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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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# NEWSLETTER

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## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 2, Week 4. I hope all our mothers and female carers enjoyed a wonderful Mother's Day and had the opportunity to spend special time with loved ones. We hope you enjoyed the gifts from our Mother's Day Stall. It is always lovely to see the excitement our students have when celebrating the important women in their lives — thank you for all that you do to support and care for our children.

On behalf of our school community, we would like to sincerely thank Verdasri Mowa, Deepali Dhunna, Sarah Pike, Babita Dravid, Heba Yousif, Alana Chard, Irene Nesci, Anita Angelovska and Nian Li for your help and support with the Mother's Day Stall. Your time, effort, and kindness helped make the event a wonderful success. From helping students choose gifts, to keeping everything organised, your contribution was truly appreciated. The excitement and smiles on the students' faces would not have been possible without your generosity and hard work.



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Next week, our school will celebrate Education Week 2026 from Monday 18th May to Friday 22nd May. This year's theme, 'Showcase Your School', encourages school communities to celebrate what makes their school special. At Gaayip-Yagila Primary School, there is certainly much to celebrate — from our students and staff, to our learning programs, facilities and strong sense of community.

Throughout the week, students will participate in a range of engaging activities, including:

- Maths Mania Evening – Monday 18th May, 5:00–6:00pm is a fun-filled evening of hands-on maths games and challenges for the whole family.
- Lunchtime showcase activities - Students will have opportunities to engage in activities highlighting the diverse learning experiences available at our school, including science, sport, literacy, numeracy, wellbeing, Auslan and more.
- Daily Literacy and Numeracy challenges designed to increase student engagement and celebrate learning across the school.

Families can find out more about Education Week 2026 via [the Victorian Government website](#).

We would also like to inform families about the upcoming Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS). This annual survey provides valuable feedback to the Department of Education about student wellbeing, engagement and learning experiences at school. Students in Years 4–6 will complete the survey between 11th May and 5th June during class time using a secure online platform. Parents and carers of participating students have received further information via Xuno.

Our Year 4–6 students have also commenced rehearsals for this year's school production, which will be held on Tuesday 16th June and Wednesday 17th June. There is already a great sense of excitement building as students begin learning songs, choreography and performance pieces. Families should now have received information regarding their child's allocated performance evening and costume requirements. We thank families for your support as preparations continue for what is always a highlight of the school year. We look forward to sharing this wonderful showcase of student learning and talent with our community.

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONT.....

On Monday 18th May, we recognise Education Support Staff Appreciation Day. This is an opportunity to acknowledge and thank our incredible Education Support staff, who make a significant difference to our school every day. Their care, dedication and ongoing support for students, staff and families is deeply valued, and we thank them for the important role they play within our community.

As we move further into the cooler months, a reminder to please ensure students come to school with appropriate jackets and warm clothing. While we have continued to enjoy some beautiful sunny days, mornings are becoming increasingly cold. Clearly naming clothing also assists us in returning lost property to students promptly.

A further reminder that every day counts at school. Regular attendance and arriving on time are essential in supporting student learning, wellbeing and connection to school. We understand there are times when absences are unavoidable; however, consistent attendance helps students build strong learning habits, maintain friendships and fully engage in classroom learning. Thank you for your ongoing partnership in supporting positive attendance habits.

A reminder that Friday 22nd May is a Student-Free Day. On this day, staff will participate in a Professional Practice Day focused on collaboration, planning, moderation and professional learning to further strengthen teaching and learning across the school. TheirCare will be available for families requiring care on this day.

As always, thank you for your ongoing partnership and support. We look forward to another positive and productive fortnight ahead at Gaayip-Yagila Primary School.

*Kind Regards*

*Cassy Hoggins*

# 2026 CALENDAR

## Term 2

Year 6 Winter Sport - Round 2	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
Whole School Photos	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
Maths Mania Evening 5pm - 6pm	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
<b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>	<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026</b>
Swimming - Year 4	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
Swimming - Year 3	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June - Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
Foundation Incursion - Responsible Pet Ownership	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026
<b>MONARCH'S BIRTHDAY - Public Holiday</b>	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
Year 4 Excursion - Werribee Zoo	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
Jump Rope for Heart Event	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
Assembly	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 @ 2:30pm
Year 4-6 School Production	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
Year 4-6 School Production	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
Region Cross Country	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
Year 1 Incursion - Road Safety	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026
<b>Assembly - End of Term</b>	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 @ 1:30pm
<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June - Dismissal @ 2:10pm



*You're Invited to...*

# GYPS Maths Mania

Be ready to explore the world of numbers and participate in games and hands-on activities that make learning maths engaging and fun!



Guess the number of lollies in the lolly jar during class. Come to the event to find out if you are the lucky winner!

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2026**

**5:00pm - 6:00pm**

# BELONGING AT GAAYIP-YAGILA PS

## National Reconciliation Week

Gaayip-Yagila Primary School will acknowledge National Reconciliation Week 2026, held annually from 27 May to 3 June. This year's theme, 'All In', encourages all Australians to actively contribute to reconciliation through learning, understanding and action within their everyday lives and communities.

At Gaayip-Yagila Primary School, we are committed to ensuring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and perspectives are not viewed as a one-off event or celebration, but are embedded within everyday school life. Our work in this area is guided by student voice, family partnerships and a strong commitment to creating a culturally inclusive environment where all students feel a sense of belonging.

Since opening our school in 2021, we have worked closely with our Koorie families to help shape this journey. Feedback shared by families during our first NAIDOC Week afternoon tea became the foundation of our Reconciliation Action Plan and continues to guide our priorities today.

This commitment can be seen across many aspects of school life. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives are embedded within classroom learning through authentic texts such as Black Cockatoo, inquiry learning and meaningful discussions. Students explore important concepts including Country, the role of Elders, language and significant historical events, helping to build understanding and respect from an early age.

Students also engage with culture through specialist learning and whole-school experiences. Examples include learning about Marngrook in Science, exploring First Astronomers, participating in Auslan performances of My Island Home at assembly, and engaging with visiting artists and cultural workshops.

A particularly important part of our work is our Koorie group, which provides students with a culturally safe space to connect with culture, identity and each other. Through activities including art, cooking, storytelling and community connection, students develop pride in who they are and a strong sense of belonging within our school community.

National Reconciliation Week provides an important opportunity for us all to reflect on how we continue to learn from one another and strengthen our shared commitment to respect, inclusion and reconciliation. At Gaayip-Yagila Primary School, we are proud that this work is not simply an initiative, but part of who we are as a community.

We are also proud to share that this work has recently been recognised at a system level, with Hanna Spark and Mandy Langman named finalists in the 2026 Secretary's Marrung Awards. The awards will be announced on 27 May, and we congratulate them on this well-deserved recognition of their leadership and commitment to culturally inclusive practice.



**ALL**

**IN**

**NATIONAL  
RECONCILIATION  
WEEK 2026  
27 MAY – 3 JUNE**

**FOR RECONCILIATION**

**MAKE CHANGE**

# ASSEMBLY DATES 2026

We warmly invite families to join us at our upcoming school assemblies. Assemblies provide an opportunity to come together as a community to celebrate student achievements, share important information and acknowledge the learning taking place across our school. Family attendance helps strengthen our sense of connection and reinforces the importance of celebrating student success together.

We hold three assemblies each term: two during the term and a final assembly that reflects on and celebrates our achievements for the term. Details of the dates and times for each assembly across the year are outlined below.

We look forward to welcoming families to our assemblies throughout the year.

## Term 2

Monday 15th June - 2:30pm

Friday 26th June - End of term 1:30pm

## Term 3

Monday 3rd August - 2:30pm

Monday 31st August - 2:30pm

Friday 18th September - End of term 1:30pm

## Term 4

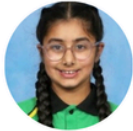
Monday 26th October - 2:30pm

Monday 23rd November - 2:30pm

Thursday 17th December - End of Year 2:30pm

# AWARDS

## HOUSE AWARDS



**GURNAAZ**  
YEAR 6



**SARGUN**  
YEAR 5



**SARAH**  
YEAR 4



**HARMEHAR**  
YEAR 3



**ISA-ALI**  
YEAR 2



**ANUSRI**  
YEAR 1



**NADA**  
FOUNDATION

## HOUSE AWARDS



**JAI**  
YEAR 6



**ROSE**  
YEAR 5



**RAZAN**  
YEAR 4



**ZINNIA**  
YEAR 3



**ARJUN**  
YEAR 2



**GURUMEHAR**  
YEAR 1



**ARHAM**  
FOUNDATION

# AWARDS

## HOUSE AWARDS

**KELLEN  
YEAR 6**



**ROSE  
YEAR 5**



**DARSHIKA  
YEAR 4**



**MILAP  
YEAR 3**



**JACKSON  
YEAR 2**



**PIMDA  
YEAR 1**



**KAYLEN  
FOUNDATION**



## HOUSE AWARDS

**SEERAT  
YEAR 6**



**CHARITY  
YEAR 5**



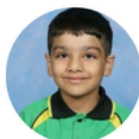
**MIRAY  
YEAR 4**



**SAANJH  
YEAR 3**



**NIHAL  
YEAR 2**



**EMMALINA  
YEAR 1**



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# Join the ICAS 2026 Academic Competition.

The fun and inspiring challenge for bright young minds.

We're proud to offer ICAS 2026 to our students – a national competition that challenges their thinking, motivates them to excel, and celebrates their academic skills.

## How ICAS helps our students succeed

- Develops critical thinking and problem solving through fun academic challenges
- Recognises academic achievement like we do in sport and the arts
- Provides insights that help educators and parents identify strengths and areas of growth.


## Who can participate in ICAS?


ICAS offers a comprehensive suite of subjects for Year 2 to 12 students.


## Dates and pricing

Each subject costs \$21.95 per student, except Writing which is \$25.95


 **Digital Technologies**  
3 – 7 August

 **Science**  
17 – 21 August

 **Writing**  
3 – 7 August

 **Spelling Bee**  
17 – 21 August

 **English**  
10 – 14 August

 **Mathematics**  
24 – 28 August



If your child is interested in taking part, please see XUNO message sent.

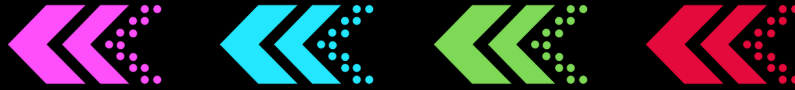
Phyllis  
Year 4





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PRESENTS



# GAME ON!

A BYTE-SIZED ADVENTURE  
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16<sup>TH</sup> & 17<sup>TH</sup>  
JUNE

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## PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading Challenge is now underway! All students should have received their login details so they can participate in the challenge both at school and at home.

Teachers are busily adding books that students have been reading in class, and we encourage families to support students by reading together at home and helping them work towards their reading goals. As many of our students are still learning to read, the challenge also includes books that are read with an adult or books read aloud to them by an adult. This means all students can successfully participate and develop a love of reading.

Families are also welcome to use their child's login details to log books read at home if they wish. The challenge is a wonderful opportunity for students to discover new books, build their confidence as readers, and celebrate their achievements.

If you have any questions about the Premier's Reading Challenge or need support with login details, please contact your child's teacher through Xuno.



**victorian** premiers'  
**reading**  
**challenge**



*Stories to discover.  
Stories to tell.*



To register, visit  
[vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge](http://vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge)  
The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is led by the  
Premier with the support of former premiers.



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of Education



**Nominations  
now open!**

## HUME CITY COUNCIL **Hume Young Leaders Awards 2026**

The HumeYoung Leaders Awards program recognises and celebrates the contribution and leadership of young people aged 12 to 24.

Award categories include:

- Young Advocacy Leader
- Young Environmental Leader
- Young Refugee Leader
- Young Creative Leader
- Young Entrepreneurial Leader
- Young Sports Leader
- Young Aboriginal Leader
- Young Inclusion and Accessibility Leader
- Young Group of the Year
- Young Leader of the Year



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Gaayip- Yagila Primary school's sustainability student leadership group are working towards the fundraiser for our school, through the Victorian deposit container scheme. The funds will be used to develop our whole school sustainability learning and improve our garden areas around the school.

Here's how you can help...

1. Download the app and choose the charity that is Gaayip- Yagila Primary school

CDS VIC (WEST ZONE) - APP

Everything you need to make your change, all in one place

The CDS Vic West Zone app is the rewarding way to recycle your bottles and cans for 10 cents each. You can receive a digital payment straight to your bank account, track how much you earn or donate your refunds – all through the CDS Vic West Zone app. It makes recycling more convenient and rewarding than ever before.

Simply scan your app barcode and start returning eligible containers to watch your earnings grow. You can directly transfer your earnings into your bank account or PayPal, store digital vouchers to redeem for cash or purchases at your nearest supermarket, or you can donate to charity.

Making change has never been easier – download the CDS Vic West Zone app below:



2. Collect 10c eligible containers

**Eligible** ✓

- ✓ Aluminium cans
- ✓ Plastic bottles
- ✓ Glass bottles
- ✓ Paperboard cartons (under 1L)
- ✓ Steel bottles/cans

Most beverage containers (between 150mL and 3L) made from aluminium, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard are eligible.

**Ineligible** ✗

- ✗ Wine and spirit bottles
- ✗ Milk containers
- ✗ Paperboard cartons (over 1L)
- ✗ Cordial bottles

Don't throw these out! Ineligible containers may still be accepted in your kerbside recycling bin.

3. Deposit at a collection centre or station or **BRING THEM TO SCHOOL**



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If you are not collecting the 10c containers for your household, please donate them to our school.

# Youth Road Safety



VICTORIA POLICE

## FactSheet

Whether you're biking or riding an e-scooter, follow these simple road safety tips to stay safe and have fun on the move!

### MODIFIED OR PETROL POWERED BICYCLES

- Illegal.



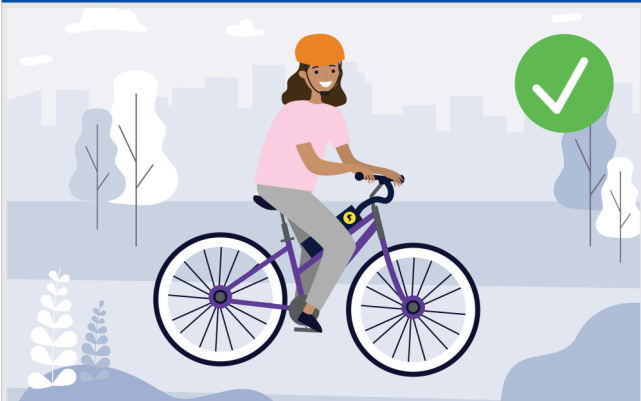
### MOTORBIKES

- Toride on or off-road it must be registered with a full or recreation registration
- Helmet must be worn at all times.



### E-BIKES

- 25km/h MAX speed
- Motor cannot provide power at speeds higher than 25km/h
- Helmet must be worn at all times
- No passengers
- Cannot be ridden on footpaths.



### E-SCOOTER

- Beaged 16 yrs or over
- Max speed 20 kmph
- Helmet must be worn at all times
- No passengers
- Cannot be ridden on footpaths.



# E-scooter Road Rules

Tougher penalties as e-scooters are made permanent.

## e-scooter riders cannot

- Ride on the footpath
- Use a mobile phone while riding
- Ride while under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- Carry passengers or animals or ride in tandem
- Ride a high-speed e-scooter, one capable of more than 25 km/h
- Ride on roads that have a speed limit over 60 km/h

## e-scooter riders must

- Be aged 16 years and over
- Not exceed the maximum speed of 20 km/h
- Ride only on shared paths and roads that have a speed limit up to 60 km/h
- Wear a helmet at all times
- Follow traffic rules
- Use lights and reflectors



Scan the QR code to learn more

For more information (including community language translations) visit [transport.vic.gov.au/Road-rules-and-safety/E-scooter-road-rules](https://transport.vic.gov.au/Road-rules-and-safety/E-scooter-road-rules)





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