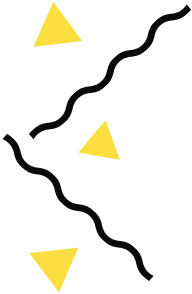


GAAYIP-YAGILA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



THE LATEST EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families

It has been a busy couple of weeks here at Gaayip-Yagila Primary School. Students in Year 5 & 6 have commenced their swimming program and staff, students and volunteers have all spoken positively about these experiences. On Monday 14th August, selected Year 3 – 6 students were able to represent our school at District Athletics, congratulations to all who participated and a very big thank you to the parent volunteers who make it possible for us to run these events.

Student Attendance

We are excited to introduce a new process aimed at enhancing student attendance. Attending school regularly and arriving on time are essential components of academic success and personal growth. When students attend school consistently, they gain access to a structured learning environment that fosters social, emotional, and intellectual growth. Classrooms are where they engage in discussions, collaborate with peers, and learn from teachers who are dedicated to their progress.

Moreover, consistent attendance cultivates a strong work ethic and discipline, both of which are essential life skills. By attending school regularly, students are better prepared to handle the challenges they'll encounter in higher education and the workforce.

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To further support our attendance strategies, we will make an adjustment in the way we communicate absences to families. This will begin on Monday 21st August. From this time, the school will use Xuno to send communication to the families of absent students.

This communication will inform families that the student is absent from school and will direct you to log into Xuno to report a reason for the absence. This communication will be sent as an email and as an internal message through Xuno by 10:00am each day. Please look out for these messages and respond as needed. We appreciate your support as we implement this new process. We will also continue with our existing processes of teachers making calls daily for unexplained absences.

KIND REGARDS,

**KATRINA LAMERS
ACTING PRINCIPAL**

ENROLMENTS FOR 2024

As a result of the new timeline that has been introduced by the Department of Education, enrolments for 2024 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.

2024 STUDENT TRANSFER

As we begin to look ahead to 2024, we ask that if you are intending to relocate schools at the end of the year that you please let us know at the below form. This includes if you intend to enrol at Yubup Primary School (opening in 2024). This really helps to assist us with our forward planning:

<https://forms.office.com/r/LqYHBUcrwK>

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2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday 18th August	Year 5/6 Swimming
Monday 21st August	Whole School Assembly at 2:30pm Book Week (21st August - 25th August) After School Soccer Clinic
Thursday 24th August	Book Character Day Dress Up Parade
Monday 28th August	After School Soccer Clinic
Thursday 31st August	Father's Day Stall
Monday 4th September	Student Free Day (Parent Teacher interviews 11- 6.30)
Wednesday 6th September	After School Soccer Clinic
Tuesday 5th September	School Tour at 9:30am & 4:30pm
Monday 11th September	After School Soccer Clinic
Friday 15th September	Whole School Assembly at 1:30pm Last Day of Term 3 - 2:10pm Finish
Monday 2nd October	First Day of Term 4
Thursday 5th October	Year 4 MCG and Sports Museum Tour
Friday 6th October	Art Show 4pm - 6pm
Monday 9th October	Year 3 MCG and Sports Museum Tour
Monday 30th October	Year 6 Graduation Group Photo
Monday 6th November	Student Free Day (Staff Reporting: VGSA requirement)
Wednesday 20th December	Last Day of Term 4 - 1:00pm Finish

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT WELLBEING UPDATE

Student Support Group Meetings

The Term 3 Student Support Group (SSG) meetings have commenced this week. It is fantastic to have the opportunity to build upon our strong partnerships with families by working on Individual Education Plans as a collective. Here are some key reminders:

- Our School Nurse will be contacting families with their allocated time (please note this is based on when the classroom teacher is released and available)
- All meetings will be held via WebEx (an invite will be sent prior to your meeting)
- If you are unable to attend, please notify the office on 9216 3200
- All SSG meetings will have a member of the Wellbeing Team facilitate the meeting (either Hanna Spark-Assistant Principal, Mandy Langman-Leading Teacher or Melanie Adams-Mental Health and Wellbeing Teacher)
- If you would like allied health or other services to attend, please call the school on 9216 3200
- Our KESO Penny Norris has been invited to all Koorie SSGs

Morning Check In and Daily Goal

This term, our teachers had professional learning on setting up the day in a positive, engaging and routine manner. From 8.50am-9.00am, our students complete a morning check in and set up expectations goals from our matrix. This is an important part of the day to build collaboration, excellence, respect and kindness.

Peer Mediators

Thank you to our AMAZING Peer Mediators from Years 4-6 who are offering support to students in the playground at recess and lunch break times. Our Peer Mediators have attended two training sessions where they developed their skills and understandings required to be a successful Peer Mediator. These included Active Listening, Demonstrating Empathy, Resolving Conflict and Understanding the Size of the Problem. The Peer Mediators walk around at break times in designated areas in brightly coloured vests – you can't miss them. They say hello to students, help them if they need to find a friend and sort out little

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conflicts (e.g. turn taking). If a student comes to them needing support with a bigger problem the Peer Mediators will escort the students to a teacher. Our Peer Mediators have demonstrated Leadership and confidence in carrying out this role – fantastic skills to develop! This role all contributes to a positive school climate and our younger students love seeking out the support of these role models when needed. Well done Peer Mediators!



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Breakfast Club

Students coming to Breakfast Club this term have been enjoying smoothies as our new menu item. Breakfast Club have been making smoothies with berries, banana, yoghurt and milk and trialling a tropical smoothie with banana, mango, passionfruit and apple juice. Students have been very excited to try the new breakfast item alongside the usual breakfast items of cereal, cheese toasties, toast and fruit.



KIND REGARDS,

**HANNA SPARK, MELANIE ADAMS, MANDY LANGMAN
WELLBEING TEAM**

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E-SAFETY IN OUR CLASSROOMS

As we begin our E-Safe Journey at Gaayip-Yagila Primary School, we will work to provide parents and caregivers with information to support our students at home.

Grade 4 students in classrooms have been exposed to 'Interland'. This is a free online, adventure-packed game that makes learning about digital safety and citizenship interactive and fun. Students were engaged throughout the session, learning about choices that can be made online. This can also be played at home; the link is provided below:

https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en_us/interland



For more information about E-Safety for parents and caregivers see attached link below:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

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MICKLEHAM COLLEGE INDIGENOUS DREAMTIME PERFORMANCE

Year Three students were lucky enough to be chosen as the audience for students in Year 7 at Merrifield Secondary College today. We had a group of students (including ex-GYPS students) from the college come across to our gym today to perform Indigenous Dreamtimes stories that they have been putting together this term. The year 3 students were enthralled by each of the Dreamtime stories that the groups of students performed for us.



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SCIENCE NEWS

Foundation

Over the past weeks Our Foundation students have been looking how things move. We have been able to play with toys and identifying the different ways they move. Students have enjoyed the many activities such as moving their bodies in different ways and using real toys in hands on experiences to practice different kinds of movements.

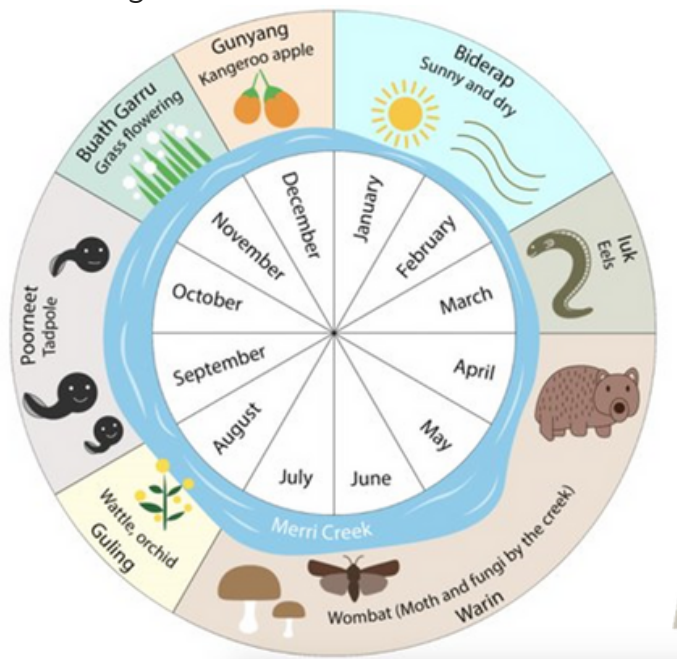


How do toys move?



Year One and Two

Learning about weather has been fun! Grades 1 and 2 have had the opportunity to learn about our four seasons. We have been focusing on what kind of weather happens during these seasons. Students have also had the opportunity to find out more about the Wurundjeri Seasons cycle. This week we have also learnt about man made and natural items and used a natural material from our school grounds to create a natural scene.



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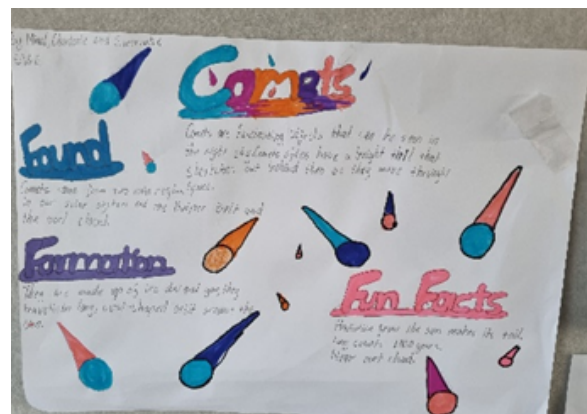
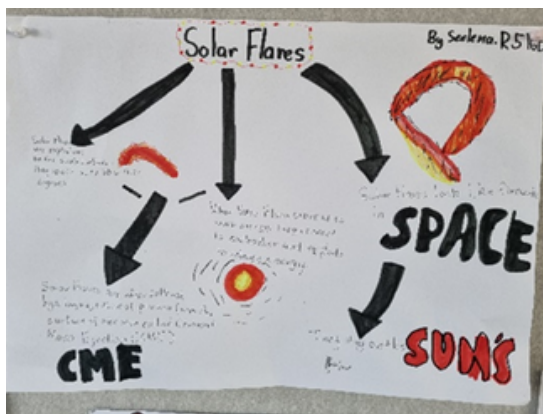
Year Three and Four

Grade 3 and 4 have been learning about the Earth, Moon, and Sun. In the past few weeks, we have had the opportunity to investigate how our Earth, Moon and Sun move. We have created an Earth with playdoh demonstrating how the axis rotates the Earth and the Earth revolves around the Sun to create our four seasons.



Year 5 and 6

The grade 5/ 6 students have been learning about our Solar system. We have created models of planets within our Solar system and measured the distances from the Sun to each planet. We have investigated space phenomena including Solar flares, Nebulas, Comets and Asteroids.



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SHOEBOXES! SHOEBOXES! SHOEBOXES!

We NEED your SHOEBOXES please.

If you have any empty shoe boxes that we could use for our projects, please bring them to school and send them to any Science room. We would love adult sized shoe boxes but are happy to take any.



SCIENCE WEEK 2023

Reach for the ***Stars***

From Friday 7th April

Briars Astronomy Centre and Mount Martha Observatory

450 Nepean Highway, Mount Martha Vic 3934

See the stars, planets and other night sky objects visible at this time of the year through our large telescopes. Come and hold in your hands something from space that is older than the Earth. Hear about the AWESOMELY BIG ideas out there and get to ask any question in the Universe that you might have.

Science on Show

From Saturday 12th August

Melbourne Museum

11 Nicholson Street, Carlton 3053

See some of the rarest and most fascinating species displayed at Melbourne Museum.



Hear stories from Museums Victoria scientists as they discuss unique collections, covering everything from ancient fossils to live exhibits.

Create your own Marvellous Megafauna World, Microbat, Triceratops Mask or Sea Bunny to take home while learning about endangered species and the places they call home.

Learn more below about the captivating talks, tours, interactive activities and exhibitions taking place during jam-packed science days on Saturday 12th and Sunday 20th August.

GYPs SCIENCE TEAM

SALLY HILL, MELISSA PONGRAC, AMY HICKS, LAUREN HOGG, NICOLE MARSHALL

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BOOK WEEK



THURSDAY 24TH AUGUST



**Come dressed
as your
favourite book
character.**

PARADE

Foundation – 9.10am

Year 1 and Year 2 – 9.50am

Year 3 to Year 6 – 10.30am

OPEN CLASSROOMS

All Year Levels – 2.20pm



PRESENTS

THE e threads

**A STREET AND
TEXTILE ART
SHOWCASE**

4PM-6PM

**6TH
OCTOBER**

Gaayip-Yagila
Primary School Gym

**THE 2023 GYPS ART SHOW WILL
INCLUDE:**

- STUDENT ART GALLERY
- BARBECUE + FOOD/DRINK STALLS
- INTERACTIVE ART MAKING
ACTIVITIES
- FACE PAINTING, TEMPORARY
TATTOOS + STICKERS FOR SALE



FATHER'S DAY STALL

In helping to celebrate the upcoming Father's Day (or special person day) we will be hosting a Fathers Day stall on **Thursday the 31st August.**

Students will be able to purchase a small gift for Dad or someone special in their lives. We recommend that students bring along up to \$10.00 to spend at the stall. (for junior students, a clearly marked envelope/bag with their name and class is suggested.)

Students will be able to purchase a maximum of 2 gifts each.

Gifts will range in price from \$1.00 - \$5.00

We would be grateful to any parents who may be available to assist during the morning of the stall.

If you could spend an hour or two assisting, please complete the following form:

[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/R/J6TIKLIDUP](https://forms.office.com/R/J6TIKLIDUP)



TheirCare

Newsletter: TERM 3 WEEK 6 -7

Hello children, families and school community,

Term Three has been a breeze!

Just like that, the children and TheirCare team have been blitzing our way through term 3. It has been another exciting yet challenging one, as we've continued to enhance our program transitioning different areas to best fit the children whilst building up our service compliance.

We would like to say a big thank you to all our families who've helped support the team, through feedback and ideas, as well as through words of support and encouragement for how the program has been set up to benefit each of the children. It has been an awesome term, as we've had new faces join our family as well as older ones who've rejoined, enhancing our program to "think outside of the box" as well as refining older skills and implementing them to.

The children have been able to create newer skills and strengthen older ones through a plethora of activities that have been set up. Homemade cooking experiences, STEM experiments and artistic painting sessions have been some of the categories we've explored this term.

In addition, through group collaboration, feedback/suggestion sheets and observations, the children and educators have been able to create unique programs each week based upon our weekly themes including our explored themes, NAIDOC week, World Children's week and Sustainability week.

This week (6), the children have gotten mad within our mad scientist theme, "STEM Week". We've explored different experiments in regards to chemical reactions and have ensured that the children hypothesise their predictions on each experiment to educate them on creating theories. So far, we've watched the reactions between coke and mentos creating CoCa Cola rockets, witnessed water elevation within our capillary experiment and mixed ingredients to create a carbon snake. Finishing off the week, we will be looking at the law of attraction in our Charles candle experiment and create oobleck slime.

Spring Holiday Program is here!

As we near the end of term 3, our Spring HP comes closer.

REMINDERS:

- **Bookings are live.** Families please start booking in your children as it will help our team to ensure we are able to add in a variety of educators who can help support during HP.
- **Recess and lunch,** at HP the team at TheirCare will provide morning tea, afternoon tea and the occasional snacks. To avoid hungry tummies for the long day, we please ask if families can pack a little extra for your children that way they have some brain food to snack on if they get any hungrier.
- **Signing permission forms,** please ensure all excursion forms are signed by parents/guardians. Booking a spot in FullyBooked does not ensure your children can attend the excursion. Hence, please ensure forms are signed to avoid disappointment.

Holiday program flyer link:

<https://theircare.com.au/wp-content/uploads/Holiday-Program/GaayipYagilaPS.pdf>

Important Info:

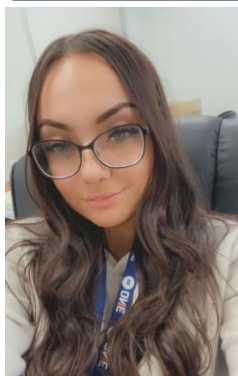
Bookings - Lastly, we would like to humbly acknowledge if families could please book in their child/ren either **48 hours- 24hours** earlier prior to the designated session. Respectfully, the earlier we know how many children will be attending our service prior to the session, the better estimation we have to bring in more educators who can help supervise and teach your children. Of course, events may occur, thus a later booking may be needed on the day.

Keeping warm - As we ease into more colder days, we encourage families to ensure that the children have warm and comfortable clothing to wear. Soon the colder weather will keep us indoors, however at times the TheirCare kids will want to keep active. Hence, for transitioning to and from areas, such as the gymnasium, we want to ensure our kids can keep warm.

For any questions or queries, please contact our service phone, 0448200063, or email the service via gaayipyagila@theircare.com.au



Joshua Aliganga –
Leading Coordinator



Merna Hirmiz – 2IC

Booking your child into the program in 3 simple steps.

1:

Create an account through www.theircare.com.au. Bookings and cancellations can be managed through your account.

2:

Provide CRN Centrelink details, any medical conditions and contact details.

3:

Select booking dates through your calendar. Casual bookings and regular bookings available. Bookings made within 48 hours / changes to bookings will occur a small fee.

For any emergencies or questions please contact: 0448200063


Excursion

**Super
Excursion**

**Special
Activities**

**In-house
Fun**

**Public
Holiday**


Challenge Royale

Are you up for the challenge? Test your science skills using magnets, ice, and balloons. Who will be victorious?

★ Defy Gravity with Magnets

Additional fun:
Space mural astronauts, your name in stars, astronaut costumes plus plenty of time to choose your own space adventure.

From as low as \$6.85 with the maximum Child Care Subsidy. **Full fee** \$68.44 without the Child Care Subsidy.

MONDAY
18
SEPTEMBER



Silly Science

Time to get silly in the name of science! Have a ball making silly string slime, rainbow tambourines and then play asteroid dodgeball!

★ String Slime

Additional fun:
Marbled planets, asteroid dodgeball, rainbow tambourines plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

From as low as \$7.48 with the maximum Child Care Subsidy. **Full fee** \$74.73 without the Child Care Subsidy.

TUESDAY
19
SEPTEMBER



Insect-A-Mania

Today we will explore a fascinating array of live invertebrates and mini beasts. Discover the biology of backyard bugs in an interactive workshop that is sure to be fly.

★ Native Animals Incursion

Additional fun:
Playdough animals, monkey tag, chicken clucker experiment, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

From as low as \$8.54 with the maximum Child Care Subsidy. **Full fee** \$85.36 without the Child Care Subsidy.

WEDNESDAY
20
SEPTEMBER



Jumping on Air

Today we're going to reach for the sky as we jump on giant inflatables, including castles, slides and obstacle courses. We will head back to service and jump in forge up some ninja stress balls and plenty of other fun!

Please be at the service by 8:30 am. Pick up after 2:30 pm. Please wear runners and socks.

From as low as \$10.76 with the maximum Child Care Subsidy. **Full fee** \$107.58 without the Child Care Subsidy.

★ Inflatable World Excursion

Additional fun:
Ninja stress balls, balloon waddle races, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

THURSDAY
21
SEPTEMBER



Chain Reaction

Gee-Fizz! You'll mix ingredients to create chemical reactions to make your own homemade fizzy paints! Then explore the magic of electricity by sending your hover plate into orbit!

★ Fizzy Art

Additional fun:
Hover plates, lava lamps, chain tiggy plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

From as low as \$6.85 with the maximum Child Care Subsidy. **Full fee** \$68.44 without the Child Care Subsidy.

FRIDAY
22
SEPTEMBER



Mad Science Museum

Hypothesise, predict, and best of all experiment! Have a BLAST (literally) with this Silly Science fun. Become the Scientist creating chemical changes, watching rockets blast off, and turning seaweed into slime.

From as low as \$8.54 with the maximum Child Care Subsidy. **Full fee** \$85.36 without the Child Care Subsidy.

★ Science Workshop

Additional fun:
Bee and butterfly tiggy, DIY robotic hand, frog and lilypad craft, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

MONDAY
25
SEPTEMBER



Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken

A shy adolescent learns that she comes from a fabled royal family of legendary sea krakens and that her destiny lies in the depths of the waters, which is bigger than she could have ever imagined.

Arrive at the service by 8:30 am. Pick Up After 2:30 pm. Wear runners & socks.

From as low as \$10.76 with the maximum Child Care Subsidy. **Full fee** \$107.58 without the Child Care Subsidy.

★ Movie Excursion

Additional fun:
LEGO ziplines, epic trivia tiggy, hoop gliders, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

TUESDAY
26
SEPTEMBER



Footy Fever

Let's kick off Grand Final week with 2.5 hrs of FUN. Get ready and jump into your footy gear. Kicking, handballing and crafts will put our skills to the test. Umpired by accredited coaches plus a special guest appearance!

From as low as \$11.86 with the maximum Child Care Subsidy. **Full fee** \$118.53 without the Child Care Subsidy.

★ Footy Carnival Excursion

Additional fun:
Tail tiggy, bubble paint aliens, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

WEDNESDAY
27
SEPTEMBER



Infinity and Beyond

3 2 1, Blast off! Today will ooze with fun as we make cosmic galaxy slime. Become a team of astronauts or be your own shooting star.

From as low as \$6.85 with the maximum Child Care Subsidy. **Full fee** \$68.44 without the Child Care Subsidy.

★ Galaxy Slime

Additional fun:
Space mural astronauts, your name in stars, astronaut costumes plus plenty of time to choose your own space adventure.

THURSDAY
28
SEPTEMBER



NO SERVICE **Public
Holiday!**

FRIDAY
29
SEPTEMBER



Holiday Program Important Information!

What to bring

- ☐ A healthy morning tea and lunch
- ☐ A labelled drink bottle for water
- ☐ Suitable clothing for an active day – closed toe shoes and jacket if wet/cold
- ☐ SunSmart hat for Spring and Summer holidays
- ☐ Medical Management Plan & Medication if applicable – see below for details



Don't forget!

- ☐ Keep your lunchbox nut-free to keep everyone safe
- ☐ Do not include food items that need to be reheated
- ☐ Label all items with child's name!
- ☐ Bus departure and arrival times are indicative only. For an accurate estimated time of arrival and departure please contact your service directly.



Personal belongings

Electronic devices, money and other valuables should be left at home.

If brought to the service, these items remain the responsibility of the family. TheirCare does not accept responsibility for loss or damage.



TheirCare provides

- ☒ Breakfast and afternoon tea snack
- ☒ Sunscreen
- ☒ Water to refill bottles



Child Care Subsidy

Please note that subsidised hours are calculated and allocated by Centrelink on a fortnightly basis. Check Centrelink for eligibility.



Unexpected changes to activities

In the unlikely event that an activity is unable to run, an alternative activity will be provided.

Activities and times are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather or provider availability. If an alternative cannot be sourced we will update your invoice to reflect this.



Serious stuff!

Medical Management Plan & Medication

All children who have been diagnosed with a medical condition including allergies, food/chemical intolerances, anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy will need to provide:

- ☐ a completed Medical Management Plan with a colour photo
- ☐ necessary medication

Please note it is a legal requirement under the Education & Care National Regulations and the Terms and Conditions for booking that these are provided.

In the interests of child safety, care may be refused on the day should the appropriate documentation or medication or medication not be supplied.



Changes to your booking

Simply log into your account anytime to make the relevant changes or call us between 6:30am – 9:00pm weekdays on 1300 072 410.



Fees for changes to your booking

More than 5 days	Less than 5 days *	On the day
No Charge	\$10.00	Full Fee

*Less than 5 days from the start of the booking (120 hours from the start of the session).

When making additional bookings, the \$10.00 fee is eligible for the Child Care Subsidy, which means you may only need to pay the gap, depending on your families' circumstances.



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The place to be these holidays!

Spring Holiday Program



Silly Slime



Movie Magic



Build a Bot



Footy Fun

Book now at theircare.com.au

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CFA Open Day

CFA Open Day is a chance for you to meet your local CFA brigade and find out more about what we do.

When:

Where:

What:

Come and meet your local brigade!



www.cfa.vic.gov.au/whatson