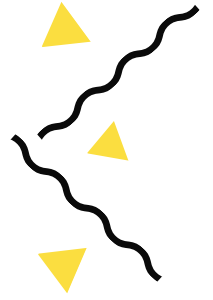


# GAAYIP–YAGILA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



THE LATEST EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR  
OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*Dear Families,*

*Welcome to Term 2, Week 8. We are nearing the final weeks of our school term, and it's been a fantastic and busy time of learning and community connection.*

*This term, we have had the pleasure of welcoming educators from schools across Victoria who visited to observe our teaching practice in action. These visits focused on our implementation of Explicit Teaching, aligned with the Victorian Teaching and Learning Model (VTLM 2.0). It was a great opportunity to highlight the outstanding work of our staff and the strength of our teaching approach—characterised by clear instruction, consistent routines, and a strong focus on student support.*

*Swimming is a vital life skill, particularly in Australia where beaches, rivers, and pools are a big part of our lifestyle—ensuring children are safe and capable around water is essential. Our Year 3 and Year 4 students recently completed their week-long intensive swimming program. The program focused on building water confidence, developing key swimming skills, and learning about water safety. We saw enormous growth in the students' confidence levels – well done to all involved! Students in Foundation to Year 2 are scheduled to participate in their swimming program later this year.*

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## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL Cont...

*Although we are just approaching the middle of the year, we are already planning for 2026! Children who turn five years old before April 30th, 2026, are eligible to start school next year. Thank you to those families who have already returned enrolment forms. If you have a child ready to start Foundation in 2026 and have not yet submitted your form, please come to the administration office before the end of term to collect one. In line with the Department of Education's Placement Policy and timeline, we will notify families of Foundation placement outcomes in early August.*

*A reminder that our whole school assembly will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025, and we warmly encourage families to attend. Assemblies are a wonderful opportunity to celebrate student achievements, connect as a community, and share important updates.*

*Kind Regards*

*Cassy Hoggins*

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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 2

Monday 16th June - 2:30pm

Friday 4th July - End of term 1:30pm

## 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 2:30pm



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## TERM 2

| Date                         | Event                     |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June | School Tours 9:30am & 4pm |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June | School Assembly 2:30pm    |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July  | School Assembly 1:30pm    |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July  | LAST DAY OF TERM          |

## TERM 2

| Date                                                    | Event               |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July                            | FIRST DAY OF TERM 3 |
| Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> August - Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> August | Year 5 Camp         |

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## **Refugee Week 2025: Finding Freedom – Diversity in Community**

Refugee Week is held from 15 to 21 June 2025 and is a time to honour the strength, resilience, and valuable contributions of refugees in shaping and enriching our communities. This year's theme, 'Finding Freedom: Diversity in Community', celebrates the power of unity through diversity, reminding us that our differences make us stronger and more capable of creating inclusive and supportive communities.

At Gaayip-Yagila Primary School, we are proud to be a culturally diverse school community that embraces and values the backgrounds, experiences and stories of all our families. Refugee Week offers us an opportunity to reflect on the importance of inclusion, empathy and the role we all play in ensuring every child feels safe, respected and free to be themselves.

Throughout the week, classes will take part in learning activities that promote understanding, celebrate cultural diversity, and recognise the stories of those who have sought safety and freedom in Australia. Together, we continue to build a school community where everyone belongs.

**Refugee Week | 15–21 June 2025**

Finding Freedom: Diversity in Community



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## Refugee Week

Coordinated by  
Refugee Council of Australia

**15 - 21 June 2025**

Finding Freedom:  
Diversity in Community



[refugeeweek.org.au](https://refugeeweek.org.au) | [#RefugeeWeekAU](https://twitter.com/RefugeeWeekAU)

Arifa (L) and Arozo (R) are former refugees from Afghanistan.  
Read what finding freedom means to them at [refugeeweek.org.au](https://refugeeweek.org.au). Photography by Damon AMB.

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## Sharing of Annual Report to the School Community

The Annual Report provides an important opportunity for the Principal and School Council to share Gaayip-Yagila Primary School's achievements and progress with our community. It reflects on the year's performance and highlights the positive impact of our school improvement efforts on student outcomes.

Our 2024 Annual Report has now been endorsed by School Council, fully attested, and has successfully passed the Department's quality assurance process.

We invite families to join us for our Annual Reporting Community Meeting, to be held at 5.30pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025. This will be a hybrid meeting, and all interested attendees are asked to register via the [link](#) provided. The onsite location and online access details will be shared with registered participants closer to the date.





## To parents/carers: Update on suspension and expulsion powers

Our school is committed to providing a safe, respectful and inclusive environment for all students and staff. You may be aware of recent changes announced to suspension and expulsion powers that will be available to Victorian principals from **day one of Term 3, (Monday 21 July 2025)**.

We know that students' behaviour outside of school, particularly online, can sometimes impact the safety of students and staff at school.

In exceptional circumstances, principals of Victorian government schools will be able suspend or expel students for behaviour that occurs **outside of school grounds and/or hours including online**, if it poses a **significant danger to the safety and wellbeing of students or staff**.

These powers apply **only to serious incidents** where there is a clear and close connection to the school and the behaviour of a student outside of school unreasonably impacts the safety and wellbeing of students or staff at school, and their ability to learn or work. Please note:

- They do not apply to behaviours unrelated to the school or school community.
- They only apply to behaviour which occurs **from Monday 21 July 2025 onwards**.

Suspension and expulsion will remain measures of last resort – our primary approach continues to **focus on proactive and positive behaviour support**, including working with you to teach students the behaviours we expect of them, in school and in life.

Thank you for your continued support as we work in partnership to educate and support our young people.

Cassandra Hoggins

# VISUAL ARTS

The Visual Arts rooms have been filled with fun, chaos and mess over the past 4 weeks as the students have been hard at work creating and decorating their masks for the GYPS Art Show in Term 4.

Foundation students have finished painting the bases of their mask and have cut them out and are decorating them with paper and various collage materials like beads, pipe cleaners, sequins, pom poms and popsicle sticks.

Year 1/2s have finished painting their masks and have begun decorating their masks with a range of craft materials such as pom poms, sequins, pipe cleaners and beads.

Year 3-6s have finished constructing their masks and are wrapping up their paper-mâché layers. Students are now up to painting their masks with acrylic paint, following the plans they made earlier in the term.

Overall, the students have been working so hard on their pieces, and we're so excited to share their work with you in Term 4!

The Visual Arts Team,  
Marni Harris and Barbara Zerzouri



# SUSTAINABILITY 2025

Welcome to our first newsletter page for 2025.

We are the sustainability leaders of Gaayip- Yagila primary school for 2025.

We have year 4, 5 and 6 students they are: Karimat, Zoe, Shruthika, Avneet, Harnoor, Gritvik, Angelina, Nishma, Hunter, Alyanna, Mirai, Mohammed and Prakrit. We have been working together to develop some ideas for some upcoming projects.

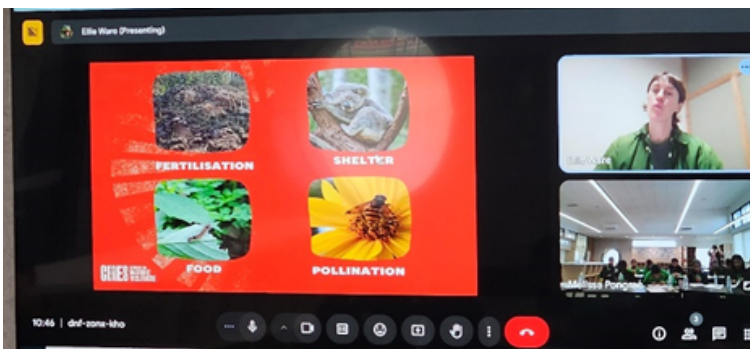
We meet regularly and have discussed some ideas for a litter busting program (still in development- Watch for more in Term 3), our fundraiser-Victorian Deposit container scheme (please see the newsletter). We are also looking forward to having our first **NUDE** food day towards the end of Term 2 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July.

## All About CERES!

Hey everyone! The sustainability group have got some exciting activities coming up with CERES—a group that's all about helping the environment. Here's what's happening:

### Our First Meeting – Online Introduction

We met our CERES contact Ellie. Our first session was online. She talked to us about what they do, and learning about how we can make a small change at school! We learnt about what sustainability is and why animals in Australia are endangered and what we can do to help.





# SUSTAINABILITY 2025 Cont...

## 🌱 Our Second Meeting – In-Person Learning

This time, we got to meet Ellie from CERES in real life! We learnt all about plants that would be best to grow in our new garden area. We also found out the kinds of native insects and wildlife that we might attract by planting specific flora. Next, we get to do some work in our new nature walk garden!



## UPDATE on the Container Scheme!

Its **super** easy—you give, and we collect!

Basically, we gather bottles that are worth **10 cents each**, and thanks to **Mrs Pongrac** (huge shoutout for helping with this!), we put them into the **recycling machine**.

The money we get from recycling goes straight to our school **(GYPS)** and more specifically to our Sustainability group, and we're working hard to reach our goal of **\$1,500!**

Every single bottle makes a difference, so let's keep collecting and make our school and the planet a better place! 🌍♻️

We look forward to updating you in our next Newsletter about all the fun and interesting things happening with our Gaayip- Yagila Student Leader Sustainability group





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

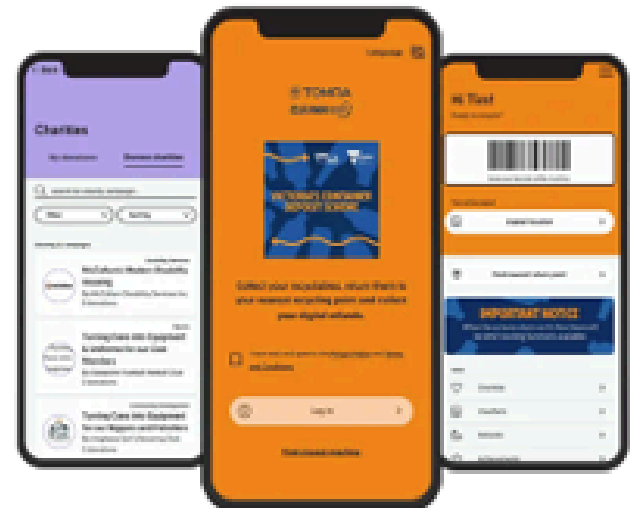
CDS VIC (WEST ZONE) - APP

### 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Ineligible                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aluminium cans</li> <li>Plastic bottles</li> <li>Glass bottles</li> <li>Paperboard cartons (under 3L)</li> <li>Steel bottles/cans</li> </ul> <p>Most beverage containers (between 150ml and 3L) made from aluminium, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard are eligible.</p> |  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wine and spirit bottles</li> <li>Milk containers</li> <li>Paperboard cartons (over 3L)</li> <li>Cordial bottles</li> </ul> <p>Don't throw these out! Ineligible containers may still be accepted in your kerbside recycling bin.</p> |

## 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.

**Craigieburn Plaza**  
 10 Craigieburn Road, Craigieburn, VIC 3064

Open now

until 6:00pm  
 Reverse Vending Machine (RVM)

West Zone - Operated by Tomra Cleanaway

**Craigieburn Central**  
 360 Craigieburn Road, Craigieburn, VIC 3064

Open now

until 6:00pm  
 Reverse Vending Machine (RVM)

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# PE NEWSLETTER

## ESSENDON AFL VISIT



Our school was thrilled to welcome players from the Essendon Football Club to GYPS on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Zach Merrett, Ben Hobbs and Vigo Visentini visited to share their skills, inspire our students, and answer plenty of questions about life as professional athletes.

During the visit, the footballers led interactive skill activities giving students the chance to learn directly from some of the best in the game.

This visit was a fantastic opportunity for our school community to connect with elite athletes and gain insights into the sport we love. We thank the Essendon Football Club for their time and inspiring visit, and we hope to see them back again soon!





This year GYPS is participating in the Victorian Coding Challenge. Select students in year 5 and 6 will be completing stage 1 – Virtual Coding Challenges this term with the option of a statewide face-to-face challenge in term 3!

Students will be tasked with:

- A virtual kit with fun and challenging coding tasks
- Solve real world problems through coding, some maths and algorithmic thinking
- Learn and explore at their own pace, with scaffolding and resources



GYPS is once again having students participate in the Science Talent Search for 2025. This is run annually by the Science Teachers Association of Victoria. It is a wonderful opportunity for students to develop a broader understanding and application of Science and Technology- developing skills and attitudes which will contribute to the wellbeing and development of the wider community.

The purpose to the Science Talent Search is to stimulate an ongoing interest in the study of sciences, promote the direct involvement of the students in the processes of science and its communication, and give the public at large an opportunity to see the quality of work being achieved in science, by both primary and post primary students.

This year our students will be submitting entries from the following category:

Primary Posters & Scientific Wall Charts

1. Patterns, Symmetry and Chaos in Nature.
2. The Cosmic Symphony: Waves and Particles in Space.
3. My favourite Quantum Scientist.
4. Quantum Science Driving Innovation in Medicine.

We look forward to seeing all the amazing work submitted by our students! Good luck.



## Meal deals

Toastie meal deal  
Pasta meal deals

Hot dog meal deal  
Nuggets and chips meal deal

Wednesday special – Chicken Burgers

Thursday special – Pizza



| Price                             |                                                                                                                | Price    |                                                              |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Hot Food</b>                   |                                                                                                                |          |                                                              |
| \$4                               | 3 pack chicken nuggets                                                                                         | \$6      | 6 pack chicken nuggets                                       |
| \$5                               | Penne <u>napoli</u>                                                                                            |          | Chicken noodles                                              |
| \$7.50                            | Penne <u>bolognese</u>                                                                                         | \$4      | 3 pack steamed dim sim                                       |
|                                   | Hot dog - halal available                                                                                      |          | 4 pack cocktail franks                                       |
|                                   | Large meat pie or sausage roll                                                                                 |          | 6 pack vegetarian cocktail spring <u>roll</u>                |
| \$5                               | 2 pack of sweet chilli tenders or Vegetarian samosas                                                           |          |                                                              |
|                                   | 3 pack party pies/sausage rolls                                                                                | \$0.40   | Tomato, sweet chilli or soy sauce                            |
| <b>Salads and sandwiches</b>      |                                                                                                                |          |                                                              |
| From \$3                          | Sandwiches and croissant– Variety of fillings.<br>Toasted panini                                               | From \$5 | Variety of salads                                            |
| <b>Snacks</b>                     |                                                                                                                |          |                                                              |
| \$1.20                            | Seasonal fruit piece                                                                                           | \$2      | Homemade large choc chip cookie                              |
| \$1.50                            | Diced fruit in juice                                                                                           | \$3      | Jelly with a chocolate frog                                  |
| \$2.50                            | LCM rice bubble bar, Oreo minis<br>Red rock deli chips, noodle snacks<br>Pringles minis - Sour cream and onion | \$1.50   | Popcorn                                                      |
|                                   |                                                                                                                | From \$1 | Homemade baked goods (muffins large and small, brownies etc) |
| \$2                               | Hot jam donuts                                                                                                 | \$2.50   | Crackers with carrot sticks                                  |
| <b>Beverages and Frozen items</b> |                                                                                                                |          |                                                              |
| \$3.00                            | 200ml juice and milk box varieties                                                                             | \$1.50   | Frozen orange wedges (seasonal)                              |
| \$2                               | 600ml bottled water                                                                                            | \$4      | Hot Chocolate/ Milkshake (seasonal)                          |
| \$1                               | <u>Zooper dooper</u>                                                                                           | \$3      | Choc coated ice cream                                        |
| \$2.50                            | 99% fruit juice slushie, lemonade icy pole                                                                     | \$2      | <u>Smooze</u>                                                |

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 or hot chocolate/milkshakes to the lunch order. Your student will then bring their lunch order bag back to the express collection line for faster service.





MID SEASON ENTRY IS **NOW OPEN!**

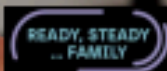


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# dadfit



## DADFIT

### FREE FIVE-WEEK PROGRAM

**Starts Wednesday, May 14**  
**Mt Ridley College, Craigieburn**



### What's Dadfit all about?

**Being a dad is awesome, but it's also hard work.**

Dadfit is a FREE program to help you be the best dad you can be:

- Get active
- Connect with other dads
- Share experiences
- Led by a former BBL cricketer



### What to expect in the program?

-  **Dad workouts**  
Fun, full-body, suitable for all fitness levels
-  **Dad chats**  
Catch up about issues facing dads, including parenting, relationships, health and wellbeing
-  **Dad challenges**  
Dads supporting dads to try out new ideas

### What's included?

The free program includes 5 x two-hour Dadfit sessions.

Each session includes a Workout (45 min), Dad Chat (60 min) and a Dad Challenge.

Timing: Meet weekly on Wednesday 7-9pm for 5 weeks, starting May 14

Location: Mt Ridley College, 2-30 Hampton St, Craigieburn

Open to all dads in the area!



### Sign up now to book your place!



[www.dadfit.au/craigieburn](http://www.dadfit.au/craigieburn)

### Who delivers the program?



**Ryan Carters**  
Dadfit Founder, dad of three, fitness trainer, former pro cricketer



**Glory Sekhon**  
Drummond Street peer worker, dad of one, originally from India

*"A highlight of my year."*  
— Jonathan, dad of three

*"Adding small steps each week to being a better dad"*  
— Uddika, dad of one

*"I've only known these dads for two weeks and it already feels like we're old friends."*  
— Ajay, dad of two

*"My partner is happier since starting Dadfit, which is great for all of us."*  
— Aron, mother of three

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# SOFTBALL

## *School Holiday Program*



### **Locations:**

**Dandenong Softball Association**

**Geelong Softball Association**

**Glen Eira Moorabbin Softball Association**

**Hume City Softball Association**

**Melbourne Softball Association**

**Northern District Softball Association**

**Sunshine Softball Association**

### **TERM 2 HOLIDAYS**

**Time: 9am – 1pm**

**Scan the QR Code for more info and  
to register**



[www.softballvic.org.au/events](http://www.softballvic.org.au/events)

**Cost: \$75.00pp for non members, \$50.00pp for members**

***Price Includes a glove and ball (or a \$25 Ausport Voucher)***

