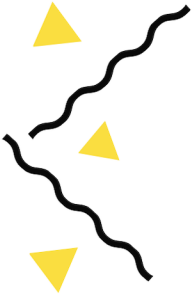


GAAYIP-YAGILA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



THE LATEST EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families

Welcome to Term 2 Week 7! It's been a busy couple of weeks at Gaayip-Yagila Primary School, with our Education Week activities, Education Support Personnel Day, Essendon Football club clinics and Year 4 Swimming to name a few events!

This week is Reconciliation Week which - is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The National Reconciliation Week theme for 2024, **Now More Than Ever**, is a reminder to all of us that no matter what, the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will - and must - continue. Across the week students took part in a range of activities in order to learn more about Reconciliation and our traditional custodians of the land. Further information about the importance of the week can be found later in the newsletter.

Covid is again making its unwelcome presence felt, with multiple staff and students currently absent from school for this reason. Please assist us by keeping your child home if they are experiencing flu-like symptoms. Assisting children to practice washing their hands and sneezing or coughing into elbows are small strategies that can assist with reducing the spread of illnesses.

We have had some beautiful weather this week, however it is getting colder, and this is a good time to remind children about dressing appropriately for the weather such as wearing the uniform jumper, long pants and a black jacket.

Teachers are busy finalising student assessment data in preparation for our Semester 1 reports. Over the next couple of weeks, all teachers have been working in Professional Learning Teams to moderate student data in order to make consistent and comparable judgements of student learning against the Victorian Curriculum. We look forward to sharing your child's learning journey with you in their Semester 1 report which will be released via Xuno at the end of Term 2.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Together, we can make Term 2 a successful and enriching experience for all our students.

Kind Regards

Cassy Hoggins

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National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week—held every year from 27 May to 3 June—is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

What's the significance of 27 May and 3 June?

27 May marks the anniversary of the 1967 referendum when Australians voted to remove clauses in the Australian Constitution that discriminated against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

3 June marks the historic 1992 Mabo decision in which the High Court of Australia recognised native title—the recognition that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' rights over their lands did survive British colonisation.

The day before National Reconciliation Week, 26 May, is National Sorry Day, which was first held in Sydney in 1998 and is now commemorated nationally to remember and honour the Stolen Generations.

What is reconciliation in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?

At its heart, reconciliation is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples, for the benefit of all Australians.

For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, Australia's colonial history is characterised by devastating land dispossession, violence, and racism. Over the last half-century, however, many significant steps towards reconciliation have been taken.

Reconciliation is an ongoing journey that reminds us that while generations of Australians have fought hard for meaningful change, future gains are likely to take just as much, if not more, effort.

Why is National Reconciliation Week important?

National Reconciliation Week provides a focus for working towards our goal of a just equitable and reconciled Australia

National Reconciliation Week is an ideal time for organisations, schools, universities, community groups and workplaces to advance understanding of reconciliation within their own places and their own lives. National Reconciliation Week provides a focus for working towards our goal of a just equitable and reconciled Australia

It began as a Week of Prayer for Reconciliation in 1993, supported by Australia's major religious groups. Three years later it evolved into National Reconciliation Week under the guidance of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation (now Reconciliation Australia).

Who organises National Reconciliation Week?

National Reconciliation Week is organised by Reconciliation Australia; an independent, not-for-profit organisation established in 2000. It is the national organisation responsible for building and promoting reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians.

Reconciliation Australia creates a theme for National Reconciliation Week each year.

Reconciliation Australia also works with state reconciliation organisations in New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, Western Australia, South Australia and the ACT to organise local events and activities for National Reconciliation Week.

Thousands of workplaces, schools, early learning services, universities, councils, and more organise their own private or public activities for National Reconciliation Week.

How can I or my group or organisation get involved?

Visit the Reconciliation Australia website for more information and to discover what activities and events are taking place in your local area during National Reconciliation Week

On a personal level, you can think about what you can do locally and take the time to learn about the rich Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures that exists in Australia.

And, importantly, find the time to talk with your family and friends about why it's important for all Australians to build respectful relationships with each other, and especially with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

What can I do for the rest of year?

While National Reconciliation Week is an excellent time to think about these issues, you can still take action through the year to work towards reconciliation.

Visit our websites: www.reconciliation.org.au or nsw.reconciliation.org.au or follow us on social media for more information

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May	Swimming Year 4
Monday 3rd June - Friday 7th June	Swimming Year 3
Monday 3rd June	School Assembly 2:30pm
Wednesday 5th June	Division Cross Country
Friday 7th June	Winter Gala Day
Monday 10th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Friday 14th June	Year 4-6 Athletics Day
Wednesday 19th June	School Council Meeting
Wednesday 26th June	Foundation Wonderful Winter Science Incursion
Friday 28th June	Last Day - 2.10pm finish

TERM 3

Monday 15th July	First Day of Term 3
Friday 26th July	Foundation 100 days of School
Wednesday 4th September	Parent Teacher Interviews 11 - 6.30pm Student Free Day
Friday 20th September	Last Day - 2.10pm finish

TERM 4

Monday 7th October	First Day of Term 4
Monday 4th November	Student Free (Staff Reporting: VGSA requirement)
Tuesday 5th November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Friday 20th December	Last Day - 1.10pm finish

Respect in our Community

Maintaining respect within our community is crucial, and recent reports of students engaging in disruptive behaviour on their way to and from school, highlights the need for renewed attention to this value. Such actions disrupt the peace and comfort of our neighbours, infringing on their privacy and creating unnecessary tension.

We kindly ask parents to discuss the importance of respectful behaviour with their children, emphasising the need to respect others' property and personal space. By fostering a culture of respect, we not only improve our community's atmosphere, but also help our students develop into considerate and responsible individuals. Let's work together to encourage positive behaviour and address these issues promptly, ensuring a harmonious environment for everyone.



Parking and Safety around Schools

The City of Whittlesea has developed a wonderful brochure 'Parking and Safety around school'. We would like to remind families of the importance of following this advice for the safety of our students. Please take the time to remind yourself of the road rules around schools.



PARKING/STOPPING SIGNAGE

8^{AM} - 9^{AM}
2^{PM} - 4^{PM}
SCHOOL DAYS

3 METRE GAP FOR SAFETY

At least 3 metres must be left between your vehicle and the centre dividing line to allow other vehicles to pass safely and not obstruct traffic.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO STAY SAFE

- Supervise your children in or near traffic.
- Walk or cycle to school with your child.
- Respect all road rules, parking signs and instructions from Authorities.
- Wait on the same side of the street as your child.
- Always let your child out of the kerb side of the car.

Free Telephone Interpreter Service

Arabic	9679 9871	Urdu	9679 9879
English	9679 9873	Punjabi	9679 9879
Indo	9679 9879	Tamil	9679 9877
Italiano	9679 9874	Telugu	9679 9878
Mandarin	9679 9875	Other	9679 9879
Portuguese	9679 9877		

PARKING AND SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

Telephone: 9217 2170
Email: info@whittlesea.vic.gov.au
Web: whittlesea.vic.gov.au

SPEED

SCHOOL ZONE
8^{AM} - 9^{AM}
2^{PM} - 4^{PM}
SCHOOL DAYS

Look out for the reduced speed limit around schools and slow down to improve safety.

SCHOOL CROSSINGS

STOP

CHILDREN CROSSING

- Look out for flags and Crossing Supervisors.
- You must stop for anyone waiting to cross, or who has started crossing.
- Please remain stopped until the crossing is clear.

NO PARKING ON NATURE STRIPS/FOOTPATHS

FOOTPATH

NATURE STRIP

ROAD

Parking is illegal on nature strips and footpaths.

DOUBLE PARKING

It is illegal to double park at any time. This affects the flow of traffic.

YELLOW EDGE LINE

A driver must not stop on the side of a road marked with a yellow edge line.

STOPPING ACROSS DRIVEWAYS

FOOTPATH

NATURE STRIP

ROAD

It is illegal to stop/park across a driveway unless you stay in the car are there for no more than 2 mins and move immediately if required to do so to allow entry or exit by the owner/occupant.

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ENROLMENTS OPEN 2025

SCHOOL TOURS

Wednesday 17th April 2024

9:30am and 4:30pm

Thursday 2nd May 2024

9:30am and 3:30pm

Tuesday 14th May 2024

9:30am and 4:30pm

Monday 27th May 2024

9:30am and 4:30pm

Friday 14th June 2024

9:30am and 3:30pm



**CONTACT US FOR
ENROLMENT INFORMATION**

(03)92163200 www.gyps.vic.edu.au

gaayip.yagila.ps@education.vic.gov.au

For more info and to book,
scan the QR Code

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

CURRICULUM UPDATE

Throughout the beginning of this year we have worked extremely hard with staff to upskill them to provide a positive change in our approach to teaching mathematics. In our continuous effort to enhance the learning experience and academic success of our students, we have adopted the Explicit Direct Instruction (EDI) method for our mathematics curriculum. This decision stems from our commitment to providing the best possible education, tailored to meet the needs of every student.

What is Explicit Direct Instruction (EDI)?

Explicit Direct Instruction is a structured, systematic, and effective approach to teaching. It emphasizes clear, direct teaching of concepts and skills with a focus on achieving measurable learning outcomes. Lessons are designed to be clear and unambiguous, ensuring that every student understands the material being taught before moving on to more complex topics.

Benefits of Explicit Direct Instruction:

Clarity and Focus:

EDI provides clear and concise instruction, minimizing confusion and making it easier for students to grasp new concepts. Teachers break down complex ideas into manageable steps, ensuring that each student can follow along and understand the material.

Immediate Feedback:

One of the core elements of EDI is the provision of immediate feedback. This allows teachers to quickly address any misunderstandings or errors, reinforcing correct procedures and promoting a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts.

Active Participation:

EDI encourages active student engagement throughout the lesson. By continuously checking for understanding and involving students in guided practice, teachers can ensure that every student is actively learning and participating in the classroom.

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Structured Practice:

The method incorporates both guided and independent practice. Students first practice new skills with the teacher's support and then apply what they have learned independently. This helps solidify their understanding and builds confidence in their mathematical abilities. Independent practice is also sent home as part of the mathematics home learning. Working with your child to reinforce these skills at home supports their learning in school.

Building a Strong Foundation:

EDI emphasizes mastery of foundational skills before progressing to more advanced topics. This approach ensures that students have a solid understanding of basic concepts, which is crucial for success in higher-level mathematics.

Differentiated Instruction:

Teachers can easily tailor EDI lessons to meet the diverse needs of their students. By monitoring student progress and adjusting instruction accordingly, teachers can provide additional support or challenge as needed, ensuring that all students are able to succeed.

Improved Academic Performance:

Studies have shown that students taught using EDI methods often demonstrate improved academic performance. The structured, clear, and focused nature of EDI helps students achieve better outcomes in mathematics, setting them up for long-term academic success.

Here are the thoughts of some of our students about the change:

"I like the whiteboards because it means I can show my learning without having to write it all in my book." – Thanos 4F

"The partner sharing is really good. It makes it easier to talk to someone about the maths." – Gurshaan 4F

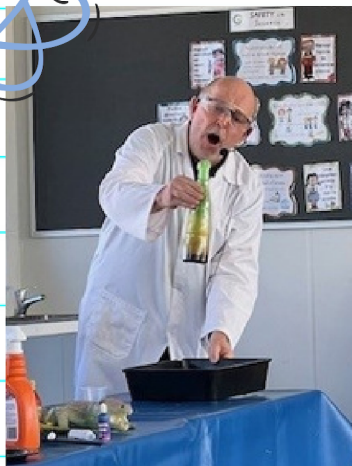
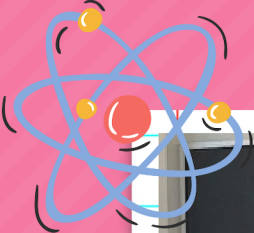
"I like that maths is easy for me." – Zane 1A

"The teachers explain it properly and we can understand better." – Daman 6B

"I like how it is more efficient for the teachers to show us how to do it and then to see if we can do it on the whiteboard." – Chatal 5E

"We get to use unifix and blocks and I love blocks." – Dia 2F

"This year I like subtraction because it is challenging." – Mari 3B



Professor Bunsen Incursion



Year 1 and 2

On Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th May, the Year 1 and 2s were visited by Professor Bunsen, a real scientist! He taught the students about solids, liquids and gases through a variety of experiments and explosions.

WOW!

'My favourite thing was when he made the cotton exploded into fire' - Zain 1D
'My favourite part was when he changed the fanta from orange to purple' - Yashvin 1D
'My favourite part was when he made the rings out of air' - Amtoj 1D



'My favourite thing was when he used the hot water to make hard foam' - Darshika 2F
'My favourite part was when he changed the colour of the fanta' - Zaylee 2F
'I really liked when the balloons stuck to the TV' - Sakura 2F

We loved it!

'I liked it when he made the cotton into fire and then gas!' - Raya 2G
'I like the part when he was making the cotton disappear into the air with fire!' - Swara 2G
'The best thing was when he burnt the cotton because it vanished!' - Nova 2G





Essendon Player Visit



On Monday the 27th of May we were lucky enough to have a visit from some superstars of the Essendon Football Club. Current players Dyson Heppell, Nic Martin & Luamon Lual joined a group of students in an AFL Victoria run Footy Clinic. Our school was chosen as one of 18 schools in the North West Corridor to receive a visit from the players.

Our students had an awesome time meeting and interacting with the players and we thank Dyson, Nic & Luamon for giving up their time to visit our school.



AUSLAN NEWS



What a remarkable term it has been in Auslan! Our students have made significant strides in their comprehension and signing abilities. Across all year levels, our focus has been on mastering the Auslan alphabet. Take a moment to look at the photos above and challenge yourself to see if you can understand the word the students are signing!

In Foundation, students not only continued to consolidate their understanding of the Auslan alphabet they have also been revising the colours they learnt last term.

In Years One to Six, students have expanded their knowledge by learning farm animal and school signs. They have seamlessly integrated this newfound knowledge into their conversations, engaging in dialogue with their peers using signs they've acquired throughout the semester.



Auslan Team!

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I had fun doing pixel art. The library bingo was the best....Diamond



MATHS mania

On Monday, May 13 our school community came together to celebrate Maths Mania.

Thank you to our wonderful families who came to share our passion for Maths to play some challenging games, explore maths picture books and art, write secret AUSLAN math messages and code Beebots.



It was a lot of fun & I enjoyed the door prizes for the lolly jar - Karimat

I liked the AUSLAN games - Johnny

I loved playing games - Ishnavi



CONGRATULATIONS to our door prize winners, guessing the number of lollies in the jar!!

There were 99 snakes.





LIBRARY NEWS

Hello readers!

My name is Sok (also known as Ms D) and I am the Library Technician at Gaayip-Yagila Primary School.

In this month's library edition, I have been working hard to put out on our shelves as many new books as possible! Popular fiction books that students love to read include Minecraft, Avatar, Avengers, Roblox and more. There are a few new non-fiction books such as Elvis the Crocodile, Rocks, Fossils & Formations Discoveries Through Time, just to name a couple.

I love to read, and my favourite books are Sci-Fi books. My goal is to see as many students borrow books so that they learn and grow through books. It makes me happy to see students sitting in the library reading with glee.

Our school runs library clubs on Monday's and Thursday's during lunch time. This gives the opportunity for our little bookworms to come in for a read or borrow a book. Mondays are run by me, and Thursdays are run by one of our library teachers. Do encourage your child to come to these clubs.

That's it for this month, until next time, keep reading and keep learning!

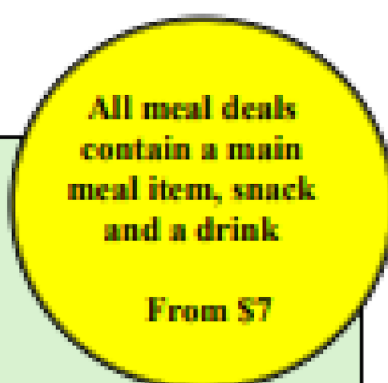


Warm Regards
Library Team

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Term 2 Winter Menu



<u>Meal deals</u>	Available all days
<u>Monday</u> – Mac n Cheese meal deal	Fried Rice meal deal
<u>Tuesday</u> – Toasted sandwich meal deal	Hot dog meal deal
<u>Wednesday</u> – Pizza meal deal	Napoli or Bolognese Pasta Meal deal

Price		Price	
Hot Food – Online order only			
\$3	3 pack chicken nuggets	\$5	6 pack chicken nuggets
\$5	Penne napoli (veg)	\$3.50	Hot chicken noodles
\$6.50	Penne bolognese	\$1.20	Steamed dim sim
\$4	4 pack cocktail franks	\$1.50	Party pie / mini sausage roll
\$4	Hot dog	\$2.50	Vegetarian samosa
\$4.50	Four'n Twenty Meat pie / Sausage roll	\$2	4 pack vegetarian cocktail spring roll
		\$0.40	Tomato, sweet chilli or soy sauce
Salads and sandwiches – Online order only			
From \$3	Sandwiches– Variety of fillings	From \$5	Green Salad Caesar Salad Greek Salad
Wrap \$1 – Toasted \$1		Gluten free bread available – extra \$0.50	
Snacks – Over the counter and online order			
\$1.20	Fruit piece – apple, banana	\$1.50	Homemade large choc chip cookie
\$1	Homemade healthier mini muffin	\$3	Homemade healthier large muffin
\$1.20	Diced fruit in juice	\$1.50	Popcorn varieties
\$2	Harvest snaps baked pea crisps	\$2.50	Le Snak cheese dip and crackers
\$2.50	Red rock deli chips varieties Pringles minis - Sour cream and onion	\$2.50	Hummus dip with carrot and cucumber and sticks
Beverages and Frozen items - Over the counter and online order			
\$2.50	200ml Juice box varieties – no added sugar	\$2.50	200ml milk box varieties
\$2	600ml bottled water	\$3	Paddle Pop varieties
\$1	Zooper Dooper	\$2	Lemonade icy pole
\$2	Smooze – mango coconut icy	\$2.50	99% fruit juice slushie
\$1	Frozen orange wedges		

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 to your recess or lunch online order, then using the express collection line for faster service.

CHESS CLASSES



LITTLE LUMIERE LEARNING

ENLIGHTENING TOMORROW'S MINDS



TERM 2 CHESS CLASSES



- 8 classes each term
- Classes will be held on Thursdays from May 9, 2024 to June 27, 2024
- Venue: Biik Building
- Class timing: 3:15pm - 4:15pm
- Fee: \$80 per term

**ENROL
NOW**

**FREE
TRIAL CLASS**

For more info contact:
Teenu 0450698014



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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2024 HUME CITY WINTER SOFTBALL LEAGUE

COST

TEAM
REGISTRATION
\$500.00
SENIORS NEW
MEMBER \$72
JUNIORS NEW
MEMBER \$63

EVENTS

T-BALL
12 & UNDER
U14
U16
U18
MIXED SENIOR
WOMEN'S SENIOR
MEN'S SENIOR

**9 WEEK SATURDAY COMPETITION INCLUDES FINALS
1 HOUR GAMES, CATERING FOR ALL AGES, GENDER AND ABILITY**

DATES

SAT 1 JUNE - SAT 10 AUGUST JUNIORS FROM 9.00AM
SENIORS FROM 12.00PM

TIME

AGES

U8 & ABOVE

VENUE:

18 RHYOLITE DR,
CRAIGIEBURN 3064

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