

GAAYIP-YAGILA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THE LATEST EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

Welcome to Week 4 of Term 6! As we enter the final stretch of the school year, it is wonderful to reflect on the enriching experiences our students have had during the past fortnight. I would like to thank the staff and our supportive parent volunteers who assisted in making the following activities possible for our students.

Our Foundation students had a fantastic time on their first excursion to Animal Land in Digger's Rest. This outing was their first big adventure beyond school grounds, and it was positive to see their excitement and curiosity in learning about animals and farm life.

Our Year 1 and 2 students hosted their Grandparents Morning, creating an opportunity for families to come together and share stories across generations. Students were fascinated to learn from their grandparents, exploring the differences between life "back then" and now, and it was a special day of connection and discovery for everyone.

The Year 5 excursion to Quantum was a highlight, engaging students in robotics and hands-on learning that sparked their curiosity and creativity. These experiences in technology continue to inspire our students to think innovatively.

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Finally, our Year 6 students led the way during their Discovery Week, showcasing their leadership skills as they facilitated multi-age activities for our younger students at the beginning of the week. They also took part in technology sessions at Quantum and visited the MCG, a memorable and enriching experience as they look toward the end of their primary school journey. Students completed the week with a Year 7 readiness session at Mickleham Secondary.

The process of Student Leadership selection for 2025 is well underway. Staff are now finalising the selection for each of the leadership positions. This is an exciting time for all those Year 3 to Year 5 students who have applied. We are thrilled with the number of students who have shown aspiration by putting their hand up to be considered. I wish them all the best for the process.

Last week, Katrina Lamers and I attended the HUME Principal Forum for Term 4, where we delved into the revised Victorian Teaching and Learning Model (VTLM 2.0) and gained insights into the Department of Education's renewed approach to the teaching of reading. Since the beginning of 2024, Gaayip-Yagila Primary School has been proactive in enhancing our teaching and learning approach toward reading and mathematics, with an increased emphasis on Phonics and Explicit Instruction. These improvements closely align with the Department of Education's new recommended practices and position us well for the changes we are expected to implement over the next three years.

Kind Regards

Cassy Hoggins

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 4

Mon 11th – Fri 15th November	Year 5 Excursion – Quantum Robotics
Mon 11th – Fri 15th November	Year 6 Discovery Week
Thursday 14th November	Year 6 Excursion - MCG
Monday 25th November	Assembly 2:30pm
Mon 25th – Thu 28th November	Year 2 Swimming
Thursday 5th December	Kinect2Dance Showcase 5pm – 6:30pm
Tuesday 10th December	Whole School Transition & Statewide Year 6 – 7 Transition
Tuesday 10th December	Year 1 & 2 Kaboom Sports Incursion
Monday 16th December	Year 6 Graduation
Wednesday 18th December	Year 6 Funfields Excursion
Thursday 19th December	End of year assembly 2:30pm
Friday 20th December	LAST DAY – 1:10pm Finish



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SCHOOL SAVING BONUS

Parent and carer School Saving Bonus distribution

The Victorian Government is delivering the School Saving Bonus – a one-off \$400 support for government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025.

From Tuesday 26 November 2024, you will receive an email from the Department of Education with your unique \$400 School Saving Bonus code.

The School Saving Bonus will help families cover the cost of uniforms, textbooks, excursions, activities and more.

If you have multiple children enrolled in Victorian government schools for 2025, you will receive one School Saving Bonus code email per child. These emails might arrive on different days. Please make sure to check your spam/junk email folder.

Parents and carers can use the School Saving Bonus code in store at school-nominated suppliers. Parents and carers can also choose to access the School Saving Bonus online system, where they can allocate part or all the \$400 bonus to use at school nominated-online suppliers or for school activities.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, visit [School Saving Bonus | vic.gov.au](https://www.vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus) (www.vic.gov.au). A step-by-step user guide will be available on the webpage on 26 November.

If you have not received your School Saving Bonus code via email by Friday 29 November, please contact the Department of Education by emailing school.saving.bonus@education.vic.gov.au



Kinect2 Dance Program

SHOWCASE

THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER

5:00pm – 6:30pm

A reminder to mark your calendars for **Thursday, 5th December, from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm**. Our Kinect2Dance Showcase is just around the corner, and the excitement among our students is growing! With each rehearsal it is incredible to see our students' growth and confidence shine. Bree, our fantastic dance instructor, continues to inspire and motivate students with each practice.

Students are reminded to wear **black shorts or pants and a white top** as their performance costume, with the option to add a touch of Christmas festivity to their look!

We encourage parents to bring a **deck chair, throw out a rug, and pack a picnic** to enjoy the evening comfortably. Our canteen will be open, and there will be a coffee vendor and an ice cream van on site for refreshments.

This showcase is not only a celebration of the students' hard work and creativity but also a wonderful way to come together as a community to end an incredible school year. Thank you to everyone for helping make this event possible—we can't wait to share this joyful evening with you all!



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International Day for Tolerance

16th November 2024



At Gaayip-Yagila Primary School, we are excited to recognise and celebrate International Day of Tolerance on November 16. This year's theme, "Encouraging dialogue and understanding, especially among young people, to build a more inclusive future," is a reminder of the power we hold to create a better tomorrow through respect, kindness, and open communication.

Our school's values—excellence, kindness, collaboration, and respect—reflect our commitment to embracing diversity and fostering a positive, inclusive environment where everyone feels seen, valued, and respected. In our culturally rich community, every student, family, and staff member brings unique perspectives, experiences, and traditions that we honour and celebrate every day.

International Day of Tolerance reminds us that each act of kindness and understanding strengthens our community. By learning from one another and working together, we create a school environment where everyone can thrive. We encourage students to celebrate what makes each of us unique and to practice empathy, patience, and open-mindedness in all our interactions.

Thank you for supporting our commitment to building a tolerant and compassionate community at Gaayip-Yagila Primary School. Together, let's continue to nurture a school culture where excellence is achieved through kindness, collaboration, and mutual respect.

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Scholarships to support students

Scholarships are available for students who complete Grade 4 to Year 11 in 2024, and for students enrolled in Year 12 in 2024 who plan to do tertiary studies in 2025.

Student scholarships

The Department of Education administers a number of scholarships available to eligible students who are enrolled in Grade 4 to Year 12 in 2024.

Applicants for these scholarships will be evaluated on their:

- participation in school activities
- community involvement
- academic achievement.

Scholarships are either one-off payments or cover the duration of the student's course or annual study.

Many of these scholarships have specific eligibility criteria, so please refer to individual applications for more information. Applications are now open, and close on Saturday 1 February 2025. For information on how to apply, refer to [Student Scholarships](#) web page.

2025 Parent Payments Arrangements

Scholarships Gaayip-Yagila Primary School is excited to begin another year of exceptional teaching and learning and would like to share information about the Parent Payment Arrangements for 2025.

The arrangements for Curriculum and Other Contributions will be available on Xuno starting the week of November 18, 2024. You will receive an email notification as soon as these details are published.

Financial contributions from our families play a vital role in helping us deliver a high-quality education and resources for our students. The outstanding learning environment and facilities we enjoy today are a testament to the generosity and support of our parent community since our opening. We deeply appreciate all forms of support, including financial contributions, participation in fundraising, and volunteering your time. Thank you in advance for your continued commitment to our school community.

For further details, please refer to the 2025 Parent Payment Arrangements document.

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Class Creation 2025

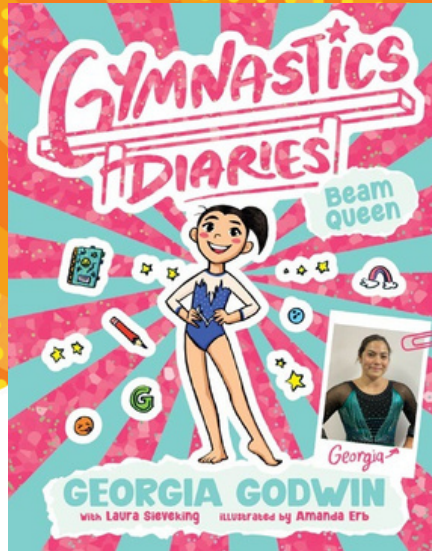
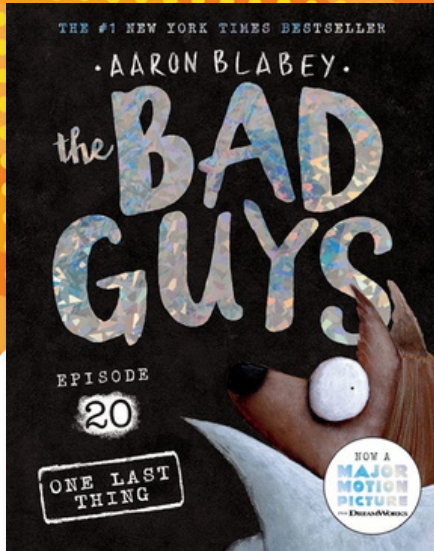
The deadline for providing parental requests for class placements has now passed, and our staff have begun the complex task of forming grades. This process takes time as teachers carefully consider key factors such as academic and social-emotional needs, friendships, requests, and their own professional insights into which students will work well together.

We ask that our community understands we make every effort to place students in classes that will support their growth and potential in 2025 and beyond. While being in the same class as a best friend may seem ideal, it can sometimes lead to distraction—there will still be plenty of time to connect during recess, on excursions, and outside of school hours. Class placements will be shared on December 10, as part of our whole-school transition day, when students will also meet their new teachers.

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You're invited to our SCHOLASTIC Book Fair



Date 4th - 5th December 2024 **Time** After School

Place Learning Neighbourhood 3

Find these books and more at the Fair!

EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL



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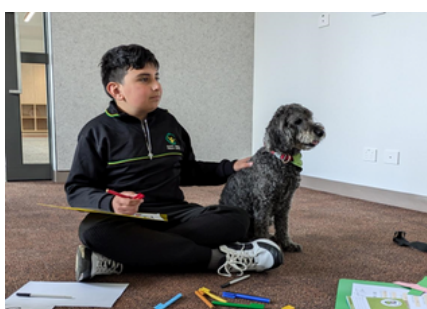
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Wellbeing Update

MHiPS (Mental Health in Primary Schools) – Canine Comprehension

Through the Department of Education's Mental Health Fund, GYPS has been running a four-week Canine Comprehension Dog Therapy program. This program focuses on friendship, responsibility, and communication skills, providing students with the opportunity to connect with George, a gentle six-year-old Spoodle.

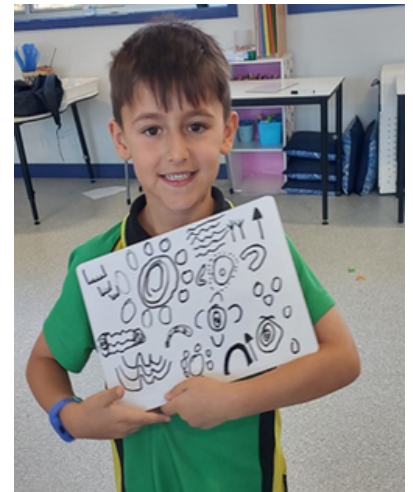
Under the guidance of Judy, George's handler, our small group of selected Year 4–6 students have been working to build relationships, engage with targeted learning activities, and explore mindfulness resources. Students have thoroughly enjoyed their time with George and each other, building both social and emotional skills while also learning valuable lessons in caring for a dog. We are excited to welcome our selected group of Year 3 students, who will begin their own four-week program this Thursday!



Wellbeing Update

Cultural Engagement – Koorie Group Mentor Program

The end of year catch up with Peru and Sermsah was a lovely celebration of the shared experiences our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at GYPS have had together over the year with their Mentors. The students played co-operative games outside and demonstrated teamwork and the trusted connections they have made over the year. We also sat in a yarning circle with Peru and Sermsah and the students used the Aboriginal symbols they have learned about to tell their story. Several of the students were confident to share their story with the group. We then shared in a delicious morning tea together. There was a lot of laughter and chatter and Peru and Sermsah were so positive in their feedback about our amazing students!!



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Wellbeing Update

Student Support Group Meetings

It's that time of the year again when we meet with families for Student Support Group meetings. The SSG's are scheduled for weeks seven and nine and will focus on recommendations for next year. Appointment times have begun being confirmed with families. We look forward to discussing the progress that students have made.

Attendance

The end of October Attendance Letters will be sent to students who have an attendance level below 80% (including family holidays). The letters are levelled and the following strategies will be implemented:

- Call from Student Support Services
- Call from Health and Wellbeing Leading Teacher or Assistant Principal for an Attendance Plan meeting
- Referral to the Department of Education for ongoing chronic absences

SWPBS

Our SWPBS Team (Assistant Principal – Wellbeing, Leading Teacher – Engagement, Student Managers – Foundation, Year 3, Year 5 and Specialists and ES – Student Support Services) has been working to further develop our schools processes. This term we have completed the following:

- Met with the Department of Education SWPBS Coach
- Reviewed our Positive Behaviour Support Survey Data
- Created 2025 documentation linked to our Expectations and Positive Behaviour Matrix
- Developing school-wide processes

GYPS Wellbeing Team

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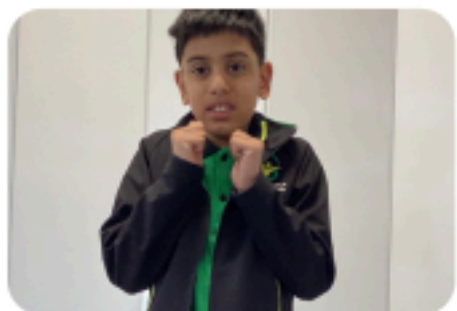


Auslan Moments Captured

AUSLAN NEWS



Friendly Reminder: At Week 8 Assembly on November 25th, our talented Year 3 and 4 students will be performing 'You're Welcome' from Moana! We'd love for you to join us and enjoy this special performance!



Auslan sign for cold



Auslan sign for degrees



What's been happening in Auslan?



It was fantastic to see our students from Foundation to Year 2 shine during assembly with their wonderful performance of 'I Can Sing a Rainbow'. They did an amazing job, captivating the audience with their enthusiasm and confidence. We're so proud of their hard work and teamwork - well done to everyone involved!

Our Foundation students have been busy learning all about the weather, practicing the days of the week, and exploring the alphabet. It's been great to see their curiosity and excitement as they develop these fundamental skills.



Meanwhile, our Year 1 and 2 students have been learning signs for community helpers and different types of weather. They're building important knowledge about the world around them and the people who help us every day.

In Years 3-6, students have been diving deeper into weather signs, days of the week, and months of the year. As part of their learning, they've been working hard to create and present their own weather reports, each one focused on a season of their choice. This project has been a wonderful way for them to showcase their skills and creativity.

GYPS AUSLAN TEAM



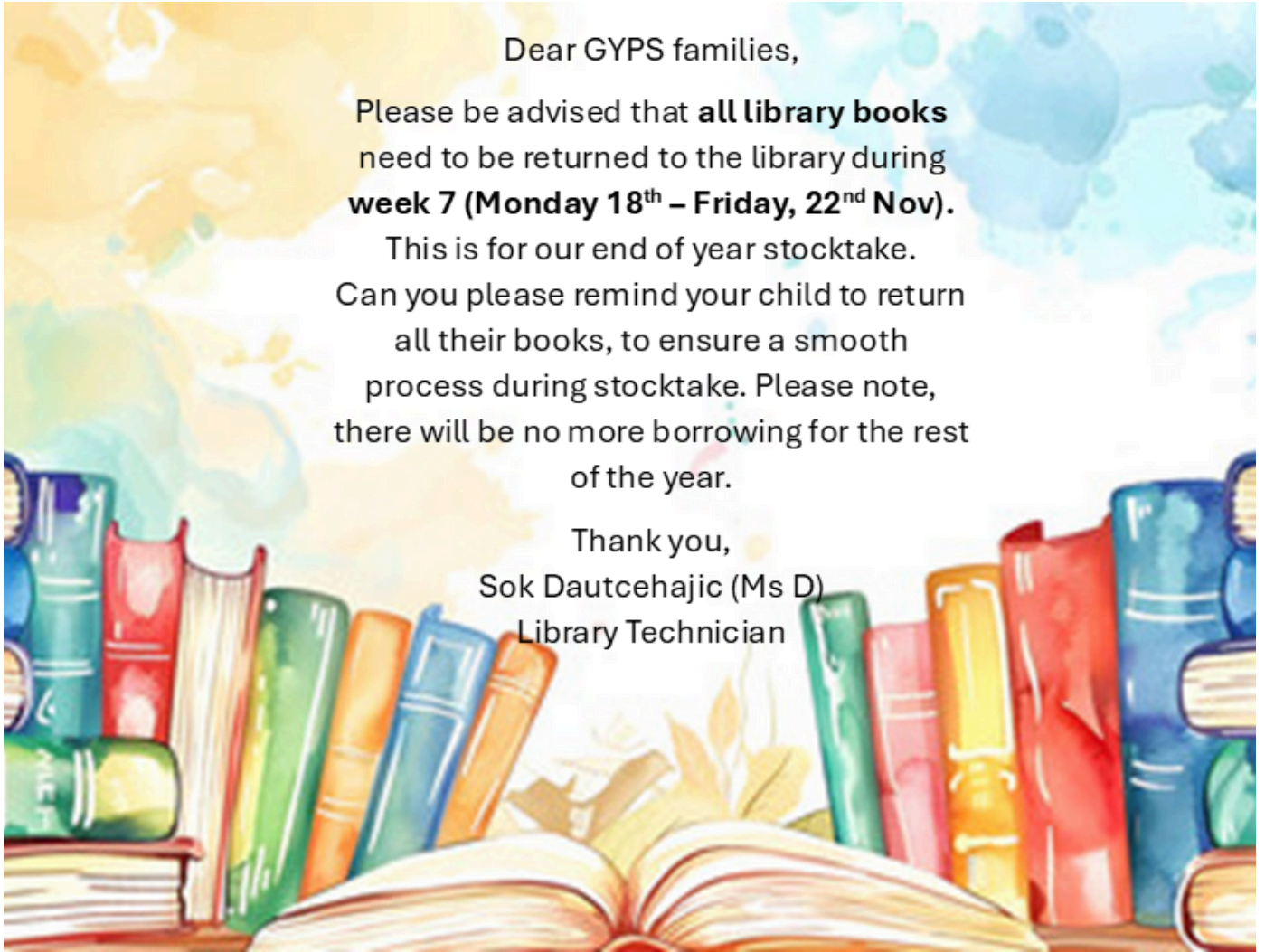
LIBRARY NEWS

Dear GYPS families,

Please be advised that **all library books** need to be returned to the library during **week 7 (Monday 18th – Friday, 22nd Nov).**

This is for our end of year stocktake. Can you please remind your child to return all their books, to ensure a smooth process during stocktake. Please note, there will be no more borrowing for the rest of the year.

Thank you,
Sok Dautcehajic (Ms D)
Library Technician



TOUCH RUGBY GALA DAY

On Friday the 15th of November we look forward to heading to Mernda Community College to participate in the first ever Touch Rugby Gala Day held by the MCC Rugby Academy. Students will have a training and skills session on arrival and then move into some competitive games later in the day. We wish the below students the best of luck at the event and hope you all have an enjoyable day

Israel Asolua 5A	Huseyin Yildirim 5E	Aadesh Acharya 5C
Manny Taupau 5E	Petelo Erika 5E	Ted Ward 6D
Azariah Solua 6A	Seth Lister 5E	Ethan Nair 6A
Princeton Rima 6D	Aser Ettouny 5E	Mehul Sodhi 6D
Josh Mataafa 6D	Lennox Pati 5E	Manwel Shammas Elias 5D
Francis Erika 6D	Harrison Lui 5D	Ivneet Kaur 5A
Delvinder Taliu Tuia 6E	Hadassah Neufeldt 5E	Ane Vaiouga Levi 6C
Cate Bantilan 6E	Josie Reweti 5D	Raliat Raji 5A
Serenity Esera Fau 6B	Sarah Nwafor 6A	Meylynn Tuia 6E
Loni Rima 5D	Alina Al-amine 6E	





Term 4 Summer Menu



Meal deals – available all days

Toastie meal deal

Pasta meal deals

Nuggets and chips meal deal – NEW

Wednesday only – Pizza

Thursday – Burger day – beef, chicken and vegetarian

New Items

Sweet chilli tenders
LCM rice bubble bars
Milkshake – coming soon!

Price		Price	
Hot Food			
\$4	3 pack chicken nuggets	\$6	6 pack chicken nuggets
\$5	Penne napoli (veg)	\$4	Chicken noodles
\$6.50	Penne Bolognese	\$1.20	Steamed dim sim
\$4	4 pack cocktail franks	\$1.50	Party pie / mini sausage roll
\$4.50	Hot dog	\$2.50	Vegetarian samosa
\$4.50	Sausage roll	\$2	4 pack vegetarian cocktail spring roll
\$5	Meat pie	\$0.40	Tomato, sweet chilli or soy sauce
Salads and sandwiches			
From \$3	Sandwiches and croissant– Variety of fillings.	From \$5	Green Salad Caesar Salad
	Toasted Panini		Greek Salad
			Gluten free bread available – extra \$0.50
Snacks			
\$1.20	Fruit piece	\$2	Homemade large choc chip cookie
\$1	Homemade healthier mini muffin	\$3.50	Homemade healthier large muffin
\$1.20	Diced fruit in juice		New varieties
\$2	Harvest snaps baked pea crisps	\$1.50	Popcorn varieties
\$3	Jelly with a chocolate frog	\$2.50	LCM rice bubble bar
\$2.50	Red rock deli chips	\$2.50	Oreo minis
	Pringles minis - Sour cream and onion	\$2.50	Hummus dip with carrot and cucumber and sticks
Beverages and Frozen items			
\$2.50	200ml Juice box varieties – no added sugar	\$2.50	200ml milk box varieties
\$2	600ml bottled water	\$4	Hot Chocolate/ Milkshake
\$1	Zooper Dooper	\$3	Paddle Pop varieties
\$2.50	99% fruit juice slushie	\$2	Lemonade icy pole

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 to your recess or lunch online order, then using the express collection line for faster service.

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LITTLE LUMIERE LEARNING

ENLIGHTENING TOMORROW'S MINDS



TERM 4 CHESS CLASSES

- 8 classes each term
- Classes will be held on Thursdays from Oct 10, 2024 to Nov 28, 2024
- Venue: Biik Building
- Class timing: 3:15pm - 4:15pm
- Fee: \$80 per term

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