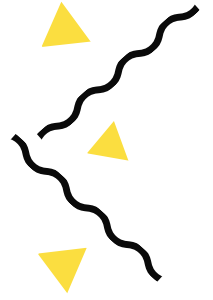


GAAYIP-YAGILA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



THE LATEST EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 3 Week 5. Over the past fortnight, our school has been buzzing with excitement and community spirit!

We celebrated our very first School Disco, with over 250 of our Year 1 and 2 students hitting the dance floor. The night was full of energy, with dancing, pizza, fairy floss, and icy-poles proving to be a huge hit. A big thank you to our wonderful teachers for going above and beyond to organise such a memorable event for our students.

Last week we recognised Science Week, where students took part in engaging daily challenges that sparked curiosity and creativity across the school. We are very proud of our Science Program, with students enjoying two dedicated science sessions each week. These lessons are designed to encourage a greater understanding of the 4 Science strands through a mix of theory and hands-on, practical investigations. Science is always a highlight for our students, and it was wonderful to see their enthusiasm shine throughout the week.

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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL Cont...

This week, we have turned our focus to Book Week. Thank you to all the families who supported our parade—it was fantastic to see so many students dressed as their favourite book characters. Students have been immersed in literature through daily Storytime, scavenger hunts, and our very successful Writers' Afternoon, celebrating imagination and creativity in writing.

A reminder that on Wednesday 10th September we have Parent Teacher interviews. Further information will be provided to families next week regarding the booking process.

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 3

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 12:30pm



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 3

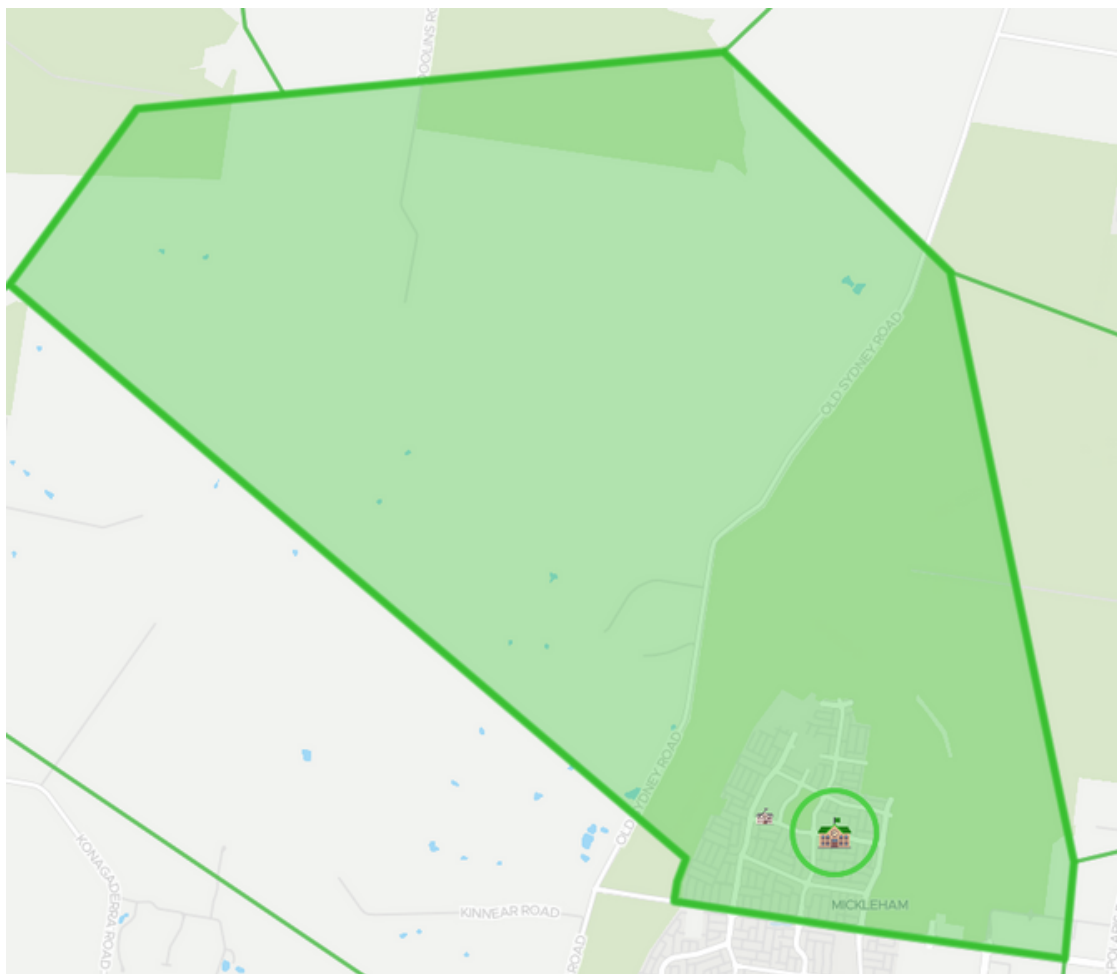
Date	Event
Mon 18 th Aug - Friday 22 nd Aug	Book Week
Mon 18 th Aug - Friday 22 nd Aug	Year 2 - Swimming
Monday 25 th August	District Athletics
Tuesday 2 nd September	Year 6 Graduation Photos & catch up photo
Wednesday 3 rd September	Crazy Hair Day
Thursday 4 th September	Father's Day Stall
Friday 5 th September	Hot Shots Gala Day
Wednesday 10 th September	STUDENT FREE DAY
Wednesday 10 th September	Parent Teacher Interviews
Thursday 11 th - Monday 15 th Sep	Year 5 Quantum Excursion
Monday 15 th Sep - Tuesday 16 th Sep	Year 1 Cooper Settlement Excursion

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Enrolments for 2026

Foundation enrolments for 2026 are now due. If you have a child who will be starting Foundation next year it is important that you speak to our administration team this week to complete enrolment forms so that we can plan for anticipated enrolments. If you have a neighbour, friend or relative who lives within our designated neighbourhood (www.findmyschool.gov.au) we ask you to check that they have enrolled their child. If you have any questions, please speak with our administration team.

Once our enrolments are confirmed, we can plan our transition program and offer sessions and times to enrolled families. Our transition program will begin from October 12th 2025.



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PRE-FOUNDATION PROGRAM

Our Pre-Foundation program for future students begins in Term 4.

There will be a Tuesday or Wednesday session offered to accommodate family needs. Students attend one session each week (Day of the week remains the same).

Week	Tuesday 2.15 - 3.00pm	Wednesday 2.15 - 3.00pm	Student Letter Focus	Parent Information Session
1	14th October	15th October	Please bring an item that starts with the letter Mm	Welcome from Principal
2	21st October	22nd October	Please bring an item that starts with the letter Ss	
3	28th October	29th October	Please bring an item that starts with the letter Ff	Literacy and Numeracy at School and Home
CUP WEEK				
4	11th November	12th November	Please bring an item that starts with the letter Aa	
5	18th November	19th November	Please bring an item that starts with the letter Pp	Wellbeing
6	25th November	26th November	Please bring an item that starts with the letter Tt	
7	Tuesday 9th December 9.30 – 11.00am Whole Foundation Transition Session Bring your teddy!		In this session, your child will meet their teacher for 2026 and you will receive further information and materials to support your child's school readiness. Parent Helper Training	

Please complete the following online form [2026 PreFoundationTransition](#)

or return this form to the administration office by Tuesday 7th of October 2022



Childs' Name: DOB:

Parent Name: Contact Phone:

Parent Email:

Indicate order of preference: ☒ Tuesday ☐ Wednesday

EXCELLENCE AWARDS

	Student (class)	For...
Foundation	Jeffery Chehade (FA)	For helping others in Phonics lessons by showing how to correctly form letters.
Year 1	Zoha Shahzad (1E)	For demonstrating the school expectation of respect by always using her manners when engaging with teachers and peers.
Year 2	Ayan Gaire (2I)	For STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE in learning time and trying his best to achieve his learning goals.
Year 3	Raya Chandra (3B) -	For demonstrating EXCELLENCE by consistently completing her work in the classroom and taking pride in her learning.
Year 4	Angadpreet Waraich (4F)	For consistently completing his work to a high standard and using what he has learnt to help others in the classroom.
Year 5	Emiliano Biniamen (5D)	For showing persistence and working with a growth mindset when learning new concepts in Mathematics.
Year 6	Archie Lucca (6A)	For STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE when completing all classwork to the best of his ability.



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WELLBEING AWARDS

	Student	For...
Foundation	Lexther Alex-Mulipola (FF)	For consistently showing KINDNESS to his peers.
Year 1	Elsie Fear (1C)	For demonstrating KINDNESS and RESPECT by being polite and helping others in the classroom.
Year 2	Hudson Austin (2H)	For demonstrating KINDNESS in class and being a great friend to others.
Year 3	Ata-Lilly Loau (3D)	For demonstrating KINDNESS by always assisting her teachers and peers in the classroom and showing a positive attitude towards her learning.
Year 4	Max Pickerd (4C)	For regularly volunteering to complete classroom tasks and helping other students with genuine KINDNESS and a smile.
Year 5	Harnoor Kaur Gill (5C)	For showing resilience during camp during challenging situations.
Year 6	Maahi Raval (6E)	For showing KINDNESS by supporting and caring for every member of the class.



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Australian South Sea Islanders National Recognition Day

This week we acknowledge Australian South Sea Islanders National Recognition Day, which is held on 25 August each year. The day recognises the history, heritage, and contributions of Australian South Sea Islanders, who are descendants of the men, women, and children brought to Australia—often under harsh conditions—from more than 80 Pacific Islands.

It is an important opportunity for us to reflect on the resilience and strength of the Australian South Sea Islander community, to acknowledge their significant contributions to our country, and to deepen our understanding of their unique cultural identity.

At Gaayip-Yagila Primary School, we value and celebrate the many cultures that make up our community, and this day is another way we continue to learn from and honour the diverse histories and traditions that shape us.

The official Australian South Sea Islander flag was initially designed in consultation with the ASSI community and executive of the then Australian South Sea Islanders United Council (ASSIUC) in 1994.



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Visitor Reminder – Bathroom Access

To support our commitment to child safety, we kindly remind all parents and visitors that student toilets are not to be accessed by adults at any time. If you require access to a bathroom while on site, please speak to our administration team who will be happy to assist. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe environment for all students.

Father's Day Stall Donations

Our Father's Day Stall is fast approaching and we have some great items picked out for our students to purchase for their dad or special person. After the Mother's Day Stall we had a few parents reach out asking if they could donate items that they make, for the Father's Day Stall.

So we wanted to put a call out to our whole school community! If you have items that you would like to donate to the school for our Father's Day Stall please let the Administration Office know and please bring these items in by Tuesday, September 2nd.

Thankyou for supporting our events and helping them to be a great success for our school.



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**SUPER
COOL
DAD**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

FATHER'S DAY STALL



**4TH
SEPTEMBER**

WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO
ANY PARENTS WHO MAY BE
AVAILABLE TO ASSIST
DURING THE MORNING OF
THE STALL.



IF YOU COULD SPEND AN
HOUR OR TWO ASSISTING,
PLEASE COMPLETE THE
FOLLOWING FORM:

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/BW1MM
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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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Nude food day TERM 3!

🥗✨ **Nude Food Day is Coming Soon!** 🌍❤️

Hi everyone! Nude Food Day is almost here, and this year it's a whole-school event. We want you to be involved and help make it awesome!

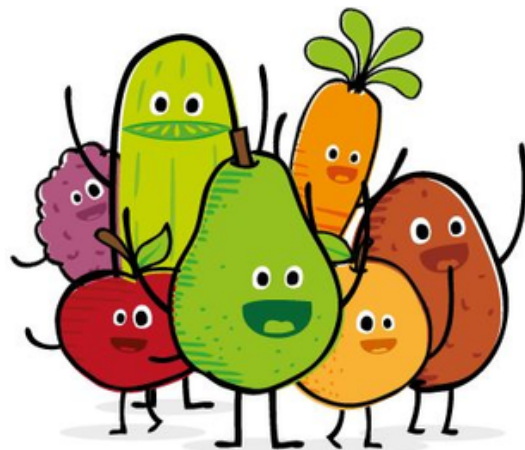
What's Nude Food? It's food packed without wrappers — no plastic, foil, or paper. Bring lunch and snacks in reusable containers to help keep our school clean and green! ♻️

How to Join In: Pack your lunch with fresh, healthy food in containers. Try fruits, sandwiches, or homemade snacks — but no snack packets or single-use wraps.

Reminder: Please don't order lunch from the canteen that day — most takeaway meals come with packaging.

Spreading the Word: We'll be putting up colourful posters around the school. You can make one too or tell your friends! The more people who join in, the bigger the impact.

Let's make Term 3's Nude Food Day the best one yet — GREAT FOR US AND GREAT FOR THE PLANET! 🌍✨



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VICTORIA CONTAINER SCHEME

💰♻️ **Container Scheme Update!** ☀️



Great news — our Victoria container recycling program is going really well! So far, we've collected enough containers to earn \$185.00. If we keep this pace going, we estimate we can raise another **\$200 by the end of the term!**

We are filling our donation bags quite fast but can always use more donations. We are gathering approximately **100 to 150 containers**, every few days across the whole school. That's a huge achievement, so thank you to everyone who's been placing their 10 cent containers in their grey CDS buckets in their classroom.

A few reminders to keep things running smoothly:

🍷 Some buckets may need a clean — sometimes juice and milk containers are being put in without being fully emptied. Please remember to drink all your drinks before recycling!

🗑️ Buckets should be returned to their own classrooms — we'll be reminding a few classes to make sure this happens.

With everyone's help, our goal is within reach. By the end of **Semester 2 (Term 3 and 4)**, we'll likely have achieved **30-40% of our target** — amazing work!

Remember you can join up to the container scheme and donate for our school. See the Container scheme page of our newsletter.

Let's keep up the great effort. Every container counts, and together we're helping our school and the planet! 🌍❤️

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🌿 Biodiversity Audit

Our school recently completed a biodiversity audit and earned a score of **66** — such an amazing achievement for our first time! With around **2,000 to 3,000 plants** in our garden, we're already making a big difference for birds, bugs, and other wildlife. 🌻🦋 It's exciting to see how much life our garden supports!

But we're not stopping there. We're now aiming for a score of **70% or more in 2026**, and we know what steps we need to take to get even better.

🌳 Things we'll improve:

- **Add more native canopy trees** to provide shade, shelter, and homes for animals.
- **Place more logs and rocks** so creatures like insects and lizards have safe places to live and hide.
- **Create bird boxes** so we can attract more native and local birds to our school.
- **Build some bug hotels** so we can encourage more insect life at our school.

By making these small changes, our garden will become an even better home for nature. We're excited to work together to care for our plants, protect wildlife, and keep learning about biodiversity.

Let's keep growing, exploring, and making our school greener, wilder, and even more awesome — for all living things! 💚 Every leaf, twig, and creature counts!

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.

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SCIENCE

Welcome to week 5 of term 3 in Science. This term the students have been learning about Physical Science. Foundation has been learning about rolling and the objects that can roll in our everyday lives. Year 1 has been learning about forces specifically pushing and pulling. Year 2 has been learning about sound and will be applying this information in making instruments out of everyday materials. Year 3 has been learning about heat and how we keep warm through different methods. Year 4 has been learning about all the different types of forces that work around us, including gravitational, magnetism, and electrical forces. They have also been learning about how forces can be contact and non-contact. Year 5 has been learning about light and the different forms of light including natural and man-made. Year 6 have been learning about electricity, including how to be safe with using electrical items, how electrical circuits work and building an electric circuit.

Upcoming Events

On the 11th, 12th and 15th of September there is an excursion to Quantum for our Year 5 students. The students will be looking at LEGO Robotics and how these building blocks can be used to explore physical science in a fun and individual way. Please check XUNO for payment details.

FOR YEAR 2 SCIENCE:

Our Year 2 science students will be making instruments out of empty tissue boxes and hand towel rolls, if you or anyone in your family have empty tissue boxes and hand towel rolls, please bring them to school and pass them onto the science teaching team.

2025 NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

Students from all year levels participated in a scavenger hunt and display building activities for the 2025 National Science Week last week.

Thanks to those students who participated in the leaf rubbing and building of our new display in our office.



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Visual Arts

Term 3

This term...

...we've wrapped up our mask making unit, and have begun learning about self-portraits. Students have been learning about the history of self-portraits, and examining the work of artists such as Kaylene Whiskey, Sid Pattni, Frida Kahlo and Abdul Abdullah.

Students have learned about proportion and practiced creating their own self-portraits and have experimented with a range of materials and techniques. Foundation students have been practicing drawing at a large scale, and creating background for their self-portraits using a variety of materials and pattern making. Year 1/2s have been focusing on proportion and experimenting with soft pastels, practicing blending and layering to create different skin and hair tones. Year 3/4s have been learning about staging and taking photographic self-portraits, then creating their own carbon paper to trace their photographs onto paper and colouring them in with watercolour pencils. The Year 5/6s are creating acetate self-portraits inspired by Sid Pattni's faceless self-portrait, tracing their own photographic self-portraits onto acetate, then painting the reverse of the acetate to add colour and detail.

We're so excited to be able to share the students work with you all, with our GYPS Art Show *Masks and Mirrors* opening on the Monday, October 13th from 4pm to 6pm in the Gymnasium. The gallery will then be open from 3:15pm to 4pm from Tuesday 14th to Thursday 16th of October for families and the GYPS community to come and experience. We hope to see you all there!

The Visual Arts Team,
Marni Harris and Barbara Zerzouri.



GYPS ART SHOW



MASKS AND MIRRORS

Opening reception: Monday October 13th 4pm-6pm

Gallery Location: GYPS Gym

Gallery open 3:15pm-4pm, Tuesday 14th - Thursday 16th October

GET READY FREE DENTAL IS COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL SOON!

The smile patrol team is coming to provide free dental health checks. For more information visit:

www.smilepatrol.com.au



SMILE PATROL
SCHOOL DENTAL



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

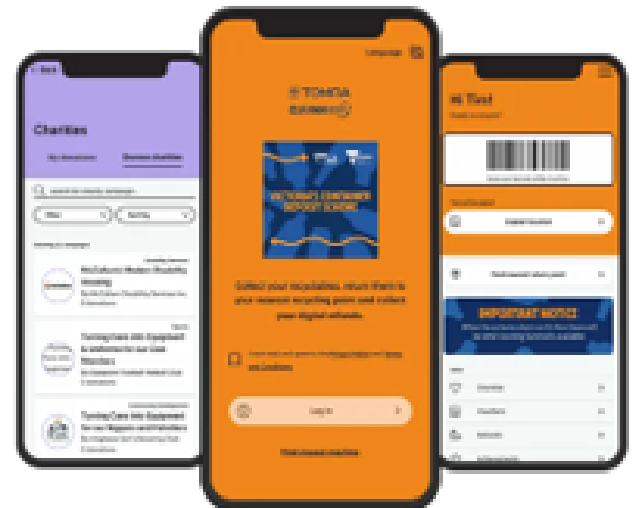
CDS VIC (WEST ZONE) - APP

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 ✔

- ✔ Aluminium cans
- ✔ Plastic bottles
- ✔ Glass bottles
- ✔ Paperboard cartons (under 3L)
- ✔ Steel bottles/cans

Most beverage containers (between 150ml and 3L) made from aluminium, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard are eligible.

Ineligible ✗

- ✗ Wine and spirit bottles
- ✗ Milk containers
- ✗ Paperboard cartons (over 3L)
- ✗ Cordial bottles

Don't throw these out! Ineligible containers may still be accepted in your kerbside recycling bin.

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
 11 Craigieburn Road, Craigieburn, VIC 3064

Open now
 until 5:00pm
 Reverse Vending Machine (RVM)

West Zone - Operated by Tomra Cleanaway

Craigieburn Central
 360 Craigieburn Road, Craigieburn, VIC 3064

Open now
 until 5:00pm
 Reverse Vending Machine (RVM)

West Zone - Operated by Tomra Cleanaway

CRAIGIEBURN EAGLES DISCO

USA TOUR FUNDRAISER

Let's light up the court and raise funds to help our

Craigieburn Eagles soar all the way to the USA.

We're hosting a fun-filled disco night for kids aged 13 and under. It's the perfect chance for the kids to dance, play

and support the team.



Date: Saturday 6th September

Time: 6:00pm - 8:30pm



Location: Court 3, Craigieburn Basketball Stadium

Cost \$16 per child (13 & under)

Each ticket includes, glowsticks, popcorn, a drink, games, music and whole lot of fun. Kids are encouraged to wear their best bright or neon outfit.

This is a fully supervised event. Parents can drop off and pick up from the venue.

Support the team and help them take flight to the USA.

Let's make it a night to remember.

Tickets are available at [TRYBOOKING.com](https://trybooking.com) or scan the link on the flyer below!

CRAIGIEBURN EAGLES

DISCO

Fundraiser

SATURDAY 6TH SEP
6PM-8.30PM COURT 3
CRAIGIEBURN BASKETBALL STADIUM
\$16 PER CHILD - 13 & UNDER

TICKET INCLUDE GLOWSTICKS, 1 X DRINK, POPCORN, DJ, GAMES, DANCING & PARTY
FUN! WEAR YOUR BEST NEON OR BRIGHT COLOURED PARTY CLOTHES!

FULLY SUPERVISED KIDS SAFE EVENT

**TICKETS
HERE →**



**DANCE OUR WAY
TO THE **

All funds raised go towards supporting our USA tour!
Let's make it a night to remember!

**Australian Plants Society
Mitchell Group Inc**



**Annual Spring
Plant Expo & Sale
Saturday 6 September
9.00am—3.00pm**

**Wallan Multi-purpose
Community Centre
42 Bentinck St, Wallan**

**Native Plant Floral Displays
Australian Native Plant Sales
Gardening & Plant Book Sales**

FREE ENTRY

Website:- www.apsmitchell.org.au

Contact:- aps.mitchell@gmail.com

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