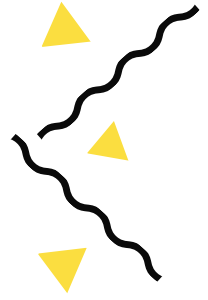


GAAYIP-YAGILA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



THE LATEST EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

Welcome to Week 4 of Term 4! It's been another exciting fortnight of learning and experiences at Gaayip-Yagila Primary School!

Our Year 2 students enjoyed a wonderful excursion to Ripponlea Estate last week, exploring the beautiful gardens and learning about history and heritage in such an engaging setting.

Yesterday, our Foundation students attended their first excursion and had an amazing day at Animal Land in Diggers Rest. There were plenty of smiles as students met and cared for farm animals, reinforcing their learning about living things through this hands-on experience.

We also congratulate our Year 6 students who over the past few weeks have represented our school at the District Finals — the Boys' Basketball and Girls' Volleyball teams showed fantastic teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout their matches. We're so proud of the way they represented Gaayip-Yagila PS!

Tomorrow, Friday 31st October, we acknowledge World Teachers' Day. It is a wonderful opportunity to recognise the dedication, care, and passion our teachers bring to Gaayip-Yagila Primary School every day. Our staff work tirelessly to inspire, support, and nurture our students, helping them grow both academically and personally. We invite our school community to join us in celebrating our amazing teachers and showing appreciation for the incredible work they do.

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Letter from the Principal cont...

Just a reminder that next Monday 3rd November is a Pupil Free Day followed by the Melbourne Cup Holiday on Tuesday 4th November. We hope everyone enjoys the long weekend! TheirCare will offer a full-day program on Monday, November 3rd only. We encourage you to book as soon as possible so that TheirCare can finalise staffing arrangements.

Our Foundation Transition Program has completed its third week, with 2026 Foundation students engaging in activities in our classrooms. It has been wonderful to see how our future students are starting to settle into Gaayip-Yagila Primary School and become increasingly independent. We take a break next week due to Cup week, with sessions returning on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th November.

Enjoy the upcoming weekend.

Kind Regards

Cassy Hoggins

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GAAYIP-YAGILA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

**STUDENT-FREE DAY –
MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER**

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY–
TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER
(MELBOURNE CUP DAY)**



Classes resume
Wednesday 5th November,
Enjoy the long weekend!

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 4

Monday 24th November - 2:30pm

Thursday 18th December - 2:30pm



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 4

Date	Event
MONDAY 3 rd NOVEMBER	STUDENT FREE DAY
TUESDAY 4 th NOVEMBER	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 11 th November	Kinect 2 Dance
Friday 14 th November	Rugby Gala Day
Monday 17 th Nov - Friday 21 st Nov	Year 1 - Swimming Program
Tuesday 18 th November	Kinect 2 Dance
Monday 24 th Nov - Friday 28 th Nov	Foundation - Swimming Program
Tuesday 25 th November	Kinect 2 Dance
Tuesday 2 nd December	Kinect 2 Dance
Thursday 4 th December	Kinect 2 Dance SHOWCASE - 5pm - 7:00pm
Thursday 18 th December	FINAL Assembly 2025 - 2:30pm

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

11TH NOVEMBER 2025

On 11 November 1918, the guns of the Western Front fell silent after four years of continuous warfare. With their armies in retreat and facing collapse, German leaders signed an Armistice, bringing an end to the First World War.

Remembrance Day is commemorated each year on 11 November to honour all those who have served and sacrificed in wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. At 11am, Australians pause for one minute of silence to reflect and pay their respects to the men and women who gave their lives in service to our country.

Across Australia and other Commonwealth nations, traditions such as the playing of The Last Post and the recitation of the Ode of Remembrance form an important part of these ceremonies. The red poppy, one of the first flowers to bloom on the battlefields of the Western Front, remains a powerful symbol of remembrance and hope.

At Gaayip-Yagila Primary School, we will observe a minute's silence at 11.00am on Tuesday 11th November as a mark of respect and remembrance for those who have served our nation. We encourage our community to wear a red poppy in recognition of their courage and sacrifice.



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EXCELLENCE AWARDS

	Student (class)	For...
Foundation	Guntej Singh Hundal (FE)	For demonstrating EXCELLENCE by always trying his best during learning tasks.
Year 1	Zarnish Fatimah (1G)	For demonstrating RESPECT by listening to the teacher and following the classroom expectations
Year 2	Charlotte Szabo (2H)	For STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE by applying herself in learning time, trying her best and taking pride in learning tasks.
Year 3	Nayyab Kaur (3F)	For consistently STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE to achieve her best in all areas of her learning.
Year 4	Simon Kaler (4D)	For his persistence in learning. Simon always puts in his best effort, stays focused, and never gives up, even when tasks are challenging.
Year 5	Sam Guinto (5E)	For STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE consistently across all subject areas.
Year 6	Israel Asolua (6C)	For always STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE by working towards his learning goals, consistently participating in class and presenting his work <u>at</u> a high standard.



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WELLBEING AWARDS

	Student	For...
Foundation	Samayra Thakur (FD)	For demonstrating COLLABORATION during Oral Language Investigations by helping others keep spaces neat, tidy and organised.
Year 1	Annie Lucca (1A)	For consistently showing KINDNESS through caring words and thoughtful actions in the classroom.
Year 2	Zinnia Sharma (2F)	For being flexible and inclusive in class. Zinnia COLLABORATES well with all of her peers.
Year 3	Alia Rattu (3C)	For always trying her best in every task she undertakes and demonstrating RESPECT by using her impeccable manners with her teachers and peers.
Year 4	Lachlan Chapman (4A)	For consistently showing KINDNESS to others and creating a positive and supportive environment for everyone.
Year 5	Rehatnoor Ghuman (5A)	For consistently demonstrating KINDNESS and always showing a communal responsibility to ensure our classroom is neat and tidy.
Year 6	Isabella Williams (6B)	For showing a positive attitude towards learning by setting personal goals, listening carefully to feedback, and using it to improve her work. A great example of perseverance and growth.



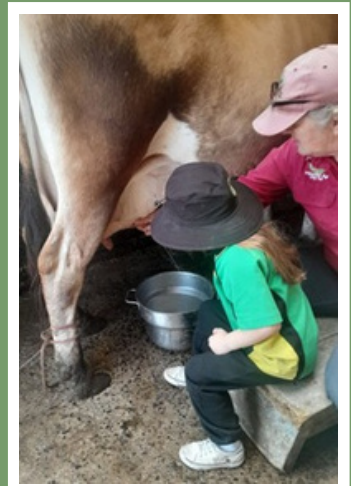
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FOUNDATION EXCURSION TO ANIMAL LAND!

On Wednesday 29th October, the Foundation students went on their very first primary school excursion to Animal Land Farm in Diggers Rest. Students got to experience a lot of new things, including travelling on a big bus for the very first time.

They made lots of connections to their learning about what a farm is, what farms do and why it is important to our community. While at the farm, students got to experience meeting and interacting with a variety of farm animals, including sheep, pigs, cows, ducks, ponies and different baby animals. Some of the highlights of the day included students milking a cow, riding on a pony and cuddling with the adorable baby animals.

Thank you to the staff and parent helpers who attended the excursion, making the day run smoothly and helping make the day a wonderful experience for students.



Thunderstorm Asthma – Be prepared this pollen season

Grass pollen season, which typically runs from October to December each year in Victoria, brings an increase in asthma and hay fever symptoms. It also increases the risk of [thunderstorm asthma](#). For people with asthma or hay fever, especially those who experience wheezing or coughing with their hay fever, thunderstorm asthma can be sudden, serious and even life threatening.

Gaayip-Yagila Primary School will implement a range of measures to keep our school community safe as the risk of thunderstorm asthma increases.

Many of our staff are trained in asthma first aid. We will monitor the VicEmergency app to receive thunderstorm warnings and, where appropriate, keep students indoors when weather forecasts identify greater risk.

During the season, there are some things you can do to prepare and protect yourself and your family:

- If your child has ever had asthma, talk to your doctor about what you can do to help protect them from the risk of thunderstorm asthma this pollen season, including updating your asthma action plan. Taking an asthma preventer properly and regularly is key to preventing asthma, including thunderstorm asthma.
- If your child has hay fever, see your pharmacist or doctor for a hay fever treatment plan and check if you should have an asthma reliever puffer. These are available from a pharmacy without a prescription.
- If your child has hay fever and experiences wheezing and coughing, it is important to make sure they don't also have asthma. Speak to your doctor about an asthma action plan.
- Where possible, avoid being outside during thunderstorms from October to December, especially during the wind gusts that come before the storm. Go inside and close your doors and windows. If you have your air conditioning on, turn it to 'recirculate'.

Protect yourself this pollen season – managing asthma and allergies matters.

For more information, speak to your doctor. You can also refer to the Better Health Channel website.

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Kinect2Dance Program Kicks off at Gaayip–Yagila PS!

We are excited to share that our students will again participate in a dance program with Kinect2Dance this term. This initiative offers a fantastic opportunity for students to explore dance and movement in a fun and engaging way.

The first lesson took place on Tuesday and the students had an absolute ball. The program will run throughout the term, leading up to a special performance on Thursday, 4th December, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Families are invited to join us for a picnic afternoon on our Basketball courts to watch students perform. Further details will be provided in future newsletters.

We look forward to seeing you there!



2026

For 2026, our student enrolment projections are between 1000 - 1020 students.

If you are intending to transition to a new school in 2026 we encourage you to inform our administration team via email at gaayip.yagila.ps@education.vic.gov.au. This information is important so as to avoid any student who wishes to be with you child not having a friend in the 2026 class. It also enables us to support a smooth transition for students to their new school.

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Social media changes are coming

From 10 December, certain social media platforms won't be allowed to let Australian children under 16 create or keep an account.

What you need to know

- The age restrictions are likely to apply to **Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, TikTok** and **YouTube**, among other platforms.
- **Online gaming and standalone messaging apps** are among the types of services that will not be included.
- Children under 16 will still be able to see publicly available social media content that doesn't require logging into an account.



2026 Class Creation

At this time each year, we will outline the class placement process. The placement of students into classes for next year is a complex and important one. The process works as follows:

Data Collection from Teachers

Our teachers make a balanced judgement on each student in their class within the following areas:

- Academic ability
- Learning behaviours
- Additional needs

'Who do you work well with?'

Our students will be asked to nominate 5 other students who they 'work well with' in their year level. Please note a couple of things:

- We do not use the word friends here. Students don't always necessarily work well with some of their closest friends. That does not mean they won't be in the same class together; what we are focusing on here is student's educational relationships, more so than friendships.
- Your child will be in a class with at least one of the 5 students they nominate. We do not account for whether that child was listed first or fifth on the list, if they are a boy or a girl, or if they were in another class this year.
- On very rare occasions, your child may not be able to be paired with someone from their list. We will contact you and discuss this with you further if this is the case.

It may be beneficial to talk with your child prior to our teacher collecting this information about how they best identify other students who they work well with. Our teachers will also have a discussion with their class before the students complete this part of the process.

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2026 Class Creation...cont

Parent Requests

- No requests will be considered regarding teachers.
- In an extremely limited number of cases, there may be an educational, health or wellbeing reason for your child to be separated or paired with another child. This may include:
 - A child with additional needs who will be supported by positive ongoing relationships with their peers.
 - A child who has been involved in ongoing and targeted incidents where another child has negatively targeted and / or impacted their learning and / or wellbeing.
- Requests from parents must be:
 - Sent to the Gaayip-Yagila Primary School email address (gaayip.yagila.ps@education.vic.gov.au), addressed to Cassandra Hoggins and with the subject line 'Class Placement 2026'.
 - Received no later than close of business Friday 31st October (no late submissions will be considered).

To be clear, we expect very few, if any, requests from our families. Our teachers and leadership team know our students in great depth and I trust them and the knowledge they have to make considered judgements regarding class placement.

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WHAT'S NEW in the

LIBRARY

Term 4 / Week 4

BOOK

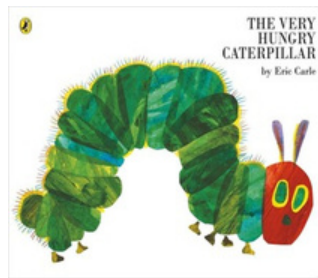
review

NEW releases

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

by Eric Carle

Reviewed by: Ms D, Library Technician
During my primary school years, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* was one of my go-to books! Not only is this book educational, but its layout is also unique. The holes in each fruit as the caterpillar moves through the pages make it a fun and interactive way to learn about the butterfly's life cycle.



Reminders

What's a snake's favourite subject in school?

Hissssssssstory!

A reminder, please ensure your child returns their library book on time. For parents who are thinking of exiting their child, please ensure all books are returned to the school before they exit. Books can be returned to the library or the reception desk. Thank you parents for your support in this matter

Thank you!

Ms D - Library Technician

Orientation Day

Our classes for next year, including teachers, will be announced on the state-wide transition day, Tuesday 9th December. All students will have an opportunity to spend time with their new class and teacher on this day.

In my experience, this process is comprehensive, considerate and best prepares our students for a positive start to the following school year. Of course, on occasion, there might be some disappointment for a few of our students. They might miss a particular friend or be anxious about leaving a favourite teacher. As adults, it is our responsibility to support them through this. If there is some initial disappointment, we will enact our school values and work collaboratively with kindness and respect to ensure our students and families feel supported and prepared for the transition into 2026.

As you can appreciate, class placement is a very complex undertaking. At Gaayip-Yagila Primary School, we strongly believe it is essential for children to have the opportunity to make new friends, as this experience often leads to wonderful new friendships and stronger social skills.

If anything, I have outlined is unclear, please do not hesitate to contact me for further clarity. I look forward to working through this process together with the intention of providing our students with the best possible learning platform to begin 2026.

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PE Newsletter

Sport NMR Athletics

On Wednesday 15th October, four of our students headed to Meadowglen Athletics Track in South Morang to compete in the Northern Metropolitan Region Athletics Carnival.

Congratulations to **Aarhata, Sehaj, Ramneet** and **Diamond** who all tried their best competing at a very competitive level!

Division Basketball



Congratulations to our Year 6 Boys Basketball team who competed in the Division event at Craigieburn Basketball Stadium.

The boys played 5 games throughout the day against a number of different schools, but unfortunately didn't win enough games to head through to the next event.

The boys should be very proud of the way they played and the encouragement and respect they showed towards the other players, coaches and referees.

Division Volleyball



Well done to our Girls Volleyball team who competed in the Division finals last Thursday.

The team played in a round robin tournament at Roxburgh Park Primary School.

Congratulations to all the students for trying their best on the day!

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THEIRCARE NEWSLETTER

At Theircare we started this month during the Spring school holiday program where we got to enjoy adventures at bounce and the cinemas, as well as playing with animals and digging for treasure!

Coming back to school we made sure to take full advantage of the sunshine, and we've been spending lots of time out at the gaga pits and the playground. Our indoor activities and crafts have been following our weekly themes. Week 1 was all about celebrating different countries from all around the world, week 2 was called 'blast from the past' where we took inspiration from history!

Week 3 was 'game on' where all our activities were inspired by all of the children's favourite games, and now to celebrate Halloween all of our activities in week 4 are super spooky. A new term also means a new menu, we've been enjoying our DIY wrap bar, veggie noodles, weetbix slice, pinwheels and loads more! This term it has been really amazing to see so many new faces and we hope to see more soon! Please come say hi to Bree in the food room if you are interested in before or after school care services.



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Protecting against mosquito-borne diseases

Warm and wet weather can result in greater numbers of mosquitoes and an increased risk of illness from mosquito bites. While the overall risk is currently low, some mosquitoes may be carrying diseases that make people sick.

The best protection against mosquito-borne illness is to avoid mosquito bites. Families can protect against mosquito bites by:

- covering up as much as possible with long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing
- applying insect repellent that contains picaridin or DEET on exposed skin when outdoors
- limiting outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are active
- clean up and remove containers and items around the home that may hold water where mosquitoes may breed.

Families with any health concerns should see their doctor or phone NURSE-ON-CALL: 1300 606 024 (available 24 hours).

Free Japanese encephalitis vaccines

Japanese encephalitis virus is spread to humans through bites from infected mosquitoes and can cause a rare but potentially serious infection of the brain.

A free vaccine is available to some individuals to protect Victorians at higher risk of the virus.

For more information, including vaccine eligibility, refer to the Department of Health's [Japanese encephalitis webpage](#).

Find out more

For more information on protecting against mosquito-borne diseases, families can refer to the following Better Health Channel pages:

- [Mosquitoes can carry diseases](#)
- [Protect yourself from mosquito-borne disease](#), including a handy checklist to help reduce mosquito breeding sites at home and resources translated into other languages.
- [Japanese encephalitis virus](#)

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COME & TRY

Raieburn Calisthenics is holding a FREE open day for girls wanting to join our club. Come see what it's all about. Please see the attached flyer for dates and times.

We'd greatly appreciate your support to help grow our club and keeping our community active.

Kind Regards

Briohny Romano
Raieburn Calisthenics Head of Advertising



Raieburn Calisthenics

COME & TRY

TINIES
AGE 3-7
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12TH 5:45-6:45
CRAIGIEBURN SOUTH PRIMARY



SUBBIES
AGE 8-10
MONDAY NOVEMBER 10TH 5-6PM
CRAIGIEBURN SOUTH PRIMARY



JUNIORS
AGE 11-13
MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 6-7:30PM
CRAIGIEBURN SOUTH PRIMARY



INTERS
AGE 13-17
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 11TH 5-6:30PM
CRAIGIEBURN SECONDARY COLLEGE



SENIORS
AGE 18 +
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 11TH 6:30-8PM
CRAIGIEBURN SECONDARY COLLEGE



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\$180 FOR 8 WEEKS



INTRO TO MICRO (5-6 YO) MICRO (6-8 YO)

The ultimate challenge for young soccer players! They'll learn the rules of the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game and develop their skills in passing, dribbling, shooting and more!

60 MINUTE CLASSES
\$190 FOR 8 WEEKS



MICRO PLUS (8-12 YO)

Focuses on skill development and teamwork in preparation for club soccer. Children will enjoy all the favorite soccer based games, fine tune their skills as well as execute play in soccer Game!

60 MINUTE CLASSES
\$190 FOR 8 WEEKS



Scan QR code to request a call back



TERM 4, ENROLMENT FORM STARTING 17TH OCTOBER 2025

PERSONAL INFORMATION

CHILD'S NAME: _____ DOB: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ SUBURB: _____ P/CODE: _____

MOBILE: _____ EMAIL: _____

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US: _____

TERM 4 CENTRES (Please Tick)

<input type="checkbox"/> MICKLEHAM YUBUP PRIMARYSCHOOL 8 WEEK PROGRAM STARTING ON 17TH OCT	<input type="checkbox"/> THOMASTOWN THOMAS STREET RESERVE 8 WEEK PROGRAM STARTING ON 18TH OCT
<input type="checkbox"/> CRAIGIEBURN 525GRANDBLVD RESERVE 8 WEEK PROGRAM STARTING ON 19TH OCT	

PROGRAMS (Please Tick)

CLASS TIMES	<input type="checkbox"/> MITE - E (2-3 YRS OLD)	<input type="checkbox"/> PINT SIZE (4-5 YRS OLD)	<input type="checkbox"/> INTRO TO MICRO (5-6 YRS OLD)	<input type="checkbox"/> MICRO (6-8 YRS OLD)	<input type="checkbox"/> MICRO PLUS (8-12 YRS OLD)
MICKLEHAM - FRI	N/A	5:15 - 6.05 PM	5:15 - 6:15 PM	5:15 - 6:15 PM	5:15 - 6:15 PM
THOMASTOWN - SAT	N/A	10.00 - 11.00 AM	10.00 - 11.00 AM	10.00 - 11.00 AM	10.00 - 11.00 AM
CRAIGIEBURN - SUN	9:00 - 9:50 AM	9:00 - 9:50 AM	9.00 - 10.00 AM OR 10.00 - 11.00 AM	10.00 - 11.00 AM	10.00 - 11.00 AM
TERM FEE	\$170	\$180	\$190	\$190	\$190

PAYMENT

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NAME: SETTLEWELL SERVICE **BSB:** 033 129 **ACC:** 141382 **REFERENCE:** CHILD'S NAME

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