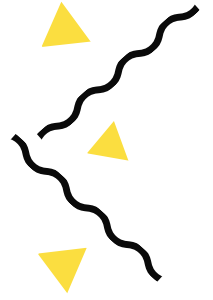


GAAYIP-YAGILA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



THE LATEST EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 3 Week 7. It's hard to believe we are already in Week 7, with just a couple of weeks to go before the holidays. Over the past fortnight, our school has been filled with energy, learning, and community connection. We are also busy planning key events for Term 4, including 'Prelude to Diwali' and our Art Showcase.

You will have seen an invitation to participate in this year's Parent Opinion Survey via Xuno on Monday 1st September. A reminder that the survey is open until Friday 19th September, and your feedback is an important part of understanding school experiences and shaping future improvements.

As Father's Day approaches this weekend, I would like to take a moment to wish all the dads, grandfathers, and father figures in our community a very happy day. Father's Day is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the important role you play in your children's lives—the support, encouragement, and love you give each day makes such a difference. On behalf of our school, I hope you enjoy a special day with your families and the special items our students may gift you from our stall. Happy Father's Day!

With only two weeks left in the term, I encourage everyone to keep up the great effort, celebrate achievements, and finish the term on a positive note. Have a great fortnight.

Kind Regards

Cassy Hoggins

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ASSEMBLY DATES 2025

We extend a warm invitation to join us at our upcoming school assembly! As we gather together, we'll celebrate our students' achievements, share important updates, and foster a sense of community. Your presence enriches our school culture, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Please note that we hold three assemblies each term: two throughout and a final one which reviews our successes for the term. Below are the dates and times of our assemblies for the year.

Term 3

Monday 8th September - 2:30pm

Friday 19th September - End of term 1:30pm

Term 4

Monday 27th October - 2:30pm

Monday 24th November - 2:30pm

Friday 19th December - End of Year 12:30pm



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 3

Date	Event
Wednesday 10 th September	STUDENT FREE DAY
Wednesday 10 th September	Parent Teacher Interviews
Thursday 11 th - Monday 15 th Sep	Year 5 - Quantum Excursion
Friday 12 th September	Hot Shot Gala Day
Monday 15 th Sep - Tuesday 16 th Sep	Year 1 - Cooper Settlement Excursion
Wednesday 17 th September	Year 5 - Night of Notables 3:45pm - 4:45pm
Thursday 18 th September	Year 6 - Market Day
Friday 19 th September	Whole School out of uniform Footy Day
Friday 19 th September	LAST DAY OF TERM - DISMISSAL 2:10PM

TERM 4

Date	Event
Monday 6 th October	FIRST DAY TERM 4
Wednesday 8 th October	Diwali Celebration
Monday 13 th October	Art Show Opening



BYO iPad Program

Information Session

GYPS is excited to introduce our
1:1 Bring Your Own (BYO) iPad initiative to our
2026 Year 3 students.

We strongly encourage you to attend our information session to find out how the BYO iPad program will be introduced and to answer any questions you may have.

Wednesday
10th September
6:30 - 7:15PM

Please register your interest on the link below...

<https://forms.gle/tHSrNw5F1UrwcdB7>



CURRICULUM UPDATE

Parent Teacher Interviews - Wednesday 10th September

Our upcoming Parent Teacher Interviews are an important opportunity for you to meet with your child's teachers. These meetings are designed so families can:

- meet and get to know teachers
- build a positive relationship with the school
- share information about your child's interests and learning
- talk more in-depth about your child's student reports

Parent-teacher interviews are a valuable way to strengthen the connection between home and school. They give teachers the chance to better understand your child, while also helping you learn how you can support your child's learning at home.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday September 10th. Please book your meeting now on Xuno. If you require support to make your booking, please contact the school office.

Each interview is limited to 10 minutes. To ensure fairness for all families, teachers cannot run over time. If you would like to discuss further matters at the end of your meeting, please arrange another appointment at a later date.

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CURRICULUM UPDATE CONT....

During the interview, teachers will:

- provide information about your child's academic performance
- discuss areas in which your child excels and areas requiring support
- share insights into how your child interacts with their peers in the school setting
- offer suggestions on how you can best support your child at home

Teachers will also answer any questions you may have about your child's progress and wellbeing at school.

How to prepare for your interview:

- Read through your child's semester and ongoing reports and note topics you'd like to discuss
- Write down any questions you'd like to ask the teacher
- Ask your child if they have questions they would like you to raise, or information they'd like you to share
- Think about any recent changes or experiences that may have impacted your child that would be helpful for the teacher to know.

We look forward to seeing you and working together to support your child's learning journey.

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**Gaayip-Yagila Primary School
invites all families to celebrate**

“Prelude to Diwali”

Wednesday Oct 8th

3:20PM – 4:00PM

Sports Centre

Watch a Bollywood Performance by 5 Ignite
Bollywood dancers and a Dohl drummer
Join in a family interactive dance workshop
FREE EVENT



**GAAYIP-YAGILA
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

GYPS ART SHOW

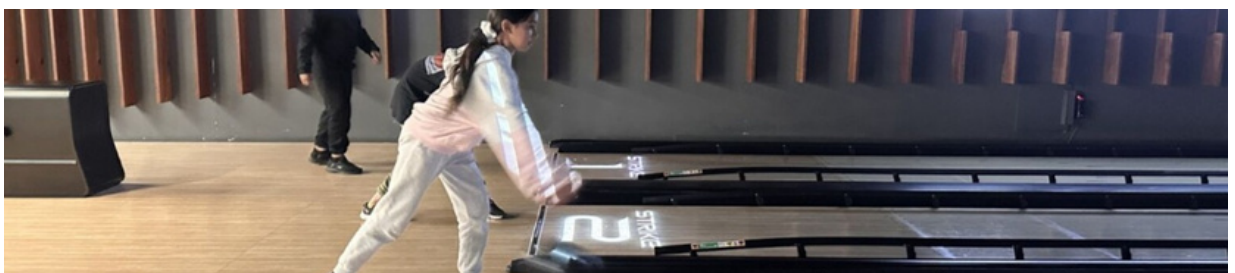


MASKS AND MIRRORS

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

Gallery Location: GYPS Gym

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



OUR GRADE 5 STUDENTS ATTENDED CYC CITY CAMP FROM AUGUST 4-6, ENJOYING A FANTASTIC TIME FILLED WITH ACTIVITIES. SEE THE PHOTOS ABOVE FOR SOME HIGHLIGHTS.

Student Arrivals

As we continue to strive for excellence in education, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of punctuality in our daily school routine.

Classrooms open at 8:50am, and it is crucial that all students are in class and ready for learning by 9.00am. This ensures that they can fully benefit from the day's lessons and activities. Repeated lateness has a well-documented negative impact on student learning and the overall effectiveness of our school programs. It disrupts not only the late student but also their classmates and teachers.

We understand that mornings can be challenging, but we ask for your cooperation in ensuring that all students arrive on time. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated and will contribute significantly to the success of our students and the smooth operation of our school.

Over the past 2 weeks 29% of students were late to school at least once during this time. 5% of students were late at least 5 days over the 2 week period. In the afternoons, we have also had 20% of students leave early on at least one occasion.

Sun Smart – Hats

We are committed to protecting our students from harmful UV exposure. ALL students must wear a broad-brimmed school hat when UV levels are 3 or higher. In Victoria, this typically applies from mid to late August through to the end of April (Term 2).

From Monday 8th September 2025, students will be required to wear their school hat whenever they are outside. Students without a hat will be asked to sit in the designated undercover area during recess and lunch.

Hats can be purchased through our uniform supplier, Academy Uniforms. We strongly encourage families to ensure each hat is clearly named, so it can be returned if misplaced.

For more information about being SunSmart, please visit www.sunsmart.com.au.

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R U OK? Day – Thursday 11th September

Next week we will acknowledge R U OK? Day, a national day of action that reminds us all to check in with the people around us and start meaningful conversations.

The message is simple but powerful: **a conversation could change a life.**

At school, we encourage our students to look out for each other and to talk to a teacher or trusted adult if they or a friend need support. Families can also join in by taking the time to ask a friend, colleague, neighbour, or family member:

👉 R U OK?



It is a reminder that we do not need to be experts to help - just a good friend and a good listener.

Together, we can help create a culture where people feel connected and supported, every day of the year.

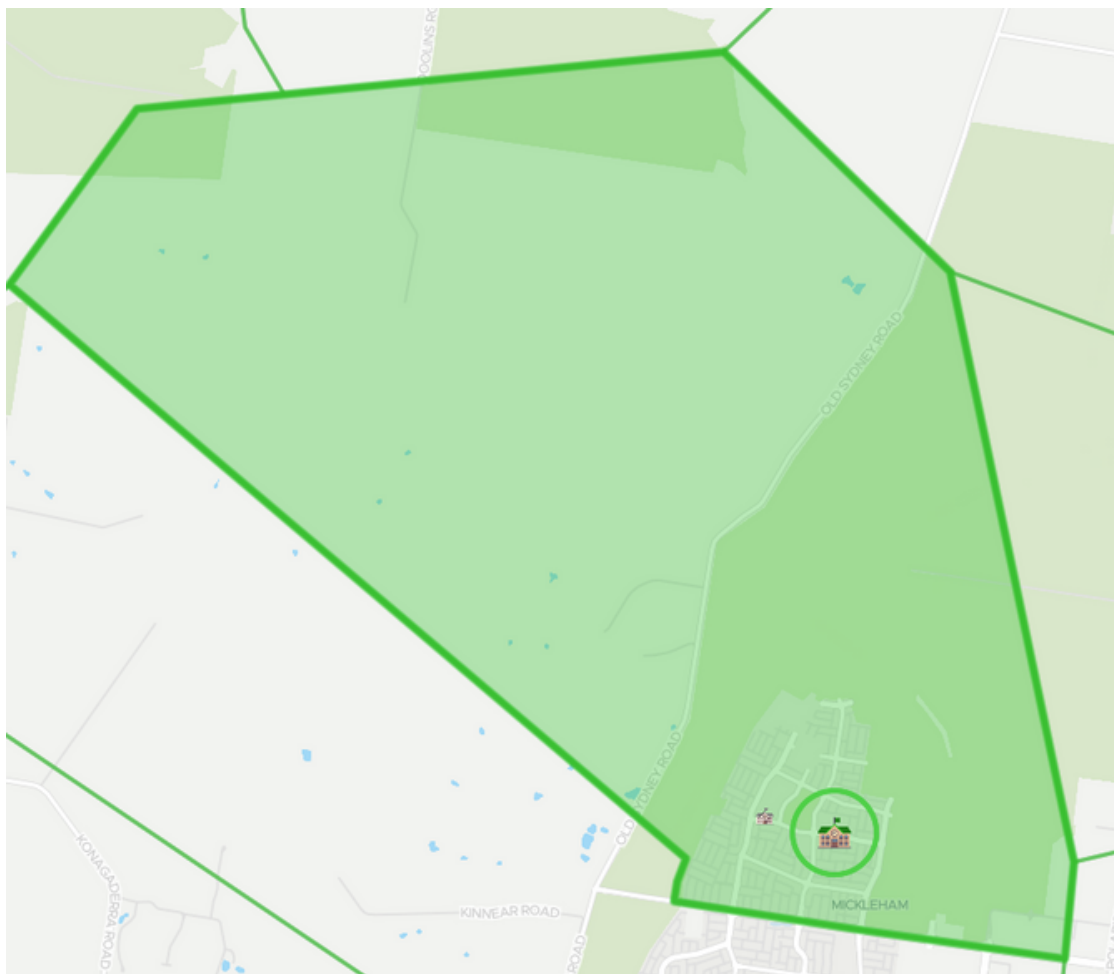
For more information and resources, visit www.ruok.org.au

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Enrolments for 2026

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

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



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PRE-FOUNDATION PROGRAM

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

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

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

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

or return this form to the administration office by Tuesday 7th of October 2024



Childs' Name: DOB:

Parent Name: Contact Phone:

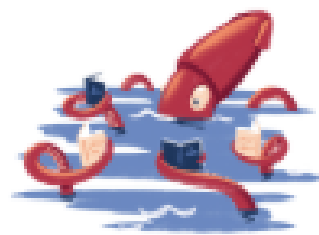
Parent Email:

Indicate order of preference: ☒ Tuesday ☐ Wednesday

BOOK WEEK



AT GYPS



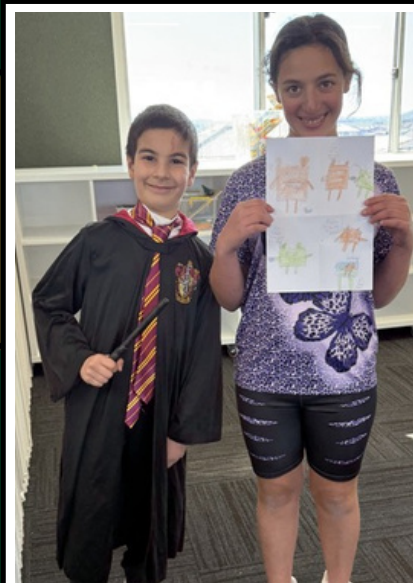
WEEKLY SNAPSHOT

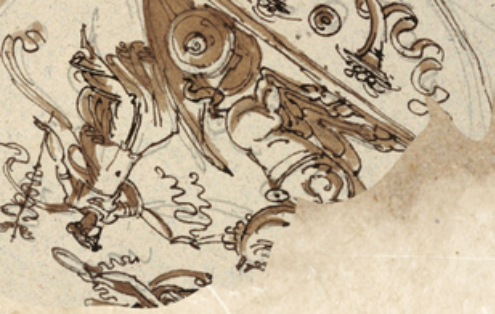
Last week our students enjoyed a fantastic Book Week celebration, filled with exciting activities that ran all week long. Each day there was something special for students to enjoy.

Throughout the week, students took part in scavenger hunts held every recess and lunch, racing around the school to find hidden book-themed treasures. Many also spent time in the library, where they listened to teachers bring stories to life. On Thursday afternoon, families were invited to our Writing Expo Open Afternoon, where students proudly shared their own writing pieces and celebrated the hard work they have put into their learning.

One of the most memorable moments of the week was our whole-school dress up day, where students and staff came dressed as their favourite book characters. The school was buzzing with colour, excitement, and creativity as everyone joined in the fun.

BOOK WEEK HIGHLIGHTS





Dear Year 5 Families,

You're Invited to the ...

Night of Notables

When: Wednesday the 17th of September

Time: 3.45pm - 4.45pm

Where: Year 5 classrooms

This term, students have been exploring
and researching a range of Notable
Australians as part of our Inquiry unit.



They have designed engaging learning
centres to share their findings and will
showcase their acting skills by taking on
the role of their chosen notable figure.



We can't wait to see you all there!



PE Newsletter

Craigieburn North District Athletics

Congratulations to the students that participated at the recent Craigieburn North District Athletics event. They competed across a wide range of track and field events, demonstrating their personal bests.

A special mention to the several students who finished in first and second places, earning the exciting opportunity to advance to the Woodlands Division Athletics event. This next competition will take place on Tuesday, 16th September at the Meadowglen Athletics Track.



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Road Safety around Schools

Speed zones, pedestrian crossings and parking restrictions around school are there to improve the movement of traffic during peak times and maximise safety for children and road users. During the Summer holiday period our school crossing on Blackmore Road received an upgrade. The school crossing is now raised and aims to slow cars travelling along Blackmore Road.

It is vital as adults, we lead by example and set good road safety practices travelling to and from school. As such, we are asking all parents and carers to observe and obey parking signs.

Hume City Council have asked us to remind our school community that it is an offence to:

- double park by stopping next to a legally parked vehicle, even for a short time or to drop off /pick up passengers
- stop or park on the centre median strip (Blackmore Road)
- stop or park across a driveway or footpath (especially down our side streets this has been occurring)
- stop or park within 10 metres of an intersection or corner that doesn't have traffic lights
- stop or park across or in a bus zone.

Council Local Laws Officers will be active around our school area to issue warnings and fines.



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Auslan Moments Captured

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AUSLAN NEWS

National Week of Deaf People (NWDP) is a week long celebration of Deaf individuals and the Australian Deaf community. It includes celebrating the International Day of Deaf people and the International Day of Sign Languages. It is on the 22-28th of September.

What's been happening in Auslan?



It's been an exciting end to Term 3 in our Auslan classrooms!

Our Foundation students have been learning the letters of the Auslan alphabet. For each letter, they've been exploring numbers, colours, and an animal beginning with that letter. This hands-on approach is helping them connect their knowledge in fun and memorable ways.

In Years 1-2, students have been diving into storytelling and fairytales. They've enjoyed learning to retell stories in Auslan, exploring how to use facial expressions, role shift, and handshapes to bring their characters to life.

Years 3-6 have been developing their storytelling skills through comic strips. Students are designing and creating their own Auslan comic stories, combining drawing and signing to structure their narratives in creative ways.

We are so proud of all our students for their enthusiasm and dedication to learning Auslan. Keep an eye out for updates as we continue to develop our skills and deepen our understanding of this beautiful language.

GYPS AUSLAN TEAM



Library News September



Reminders

**Please return books on time.
If you are thinking of exiting
your child, please ensure all
books are returned.**

Recommended Reading

The Rainbow Fish, with his shimmering scales, is the most beautiful fish in the ocean but he is proud and vain and none of the other fish want to be his friend - until he learns to give away some of his most prized possessions.



New Books

Picture Books
Bluey - Zoo, Road Trip, The Beach
The Rainbow Fish
Where's Wally Books 1 -6
Star Wars - The Essential Legends Collection
Ella at Eden - Paris Adventure
Dragons Vs Wolves - Fallen Star
Ella Diaries - Netball Rules



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Library Technician

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

www.smilepatrol.com.au



SMILE PATROL
SCHOOL DENTAL

CRAIGIEBURN EAGLES DISCO

USA TOUR FUNDRAISER

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

Craigieburn Eagles soar all the way to the USA.

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

and support the team.



Date: Saturday 6th September

Time: 6:00pm - 8:30pm



Location: Court 3, Craigieburn Basketball Stadium

Cost \$16 per child (13 & under)

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

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

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

Let's make it a night to remember.

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

CRAIGIEBURN EAGLES

DISCO

Fundraiser

SATURDAY 6TH SEP

6PM-8.30PM COURT 3

CRAIGIEBURN BASKETBALL STADIUM

\$16 PER CHILD - 13 & UNDER

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

FULLY SUPERVISED KIDS SAFE EVENT

**TICKETS
HERE →**



**DANCE OUR WAY
TO THE **

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

**Australian Plants Society
Mitchell Group Inc**



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

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

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

FREE ENTRY

Website:- www.apsmitchell.org.au

Contact:- aps.mitchell@gmail.com

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