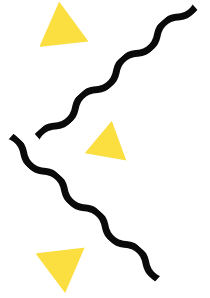


GAAYIP-YAGILA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



THE LATEST EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2024. It is exciting to have our students return for another year of learning.

We have started the school year with 1020 students being accommodated across 47 classrooms. Our Foundation students began their education journey last Friday and have been learning about school routines and finding their way around the school. We hope that your children have had a fantastic start to their year and have been able to share some wonderful stories with you this week.

As widely reported in the media, a teaching shortage is impacting schools across the state. Our school has advertised numerous vacancies and is working with the Department of Education's Schools Workforce Initiatives Team, recruiting agencies, Casual Relief Teaching (CRT) agencies and the Victorian Institute of Teaching to secure staff for all our classes. We will continue to focus on recruiting high quality staff to support your children with their learning.

Our leadership team and staff look forward to catching up with you at our Meet and Greet on Monday 12th February and working alongside you and your children in 2024.

Kind Regards

Cassy Hoggins

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Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The Department administers the CSEF to help eligible families with the costs of camps, sporting activities and excursions. Payments for 2024 are \$125 per year for eligible primary school students. The payments is made directly to an eligible student's school. Applications are to be received by the school no later than 28 June 2024.

Some common examples of school-organised programs for which a CSEF payment may be used include:

- school camps/trips
- swimming and other school-organised sporting programs
- outdoor education programs
- excursions/incursions.

Eligibility for the CSEF

- Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. A special consideration category also exists. Schools can receive applications from families by 28 June 2024.
- Families can list more than one student in the one application form if they are attending the same school.

Submitting an application

A parent/carer will only be required to submit an application form to the school in the following circumstances:

- the parent/carer is applying for the CSEF payment for the first time – i.e. an application form was not lodged with the school in the previous year, or
- circumstances have changed – for example, there has been a change in the care arrangement of the student, a change of name or CRN, or a new sibling has started at the school and the parent/carer wishes to apply for the CSEF payment for the new sibling also.

Please see forms at the end of the news letter.

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Annual privacy reminder for our school community 2024

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) and the [Schools' Privacy Collection Notice](#).

Our [Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy](#), describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education](#) safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

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Respectful Behaviours within the School Community

The Department of Education has a policy that describes the positive behaviour expected from parents, carers, and other adults in Victorian school communities. The policy sets clear standards of behaviour to create a safe, respectful, and inclusive learning environment for students, staff and adults.

There are also other resources to support safe and respectful relationships in our school community, including information about getting involved in the school, advice on how to raise a concern or complaint, and parenting support resources.

Student accident insurance, ambulance cover arrangements and private property brought to school

The Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents/carers of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport as well as any other transport costs. Parents/carers can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers.

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. As the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property, students and staff are discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

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Building and Grounds Progress

Over the school holiday period we received hand over of a double storey relocatable. Our Year 6 students are located in the new building. We anticipate that this will be the final relocatable placed onsite in the foreseeable future.

The Capital Works project is continuing to move along. The slab has been poured in 3 stages, the lift shaft has been placed in position and walls are beginning to be erected. Over the past few days there has been a lot of interest from our younger students as they watch the trucks and heavy machinery work on the project.

Mobile Phones and SMART Watches

As per the Department of Education's Mobile Device Policy, we ask that any devices that can facilitate connectivity beyond the school for calls/messages/emails/internet etc are handed in to the office on arrival to school and are then collected at the end of the school day. Devices are stored in a lockable cabinet. Where students are found to have them on their person they will be taken to the office for safe keeping and parents will be contacted to collect them.

It is important that we minimise all unnecessary distractions throughout the school day so that we can optimise the learning opportunities for our students. We seek the support of all students and parents on this important matter.

* For the purpose of this policy devices include mobile phones, smart watches, other wearable devices, iPads and other personal devices.

Supervision of Students

Just a reminder to all parents that teachers are officially on yard duty before school from 8.40am – 9.00am and after school from 3.10pm – 3.25pm. At 3.25pm students who have not been collected by parents are taken to the office by the yard duty teacher. For new parents to our school, the following procedures have been implemented in relation to student safety and children arriving at school well before 8.40am.

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Contact will be made with parents informing them that staff are not officially on yard duty until 8.40am. In the event that children continue to be at school prior to 8.40am they will be directed to Before School Care where a fee will be payable. Please note that TheirCare operates a before and after school program at Gaayip-Yagila Primary School.

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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Cycling to and from school

Children under the age of 12 may ride on footpaths, as can a supervising adult. They are required to give way to pedestrians and to wheel their bicycles over pedestrian and children's crossings.

Children aged 12 years or older are required by law to ride on the road.

Road safety authorities recommend that children under the age of 9 are supervised by an adult when riding on the road. Depending on their cycling skills and experience, some children over this age may still require supervision.

Gaayip-Yagila Primary School provides secure storage for bicycles and helmets. The bike shed is located at the far entrance on Blackmore Road. Fixed rails within the enclosure are installed to enable bicycles and helmets to be individually secured.

Parents and students are reminded that the law requires that all cyclists wear an approved bicycle helmet. Approved helmets have the Australian Standards Mark TM (AS/NZS 2063) and will be marked as suitable for cycling. Students who do not ride to school with a helmet will be unable to ride home at the end of the day. Families will be called in the event this occurs.



Confidential Student Information/ Medical Updates

It is very important that you keep us informed of any changes relating to your child's personal details. Please notify us immediately of any modifications relating to family/student details; emergency contacts, medical, address and in particular phone numbers and email addresses. Thank you to families who have updated us in the first few days of school.

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School Captains for 2024

Our school captains for 2024 are:

- *Mehul Sodhi (Captain)*
- *Mannat Setia (Captain)*
- *Navroj Kaur (Vice-Captain)*
- *Yashi Prabhaka (Vice-Captain)*



We look forward to learning more about these wonderful students and seeing them grow in their leadership as the year progresses.

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MEET AND GREET

Monday 12th February is our Meet and Greet afternoon. Classrooms will be open from 3.30pm – 5.00pm.

Classrooms are open for parents to speak to the teacher, view student's learning from the start of term and look through the classroom and established routines.

Please note that the following classes will be open from 2.20 – 3.20pm due to teacher availability:

• 3F • 3G • 4D • 4E • 5B • 6D

These classroom will remain open for students to show families their learning between 3.30 – 5.00pm.



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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

WELLBEING UPDATE

We are excited to announce that the Term 1 Wellbeing Newsletter will be available to all families on Xuno shortly. It will introduce you to the Wellbeing Leadership Team, outline key processes regarding attendance and provide parents/guardians with concepts being taught in wellbeing lessons as well as visual posters of our School Wide Positive Behaviour Supports in our school.

Wellbeing Team

The Wellbeing Team is excited to work closely with all our amazing students, staff and families at Gaayip-Yagila Primary School. Our team consists of the following staff who can help to support our school community. Throughout the year, we will profile some of our leaders in the Wellbeing Newsletters.

Assistant Principal – Wellbeing  Hanna Spark	Leading Teacher – Engagement  Mandy Langman	Leading Teacher – Inclusion  Katherine Finey	Leading Teacher – Health/Wellbeing  Mel Adams
Student Support Services  Sammi Mizzi	Student Manager – Foundation  Madi Arnold	Student Manager – Year One  Jess Panettieri	Student Manager – Year Two  Hayley Grycuk
Student Manager – Year Three  Bec Hind	Student Manager – Year Four  Maddie Lomiglio	Student Manager – Year Five  Rina Khum	Student Manager – Year Six  Paul Merrick
Student Manager – Specialists  Marni Harris			

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Clubs Program

We are excited to be offering a range of clubs every recess and lunch break. The program started on Monday 5th of February. Students were able to have a voice about what they would like to do. Some of our clubs include Sports, Art, Lego Construction, Pokémon, Just Dance, Singing and Meditation/Mindfulness.

The clubs are a great activity for the students to participate in as it provides students with the chance to build social relationships in a supportive and

interest-based environment. We are also open to suggestions for any clubs your child may want to have on offer here at Gaayip-Yagila. If you could please discuss these with your child, write them down and there will be a box labelled Clubs in the office specifically for all their wonderful ideas to place them in. These will then be reviewed and discussed. We look forward to hearing all your wonderful ideas.

The Clubs Program timetable is attached to this newsletter.

Sammi Mizzi – Student Support Services

Breakfast Club Program

Our Breakfast Club Program will commence in Week 3 (located in the Gym foyer). Please look out for the new 2024 poster coming soon, which will outline all of the details (days, times, menu).

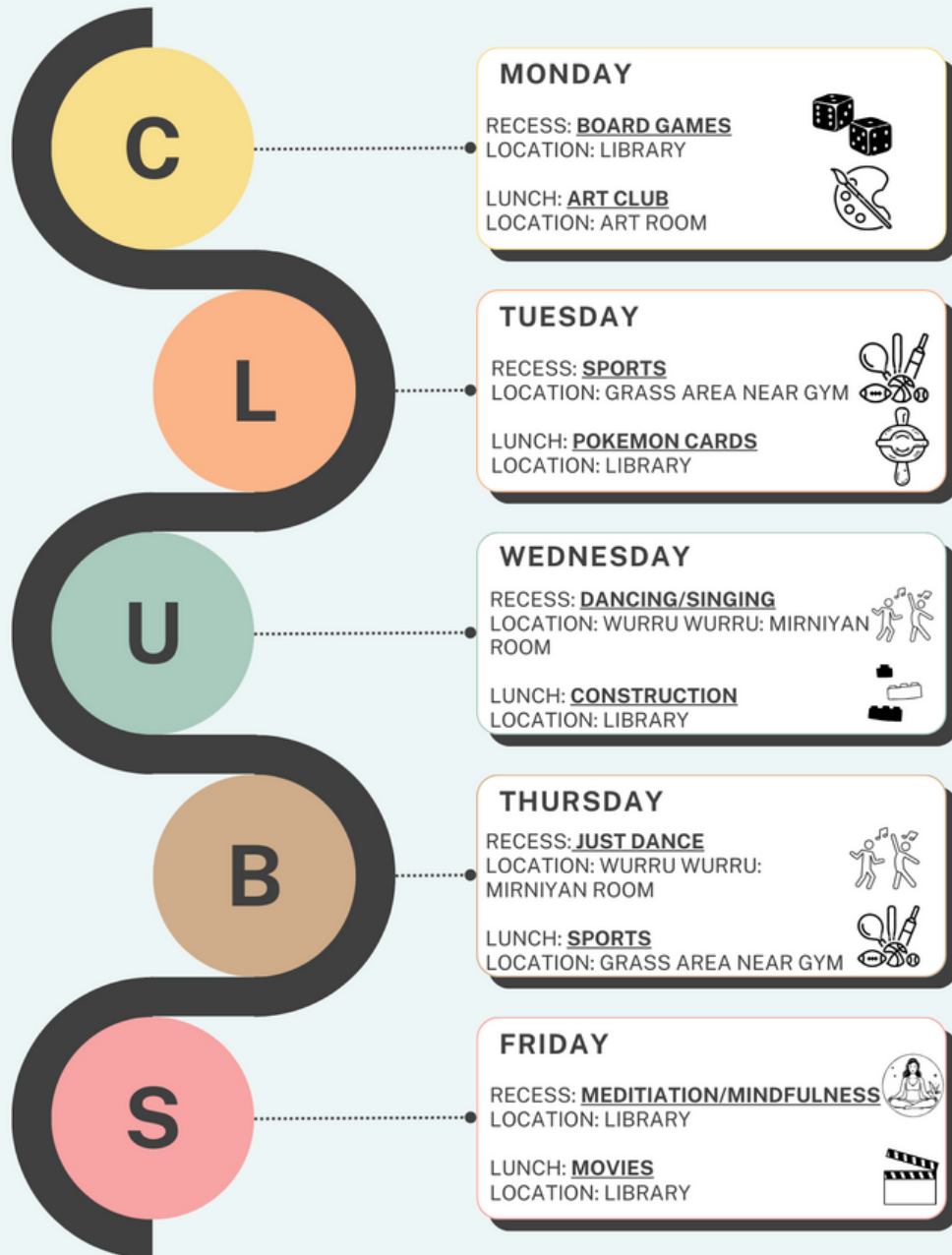
Parent Communication Chart

At times throughout the school year, you may have a wellbeing concern regarding your child. Please refer to Contact and Communication for Families process.

Hanna Spark

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LUNCH CLUBS



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Wellbeing Communication Process Families

Parent/Guardian Concern
If you have a concern about your child.

*Contact your child's classroom or
specialist teacher*



Step 1: Message your child's classroom or specialist teacher on the Xuno app. **Step 2:** If you have not had a response in 48 hours, please call the office and leave a message for the classroom or specialist teacher. Please provide your full name, your child's full name, their class and a brief description of your concern.

Parent/Guardian Concern
Ongoing
If you have an ongoing concern about
your child and have already contacted
the classroom or specialist teacher.

Contact the Wellbeing Team via phone or email



Step 1: Please call or email the office and leave a message for the Wellbeing Team. Please provide your full name, your child's full name, their class and a brief description of your concern.
Step 2: Your concern will be forwarded to the appropriate Wellbeing Leader who will make contact.

SPECIALIST TEAM

Greetings and a warm welcome to another exciting year of specialist programs and dedicated teachers! As your specialist team, we are thrilled about the upcoming year. We have some fantastic learning opportunities in store and are eager to share them with you.

Should you have any inquiries about our program, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.



GYPS SPECIALIST PROGRAMS 2024

Auslan (introduced 2024)

Library/Digital Technology (alternating fortnightly)

Physical Education

PMP (Foundation only)

Science (Foundation 1 x session, Year 1-6 2 x sessions per week)

Visual Art

Learning Specialist Team

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Introductory Menu

Pasta Meal Deal \$7 1 serve penne <u>napoli</u> 1 drink Free piece cheese and parmesan bread	Mini meal \$6 1 sandwich (cheese, ham and cheese, ham cheese and tomato) 1 drink 1 mini muffin – any variety	Hunger buster \$7 Hot dog meal 1 hot dog 1 drink Choose a popcorn or <u>Zooper Dooper</u>
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Price		Price	
Hot Food – Online order only			
\$3.00	Oven baked chicken nuggets (3 pack)	\$5.00	Oven baked chicken nuggets (6 pack)
\$5.00	Penne Napoli – vegetarian pasta	\$1.20	Steamed dim sim
\$5.00	Cocktail <u>franks</u> (4 pack)	\$2.50	Vegetarian samosa
\$4.00	Hot dog – cheese extra \$0.50	\$2.00	Vegetarian spring roll
\$4.50	<u>Four'n Twenty</u> Meat pie	\$1.50	Party Pie
\$4.50	<u>Four'n Twenty</u> Sausage roll	\$1.20	Party Sausage Roll
		\$0.40	Tomato or soy sauce
Salads – Online order only			
\$5.00	Green Salad	\$6.50	Greek Salad
Sandwiches – Online order only			
\$3.00	<u>Cheese</u> , strawberry jam or vegemite	\$4.50	Salad sandwich
\$3.50	Ham and cheese	\$5.00	Egg and lettuce
\$4.00	Ham, cheese and tomato	\$5.50	Ham and salad, tuna and salad
Gluten free bread available – extra \$0.50		Roll or wrap additional \$1	
Snacks – Over the counter and online order			
\$1.20	Fruit piece – apple, banana, mandarin	\$2.50	Pringles minis - Sour cream and onion
\$1.20	Diced fruit in juice – peaches or peaches and pears	\$1.50	Homemade large chocolate chip cookie
\$1.00	Homemade mini muffin (low <u>sugar</u>) 4 varieties	\$3.00	Homemade large muffin (low <u>sugar</u>) 4 varieties
\$2.50	Dip with veggie sticks – Carrot, cucumber sticks with hummus	\$1.50	Popcorn – Lightly salted and sweet and salty.
\$2.00	Harvest snaps baked pea crisps	\$2.00	Yoplait yoghurt tub – vanilla
\$2.50	Red rock deli chips – 3 varieties		
Beverages - Over the counter and online order			
\$2.50	200ml Juice box – no added sugar apple, orange and tropical	\$2.50	200ml milk box – plain, chocolate and strawberry
\$2.00	600ml bottle water		
Freezer - Over the counter and online order			
\$1.00	<u>Zooper Dooper</u>	\$3.00	Paddle Pop – chocolate and rainbow
\$2.00	<u>Smooze</u> – mango coconut icy	\$2.00	Lemonade icy pole
\$1.00	Frozen orange wedges	\$2.50	99% fruit juice slushie

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

Dietary requirements, allergy friendly, vegetarian and halal options available.
Further menu options will be added at the end of the introductory period.



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

OUR CANTEEN IS ONLINE WITH

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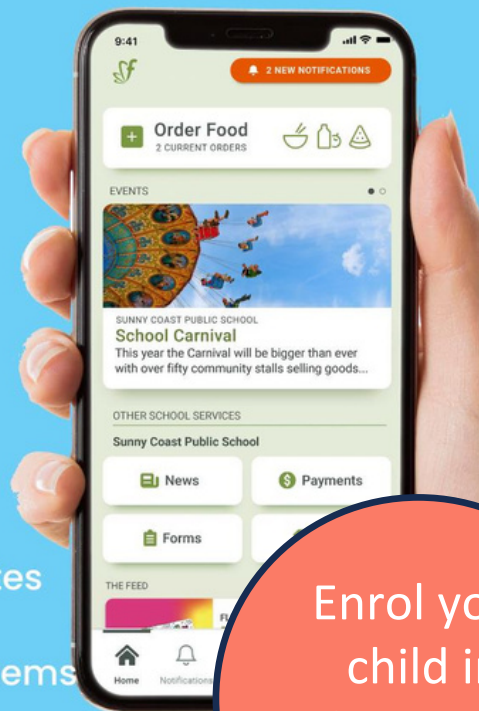


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- ☒ Order and pay in seconds
- ☒ Quickly re-order your favourites
- ☒ See up-to-date menus and items

Download the app, create your account and place your next order online via Flexischools.

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Enrol your child in their 2024 class.



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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund APPLICATION Form

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

- - - OR

☐ Foster parent* OR Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH). **Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card.

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders.

I understand that:

- DFFH or Centrelink will use information I have provided to DE to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DE personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to my child's school so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DE.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You can request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____ Date / / _____

Barcel Chess Community

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March 22**

**Fridays 3:30pm to
4:30pm 8 sessions**

Limit of 10 players

\$80 for Term Tuition

Contact : Danny

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**Mickleham North Community
Centre**