

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 6!

What an amazing fortnight it has been! We recently celebrated Science Week and Book Week, and the enthusiasm and creativity shown by our students were truly inspiring. From hands-on activities and scientific explorations to imaginative costumes and captivating stories, our school was buzzing with excitement and a love for learning. Thank you to all the staff, students, and parents who made these events such a success!

Congratulations to our students who represented Gaayip-Yagila Primary School at District Athletics last Monday at Meadowglen International Athletics Track. It was a privilege to be in attendance and see our students demonstrating their personal best and remarkable sportsmanship. We are incredibly proud to announce that our school finished second overall, with 30 students progressing to the next stage—a wonderful achievement that reflects the hard work and dedication of our students and staff. Well done, everyone! For those interested in becoming involved in Little Athletics, the nearest Centre is Sprint Athletics track in Craigieburn. Further details can be found at: [Craigieburn Little Athletics Centre - Little Athletics Victoria \(lavic.com.au\)](http://lavic.com.au).

Coming Together To Learn

You will have seen an invitation to participate in this year's parent opinion survey via Xuno on Wednesday 31st July. A reminder that the survey is open until Friday 30 August.

As we look ahead, I want to extend our best wishes to our Year 1 students who have their upcoming excursion to Bundoora Park. This will be a fantastic opportunity for them to explore olden day themes and learn more about our environment. We are sure they will have a wonderful time and come back with plenty of stories to share.

Have a great fortnight.

Kind Regards

Cassy Hoggins





Shop for your School – Merrifield City

A reminder that Gaayip-Yagila Primary School is participating in Merrifield City's Shop For Your School campaign which will run until Sunday 15 September 2024 (5 PM). The TOP 3 schools with the highest points per student will win a share of \$5,000 cash prizes.

Which will be split into:

- First Place: \$3000 cash prize
- Second Place: \$1500 cash prize
- Third Place: \$500 cash prize

When you shop at Merrifield City, don't forget to select our school to allocate your shop total too. Every dollar spent earns a credit. Currently, we are in third position. Let's see if we can move up the leaderboard!!

Sunsmart – Hats

Our school policy states that ALL children MUST wear a school hat when UV levels are 3 or higher. This is typically from mid to late August until the end of April in Term 2. From Monday 26th August 2024 students will require a hat to play outside. Students without a hat must sit undercover at recess and lunch.

Hats can be purchased from Academy uniforms our uniform supplier. We strongly encourage parents to provide students with a named school hat, so that it can be returned in the event that it may be lost.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 3

Thursday 22 nd August	Superhero Book Week Dress Up Day
Friday 23 rd August	Bundoora Farm Excursion Year 1A, C, D & E
Friday 30 th August	Bundoora Farm Excursion Year 1B, F, G, H & I
Monday 2 nd September	Assembly 2:30pm
Monday 2 nd September	Responsible Pet Ownership - Foundation
Tuesday 3 rd September	Responsible Pet Ownership – Year 1
Tuesday 3 rd September	Rippon Lea Excursion Year 2A & 2F
Wednesday 4 th September	STUDENT FREE DAY
Wednesday 4 th September	PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEW
Thursday 5 th September	Rippon Lea Excursion Year 2B & 2D
Friday 6 th September	Rippon Lea House Excursion Year 2C & 2E
Monday 16 th September	Melbourne Museum Excursion – Year 5
Friday 20 th September	Footy Colours Day
Friday 20 th September	LAST DAY OF TERM -Assembly 1:30pm

TERM 4

Monday 7 th October	First Day of Term 4
Monday 28 th October	Assembly 2:30pm
Monday 4 th November	STUDENT FREE DAY
Tuesday 5 th November	PUBLIC HOLIDAY–Melbourne Cup
Monday 25 th November	Assembly 2:30pm
Thursday 19 th December	End of year assembly 12:30pm
Friday 20 th December	LAST DAY – 1:10pm Finish



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Father's Day Stall

Wednesday, 28th August

Students will have an opportunity to shop with their class on the day. Gift prices range from \$1 – \$5

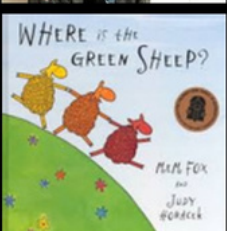
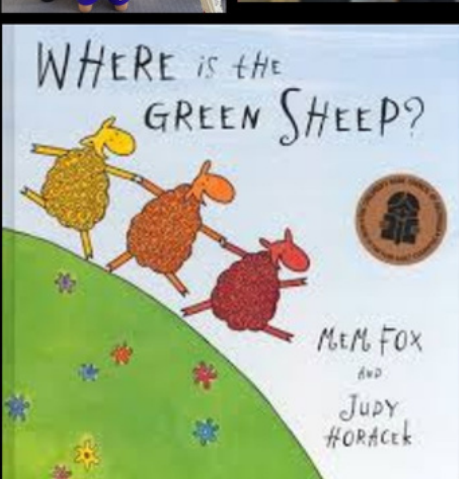
Please do not send more than \$10 per child.

Parent Helpers please contact the office if available to assist on the day.

Parents must hold a valid Working With Children Check.



Book Week Dress up Day Photo Collage



Fundraising Committee

In response to recent parent feedback expressing a desire for an increase in school activities, School Council is again seeking to form a Fundraising Committee. We believe that with your support, we can create further opportunities for our students and enhance their school experience.

We are calling on enthusiastic parents to join us in this initiative, which will involve attending monthly meetings, collaborating with both the School Council and Junior School Council, and helping to plan, organise, and deliver a range of exciting activities. Your involvement will not only help us raise vital funds for the school but bring our community together and create more opportunities for our students to engage and thrive. If you are interested in joining our newly established Fundraising committee, please speak with our administration team. We would love to have your input and energy on board!

Student Use of Technology and eSafety

At Gaayip-Yagila Primary School, we recognise the importance of technology in enhancing our students' learning experiences. However, with the increased use of digital devices, it's crucial that we prioritize eSafety to ensure our students navigate the online world responsibly and securely. We are committed to educating our students about safe online behaviour, protecting their privacy, and promoting positive digital citizenship.

Recently, we have received reports of students communicating inappropriately via online platforms. This is a reminder of the ongoing need for vigilance and education regarding eSafety. We are addressing these issues through discussions and workshops aimed at fostering respectful and appropriate online communication. We ask that parent's partner with us in reinforcing these values at home, so that together, we can create a safe and supportive digital environment for all our students.



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WATTLE DAY

Wattle Day – September 1st

Spring is in the air, and with it comes the golden bloom of our beloved wattle trees, a symbol of beauty, abundance, diversity resilience and unity.

What is Wattle Day?

Wattle Day, celebrated on the 1st of September, is a day that holds a special place in the hearts of Australians. It marks the arrival of Spring and the blossoming of the golden wattle, our national floral emblem. But Wattle Day is more than just about flowers; it's a day to celebrate our shared identity, our connection to the land, and the spirit of community.

Just as Australia is the land of the wattle with a great diversity of different wattles (more than 1,000 Acacia species unique to this land), it is also home to Australians with a great diversity in their backgrounds. (e.g. 29.3% of all Australians were born overseas while more than half (51.5%) of the population have a parent born overseas, according to the 2021 Australian Census.)



History of Wattle Day

The first official Wattle Day was celebrated on September 1, 1910, in Sydney, New South Wales, and in Adelaide, South Australia. Wattle Day was not just about the flower; it became a day to celebrate Australian nationalism, nature, and the unique qualities of the Australian landscape and people.

The day was marked with ceremonies, the wearing of wattle sprigs, and other festivities that emphasized the unity and pride of the Australian people. The celebration quickly spread to other parts of the country, with Queensland and Victoria also adopting the day in the years that followed.

In 1912, the golden wattle was officially declared the national floral emblem of Australia. This reinforced its significance as a symbol of the nation's identity. During World War I, Wattle Day took on an even deeper meaning, as the wattle became a symbol of remembrance and resilience. Australians would wear sprigs of wattle to honour soldiers who had died in the war, and wattle branches were sent to soldiers overseas as a reminder of home.

In 1988, as part of Australia's Bicentennial celebrations, the golden wattle was officially proclaimed the national floral emblem by the Commonwealth Government. This helped to revive interest in Wattle Day, and in 1992, the first day of September each year was [officially proclaimed 'National Wattle Day' throughout Australia](#) by the Governor-General of Australia.

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STUDENT LEADERSHIP @ GYPS

Student leadership is not confined to a small group of individuals, as leadership potential is inherent within all learners. Student leadership includes listening to and being able to clarify the issues of the students they represent and advocating on their behalf. Student leaders have an increased sense of responsibility to help others and to model leadership principles and values. Trust, autonomy and relationships are enhanced through the development of leadership qualities. This year, our student leaders have been particularly active. Their dedication and hard work have not only made our school a better place but also inspired their peers to get involved.

Junior School Council

At GYPS our Junior School Council plays an important role at our school. Through the JSC, students are actively encouraged in decision-making, empowered to make change and provided with opportunities to demonstrate good leadership and citizenship skills. We also discuss issues concerning our students and ways of improving our school. We seek to resolve these issues through reporting and receiving feedback from each class.

For the first half of the year JSC students were provided with opportunities to develop their organisational skills learning how to minute take, chair meetings and work cooperatively with each other. They have also worked on communicating and understanding how to represent other students within the school. Some ideas the JSC have come up with include having a suggestion box where students are able to put in ideas to improve our school.

This term the JSC have been busy shining the spotlight on preventing bullying in our school community by participating in Bullying No Way – National Week of Action (12-16 Aug). Students conveyed a daily message to students across the PA system and shared quick short activities with teachers to reinforce our message “Everyone Belongs”. Some JSC members ran a lunch club to create posters with students. Our superstar Peer Mediators also handed out stickers to students in the yard when they observed them demonstrating our school expectations during the week. They looked very professional with their purple t-shirts



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On Thursday, 22 Aug JSC members will be collecting a gold coin donation for our superhero dress up day. All funds raised will be donated to Bully Zero who help fund the roll out of bullying prevention programs in schools across Australia.



Peer Mediators

The Peer Mediators support our younger students in the yard with minor disagreements, running errands for teachers (such as taking students to first aid) and even helping students to find someone to play with. They are role models in demonstrating our Expectations of Kindness and Collaboration and the younger students know they can go to them for help. The Peer Mediators looked out for students who were helping students belong at school – by including them and speaking respectfully and gave out stickers to these students this week!

Great job Everyone!

Young ICT Explorers

In 2024, Aradhya, Cleo and Rehatnoor from Year 4 will be representing GYPS at the Young ICT Explorers competition in September. They will be our inaugural entrants for the very first time. Young ICT Explorers (YICTE) is a non-profit competition, created by SAP, supported by CSIRO Digital Careers and The Smith Family with the help of Industry and University partners across Australia, to encourage primary and high school students in years 3-12 in Australia to solve real-world problems or showcase their passions using technology.



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VISUAL ARTS NEWSLETTER

YEARS 1-2

Students in Years 1-2 are learning the basic skills of painting with acrylic paint. They are discovering how to hold their brush correctly, how to apply paint, how to mix colours to create new colours and are having so much fun mixing shades and tints by applying black and white paint to their paint colour of choice. These students are creating a painting inspired by American artist Sari Shryack who enjoys painting landscapes, people, plants and everyday objects. We are producing creative landscapes which show students ability to mix acrylic paint to create light and dark colours of the same hue (colour).

Year 3-6

Students in the upper years have begun expanding on their ability to draw and paint with acrylic paint. They are learning how to mix white and black to a colour of their choice to create further colours – called tints and shades. Students have been having lots of fun mixing a range of colours, both light and dark to create their masterpieces. Students in Year 3/4 have drawn cacti and just begun painting their good copy, while the year 5/6 students are creating large disco balls- showcasing a multitude of shades and tints of their original colour. We are so proud of them all and cannot wait to see how they all look once finished.



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LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

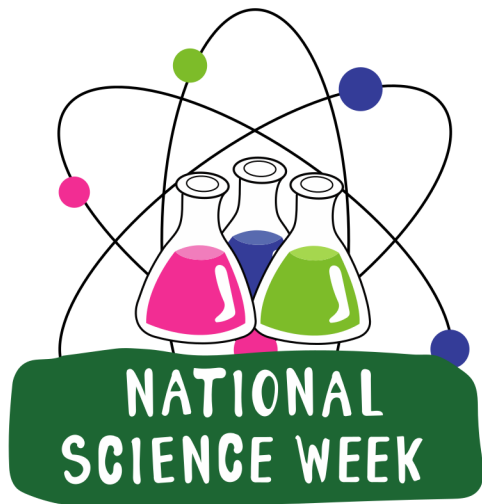
HELLO READERS!

Welcome back to August's library edition.

In this month's library edition, book week has commenced, and it's been a FUNTASTIC week so far! We have daily scavenger hunts and story -telling during recess & lunch breaks. We are looking forward to seeing all the wonderful and creative costumes at the book week parade!



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Last week, we celebrated National Science Week!

All year groups were invited to make honeycomb, flowers and bees to bring attention to our bee population. 'THANK YOU to all students who came to collaborate on this project.

We also had a scavenger hunt around the school where students had to find the animals camouflaged in nature.

WELL DONE to everyone who participated and congratulations to all the winners!





Term 3 Winter Menu

All meal deals contain a main meal item, a snack and a drink

From \$7

Daily Meal deals

Monday and Tuesday
Toastie deal days

Wednesday – Weekly rotating special

Thursday – Burger day

Available all days

Pasta meal deals

NEW! Favourites meal deal

1 hot food item (Hot dog, 6 nuggets, noodles, pie or sausage roll), 1 hot chocolate or cold drink and a snack e.g oreo minis.

Price		Price	
Hot Food			
\$3	3 pack chicken nuggets	\$5	6 pack chicken nuggets
\$5	Penne <u>napoli</u> (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
\$4.20	Hot dog	\$2.50	Vegetarian samosa
\$4.50	<u>Four'n</u> Twenty Meat pie / Sausage roll	\$2	4 pack vegetarian cocktail spring <u>roll</u>
\$6	Creamy pumpkin Soup with roll	\$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	\$1.50	New varieties
\$2	Harvest snaps baked pea crisps	\$1.50	Popcorn varieties
\$3	Jelly with a chocolate frog	\$2.50	Le <u>Snak</u> cheese dip and crackers
\$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
\$1	<u>Zooper Dooper</u>	\$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.

C H E S S C L U B



**LITTLE LUMIERE
LEARNING**

ENLIGHTENING TOMORROW'S MINDS

TERM 3 CHESS CLASSES

- 8 classes each term
- Classes will be held on Thursdays from Aug 1, 2024 to Sept 19, 2024
- Venue: Biik Building
- Class timing: 3:15pm - 4:15pm
- Fee: \$80 per term

FREE TRIAL CLASS

ENROL NOW

For more info contact:
Teenu 0450698014



For more information and to book
please click on the link below.

<https://Chess Club Bookings>

Australian Plants Society
Mitchell Group Inc



Annual Spring Plant Expo & Sale

Saturday 7 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

Wallan & Kilmore
Community Bank* branches





DAY TIME SWIM INSTRUCTORS NEEDED



Is this job right for you?

- ✓ Can you swim?
- ✓ Day time work with school holidays off
- ✓ Do you enjoy working with children?
- ✓ Great pay
- ✓ Do you enjoy working in a team environment?
- ✓ Paid courses and training provided
- ✓ Limited Spots

Enquire by:
30 August 2024

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Eco Craft & Play Sessions

Join us at the Mickleham North Community Centre for 4 special eco events designed for 4-7 year olds!

Enjoy sensory play, nature and recycled craft, wooden games & more.

25th May - 'Recycled Robots'

12th July - 'Winter Wonderland'

27th September - 'In the Garden'

30th November - 'Festive Fun'

FREE ENTRY!

Sessions run from 1-2.30pm.

Book at reception.

Adults must accompany children at all times.



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Eco Play Group Special Events

Join us at the Mickleham North
Community Centre for 4 unique play
groups designed for 1-4 year olds!
Grow your community connection as your
little ones enjoy an array of themed
nature sensory play, music, wooden toys
& games plus more.

FREE ENTRY!

Sessions run from 10-11.30am. Book your place
at reception.

25th May: 'Space & Sky' - dads session

**30th August: 'Bookish Play' - cousins
session**

17th October: 'The Seasons' - mums session

**30th November: 'Festive Celebrations' -
grandparents session**



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