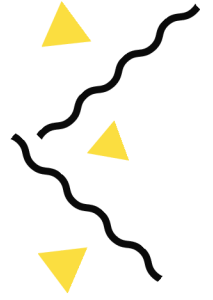


GAAYIP-YAGILA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



THE LATEST EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 4 Week 2! It has been a fantastic start to the term, with calm classrooms and lots of focused learning taking place. We have also had a range of wonderful activities connecting us with our community!

Our Prelude to Diwali celebration on Wednesday 8th October was a huge success. Students enjoyed the Bollywood dancing incursion and the classroom lessons that deepened everyone's understanding of Diwali. A huge thank you to our families for joining us after school and participating in the activities. Special thanks to Ms Langman for her organisation, and to the CSIC Grant and the Merrifield Community Partnership Program for enabling us to run such a vibrant event.

On Monday 13th October, we officially opened our Art Showcase – Masks and Mirrors. Our students did an incredible job with their portraits and masks, and the new Glow Room addition was a wonderful highlight of this year's showcase. The inclusion of the Rangoli, face painting, and Mendhi activities were also thoroughly enjoyed by students and families. Thank you to our families for coming along to celebrate our students' creativity, and a special thanks to Miss Harris and Ms Zerzouri for guiding students in Art throughout the year to create their masterpieces.

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Letter from the Principal cont...

Our Year 2 students recently visited Ripponlea Estate, where they had a fantastic time exploring the beautiful gardens, learning about life in the past, and connecting their experiences to our inquiry learning. It was a memorable and enriching day for all involved!

This week, we also welcomed our 2026 Foundation students through the first session of our Transition Program. It has been wonderful meeting our new students and families, and we look forward to sharing this exciting journey with you over the coming months.

With so many exciting things happening across all year levels, Term 4 promises to be a busy and rewarding finish to the year. We are excited for what's still to come and look forward to seeing our students continue to shine in their learning, connect with others, and finish the year with pride. Have a great 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 of our assemblies for the year.

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 4

Date	Event
Thursday 23 rd October	Regional Finals - Volleyball
Tuesday 28 th October	Kinect 2 Dance
Wednesday 29 th October	Foundation Excursion - Animal Land
Thursday 30 th October	Year 4 Cosmodome - Incursion
Tuesday 11 th November	Kinect 2 Dance
Friday 14 th November	Rugby Gala Day
Monday 17 th Nov - Friday 21 st Nov	Year 1 - Swimming Program
Tuesday 18 th November	Kinect 2 Dance
Monday 24 th Nov - Friday 28 th Nov	Foundation - Swimming Program
Tuesday 25 th November	Kinect 2 Dance

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Thunderstorm Asthma – Be prepared this pollen season

Grass pollen season, which typically runs from October to December each year in Victoria, brings an increase in asthma and hay fever symptoms. It also increases the risk of [thunderstorm asthma](#). For people with asthma or hay fever, especially those who experience wheezing or coughing with their hay fever, thunderstorm asthma can be sudden, serious and even life threatening.

Gaayip-Yagila Primary School will implement a range of measures to keep our school community safe as the risk of thunderstorm asthma increases.

Many of our staff are trained in asthma first aid. We will monitor the VicEmergency app to receive thunderstorm warnings and, where appropriate, keep students indoors when weather forecasts identify greater risk.

During the season, there are some things you can do to prepare and protect yourself and your family:

- If your child has ever had asthma, talk to your doctor about what you can do to help protect them from the risk of thunderstorm asthma this pollen season, including updating your asthma action plan. Taking an asthma preventer properly and regularly is key to preventing asthma, including thunderstorm asthma.
- If your child has hay fever, see your pharmacist or doctor for a hay fever treatment plan and check if you should have an asthma reliever puffer. These are available from a pharmacy without a prescription.
- If your child has hay fever and experiences wheezing and coughing, it is important to make sure they don't also have asthma. Speak to your doctor about an asthma action plan.
- Where possible, avoid being outside during thunderstorms from October to December, especially during the wind gusts that come before the storm. Go inside and close your doors and windows. If you have your air conditioning on, turn it to 'recirculate'.

Protect yourself this pollen season – managing asthma and allergies matters.

For more information, speak to your doctor. You can also refer to the Better Health Channel website.

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Kinect2Dance Program Kicks off at Gaayip–Yagila PS!

We are excited to share that our students will again participate in a dance program with Kinect2Dance this term. This initiative offers a fantastic opportunity for students to explore dance and movement in a fun and engaging way.

The first lesson will take place the week of 27th of October. The program will run throughout the term, leading up to a special performance on Thursday, 4th December, from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Families are invited to join us for a picnic afternoon on our Basketball courts to watch students perform. Further details will be provided in future newsletters.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Children's Week

Children's Week is a national celebration. It recognises the talents, skills, achievements and rights of children.

This year Children's Week 2025 will be held between 18 October – 26 October 2025. The Children's Week theme for 2025 is: "Everyone should know about Children's Rights", based on Article 42 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

For a list of activities being held in Victoria please see the interactive map [Children's Week | vic.gov.au \(www.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.vic.gov.au/childrens-week)

2026

For 2026, our student enrolment projections are between 1000 - 1020 students.

If you are intending to transition to a new school in 2026 we encourage you to inform our administration team via email at gaayip.yagila.ps@education.vic.gov.au This information is important so as to avoid any student who wishes to be with you child not having a friend in the 2026 class. It also enables us to support a smooth transition for students to their new school.

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Social media changes are coming

From 10 December, certain social media platforms won't be allowed to let Australian children under 16 create or keep an account.

What you need to know

- The age restrictions are likely to apply to **Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, TikTok** and **YouTube**, among other platforms.
- **Online gaming and standalone messaging apps** are among the types of services that will not be included.
- Children under 16 will still be able to see publicly available social media content that doesn't require logging into an account.



2026 Class Creation

At this time each year, we will outline the class placement process. The placement of students into classes for next year is a complex and important one. The process works as follows:

Data Collection from Teachers

Our teachers make a balanced judgement on each student in their class within the following areas:

- Academic ability
- Learning behaviours
- Additional needs

'Who do you work well with?'

Our students will be asked to nominate 5 other students who they 'work well with' in their year level. Please note a couple of things:

- We do not use the word friends here. Students don't always necessarily work well with some of their closest friends. That does not mean they won't be in the same class together; what we are focusing on here is student's educational relationships, more so than friendships.
- Your child will be in a class with at least one of the 5 students they nominate. We do not account for whether that child was listed first or fifth on the list, if they are a boy or a girl, or if they were in another class this year.
- On very rare occasions, your child may not be able to be paired with someone from their list. We will contact you and discuss this with you further if this is the case.

It may be beneficial to talk with your child prior to our teacher collecting this information about how they best identify other students who they work well with. Our teachers will also have a discussion with their class before the students complete this part of the process.

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2026 Class Creation...cont

Parent Requests

- No requests will be considered regarding teachers.
- In an extremely limited number of cases, there may be an educational, health or wellbeing reason for your child to be separated or paired with another child. This may include:
 - A child with additional needs who will be supported by positive ongoing relationships with their peers.
 - A child who has been involved in ongoing and targeted incidents where another child has negatively targeted and / or impacted their learning and / or wellbeing.
- Requests from parents must be:
 - Sent to the Gaayip-Yagila Primary School email address (gaayip.yagila.ps@education.vic.gov.au), addressed to Cassandra Hoggins and with the subject line 'Class Placement 2026'.
 - Received no later than close of business Friday 31st October (no late submissions will be considered).

To be clear, we expect very few, if any, requests from our families. Our teachers and leadership team know our students in great depth and I trust them and the knowledge they have to make considered judgements regarding class placement.

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2026 Classes

At present, we are planning for approximately 1000-1020 students across 47 classes in 2026. In 2026, we anticipate having the following class structure:

- Foundation (six classes)
- Year One (seven classes)
- Year Two (seven classes)
- Year Three (eight classes)
- Year Four (six classes)
- Year Five (seven classes)
- Year Six (six classes)
- Specialist subjects: The Arts, Physical Education, Science, Auslan

Our classes for next year will be formed with the following priorities:

- Students with at least one peer from their nominated 'who you work well with' list.
- Classes with a balance of;
 - Students working 'above', 'at' and 'working towards' academic level.
 - Gender.



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Orientation Day

Our classes for next year, including teachers, will be announced on the state-wide transition day, Tuesday 9th 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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Visual Arts

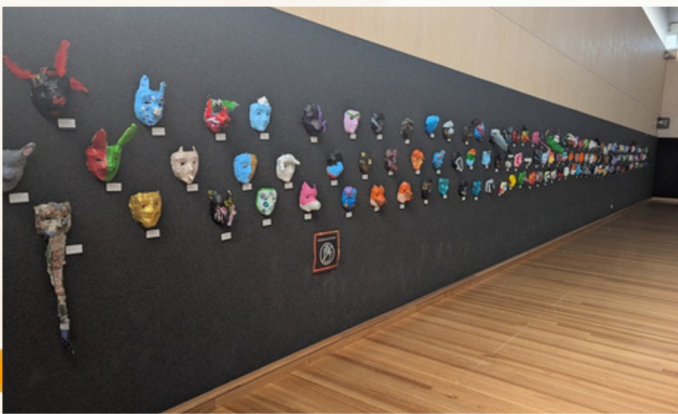
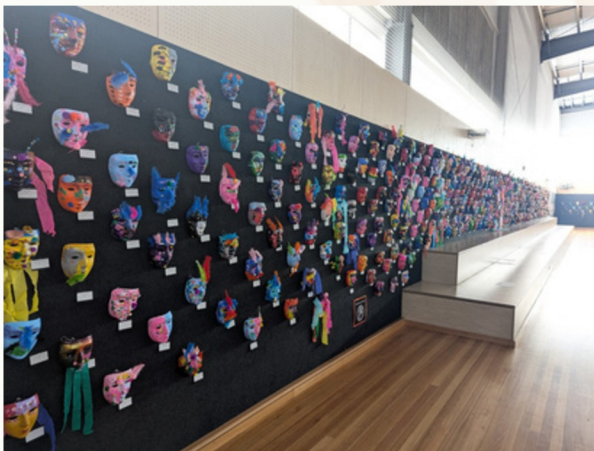
Term 4, Week 2

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We've had a fantastic start of the term, celebrating the opening of the 2025 GYPS Art Show *Masks and Mirrors* on Monday 13 of October. It was fantastic to see so many students and families joining us to celebrate all the amazing artwork the students have created throughout the year. A huge thank you to all the students who worked so hard during the year to complete their pieces, to all the family and community members who came to the show and to all the staff who helped up leading up to and on the night - we couldn't have done it without you. The Art Show has also provided an invaluable opportunity for students to learn about art galleries and art analysis, with students attending the gallery during Visual Arts to examine and analyse the art works on display. With the 2025 Art Show complete as of Thursday 16th of October, we look forward to sending the students' pieces home to families, so keep an eye out for that in Week 3 and 4. We're so proud of the work that your students have created, and we hope this pieces will find places of pride in your homes. The Visual Arts Team, Marni Harris and Barbara Zerzouri.



Art Show



Art Show



Prelude to Diwali

What a bright and colourful first week of term at Gaayip-Yagila! In the lead up to the Diwali celebrations (Festival of Light) all students participated in a Bollywood dance workshop with a professional dancers from Ignite Bollywood. Students learnt a Bollywood dance and wore bright coloured or cultural dress to school, making the day a real celebration. Over the week all classes also learnt about Diwali and Indian family traditions and activities and drew or made a paper diya (lantern).

Thank you to the families that attended our family afternoon watching a Bollywood performance and learning to dance together as a family. It was certainly a bright and happy afternoon to share as a school community.

At the GYPS Art Show, we were lucky enough to have a rangoli artist in residence! Madhuri is a rangoli artist who made a beautiful rangoli for us to enjoy and then drew some designs for families to work on together - some beautiful creations were made!

Wishing a Happy Diwali to those who celebrate!



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Diwali...cont



WHAT'S NEW in the

LIBRARY

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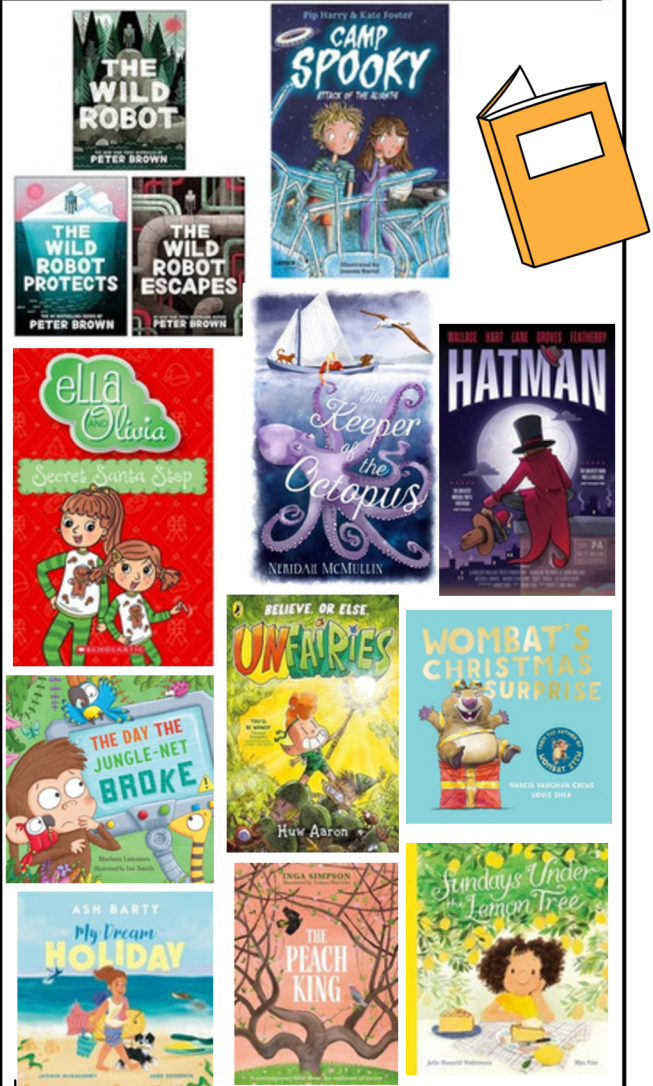
BOOK

review

NEW releases

The Awakening Storm:A Graphic Novel by Jaimal Yogis

Reviewed by: Ms D, Library Technician
Grace and her friends must protect a newly hatched dragon from mysterious evildoers. With beautiful illustrations and an engaging story, this book captures a true manga/anime feel that draws you right into the world. Fans of Wings of Fire will absolutely love it. Check it out for yourself!



Reminders

What's a snake's favourite subject in school?

Hisssssssstory!

A couple of reminders, please ensure your child returns their library book on time. For parents who are thinking of exiting their child, please ensure all books are returned to the school before they exit. Books can be returned to the library or the reception desk. I also want to say a BIG thank you to all parents who have responded to my emails.

Thank you!

Ms D - Library Technician





Earth and Space

A term of scientific discovery



Welcome back to another exciting term of Science learning! This term, our focus is on Earth and Space, as we explore the wonders of our planet and the fascinating world beyond it.

Foundation: Weather Watchers

Our Foundation students are becoming weather experts! They are exploring daily and seasonal changes in the weather and the environment.

Year 1: Earth Explorers

Year 1 is on a mission to understand Earth's rotation, the magic of day and night, and the wonders of the solar system.

Year 2: Resource Guardians

Year 2 is focusing on caring for our planet! They're learning about Earth's precious resources water, land, and air by reducing, re-using, and recycling materials to help conserve our planet's precious resources.

Year 3: Rock Detectives

Year 3 will become true rock stars as they explore Earth's resources; rocks, minerals, and soils. They will learn about the different properties that make them useful in many ways.



Year 4: Weather and Climate Investigators

Year 4 students will be studying weather, climate, and human impact, with a focus on the Mickleham area. They'll explore how weather patterns affect our local environment and how we can make a positive difference.

Year 5: Space Navigators

Year 5 will reach for the stars as they explore gravity, Earth's orbit, and the seasons. They will be learning that gravity keeps Earth and the planets orbiting the Sun, and that Earth's tilt, rotation, and revolution cause day, night, and changing seasons.

Year 6: Geology Gurus

Year 6 is diving deep into geological processes that shape our planet, learning that geological processes like weathering, erosion, transportation, and deposition can change Earth's surface over time, sometimes slowly and sometimes very quickly.



Updated Sun Smart Policy

We are pleased to share that our SunSmart Policy has recently been reviewed and ratified by School Council. The policy supports our commitment to protecting students and staff from harmful UV exposure and outlines clear expectations around sun safety at school.

Key points include:

- All students are required to wear a broad-brimmed school hat for outdoor activities from mid-August until the end of April, or whenever UV levels are 3 or higher.
- Families are encouraged to provide students with sunscreen each day.
- Sun protection is supported through shade, protective uniforms, sunscreen use, and curriculum that teaches students about being SunSmart.
- Families and visitors are also encouraged to model sun safe behaviours during outdoor school events.

Hats can be purchased through our uniform supplier, Academy Uniforms. We strongly encourage families to ensure each hat is clearly named, so it can be returned if misplaced.

Our updated policy is now available on the school website. For more information about sun safety, visit www.sunsmart.com.au.



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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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TERM 4, ENROLMENT FORM STARTING 17TH OCTOBER 2025

PERSONAL INFORMATION

CHILD'S NAME: _____ DOB: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ SUBURB: _____ P/CODE: _____

MOBILE: _____ EMAIL: _____

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US: _____

TERM 4 CENTRES (Please Tick)

<input type="checkbox"/> MICKLEHAM YUBUP PRIMARYSCHOOL 8 WEEK PROGRAM STARTING ON 17TH OCT	<input type="checkbox"/> THOMASTOWN THOMAS STREET RESERVE 8 WEEK PROGRAM STARTING ON 18TH OCT
<input type="checkbox"/> CRAIGIEBURN 525GRANDBLVD RESERVE 8 WEEK PROGRAM STARTING ON 19TH OCT	

PROGRAMS (Please Tick)

CLASS TIMES	<input type="checkbox"/> MITE - E (2-3 YRS OLD)	<input type="checkbox"/> PINT SIZE (4-5 YRS OLD)	<input type="checkbox"/> INTRO TO MICRO (5-6 YRS OLD)	<input type="checkbox"/> MICRO (6-8 YRS OLD)	<input type="checkbox"/> MICRO PLUS (8-12 YRS OLD)
MICKLEHAM - FRI	N/A	5:15 - 6.05 PM	5:15 - 6:15 PM	5:15 - 6:15 PM	5:15 - 6:15 PM
THOMASTOWN - SAT	N/A	10.00 - 11.00 AM	10.00 - 11.00 AM	10.00 - 11.00 AM	10.00 - 11.00 AM
CRAIGIEBURN - SUN	9:00 - 9:50 AM	9:00 - 9:50 AM	9.00 - 10.00 AM OR 10.00 - 11.00 AM	10.00 - 11.00 AM	10.00 - 11.00 AM
TERM FEE	\$170	\$180	\$190	\$190	\$190

PAYMENT

PAYMENT OPTIONS: CASH, BANK TRANSFER OR CREDIT CARD | Grasshopper Soccer has a **NO REFUND** Policy)
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NAME: SETTLEWELL SERVICE **BSB:** 033 129 **ACC:** 141382 **REFERENCE:** CHILD'S NAME

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