

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 8!

We hope everyone had a lovely weekend and enjoyed celebrating their dad's and father figures in their lives. This week we have seen the weather be quite unpredictable with the strong winds. On a number of days, we have had students remain inside for their safety. Students are welcome to bring a quiet activity such as colouring in, a deck of cards or a simple game such as Spotto to school for use during this time. Please ensure items are named so they can be returned if lost.

On Tuesday, 27th August, Hanna Spark and I, along with Department of Education regional staff, visited the Islamic Museum of Australia in Thornbury. The visit was an enriching experience aimed at increasing our understanding of Islam and promoting inclusivity within our schools and the wider community. We look forward to applying the knowledge gained to further enhance inclusivity at our school across our many cultures.

Recently, behaviour management expert Dan Petro worked closely over 2 days with our staff to enhance classroom practices aimed at improving student engagement. Dan conducted classroom observations and provided valuable feedback to teachers, helping to refine strategies for managing student behaviour effectively. He also collaborated with our leadership and wellbeing teams on functional behaviour assessments, offering insights and guidance to support individual student needs. This partnership has been instrumental in building a positive learning environment and ensuring every student has the best opportunity to succeed.

Coming Together To Learn

Our Year 2 students have been attending their excursion to Ripponlea Estate throughout the week, where they have explored the beautiful gardens and historic mansion. The excursion has provided a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about life in the past, and the importance of preserving heritage sites. Through interactive activities and a guided tour, students were able to engage with history in a hands-on way, sparking curiosity and deepening their understanding of our local history. It was a memorable experience that brought their classroom learning to life! We hope that our final 2 classes have a great day tomorrow.

As announced in the 2024/25 Victorian Budget, the School Saving Bonus provides a one-off \$400 support for students in Victoria in Term 4, 2024, for use on 2025 school costs. Please see further information in the newsletter regarding this initiative.

Before 18th October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to ensure that their contact information is current. Please ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us. You can check this information in XUNO and any changes or amendments can be advised via XUNO for updating. It is important to ensure that your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will use these details to contact you via email as per the below timeframe:

- in October, to verify your email address on file is correct.
- in November, information about your \$400 School Saving Bonus for use during the 2025 school year.

Please ensure you also check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss any important emails from the Department of Education in relation to the School Saver Bonus.

Please see further information in the newsletter regarding this initiative.

Have a great fortnight.

Kind Regards

Cassy Hoggins

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Hon Jacinta Allan MP

Premier of Victoria

1 Treasury Place
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Wednesday 28 August, 2024

Dear parents and carers

Re: \$400 School Saving Bonus

Families want the absolute best for their kids. But with the current cost of living – uniforms, camps, sports and more – it all adds up.

That's why the Allan Labor Government is making life that little bit easier for families, by providing a one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

Every student enrolled in a Victorian government school for the 2025 school year will receive \$400 support.

It will help cover the cost of school uniforms, textbooks, and school activities like camps, excursions and sports.

You don't need to apply.

From November 2024, parents and carers will receive an email from the Department of Education providing details on how they can access the \$400 bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus is available for each child. That means a family with three school-aged children will receive a total of \$1,200.

The School Saving Bonus is available in addition to other financial support including the Affordable School Uniforms program and the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund.

To learn more about what the \$400 can be spent on, and other support available, visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus.

And from our families to yours – best of luck for the 2025 school year.

Sincerely,



Hon. Jacinta Allan
Premier of Victoria
Mum of two



The Hon. Ben Carroll MP
Deputy Premier
Minister for Education



Shop for your School – Merrifield City

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

Which will be split into:

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

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

Sunsmart – Hats

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

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

STOP IT AT THE START COMPETITION

Being respectful to classmates, friends and to the people around us is important. But what does respect mean to you? Students in years 4-9 across Australia are encouraged to create a storyboard about what respect looks like in their world.

Download the storyboard template and use drawings and words to create your story—don't forget to include the word 'respect'.

The lucky winners will have their storyboard turned into a 30 second animation by **a professional animator** and will receive a **\$500 gift card** for themselves and one for their school. Runners up receive a \$250 gift card.

Entries close Sunday 15 September.

The Hidden Trends of Disrespect is the new phase of the Australian Government's Stop it at the Start campaign. It aims to educate adults about the new and hidden forms of disrespect young people are being exposed to online and offline, and the negative impact this has on attitudes and behaviours.

Find out more at respect.gov.au.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

In our last newsletter we called for expressions of interest to create a parent fundraising committee. We thank our 2 parents who responded to this news item. To effectively operate this committee a minimum of 4 parents are required.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 3

Friday 6th September	Rippon Lea House Excursion Year 2C & 2E
Monday 16th September	Melbourne Museum Excursion – Year 5
Friday 20th September	Footy Colours Day
Friday 20th September	LAST DAY OF TERM -Assembly 1:30pm

TERM 4

Monday 7th October	First Day of Term 4
Monday 28th October	Assembly 2:30pm
Monday 4th November	STUDENT FREE DAY
Tuesday 5th November	PUBLIC HOLIDAY–Melbourne Cup
Monday 11th November	Kaboom Kid Sports
Tuesday 12th November	Year 6 Excursion – Quantum Robotics
Wednesday 13th November	Year 6 Excursion – Quantum Robotics
Thursday 14th November	Year 6 Excursion - MCG
Friday 15th November	Year 6 Graduation Preparation
Monday 25th November	Assembly 2:30pm
Monday 16th December	Year 6 Graduation
Thursday 19th December	End of year assembly 12:30pm
Friday 20th December	LAST DAY – 1:10pm Finish



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MOON FESTIVAL



The Moon Festival, also known as the Mid-Autumn Festival or Zhongqiu Jie (中秋节) in Chinese, is a traditional harvest festival celebrated in several East Asian countries, including China, Vietnam, Taiwan, and others. It typically falls on the 15th day of the 8th month of the lunar calendar, which usually corresponds to late September or early October in the Gregorian calendar.

Historical and Cultural Significance

The festival dates back over 3,000 years, when people would worship the moon to express gratitude for the harvest. Over time, it evolved into a celebration of family reunion, thanksgiving, and prayer for good fortune. The moon, particularly when it is full and bright during this time of year, symbolises completeness, unity, and prosperity.

Customs and Traditions

- **Mooncakes:** One of the most iconic features of the Moon Festival is the sharing of mooncakes, which are round pastries filled with various sweet or savory fillings like lotus seed paste, red bean paste, or salted egg yolk. The round shape of the mooncake symbolizes the full moon and family unity.
- **Moon Gazing:** Families gather in the evening to admire the full moon, which is believed to be at its brightest and most beautiful on this night. Some also make wishes for health, happiness, and prosperity while watching the moon.
- **Lanterns:** Lanterns play a significant role in the festival, especially among children who carry them while walking around at night. In some regions, there are also lantern displays and lantern-making competitions.
- **Offerings and Worship:** In traditional practices, people make offerings to the Moon Goddess, Chang'e, who is a central figure in the festival's mythology. Fruits, mooncakes, and incense are common offerings.
- **Mythology:** The legend of Chang'e is a popular story associated with the Moon Festival. According to the myth, Chang'e was the wife of a famous archer named Hou Yi. She drank an elixir of immortality and ascended to the moon, where she lives to this day. Her story is remembered and honoured during the festival.

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Modern Celebrations

Today, the Moon Festival is celebrated not only in East Asia but also in many other parts of the world where Chinese communities reside, including Australia, the United States, and Europe. In places like Melbourne, the festival has become a multicultural event, featuring food, music, dance performances, and community activities that bring people together to celebrate Asian culture and heritage.



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EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Foundation	Veer Locham	For showing EXCELLENCE with giving tasks a go when faced with challenges in his learning.
Year 1	Ishanvi Dayal	For STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE by extending herself in all learning areas and applying teacher feedback to her tasks.
Year 2	Chicago Aiolutepa	For always STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE and utilising her time efficiently in class. Chicago works and diligently, working hard to achieve her goals.
Year 3	Vihana Desai	For being dedicated to her learning and always STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE to meet her learning goals. Well done!
Year 4	Nathan Deang	For always trying his hardest in every task he completes.
Year 5	Jasnoor Kaur	For STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE by completing all her learning tasks to a high standard.
Year 6	Mohamed Sharif	For demonstrating EXCELLENCE and COLLABORATION when completing his maths tasks to create a budget.



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WELLBEING AWARDS

Foundation	Karman Bhatia	For consistently showing RESPECT towards others within the learning community.
Year 1	Aria Escobar	For demonstrating KINDNESS and RESPECT by being polite and helping others in the classroom.
Year 2	Braxton Singh	For demonstrating KINDNESS and including others. Braxton has been making friends and including others.
Year 3	Brandon Lui	For always being the first member of 3F to help others, often without being asked. Brandon, your KINDNESS does not go unnoticed.
Year 4	Gurleen Kaur	For showing RESPECT and KINDNESS at all times to peers and teachers
Year 5	Prabhnoor Kaur Nanra	For consistently demonstrating all school expectations in her role as a Peer Mediator.
Year 6	Zaraar Ali	For showing RESPECT towards all members of the school community.



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RU OK DAY

R U OK? Day is coming up on Thursday, 12th September, and it's a great reminder to check in on the people around us. At Gaayip-Yagila Primary School, we are committed to fostering a supportive and caring community. This year, we encourage everyone—students, staff, and families—to take a moment to ask, "Are you OK?" and start conversations that could make a big difference. Sometimes, a simple question can help someone feel seen and supported.

4 steps of an R U OK? conversation

1 **2** **3** **4**

Ask R U OK? **Listen** **Encourage action** **Check in**

Need a bit of extra help?
Call on these Australian crisis lines or professionals:

Lifeline (24/7)	13 11 14	lifeline.org.au
Suicide Call Back Service (24/7)	1300 659 467	suicidecallbackservice.org.au
Beyond Blue (24/7)	1300 224 636	beyondblue.org.au
1800 RESPECT (24/7)	1800 737 732	1800respect.org.au
Kids Helpline (24/7) (5-25 yrs)	1800 55 1800	kidshelpline.com.au
Mensline	1300 78 99 78	mensline.org.au
QLife (LGBTI support)	1800 184 527	qlife.org.au
13YARN 24/7 (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander support)	13 92 76	13yarn.org.au

For more contacts: ruok.org.au

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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 24% 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.



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AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC FESTIVAL

The Australian Antarctic Festival was held over 22nd-25th August. The festival had over 20,000 visitors to the event of which our GYPS penguins were an iconic feature. Thank you to all students who participated in the 2024 festival.

Mrs Hill



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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Curriculum Update

Phonics Instruction

At Gaayip-Yagila Primary School, we have always recognized the importance of explicitly teaching phonics as a foundation for literacy. This year, however, we have further refined our phonics instruction through targeted professional learning. Our dedicated teaching staff have deepened their understanding of effective phonics practices, ensuring that all students in Foundation to Year 2 receive daily, explicit phonics instruction. This focused approach, which emphasizes both encoding (spelling) and decoding (reading) words, aligns with the Department of Education's recommended 25 minutes of daily phonics teaching. By implementing these refined practices, we are providing our students with the essential skills needed for their reading and writing development.

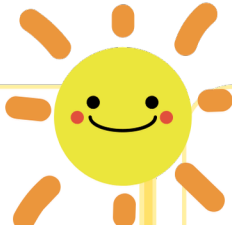
Reporting

We are thrilled to share with our community the highlights of this term, starting with the fantastic success of our recent Parent-Teacher Interviews. The interviews provided a valuable opportunity for open dialogue between parents and teachers, helping to build strong partnerships in support of our students' learning journeys.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce that our ongoing reporting will be released in **Week 10**. This comprehensive report will allow parents to see how their child has performed against the skills taught over the past five weeks. Along with this, we will provide practical examples and suggestions on how parents can support these learning goals at home. Whether it's through reading together, practicing math skills, or engaging in inquiry-based activities, we aim to empower families to play an active role in their child's education. This partnership between school and home is crucial for fostering long-term success.

Additionally, in **Week 9**, our teachers will be participating in a dedicated planning day. This day is vital as it allows our educators to review student data and reflect on what has been achieved so far. By carefully analysing student progress, we can make informed plans for **Term 4**, ensuring that our teaching strategies are tailored to meet the needs of every child in our classrooms. This time is essential for fine-tuning our approach and ensuring that we continue to provide the highest quality of education to our students.

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Auslan Moments Captured



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AUSLAN NEWS



*We're so proud of the progress all of our students
have made this term.*

Thank you for your ongoing support!

What's been happening in Auslan?



Our Foundation students have been busy learning how to express their feelings using Auslan emotion signs. It's been wonderful to see them enthusiastically engage with this new vocabulary, helping them to communicate and understand emotions in a unique way.

In Years 1-2, students have continued to build on their knowledge of emotion signs and are now also learning to sign numbers up to 20. They are making great progress, and it's exciting to watch them grow in confidence as they master these new signs.

Our Years 3-6 students have been expanding their skills by learning to sign numbers up to 100. Additionally, they've been diving deeper into Deaf culture, exploring how to create inclusive environments. As part of their current project, students are designing a Deaf-friendly house. They're incorporating innovative features such as bed shaker alarm clocks and doorbells with flashing lights, learning firsthand how thoughtful design can make a significant difference in daily life.

It's been an inspiring term, filled with new knowledge and creative exploration!

GYPS AUSLAN TEAM



PE NEWSLETTER

Division Athletics Carnival

On Tuesday the 10th of September we are excited to be taking a number of students to participate in the Division Athletics Event. Students will be participating in track and field events. I wish all the below students the best of luck!

Aaron Ghotra	Hannah Gojar	Ramneet Batta
Arhhata Patil	Harrison Lui	Rykah Paul
Aryan Mukherjee	Isaac Brownley	Saachi Kaur
Aser Eltouny	Jessie Sidhu	Sam Haidary
Azariah Asolua	Jireh Tamaninkaiyaroi	Samir Nandha
David Yousif	Lennox Pati	Sarah Nwafor
Dua Waseem	Loni Rima	Seth Lister
Ethan Nhaji	Manny Taupa	Zayd Osman
Grace Brownley	Petelo Erika	
Haidar Toufaily	Raliat Raji	



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Term 3 Winter Menu

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

From \$7

Daily Meal deals

Monday and Tuesday
Toastie deal days

Wednesday – Weekly rotating special

Thursday – Burger day

Available all days

Pasta meal deals

NEW! Favourites meal deal

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

Price		Price	
Hot Food			
\$3	3 pack chicken nuggets	\$5	6 pack chicken nuggets
\$5	Penne <u>napoli</u> (veg)	\$4	Chicken noodles
\$6.50	Penne Bolognese	\$1.20	Steamed dim sim
\$4	4 pack cocktail franks	\$1.50	Party pie / mini sausage roll
\$4.20	Hot dog	\$2.50	Vegetarian samosa
\$4.50	<u>Four'n</u> Twenty Meat pie / Sausage roll	\$2	4 pack vegetarian cocktail spring <u>roll</u>
\$6	Creamy pumpkin Soup with roll	\$0.40	Tomato, sweet chilli or soy sauce
Salads and sandwiches			
From \$3	Sandwiches and croissant– Variety of fillings.	From \$5	Green Salad Caesar Salad
	Toasted Panini		Greek Salad
Gluten free bread available – extra \$0.50			
Snacks			
\$1.20	Fruit piece	\$2	Homemade large choc chip cookie
\$1	Homemade healthier mini muffin	\$3.50	Homemade healthier large muffin
\$1.20	Diced fruit in juice	\$1.50	New varieties
\$2	Harvest snaps baked pea crisps	\$1.50	Popcorn varieties
\$3	Jelly with a chocolate frog	\$2.50	Le <u>Snak</u> cheese dip and crackers
\$2.50	Red rock deli chips	\$2.50	Oreo minis
	Pringles minis - Sour cream and onion	\$2.50	Hummus dip with carrot and cucumber and sticks
Beverages and Frozen items			
\$2.50	200ml Juice box varieties – no added sugar	\$2.50	200ml milk box varieties
\$2	600ml bottled water	\$4	Hot Chocolate
\$1	<u>Zooper Dooper</u>	\$3	Paddle Pop varieties
\$2.50	99% fruit juice slushie	\$2	Lemonade icy pole

View item descriptions, options and place orders using the flexischools app.

Dietary requirements, allergy friendly, vegetarian and halal options available.



Skip the canteen line by adding frozen items or hot chocolate to your recess or lunch online order, then using the express collection line for faster service.

C H E S S C L U B



**LITTLE LUMIERE
LEARNING**

ENLIGHTENING TOMORROW'S MINDS

TERM 3 CHESS CLASSES

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

FREE TRIAL CLASS

ENROL NOW

For more info contact:
Teenu 0450698014



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

<https://Chess Club Bookings>

Australian Plants Society
Mitchell Group Inc



Annual Spring Plant Expo & Sale

Saturday 7 September

9.00am—3.00pm

Wallan Multi-purpose

Community Centre

42 Bentinck St, Wallan

Native Plant Floral Displays

Australian Native Plant Sales

Gardening & Plant Book Sales

FREE ENTRY

Website:- www.apsmitchell.org.au

Contact:- aps.mitchell@gmail.com

Wallan & Kilmore
Community Bank* branches





DAY TIME SWIM INSTRUCTORS NEEDED



Is this job right for you?

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

Enquire by:
30 August 2024

CONTACT US

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Hume
Leisure

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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