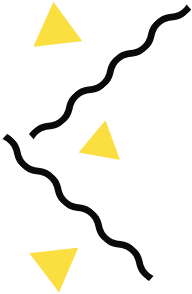


GAAYIP-YAGILA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



THE LATEST EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families, Welcome to Term 2 Week 7.

*Last week we welcomed **Con Corso** to Gaayip-Yagila Primary School as the Assistant Principal responsible for Daily Operations, Facilities, OHS and Policy. Con was previously a Leading Teacher at Roxburgh Rise Primary School.*

The Capital Works project is continuing to progress. Four companies have attended onsite to review the building area in readiness to prepare a tender for the works. The tender process is being conducted and assessed by VSBA and they will advise of the outcome in mid-August. We have been advised that during the upcoming school holidays some of our buildings will be relocated in readiness for the building works to begin.

Yesterday we had Day 2 of our School Review. Members of the review team conducted observations of classroom, team planning, the leadership meeting and staff professional learning. They also completed focus group conversations with staff and students. School wide documentation was also reviewed throughout the day. Next week there will be further observations and discussions, including the parent focus group. We encourage families who would like to share their views to sign up for to focus group. We have scheduled the focus groups for Thursday 15th June at 9.00am. If you are interested in being a part of the focus group please sign up [here](#).

We look forward to seeing our students support the Junior School Council 'Out of Uniform' Day tomorrow before enjoying the long weekend.

KIND REGARDS,

CASSY HOGGINS

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2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday 9th June	Free Dress Day
Monday 12th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Thursday 15th June	Parent Focus Groups
Friday 16th June	School Tour Foundation Wicked Weather Science Incursion
Thursday 22nd June	Year 5/6 Market Day
Friday 23rd June	Last Day of Term
Monday 4th September	Student Free Day (Parent Teacher interviews 11- 6.30)
Monday 6th November	Student Free Day (Staff Reporting: VGSA requirement)

2024 ENROLMENT INFORMATION

Enrolments are being accepted for 2024. A Statewide timeline for enrolling in Foundation for the 2024 school year has been established, with guidelines around dates being mandated. Therefore, if you have a child starting primary school in 2024, it is time to enrol. Every application must be submitted before Friday 28th July 2023. If you currently have a child attending Gaayip-Yagila Primary School and a new sibling beginning in 2024, your child will be prioritised at our school as per the Department's Placement Policy. We encourage you to contact the school administration office at your earliest convenience to complete an enrolment form (you will require your child's birth certificate or passport and their Medicare Immunisation Certificate).

Our school tours run each fortnight and places are limited. If you know of families who are considering enrolling their child into Foundation at Gaayip-Yagila Primary School next year, please direct them to the enrolment page on our website or have them contact our administration team.

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CURRICULUM REPORT

MATHS GAMES

The best approach to the teaching of mathematics continues to evolve rapidly. One way to support student learning in mathematics is by involving them in playing games to practice numeracy skills. Some of the ways this approach supports mathematical development in students are:

- **Reinforcing Fundamental Skills:** Math games provide an enjoyable way for children to reinforce fundamental mathematical skills. Games often involve counting, number recognition, basic operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division), and problem-solving. By playing these games, students can solidify their understanding of these concepts while having a blast!
- **Building Number Sense:** Number sense is the ability to understand and work with numbers flexibly. Games can help children develop a strong number sense by encouraging estimation, mental math, and strategic thinking. Whether it's calculating points, making quick decisions, or determining the best move, games sharpen students' numerical intuition.
- **Enhancing Critical Thinking:** Mathematical games are excellent for developing critical thinking skills. They require children to analyze problems, devise strategies, and make decisions based on logical reasoning. Games like puzzles, Sudoku, or strategy-based board games promote problem-solving abilities and improve analytical thinking.
- **Promoting Collaboration and Communication:** Many math games are designed to be played in pairs or groups, fostering collaboration and communication among students. Working together to solve problems, explain strategies, and discuss different approaches enhances their understanding of mathematical concepts. Furthermore, these cooperative activities cultivate teamwork and empathy.
- **Applying Math to Real-World Situations:** Playing math-related games allows students to see the practical applications of mathematical concepts. Games involving money, measurements, or geometry, for example, provide opportunities to apply math skills to real-life situations. This connection helps students appreciate the relevance of mathematics in their daily lives.

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- **Boosting Confidence and Motivation:** Games offer a safe and enjoyable environment for children to practice math skills without fear of failure. As they experience success, their confidence grows, and they become more motivated to explore further. Games with different levels of difficulty allow students to challenge themselves and celebrate their progress.
- **Engaging and Fun Learning Experience:** Most importantly, math games provide a fun and engaging learning experience. When students are enjoying themselves, they are more likely to be actively involved and fully invested in the learning process. By infusing playfulness into mathematics, games create a positive attitude towards the subject and foster a love for learning.

PARENT HELPER/VOLUNTEER INDUCTION

Parents and family members are invited to attend an induction program for volunteers at our school. As you know, volunteers play a vital role in supporting the education and well-being of our students, and we welcome any assistance that parents can provide.

The induction will provide an overview of our school's policies and procedures, as well as the roles and responsibilities of volunteers. It is a great opportunity to meet other parents and school staff, learn about various volunteer opportunities available, and gain an understanding of how you can make a positive impact in the lives of our students.

The induction will be held on June 22nd at 2:30pm. Please register to attend the session [here](#). All parents wanting to volunteer at the school in any capacity, including attending events or excursions are required to complete the induction.

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
KATRINA LAMERS**

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STUDENTS AWARDS

Achievement Certificates

Tatum Webster - For STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE by trying her best, following instructions and demonstrating the school expectations consistently.

Logan Howarth - For STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE by embracing all learning experiences with enthusiasm and being a self-motivated learner.

Neil Jitesh - For STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE by being self-motivated and consistently challenging himself to achieve his learning goals.

Nathan Deang - For demonstrating EXCELLENCE and outstanding improvement with your comprehension when reading.

Sarjana Kumar - For STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE by demonstrating improvement in reading during assessment tasks.

Hannah Palakat - For displaying EXCELLENCE and striving to achieve her personal best at all times.

Wellbeing Certificates

Adem Yuksel - For showing KINDNESS toward his peers.

Julizabel Jupati - For consistently demonstrating KINDNESS by supporting her peers and teachers with her caring and thoughtful nature.

Ali Abdullah - For always displaying RESPECT and KINDNESS toward others and utilising toolbox strategies to ensure he is in the green zone and ready to learn.

Samreet Bath - For always demonstrating KINDNESS and care towards her peers and teachers.

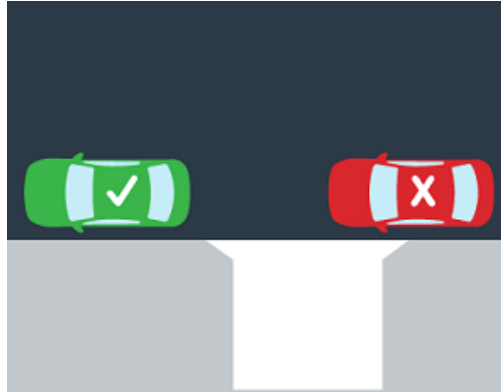
Israel Asolua - For consistently demonstrating KINDNESS when interacting with peers and teachers.

Shona Singh - For demonstrating EXCELLENCE in all areas of wellbeing. You show confidence and a persistent mindset when faced with challenges.

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PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

A reminder to families to please abide by VicRoads road rules when parking around the school, particularly when it comes to parking near driveways. Please make sure not to park across any of our neighbour's driveways.



Free school holiday clinic

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INTERNATIONAL PICNIC DAY – 18TH JUNE 2023

What's a great way to bring people together and enjoy a pleasant day? A PICNIC.

June 18th every year is International Picnic Day. Many countries around the world celebrating this event. This day is an opportunity to enjoy outdoors with friends and family, share a meal, have fun activities or just simply enjoy each other's company.



Picnic is a relaxing change of pace from our daily lives, and it is a favourite activity of many.

So go outside, grab your picnic basket, bring along your favourite people, and join us celebrate International Picnic Day!

WAYS TO CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL PICNIC DAY

- Simply enjoy a picnic with family or friends
- Find a nearby beautiful spot to celebrate
- Simply take your picnic blanket out into the garden and grab some food to eat outside
- Organise some games - play some outdoor sports or simply a board game on the blanket sounds nice.
- Explore new places - arrange a picnic somewhere you haven't been to
- Take a hike and enjoy nature around you - going outside and taking a walk relieves stress and improves your mood.

WHAT TO PACK ON YOUR PICNIC BASKET?

Sandwiches: This is the ideal picnic snack since they make everything simple.

Fruits: They are wonderful picnic food as they come in their own natural packaging.

Finger foods: Potato Chips or cheese sticks will make a picnic delicious!

Cold Juice and Water: It's nice to have cold drinks on hand for everyone

Paper Towels: You might have a big spill on your hands, better to come ready!

Rubbish bags: For easy clean up when the picnic's over.

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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 2023 are \$125 per year for eligible primary school students. The payment is made directly to an eligible student's school. ***Applications are to be received by the school no later than 23 June 2023.***

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 23 June 2023.
- Families can list more than one student in the one application form if they are attending the same school.

Submitting an application

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

- The parent/carers 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/carers wishes to apply for the CSEF payment for the new sibling also.

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PE NEWS

Yr 5/6 Interschool Sport Gala Day/ASP

Last Friday 2nd June, all Yr 5/6 students participated in either an Interschool Sport Gala Day or an Alternative Sports Program. Below are some student reports about the day.

Netball. By Shona & Viyara

Last Friday, we had Gala Day and played netball. We played about 4 different schools. They were Gilgai Plains, Wallan, Hume and Mount Ridley. We had 4 teams- Boys A & B and Girls A & B. The Boys A Team finished 2nd, the Boys B Team finished 5th, The Girls A Team finished 4th and the Girls B Team finished 6th. We had a fun time and tried our best. Throughout the day, we faced different challenges, but we still pushed through.

Australian Rules Football. By Joy

At Gala Day last week the Year 5/6 students in the Football teams went to Kalkallo Reserve. We played against four schools who were really competitive. We showed our school expectations and our sportsmanship. Even though we didn't place, we still had a really good time and it was a good experience.

Alternative Sports Program (ASP). By Rohan & Zach

On Friday there was a Yr 5/6 Sports Gala Day and if you weren't on a team, you did ASP at school. ASP is when you participate in a lot of activities, such as soccer, football, tennis, mini golf and The Blueprint Initiative. Every fifty minutes you would switch to another activity. The expectations for ASP are showing good leadership and behaviour and listening to your instructions.



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Soccer. By Jovyan & Hassan

Last Friday on the 2nd of June the Year 5/6s had Gala Day. On Gala Day the Boys and Girls Soccer Teams from around the District came to Merrifield Recreation Reserve. The soccer teams from G.Y.P.S. were already there practicing until the other schools arrived. The schools that came to Merrifield Recreation Reserve were Wallan Primary School, Mount Ridley, Gilgai Plains, Hume Anglican and Holly Cross. The Boys Team placed third with two wins and two losses. However, the Girls Team won two games and had two draws. At the end of the day everyone had fun and a great time.

Yr 4-6 GYPS House Athletics Day

On Thursday 25th May, all Year 4-6 students went to Sprint Athletics Track in Craigieburn and participated in the GYPS House Athletics Carnival. Students had a lot of fun participating in a range of track and field events and displayed fantastic house spirit and performances on the day. Students who have qualified for the GYPS District Athletics Team from this event, will be notified in the coming weeks.

Big congratulations to all of the students in Orange House, who were the winning house on the day. Below are the overall placings for each house:

1st- Orange- 182 points

2nd- Purple- 158 points

3rd- Red- 121 points

4th- Blue- 117 points



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**GYPS PE TEAM
RYAN HARRIS**

Sports Gala Day News

On Friday 2nd June, our year 5/6 students participated in the best Gala Day yet!

Students enjoyed the day, playing in one of our Interschool Sports teams, or joining the ASP (Alternative Sports Program) and taking part in the many activities held here at school.



One of these activities is
The Blueprint Initiative

Students developed Teamwork, Gratitude, Empathy, Respect and Leadership through hands on activities and discussions. They learnt how these vital life skills can be transferred from the classroom to the yard, and by including them into everyday life, they understand the benefits to their overall health and wellbeing.

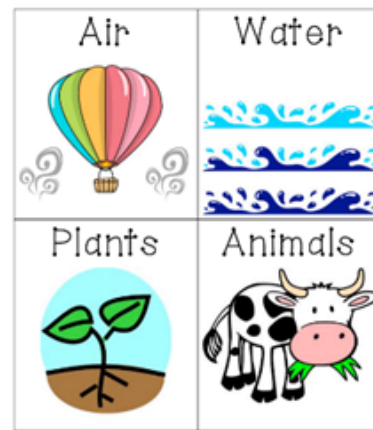
It was also a whole lot of fun!



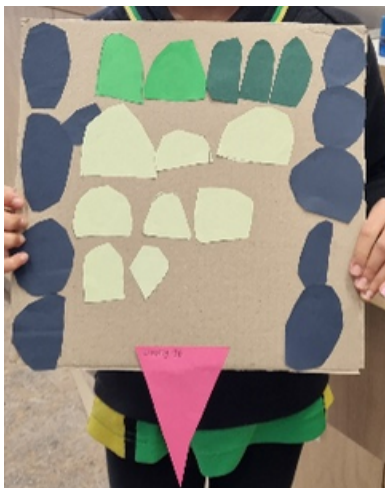
SCIENCE NEWS

We are thrilled to share the latest updates from our vibrant school science community! Our students have been engaged in an array of exciting learning adventures across various grade levels, and we couldn't be prouder of their progress and enthusiasm.

In Foundation, students have just completed their exploration of the four seasons and weather. But the excitement doesn't end there! On the 16th of June the Foundation students will have a Science Day which will include a Wicked Weather incursion. This will enable our students to learn even more about the weather. Additionally, they have now embarked on an exploration of Earth's abundant natural resources, discovering the wonders and importance of our planet's treasures.

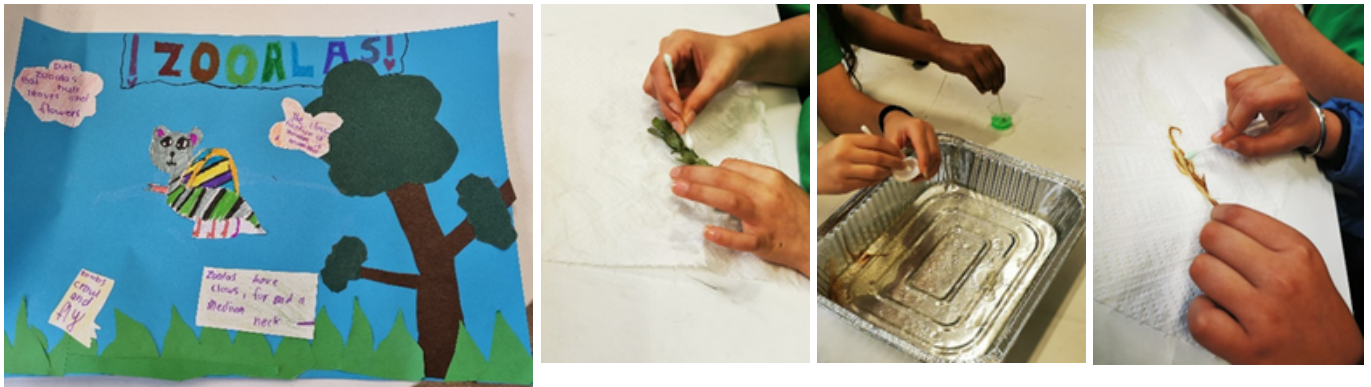


Year 1 and 2 students continue their captivating journey into the prehistoric era. After constructing their own dinosaur protective shields using various materials, they are now collaborating to create their own dinosaurs and building habitats to provide a glimpse into the prehistoric world. This hands-on approach sparks student's imagination and fosters teamwork skills.



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Meanwhile, year 3 and 4 students have just concluded an engaging project centered around designing a new animal species that thrives in the remarkable Eucalyptus tree ecosystem. They have now shifted their focus to the critical topic of humans' impact on living things, delving into the effects of pollution, oil spills, deforestation and deforestation. This exploration deepens their understanding of environmental issues and encourages them to become responsible guardians of our planet.



In Science, having recently completed their investigation of an animal from one of our 3 extreme environments (Deep Sea, Antarctica and Desert), some students were able to develop and design an animal that could survive in 2 of our 3 extreme environments. Our Year 5 and 6 students have embarked on an enlightening journey into the realm of farming. They are currently immersed in the study of agricultural practices, and sustainable farming practices, gaining an insight into the complexities of maintaining our food supply and developing an appreciation for the hard work and dedication of farmers.



GYPS SCIENCE TEAM
SALLY HILL, MELISSA PONGRAC, AMY HICKS, LAUREN HOGG

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