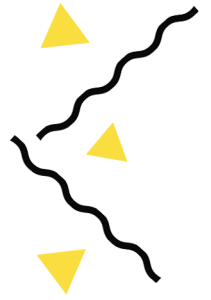


GAAYIP-YAGILA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



THE LATEST EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 4 Week 12. Tomorrow is the final day of school for 2023.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish all members of the school community a safe and happy festive season. Thanks to the staff for their professionalism and continued commitment of families at Gaayip-Yagila Primary School. We look forward to your continued support in 2024.

Last Wednesday we celebrated our Year 6 students time at Primary School. In 2023, we had 98 students graduate. We wish them every success and happiness and encourage them to continue to dream big, work hard and reach for the stars.

A few important reminders

DISMISSAL TOMORROW - WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER IS 1.00PM Please ensure you are prompt with collection. Students not collected will be taken to Out of School Hours (TheirCare) and fees may apply.

Year 6 parents and families leaving the school - Please ensure you download Semester reports prior to end of school day tomorrow. Your Xuno profiles will be deactivated as part of the end of year processes and you will not have access to Xuno after this time.

Lost and unnamed school clothing - There are a number of items in lost property (administration office). If you are missing clothing, please ensure you check this area prior to the end of the year.

Coming Together To Learn

A special school assembly was held on Friday where we had our Foundation and Year 6 students each share a presentation to our community. We celebrated outstanding achievement of students as they were awarded Principal, Specialist and Attendance Awards. We also announced our 2024 School Captains and Vice Captains. Our School Leaders for 2024 are:

- Mehul Sodhi (Captain)
- Mannat Setia (Captain)
- Navroj Kaur (Vice-Captain)
- Yashi Prabhakar (Vice-Captain)

Congratulations to our awardees and all our students on a fabulous year. We can't wait to see you continue to grow and achieve i



Kind Regards

Cassy Hoggins

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PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Muhammad Waseem	Foundation	For consistently going above and beyond in your learning this year. You always persevere to complete activities to the best of your ability and often challenge yourself to further understand topics. You always show initiative and go above and beyond to include others in games. You respectfully listen to others, always have a positive attitude and show excellence in all that you do. I am so proud of all of your efforts and achievements in Foundation this year.
Marisa Dautchajic	Year 1	For demonstrating excellence in all areas of the curriculum and always willing to help her teachers and peers.
Avitaz Bhathal	Year 2	For demonstrating all four expectations consistently. His effort towards achieving his goals is to be admired and he is always willing to support and encourage others to achieve their best. Avitaz willingly takes on teacher feedback and embodies a 'can do' attitude when faced with a challenge.
Austin McDonald	Year 3	Throughout Year 3, Austin has consistently shown enthusiasm for all areas of the curriculum and works to a high standard. He has made fantastic growth throughout the year both academically and socially. Austin is a friendly class member who always shows respect and kindness when working with others.
Arhhata Patil	Year 4	For her consistent dedication across all learning areas and for always demonstrating our school expectations.
Isaac Brownley	Year 5	For his unwavering devotion to all aspects of learning, enthusiasm to participate in activities beyond the classroom and ability to get along well with other students.
Savannah Kiefer	Year 6	



ART AWARDS

Violet Fear	Foundation	Violet consistently tries her best, shows great enthusiasm & curiosity in Visual Art. What a super star!
Peyton McDonald	Year 5	Peyton is dedicated to improving her craft in Visual Art. She consistently works hard, is passionate about trying new things & bravely gives all tasks a go. She should be very proud of herself!

SCIENCE AWARDS

Raymond Heinink	Year 1	For demonstrating excellence in Science and improving in his scientific inquiry skills.
Jolin Zahra	Year 4	For demonstrating excellence in her use of questioning and predicting skills.

SPORTS AWARDS

Zain Celik	Foundation	For having a positive attitude, showing Excellence in his knowledge of sports, his performance of the skills and constantly showing kindness to his peers.
Samreet Kaur	Year 3	For always striving for excellence in all skills and activities and demonstrating our school expectations in and out of class.

2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday 20th December	Last Day of Term 4 - 1:00pm Finish
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2024 TERM DATES

TERM 1	Monday 29th January (teachers return)	Thursday 28th March 2024	9 weeks
TERM 2	Monday 15th April 2024	Friday 28th June 2024	11 weeks
TERM 3	Monday 15th July 2024	Friday 20th September 2024	10 weeks
TERM 4	Monday 7th October	Friday 20th December 2024	11 weeks

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2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The following dates have been agreed in consultation with the School Council

Monday 29th January 2024	Teachers return (Student Free)
Tuesday 30th January 2024	Year 1 – 6 students return
Tuesday 30th Jan – Thursday 1st Feb 2024	Foundation assessments (Foundation Staff)
Friday 2nd February 2024	Foundation students begin
Monday 12th February 2024	Meet and Greet 3.30 – 5.00pm
Thursday 29th February 2024	Student Free (Teacher Professional Learning – Dan Petro)
Thursday 21st March 2024	Harmony Day – Whole School event
Friday 22nd March 2024	Colour Run
Friday 19th April 2024	School Photos
Wednesday 22nd May 2024	Student Free (Staff Professional Practice: DET required day)
Thursday 12th September 2024	Student Free Parent Teacher interviews (11.00am - 6.30pm)
Monday 4th November 2024	Student Free (Staff Reporting: VGSA requirement)

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

WELLBEING UPDATE

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Initiative

Gaayip-Yagila Primary School has a strong commitment to creating positive, safe and supportive learning environments through empowering our students to become connected, engaged and collaborative learners.

The school has worked strategically to implement strong foundational structures, such as our matrix, and now we are excited to announce that we have been successful in applying to join the SWPBS initiative in 2024. Our school will have a dedicated coach and a school team focused on implementing research driven, consistent practices.

SWPBS is a framework that brings together school communities to develop positive, safe and supportive learning cultures. It assists schools to improve social, emotional, behavioural and academic outcomes for young people. When SWPBS is implemented well, teachers and students have more time to focus on relationships and classroom instruction. Students and staff benefit from:

- Increased respectful and positive behaviour
- Increased time focused on instruction
- Improved social-emotional wellbeing
- Positive and respectful relationships among students and staff
- Increased adoption of evidence-based instructional practices
- A predictable learning environment with improved perceptions of safety and increased attendance

We look forward to updating you regularly next year as we progress with our important work.

Student Support Group Meetings

Thank you to the parents and guardians who attended the Term 4 SSG meetings. It was great to review the achievements of the students and discuss transition goals. 2024 Individual Education Plans will be created in Term 1.

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

WELLBEING UPDATE

Harvard Data Wise

This year the Wellbeing Team had the opportunity to complete the Harvard Data Wise professional learning. This included 5 days training, online course material and then ongoing coaching at school. Some of the highlight achievements have been:

- Creating a student survey for our Year F-3 students to compliment the Year 4-6 AtoSS survey from DET
- Analysing the data in an informed manner focusing on reliability and validity
- Identifying key areas for improvement
- Creating an Action Plan to implement in 2024 focusing on inclusion

We are excited to share more of our journey with you all next year.

NDIS Funded Therapists for 2024

All 2023 licence agreements have now ceased. Therapists are not able to attend onsite in 2024 using their previous agreement. Please note that new requests will not be taken until Term 1 Week 5. At this time, requests will be taken via the school email. This does not guarantee automatic approval, as we have a large school community, we need to consider the application and supporting documentation being provided. Approval can take up to 2 weeks.

Attendance Letters

Attending school is very important for a student to achieve academically and socially. The Wellbeing Team have completed an end of year attendance review and any child that has an attendance rate of 80% or below will receive a letter outlining concern about the current rate percentage. Please ensure starting the new school year in 2024 that strategies are put in place to increase attendance at school. If you require support with this, please contact the school on 9216 3200.

Attendance Superstars

We would like to acknowledge 11 amazing students who have an attendance rate of 100% for the 2023 school year. These students have not missed 1 day of school. We celebrated their incredible achievement at the end of year assembly where they received their certificate.

Hanna Spark

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Congratulations

to the following students on

★ 100% ATTENDANCE ★

**for the 2023 school
year!**

Olivia Yokhana



Asher Chouhan



Dante Mandaza



Kamsi Chibu-Alozie

Lachlan Chapman



Navreen Kaur

Aaron Pandey

Jaimal Singh

Hannah Gojar



Shehnaaz Bhullar

Hazel Chouhan



SCIENCE NEWS

GYPS is proud to announce that we are now recognised as an eSmart school! Our school has worked very hard to ensure we have the right policies, programs and plans in place to achieve eSmart status.

We have fulfilled all the necessary requirements in the areas of:

- School Organisation
- School plans and policies
- Respectful and Caring Community
- Effective teacher practice
- eSmart School Curriculum
- Partnerships with parents and the local community

eSmart Schools, a wonderful initiative by the Alannah & Madeline Foundation, is here to help teachers, librarians, and our entire community ensure a safe and supportive environment for our kids. It's a helpful framework that covers everyone – teachers, students, parents, and even our library community. Achieving eSmart is not a set and forget, it is a long-term change program that focuses on educating, monitoring, and preventing bullying and cyberbullying.

We encourage everyone in the school community to continue to uphold and promote eSmart behaviours, at school and at home by becoming familiar with the use of technologies and the policies and practices within our school. We look forward to continuing our work, with our community, in 2024.



Sally Hill- Learning Specialist

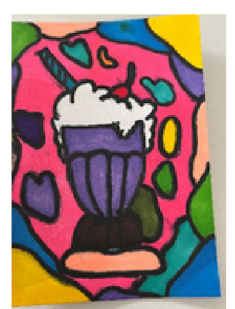
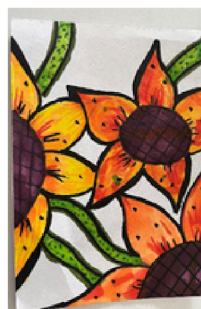
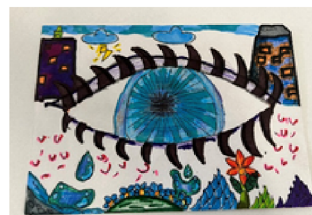
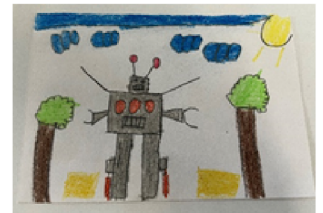
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VISUAL ARTS NEWS

In Visual Arts this semester, students were informed that they were going to complete an artwork to enter into a national art competition. Students were told that only a small number of students work from our school would be chosen, so they needed to try their very best. They designed a postcard of their choice and used materials that they wanted.

The following artworks from Foundation through to Year 6 were chosen to represent our school.

Congratulations artists!



The Visual Arts Team
Marni Harris and Ilkay Yagcioglu

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DRAFT - CANTEEN MENU

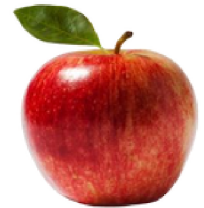


Introductory Menu

Snacks

Available recess and lunch orders

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| \$1.20 | Fruit piece – apple, banana, mandarin |
| \$2.50 | Dip with veggie sticks – Carrot and cucumber sticks with hummus |
| \$2.00 | Yoplait vanilla yoghurt tub |
| \$1.00 | Mini homemade Muffin (low sugar) - Choc chip, orange and poppyseed, blueberry, apple and cinnamon |
| \$3.00 | Large homemade muffin (low sugar) |
| \$1.50 | Homemade jumbo chocolate chip cookie |
| \$1.50 | Popcorn – lightly salted / sweet and salty |
| \$2.50 | Pringles minis - sour cream and onion |
| \$2.00 | Harvest snaps – baked pea crisps |
| \$2.50 | Red rock deli chips – Honey soy chicken /sweet chilli and sour cream / sea salt |



Beverages

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| \$2.00 | Bottled Water 600ml |
| \$2.50 | Juice Box 200ml. Apple, Orange, Tropical |
| \$2.50 | Milk 200ml. Plain, Chocolate, Strawberry |
| \$2.50 | 99% Fruit juice Slushie |



From the Freezer

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| \$1 | Zooper Dooper |
| \$2 | Smooze - Mango and coconut icy |
| \$1 | Frozen orange wedges |
| \$3 | Paddle Pop – chocolate or rainbow |
| \$2 | Lemonade icy Pole |



No added Sugar
99% Fruit Juice

The following items are available as lunch orders only:

Sandwiches *roll or wrap additional \$1

- \$3.00 Vegemite
- \$3.00 Cheese
- \$3.50 Ham and cheese
- \$4.00 Ham, cheese and tomato
- \$4.50 Salad
- \$5.00 Egg and lettuce
- \$5.50 Ham / tuna / roast chicken and salad



Hot Food

- \$5.00 Penne Napoli – vegetarian pasta
- \$1.20 Steamed dim sim
- \$3.00 Oven baked chicken nuggets (3 pack)
- \$4.00 Cocktail franks (4 pack)
- \$5.00 Oven baked chicken nuggets (6 pack)
- \$4.00 Hot dog - cheese additional \$0.50
- \$2.50 Vegetarian samosa
- \$2.00 Vegetarian spring roll – medium size
- \$1.50 Party Pie
- \$1.20 Party sausage roll
- \$4.50 Four'n Twenty Meat pie
- \$4.50 Four'n Twenty Sausage roll
- \$0.30 Sauces - Tomato sauce / soy sauce



Salads

- \$5.50 Greek Salad
- \$5.00 Garden salad

Dietary requirements, allergy friendly, vegetarian and halal options available.

Further menu options will be added as term 1 progresses.

Lunch order meal deals

Deal 1 Pasta meal deal \$7

1 serve Penne Napoli
Choose 1 drink from water, milk or juice options
Get a free piece of garlic and parmesan bread

Mini meal deal Deal 2 \$6

Choose 1 sandwich from Cheese / Ham and cheese /
Ham Cheese and Tomato
Choose 1 drink from water, milk or juice options
Choose 1 mini muffin variety



Deal 3 Hunger buster deal

\$7

1 hot dog
Choose 1 drink from water, milk or juice option
Choose a popcorn or zooper dooper variety

In 2024 nourish canteen will operate 5 days a week. Beginning term 1, year levels will have allocated days to order to ensure all orders placed are able to be fulfilled. This is gradually increase to all year levels being able to order on all days of the week.

Order days and menu changes will be communicated via Xuno and through the flexischools app.

You can also keep up to date with news via the nourish canteen Gaayip Yagila Facebook page: [Nourish Canteen facebook page](#)

OUR CANTEEN IS ONLINE WITH

flexischools

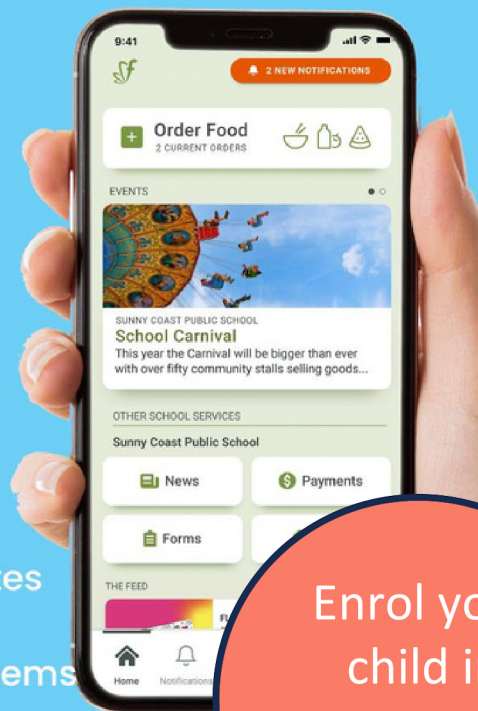


With Flexischools, you can quickly place school orders online through the Flexischools app, which has a 4.8-star App Store rating!

- ☒ Order and pay in seconds
- ☒ Quickly re-order your favourites
- ☒ See up-to-date menus and items

Download the app, create your account and place your next order online via Flexischools.

Order Recess and Lunch online Mon-Fri. Place your order by 9:00am.



Enrol your child in their 2024 class.



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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund APPLICATION Form

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

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☐ Foster parent* OR Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH). **Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card.

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders.

I understand that:

- DFFH or Centrelink will use information I have provided to DE to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DE personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to my child's school so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DE.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You can request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____ Date / / _____