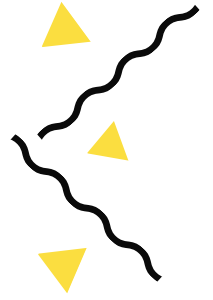


GAAYIP-YAGILA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



THE LATEST EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 2, Week 6. We've reached the halfway mark of Term 2, and it's been a busy and productive few weeks here at Gaayip-Yagila Primary School.

A huge thank you to all the families who joined us for our Maths Mania evening—it was an incredible success, with almost half of our students attending alongside their parents and carers. It was wonderful to see our school community come together in such a vibrant and positive way, engaging in hands-on mathematics games and activities. Events like this help foster a love of learning and show just how fun and meaningful maths can be when shared.

We hope families enjoyed working alongside their children, and we thank Lauren Menezes, Stephanie Lilla, and Amy Perry for their outstanding efforts in organising a night that truly celebrated the joy and importance of numeracy. Building enjoyment and confidence in maths is essential for student success—and this event was a fantastic step in that direction.

Coming Together To Learn

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL Cont...

Last week, our teaching staff began the important process of moderating assessment data in preparation for Semester 1 reports. Over the coming weeks, this work will continue as teachers collaborate to make consistent and accurate judgements about student learning progress against the Victorian Curriculum. This ensures that our reporting reflects a clear picture of each child's growth and achievement.

Our Year 4 students began their swimming program this week and are already demonstrating great enthusiasm and resilience in the pool. We look forward to our Year 3 students starting their swimming program next week. Learning to swim is an essential life skill, especially in a country like Australia where water safety is so important. These programs not only support physical development and confidence in the water but also teach vital skills that can help keep children safe throughout their lives.

*Lastly, a reminder that **Monday 9th June** is a public holiday for the Monarch's Birthday, and the school will be closed on this day.*

Kind Regards

Cassy Hoggins

Coming Together To Learn

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 2

Monday 16th June - 2:30pm

Friday 4th July - End of term 1:30pm

Term 3

Monday 11th August - 2:30pm

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 2:30pm



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 2

Date	Event
Monday 26 th - Friday 30 th May	Year 4 Swimming Program
Monday 2 nd - Friday 6 th June	Year 3 Swimming Program
Wednesday 4 th June	Division Cross Country
Monday 9 th June	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL
Tuesday 10 th June	Year 5B, 5C & 5E- Parliment Incursion
Wednesday 11 th June	Year 5A, 5D & 5F - Parliament Incursion
Friday 13 th June	School Tours 9:30am & 4pm
Monday 16 th June	School Assembly 2:30pm
Friday 4 th July	School Assembly 1:30pm
Friday 4 th July	LAST DAY OF TERM

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NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025

National Reconciliation Week 2025 is held from Tuesday 27 May to Tuesday 3 June. The theme this year, 'Bridging Now to Next', reflects the ongoing connection between past, present and future. It encourages us to move forward together, learning from the lessons of the past to build a more united and respectful nation.

The start and end of National Reconciliation Week mark two significant milestones: the 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision—both important events in Australia's journey towards reconciliation.

All schools are encouraged to explore the shared histories, cultures, and achievements of First Nations people and to guide our young people to be part of positive change.

Consistent with Child Safe Standard 1, fostering an environment that is culturally safe for First Nations students requires all schools to support the identity of students, be respectful of culture, and eliminate racism and abuse.

At Gaayip-Yagila Primary School, we are proud of the work we do to honour and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures. Through culturally inclusive curriculum, respectful community partnerships, and our ongoing commitment to building staff understanding and student pride in identity, we strive to create a safe and inclusive environment for all. Reconciliation is an ongoing commitment, and we are proud to walk this journey together with our students, families and broader community.



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WELLBEING UPDATE

Student Support Group Meeting

Thank you to the families who engaged in the SSG meetings this term. The meetings provide the opportunity to continue to build the strong partnership between the school and parents/guardians to establish clear educational goals and acknowledge the achievement of student progress.

Rescheduled SSG Meetings are planned for the next two weeks. Please ensure you notify the office on 9216 3200 if you cannot attend the rescheduled time.

Allied Health Professionals

The school endeavours to work closely with allied health professionals. If your child is attending appointments (e.g. Paediatrician or psychologist) and there is a request to complete assessments/forms by a classroom teacher, can you please email all paperwork and return details of the practitioner directly to the school account (gaayip.yagila.ps@education.vic.gov.au). The Wellbeing Team will facilitate the process and correspond with the allied health professional.

There have been a number of requests to have NDIS Funded Therapists attend sessions onsite. They are only permitted to attend if they have an ongoing licence agreement. Please email all requests directly to the school account (gaayip.yagila.ps@education.vic.gov.au). Please note that the process of issuing a licence can take up to two weeks. The approval is also dependent on the dates, times and classes requested to minimise disruptions to school operations.

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WELLBEING UPDATE Cont....

MARAM Training

The Family Violence Multi-Agency Risk Assessment and Management Framework (MARAM) ensures services are effectively identifying, assessing and managing family violence risk. The aim of MARAM is to increase the safety and wellbeing of Victorians. It will do this by ensuring relevant services can effectively identify, assess and manage family violence risk. Gaayip-Yagila Primary School has a strong commitment towards Child Safety and implementing policies to a high standard. Members of the Wellbeing Team (Assistant Principal, Leading Teacher Engagement and Leading Teacher Health and Wellbeing) attended the MARAM professional learning to build the capacity of staff to identify and screen for family violence.

Online Safety - Privacy and your child

You can help your child to stay in control of their personal information, online photos and social media identity. When your child shares information like their phone number, personal email address, the name of their school (including photos of the logo), or home address online, there is a risk it could be used in ways they may not have thought about. Personal information gathered online can be misused and result in things like spam, scams, fraud, identity theft or unwanted contact which can lead to abuse. Photos of your child that are posted online or shared through social networks might end up travelling more widely than intended or they could be 'harvested' from social media or other websites and used for unintended purposes.



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WELLBEING UPDATE Cont....

Think before you share

- Avoid sharing photos and videos that contain personal details, such as full names, personal contact information, or uniforms that identify particular schools or locations.
- Avoid adding comments to photos that identify locations, for example street addresses, the name of your child's school, or even identifying features in front of your home.
- Ensure schedules of children's activities are not shared online.
- Only share with people you really know and trust. Rather than posting to all of your friends on social media, you can be selective and use the privacy settings on your social media platform. Also, be aware that if one of your friends likes your picture, it may also become visible to their friends.
- Always check with other parents before posting, sharing or tagging images that include their children.
- Remember that the information and photos you share contribute to your child's digital reputation.

For more information (including translated information) please refer to the eSafety website [eSafety](https://www.esafety.gov.au), that includes topics about keeping children safe online.



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WELLBEING UPDATE Cont....

Attendance Matters

8:30

Too early



8:40

Right on time



9.00

Too late



Thank you for arriving at school on time!

Arriving late to school **interrupts the learning and teaching** for everyone

Lost school days build up one absence at a time and **impact learning and friendships**

Be Here! **Every Day** All Day!

attendance
MATTERS
every student • every day



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WELLBEING UPDATE Cont....

Kindness Matters

Unkind behaviour has detrimental effects on the health and wellbeing of Australia's children. It's more important than ever to not only prevent this behaviour from happening but also teach children the power of empathy and kindness and encourage them to be kind to others.

1. Model kind behaviours

Children learn by observing their parents and caregivers. You can show them what kindness looks like through your interactions and the way you treat others. Help out your neighbour, comfort someone going through a tough time, listen without making judgments, say thank you, or simply being polite and respectful.

It also means you need to treat your kids with the kindness you want to see in them. Listen to what they say, give them hugs, compliments and words of encouragement.

2. Encourage acts of kindness

Provide opportunities for your child to practice kindness. This helps them match the abstract concept of kindness with tangible words and actions: sharing, volunteering, giving, supporting, listening, noticing, and more.

Encourage your kids to ask themselves, "What can I do to add kindness to the situation?" Avoid scolding your kids when they make mistakes (they're inevitable!). Instead, praise and reinforce their acts of kindness (say things like: "That's a very kind thing to do, I'm proud of you!") and help them understand the positive impact they can have on others' lives.

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WELLBEING UPDATE Cont....

3. Discuss kindness in engaging ways

Use real-life examples, stories, or news articles to illustrate the impact of kindness and the importance of helping others. You can also spark their imagination with role-playing scenarios, and fun games and activities.

4. Show them the emotional impact of kindness

Kindness feels good, for both the giver and receiver. Get your children to notice how it feels to be kind and how other people respond. At the same time, encourage them to express gratitude for the kindness they receive from people around them. Help them develop a habit of saying "thank you" and acknowledging the efforts of others. Kindness and gratitude go hand in hand, practicing them both will reinforce positive emotional growth in children.

Explore kindness activities from [Dolly's Dream](#).



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WELLBEING UPDATE Cont....

Dog Program

We welcome our new therapy dog Victor and his handler Mini to the school for their work with targeted small groups. The program will focus on learning about empathy by understanding the needs of dogs. Social and emotional learning can help the students develop the skills needed to build resilience. They will also practice social interactions and communication.



Coming Together To Learn

Thank you for making the...

GYPS MATHS MANIA GAME NIGHT

a success!



Dear GYPS Families,

Thank you so much for joining us at our Maths Mania Night! It was wonderful to see so many enthusiastic families come together to celebrate the fun and excitement of mathematics.

From playing engaging maths games across different year levels and specialist subjects, to the crowd-favourite lolly jar guessing competition. The night was filled with smiles, laughter, and some very impressive problem-solving!

We're grateful for your involvement and look forward to sharing more special learning experiences with you in the future!



ENROLMENTS OPEN 2026

SCHOOL TOURS

☀️ **Tuesday 18th March**
9.30am and 4.30pm

☀️ **Thursday 1st May**
9.30am and 4.00pm

☀️ **Monday 26th May**
9.30am and 4.00pm

☀️ **Wednesday 2nd April**
9.30am and 4.30pm

☀️ **Wednesday 14th May**
9.30am and 4.30pm

☀️ **Friday 13th June**
9.30am and 4.00pm

ENROLMENT FORMS DUE BY 25TH OF JULY

BOOK A TOUR NOW

Scan the QR code below or visit
signup.com/go/uiGvzvN



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INFO EVENING

WEDNESDAY, 11th JUNE
Visit
signup.com/go/MAEWfxg



GAAYIP-YAGILA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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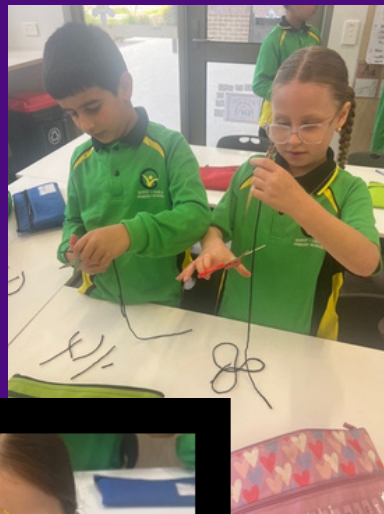
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GAAYIP-YAGILA PRIMARY SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE
6.00PM

SCIENCE



The Year 1s have been learning about wet and dry ingredients. They have been mixing different ingredients together to see what happens. In this mixture, students were mixing wet (water) and dry (cornflour) to make oobleck.



The Year 2s have been learning about physical changes to materials by doing lots of hands on experiments including bending, cutting, breaking and tearing.

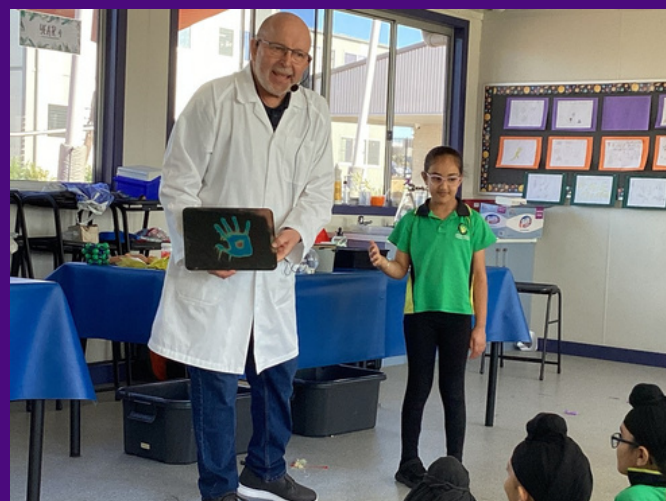


This term, the Year 6s have been learning about solids, liquids and gases. They have been performing experiments to learn more about the properties of each. In this balloon experiment, they were testing to see if air has mass.

YEAR 1



This term, the Year 1s were very lucky to be visited by Professor Bunsen! This was his last ever show in a school, and we loved having him show us some Chemical Reactions.



Professor Bunsen performed many cool experiments. We saw him make elephant toothpaste, change the colour of water and blow gases out of a bin!





YEAR 2

This term, Year 2 students were visited by the Water Watchers. These funny aliens came to Earth because their planet ran out of water!

With the help of Yarra Valley Water, the aliens taught our students how to save water on planet Earth.



Did you know?

The Water Watchers taught us that you should only have a shower for 4 minutes! Every minute of running water uses 10 liters.



PE NEWSLETTER

YEAR 5 & 6 RUGBY GALA DAY

On Wednesday, 21st May, our Year 5 and 6 students headed to Merrifield Recreation Reserve for an action-packed Rugby Gala Day hosted by the NRL.

It was an exciting opportunity for our students to test their skills, work together as a team, and most importantly, have fun. Throughout the day, teams competed against a variety of different schools from the region.

Whether they were experienced players or trying rugby for the first time, everyone gave it their all and showed fantastic sportsmanship. The NRL staff were also incredibly supportive, helping to make the day enjoyable and inclusive for all students.





Auslan Moments Captured

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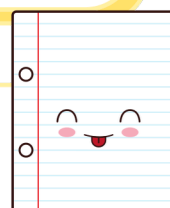
Triangle



AUSLAN NEWS



What's been happening in Auslan?



Our students have been making fantastic progress in their Auslan journey as we move into the second half of the term!

Foundation students have continued to explore letters, animals, numbers, and colours in Auslan. It has been so rewarding to see their confidence grow, especially after their outstanding performance at assembly! Their excitement for learning new signs is truly inspiring.

In Years 1-2, students have been focusing on shapes and numbers in Auslan. They've been engaging in interactive activities to reinforce their understanding, and it's been wonderful to see their enthusiasm as they practice and learn new signs every day.

Years 3-6 students have been deepening their understanding of shapes and numbers as well. They've been working hard to master these signs and are using their creativity to incorporate them into various classroom activities.

It's amazing to see how their signing skills are progressing! We are so proud of all our students for their dedication to learning Auslan. Their continued enthusiasm and growth make each day in the classroom an exciting experience. We can't wait to see where their Auslan journey takes them next!

GYPS AUSLAN TEAM





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

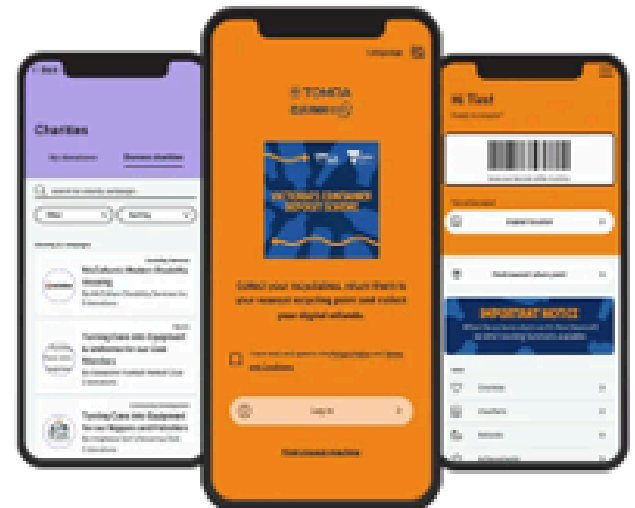
CDS VIC (WEST ZONE) - APP

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	Ineligible
- Aluminum cans - Plastic bottles - Glass bottles - Paperboard cartons (under 3L) - Steel bottles/cans Most beverage containers (between 150ml and 3L) made from aluminum, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard are eligible.	- 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



This year GYPS is participating in the Victorian Coding Challenge. Select students in year 5 and 6 will be completing stage 1 – Virtual Coding Challenges this term with the option of a statewide face-to-face challenge in term 3!

Students will be tasked with:

- A virtual kit with fun and challenging coding tasks
- Solve real world problems through coding, some maths and algorithmic thinking
- Learn and explore at their own pace, with scaffolding and resources



GYPS is once again having students participate in the Science Talent Search for 2025. This is run annually by the Science Teachers Association of Victoria. It is a wonderful opportunity for students to develop a broader understanding and application of Science and Technology- developing skills and attitudes which will contribute to the wellbeing and development of the wider community.

The purpose to the Science Talent Search is to stimulate an ongoing interest in the study of sciences, promote the direct involvement of the students in the processes of science and its communication, and give the public at large an opportunity to see the quality of work being achieved in science, by both primary and post primary students.

This year our students will be submitting entries from the following category:

Primary Posters & Scientific Wall Charts

1. Patterns, Symmetry and Chaos in Nature.
2. The Cosmic Symphony: Waves and Particles in Space.
3. My favourite Quantum Scientist.
4. Quantum Science Driving Innovation in Medicine.

We look forward to seeing all the amazing work submitted by our students! Good luck.



Meal deals

Toastie meal deal
Pasta meal deals

Hot dog meal deal
Nuggets and chips meal deal

Wednesday special – Chicken Burgers

Thursday special – Pizza



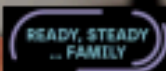
Price		Price	
Hot Food			
\$4	3 pack chicken nuggets	\$6	6 pack chicken nuggets
\$5	Penne <u>napoli</u>		Chicken noodles
\$7.50	Penne <u>bolognese</u>	\$4	3 pack steamed dim sim
	Hot dog - halal available		4 pack cocktail franks
	Large meat pie or sausage roll		6 pack vegetarian cocktail spring roll
\$5	2 pack of sweet chilli tenders or Vegetarian samosas		
	3 pack party pies/sausage rolls	\$0.40	Tomato, sweet chilli or soy sauce
Salads and sandwiches			
From \$3	Sandwiches and croissant– Variety of fillings. Toasted panini	From \$5	Variety of salads
Snacks			
\$1.20	Seasonal fruit piece	\$2	Homemade large choc chip cookie
\$1.50	Diced fruit in juice	\$3	Jelly with a chocolate frog
\$2.50	LCM rice bubble bar, Oreo minis Red rock deli chips, noodle snacks Pringles minis - Sour cream and onion	\$1.50	Popcorn
		From \$1	Homemade baked goods (muffins large and small, brownies etc)
\$2	Hot jam donuts	\$2.50	Crackers with carrot sticks
Beverages and Frozen items			
\$3.00	200ml juice and milk box varieties	\$1.50	Frozen orange wedges (seasonal)
\$2	600ml bottled water	\$4	Hot Chocolate/ Milkshake (seasonal)
\$1	<u>Zooper dooper</u>	\$3	Choc coated ice cream
\$2.50	99% fruit juice slushie, lemonade icy pole	\$2	<u>Smooze</u>

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/milkshakes to the lunch order. Your student will then bring their lunch order bag back to the express collection line for faster service.



dadfit



DADFIT

FREE FIVE-WEEK PROGRAM

Starts Wednesday, May 14
Mt Ridley College, Craigieburn



What's Dadfit all about?

Being a dad is awesome, but it's also hard work.

Dadfit is a FREE program to help you be the best dad you can be:

- Get active
- Connect with other dads
- Share experiences
- Led by a former BBL cricketer



What to expect in the program?



Dad workouts

Fun, full-body, suitable for all fitness levels



Dad chats

Catch up about issues facing dads, including parenting, relationships, health and wellbeing



Dad challenges

Dads supporting dads to try out new ideas

What's included?

The free program includes 5 x two-hour Dadfit sessions.

Each session includes a Workout (45 min), Dad Chat (60 min) and a Dad Challenge.

Timing: Meet weekly on Wednesday 7-9pm for 5 weeks, starting May 14

Location: Mt Ridley College, 2-30 Hampton St, Craigieburn

Open to all dads in the area!



Sign up now to book your place!



www.dadfit.au/craigieburn

Who delivers the program?



Ryan Carters

Dadfit Founder, dad of three, fitness trainer, former pro cricketer



Glory Sekhon

Drummond Street peer worker, dad of one, originally from India

"A highlight of my year."
— Jonathan, dad of three

"Adding small steps each week to being a better dad"
— Uddika, dad of one

"I've only known these dads for two weeks and it already feels like we're old friends."
— Ajay, dad of two

"My partner is happier since starting Dadfit, which is great for all of us."
— Arvin, mother of three

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SOFTBALL

School Holiday Program



Locations:

Dandenong Softball Association

Geelong Softball Association

Glen Eira Moorabbin Softball Association

Hume City Softball Association

Melbourne Softball Association

Northern District Softball Association

Sunshine Softball Association

TERM 2 HOLIDAYS

Time: 9am – 1pm

Scan the QR Code for more info and to register



www.softballvic.org.au/events

Cost: \$75.00pp for non members, \$50.00pp for members

Price Includes a glove and ball (or a \$25 Ausport Voucher)

