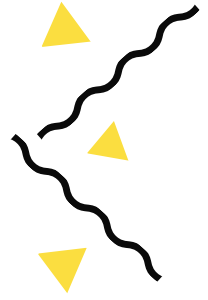


# GAAYIP-YAGILA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



THE LATEST EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR  
OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*Dear Families,*

*Welcome to Term 4, Week 6!*

*On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, our school community came together to commemorate Remembrance Day. A thank you to our student leaders who led our service with respect and maturity. It was a meaningful opportunity for our students to pause and reflect on the importance of remembrance.*

*A huge congratulations to Naman, Gritvik, and Riyom from Year 5 for their outstanding organisation of our Year 5 and 6 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament. Earlier in the term, they presented the idea to me and then took full ownership of bringing it to life — promoting the event, coordinating sign-ups, creating the draw, organising scorers and referees, and even preparing certificates for participants. Their leadership, teamwork, and initiative were truly exceptional!*

*Thank you to Miss Watson and Mr K for supporting the event through refereeing and supervision. Congratulations to all teams who participated, and a special well done to our tournament winners!*

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## Letter from the Principal cont...

*Parent payment information for 2026 has now been sent out to families via Xuno. These contributions play an important role in supporting the learning programs and opportunities we provide at Gaayip-Yagila Primary School. Funds assist our school in purchasing classroom materials, resources for specialist programs, and equipment that enhances both teaching and learning. In consultation with our School Council, we are proud to offer the least expensive parent payment structure among local schools. We greatly appreciate the continued support of our families, which helps us to maintain an engaging educational environment for all students.*

*As we move into the second half of the term, our focus remains on finishing the year strong — celebrating student growth, reflecting on achievements, and preparing for a smooth transition into 2026. We have a number of exciting events ahead, including our end-of-year celebrations and transition activities for students moving into new year levels.*

*Enjoy the upcoming fortnight.*

**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 for our remaining assemblies for the year.

## TERM 4

Monday 24th November - 2:30pm

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December - 2:30pm



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## TERM 4

Date	Event
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov - Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Year 1 - Swimming Program
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Kinect 2 Dance
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov - Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Foundation - Swimming Program
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Assembly - 2:30pm
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Kinect 2 Dance
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Kinect 2 Dance
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Foundation Wonderful Winter Incursion
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Kinect 2 Dance SHOWCASE - 5pm - 7:00pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 and 2 Kaboom Sport
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 - Graduation
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 - Luna Park
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	FINAL Assembly 2025 - 2:30pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term - 1.00pm finish

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# GYPS SCIENCE DONATIONS

Year 2 Scientists need your help! We are working on an Earth Helpers project!



## NEEDED ITEMS

old birthday cards,  
old Christmas cards,  
old celebration cards,  
or any cards!

Simply cut off the  
writing on the card  
and donate the fun  
part!



Please give the cards  
to your classroom  
teacher to collect  
week 7 and 8

# International Day for Tolerance

## 16<sup>th</sup> November 2025

International Day for Tolerance 2025 is an annual observance dedicated to promoting the values of tolerance, understanding, and mutual respect. It was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to address the rising global tensions stemming from cultural, religious, and social differences. The day encourages individuals and communities to embrace diversity, resolve conflicts peacefully, and foster cooperation between different groups.

### What Is Tolerance?

Tolerance refers to the ability to accept, respect, and appreciate the diversity of others. It's about acknowledging that everyone has the right to their own beliefs and practices, even if they differ from our own. Tolerance doesn't mean agreeing with everything but instead respecting differing viewpoints and lifestyles. It's about understanding and appreciating the uniqueness of others without prejudice or discrimination.

### When Is International Day for Tolerance 2025?

International Day for Tolerance 2025 will take place on Sunday, 16th November. This date is observed every year, providing an opportunity for schools, families, and communities to come together and reflect on the importance of tolerance in today's increasingly connected world. This day focuses on encouraging dialogue and understanding, particularly among young people, to build a more inclusive future.

### Why Do We Celebrate International Day for Tolerance?

- Promoting Social Harmony:** Tolerance helps in reducing societal tensions and misunderstandings by fostering an environment where people from diverse backgrounds can coexist peacefully.
- Teaching Respect:** Observing this day allows us to emphasize the importance of respecting others' differences and treating everyone with kindness, regardless of their background.
- Building a Better Future:** In a world where conflicts often arise from intolerance, educating young people about acceptance can contribute to a more peaceful and cooperative future.
- Encouraging Global Citizenship:** This day encourages children and adults alike to think beyond their immediate environment and to develop a broader, more inclusive view of the world.
- Upholding Human Rights:** International Day for Tolerance highlights the importance of human rights and freedoms, which are essential for any society that seeks to uphold dignity and equality for all.

# International Day for Tolerance

## 16<sup>th</sup> November 2025...cont

How to Celebrate International Day for Tolerance 2025 with Your Children  
Teaching tolerance to children doesn't have to be complex. Simple, everyday actions can go a long way in instilling values of kindness, empathy, and respect. Here are some engaging ways you can celebrate International Day for Tolerance 2025 with your kids:

- **Read Books About Diversity and Inclusion:** Choose stories that feature characters from various cultural and religious backgrounds. Books like these can open up conversations about the differences and similarities between people.
- **Watch Movies with Positive Messages About Tolerance:** Pick family-friendly films or documentaries that promote the message of tolerance, acceptance, and friendship across differences.
- **Have Open Discussions:** Create a space for your children to ask questions about tolerance and diversity. Be open to discussing sensitive topics such as prejudice and bias in an age-appropriate manner.
- **Engage in Cultural Activities:** Explore the traditions, foods, and customs of different cultures together. Cooking a meal from another country or attending a local cultural event can help children appreciate diversity.
- **Craft a "Tolerance Tree":** Get creative with arts and crafts by making a "tolerance tree." On each leaf, have your child write or draw something that represents respect, kindness, or understanding. Discuss why each leaf is important in fostering tolerance.

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**TERM 4 -  
WEEK 6**

## **REMINDERS**

### **RETURNING ALL BOOKS TO THE LIBRARY**

Can all parents please remind their child/childrentoreturn all library books to the library during **Monday, 17th - Friday, 21st November**. There will be no borrowing for the rest of the year.

### **LIBRARY CLOSURE DATE**

As we prepare for our yearly stock-take, the library will be closed from **Monday, 24th November** and will reopen next year on the first day of school.

### **GYPS BOOK FAIR**

GYPS will be holding a Book Fair on Thursday, 4th December, from 4:00pm to 6:30pm, giving parents the opportunity to purchase items from their child's wish list. Students will have the chance to browse the fair and complete a wish list, which they will bring home. If you're unable to attend, orders can still be made via the Scholastic Book Fair Portal <https://scholastic.com.au/book-fairs/payments/> Once payment has been made, please write the receipt number on the wish list form and submit it to our school reception. Orders will be distributed to your child once the items have been delivered to GYPS. There will be a wide range of books and other items available for purchase. We invite you to come along after school and take a look! Thank you! Ms D (Library Technician)



At TheirCare we have been very fortunate to receive loads of new equipment! We have some amazing new blocks, crafting resources, board games and dress ups! We want to give a huge shout out to our amazing families who have been kind enough to donate some of their children's extra toys. Another huge shout out to some of the amazing teachers who have also been looking out for the kids and have made some donations of their own!

Our themes for the past couple weeks have been 'boo bash' to celebrate Halloween, 'jungle jamboree' all safari themed activities and this week has been 'tune town' with musical themed crafts. We got to make some flying bats, puffy ghosts, fork painted lions, jungle leaf paintings, DIY guitars and music note collages.

We also had a pupil free day last Monday which meant the children got to play at the service all day and we got to run some super fun games and activities all together. On pupil free days the service is open for care from 6:30am until 6:30pm, we always have space for all children so do keep us in mind for the next pupil free day!

This term it has been really amazing to see so many new faces and we hope to see more soon! Please come say hi to Bree in the food room if you are interested in before or after school care services or give us a call on 0448 200 063.

Kind regards,

Bree Denny  
Gaayip Yagila P.S Theircare - 2IC

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# Changes to digital device use

From 2027, the Victorian Government is introducing changes to the use of digital devices for students from Prep to Grade 6.

Under the new guidelines, schools:

- will no longer invite families to purchase or bring their own digital devices to use at school for Prep to Grade 6
- will follow new recommended digital device times, including minimal device time for Prep to Grade 2; and a maximum of 90 minutes per day for grades 3 to 6.

These changes are intended to support families by reducing cost-of-living pressures. They will also support students by reducing screen-time which can reduce the risk of eye strain, sedentary behaviour, and reduced peer interaction. These reforms complement Victoria's nation-leading mobile phone restrictions, ensuring an integrated approach to addressing digital distraction and the inappropriate use of technology.

## What this means for our school

This means we will be ceasing our current BYOD program for Grade 3 from 2027 on. Instead, we will provide class sets of digital devices for use by students. Students who have been using BYO devices prior to 2027 will be able to continue to bring their devices to school, but we will be following the new recommended device use times.

Students with disability who use a digital device as a reasonable adjustment are exempt from these changes.

These changes are intended to support families with cost-of-living pressures and reduce student screen time.

You can read more about the changes on the department's website: [Digital Learning: Policy](#).

## Free Public Transport

From 1 January 2026, people aged under 18 can travel free on all Victorian public transport services using a new youth myki card. This includes trams, trains, buses and coach services.

To access free travel, they must tap the myki card on and off each time they travel. For areas that do not use myki cards, they must show their myki card to travel free.

More information about the youth myki card will be available later in Term 4, 2025 – refer to the [myki types webpage](#) on the Transport Victoria website.

For more information about other travel options to school, and support for eligible students, refer to the [Travelling to school](#) webpage on the Victorian Government website.

## Orientation Day

Our classes for next year, including teachers, will be announced on the state-wide transition day, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. All students will have an opportunity to spend time with their new class and teacher on this day.

In my experience, this process is comprehensive, considerate and best prepares our students for a positive start to the following school year. Of course, on occasion, there might be some disappointment for a few of our students. They might miss a particular friend or be anxious about leaving a favourite teacher. As adults, it is our responsibility to support them through this. If there is some initial disappointment, we will enact our school values and work collaboratively with kindness and respect to ensure our students and families feel supported and prepared for the transition into 2026.

As you can appreciate, class placement is a very complex undertaking. At Gaayip-Yagila Primary School, we strongly believe it is essential for children to have the opportunity to make new friends, as this experience often leads to wonderful new friendships and stronger social skills.

If anything, I have outlined is unclear, please do not hesitate to contact me for further clarity. I look forward to working through this process together with the intention of providing our students with the best possible learning platform to begin 2026.

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## **Webpage to help families and students prepare for a new school year**

A new school year is an exciting time for students and families, but it can be a big step – particularly for those starting Prep, secondary school or VCE.

The Department of Education has a webpage with resources and information to help you prepare for the new school year.

During the school holidays, please consider reading through the resources, which include:

- tips to help transition from kinder to Prep, primary to secondary school, and Year 10 to VCE
- what to expect at school
- help with school costs and fees
- health and wellbeing guidance to support children's mental health.

Please refer to the [New year of learning webpage](#).

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## 2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers

Brunswick East, VIC



Scan the  
QR code or  
[click here](#)  
to register



This workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents.



Tuesday & Wednesday  
25 & 26 November, 2025  
9:30am - 2:30pm



CERES Community Environment Park  
Corner Roberts & Stewart Streets  
BRUNSWICK EAST VIC 3057

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided



**Interpreters available upon request**

During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Understanding behaviour
- Working together with your child's school.

Learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

For more information or to register visit:

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