT DEVELOP CORE SKILLS, COORDINATION, AND CONFIDENCE. YOUNG PLAYERS EXPLORE THE GAME IN A SAFE, SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT WHILE BUILDING A LOVE FOR FOOTBALL.

60-MINUTE SESSIONS | (9:00AM - 10:00AM)

PROPATH BUILDERS (9-12)

LEVEL UP THEIR GAME THROUGH FOCUSED TRAINING THAT SHARPENS TECHNIQUE, IMPROVES PASSING AND DRIBBLING, AND DEVELOPS SMART DECISION-MAKING. PLAYERS ENHANCE TEAMWORK, GAME AWARENESS, AND A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF FOOTBALL.

60-MINUTE SESSIONS | (9:00AM - 10:00AM)

PROPATH PERFORMERS (13-14)

TRAIN LIKE THE ELITE. HIGH-INTENSITY SESSIONS THAT DEVELOP SPEED, AGILITY, TACTICAL AWARENESS, AND POSITIONAL PLAY. PLAYERS EXPERIENCE REALISTIC MATCH SCENARIOS TO PREPARE FOR COMPETITIVE FOOTBALL AND BUILD CONFIDENCE TO PERFORM UNDER PRESSURE.

60-MINUTE SESSIONS | (10:15AM - 11:15AM)

PRECISION (1-ON-1 TO 1-ON-4)

UNLOCK YOUR CHILD'S FULL POTENTIAL WITH PERSONALISED COACHING THAT TARGETS INDIVIDUAL STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES. SMALL-GROUP OR ONE-ON-ONE SESSIONS ACCELERATE SKILL, TACTICAL UNDERSTANDING, AND CONFIDENCE ON THE FIELD.

ENQUIRE FOR DETAILS

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2026

GLOVES ON



GIVE BACK TO THE PLACE WE CALL HOME



Merrifield Community Clean Up

Sunday 19 April
10:30am – 12.00pm

Foundation Park, St Georges Boulevard

Meet at undercover area

The community clean-up will include the removal of general rubbish from public spaces including parks, open spaces and footpath areas

What do I need to wear/bring:



Closed toe shoes and, depending on weather, long pants.



Hat and sunscreen.



Water bottle for during the clean up.



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