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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 9. What a month it has been at Gaayip-Yagila Primary School!

Over the past two evenings, our Year 4 - 6 students have taken to the stage for our very first school production, Game On!. As Principal, I could not be prouder of what our students and staff have achieved.

While the final performances were outstanding, it was the lead up to them that was equally impressive. Throughout the term, students challenged themselves to learn lines, songs and choreography, work collaboratively with their peers, and perform in front of large audiences. Along the way, we saw significant growth in confidence, resilience and teamwork. Many students stepped well outside their comfort zones, discovering talents and strengths they may not have known they had.

The quality of the performances reflected the enormous effort invested by students, staff and families. This production would not have been possible without the support of many people. A special thank you to Sally Hill and Kinect Performing Arts for their expertise and guidance throughout the process.



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Thank you also to our dedicated staff, backstage production crew, families and, most importantly, our students for making this such a memorable event. The smiles, laughter and applause across both nights reflected just how special this experience was for our school community. For families wishing to purchase a copy of the performance please follow the [link](#).

Beyond the excitement of the production, our students have continued to engage in a range of rich learning opportunities. Year 3 and 4 students have been participating in their swimming program, building confidence and developing important water safety skills. Our Year 5 students recently took part in a Democracy Incursion, deepening their understanding of Australia's democratic processes, while our Year 4 students enjoyed an educational excursion to Werribee Open Range Zoo, where they explored habitats, conservation and animal adaptations.

Next week, students will receive their Semester One reports and Ongoing reports. Families will notice that Semester reports contain less detail than in previous years. This is due to the industrial action that was undertaken by Victorian teachers earlier in the year. While reporting requirements have been adjusted, our teachers remain committed to communicating your child's learning and growth, through our ongoing reports every 5 weeks. We encourage families to celebrate their child's achievements and progress throughout the semester.

Whilst we are only approaching the middle of the year, planning for 2027 is already well underway. Children who turn five years of age before 30 April 2027 are eligible to begin Foundation next year. Thank you to the many families who have already submitted enrolment forms. If you have a child who is ready to start Foundation in 2027 and have not yet completed an enrolment form, please visit the administration office before the end of term to collect one. In line with the Department of Education's Placement Policy and timeline, families will be notified of Foundation placement outcomes in early August.

As we move towards the end of the semester, I would like to thank our students, staff and families for their continued support, commitment and contribution to our school community. There is much to celebrate, and I look forward to finishing the term strongly together.

Kind Regards

Cassy Hoggins

2026 CALENDAR

Term 2

Year 1 Incursion - Road Safety	Monday 22 nd June 2026
Assembly - End of Term	Friday 26 th June 2026 @ 1:30pm
LAST DAY OF TERM	Friday 26th June - Dismissal @ 2:10pm

Term 3

FIRST DAY - TERM 3	Monday 13th July 2026
Year 4 - 6 Athletics (Sprint)	Friday 24 th July 2026
100 Days of School	Friday 31 st July 2026
Assembly	Monday 3 rd August 2026 @ 2:30pm
Year 1 Grandparent Day	Tuesday 4 th August 2026
Year 1 Swimming 2026	Monday 10 th August - Friday 14 th August 2026
Sustainability - Nude Food Day	Wednesday 12 th August 2026
NMR Teeball	Wednesday 12 th August 2026
National Science Week	Saturday 15 nd August - Sunday 23 rd August
Book Week - Symphony of Stories	Saturday 22 nd August - Friday 28 th August



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

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

BELONGING AT GAAYIP-YAGILA PS

World Refugee Day

On 20 June, communities around the world will recognise World Refugee Day, a day dedicated to honouring the strength, courage and resilience of people who have been forced to leave their homes due to conflict, persecution or crisis.

The 2026 theme, Courage, reminds us that courage comes in many forms. For refugees, courage may mean leaving behind everything familiar in search of safety and hope. It may mean learning a new language, starting again in a new country, or building connections within a new community. These are challenges that require extraordinary strength and determination.

At Gaayip-Yagila Primary School, we are proud of the diverse backgrounds, cultures and experiences that make up our school community. We believe that every child and every family deserves to feel welcomed, valued and respected. Belonging is one of the most important foundations for learning and wellbeing, and we strive to create an environment where all members of our community feel safe to be themselves and share their stories.

World Refugee Day also reminds us that every person has a story. While our experiences may be different, we all share a desire to feel connected, accepted and hopeful for the future. By showing kindness, empathy and understanding, we help create a community where everyone belongs.

As we recognise World Refugee Day, we encourage our students to reflect on how they can demonstrate courage, compassion and inclusion in their everyday actions. Sometimes the smallest acts of kindness can have the greatest impact.



YEAR 4 WERRIBEE OPEN RANGE ZOO

This term, our Year 4 students enjoyed an exciting excursion to Werribee Open Range Zoo. They had an amazing time exploring the open range habitats and learning about different animals from around the world.

A highlight of the day was the Safari Bus Tour, where students were able to see animals up close whilst learning new and interesting facts. It was fantastic to see our Year 4s demonstrating all our school expectations and having fun!

Thank you to the staff and parent volunteers who supported the excursion and helped make the day safe and enjoyable for all.





School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

This term saw the successful introduction of our token system, which provides teachers with an opportunity to acknowledge students demonstrating our school wide Expectations of Excellence, Collaboration, Respect and Kindness.

By week six of term **3688** tokens had already been received by students.

Amazing!

This means **3688** times that teachers had noticed students demonstrating our Daily Goal or being outstanding in the way they demonstrate our school Expectations, or independently achieving a personal goal! What a fantastic effort! The tokens are being collected for each House and students of the House with the most tokens at the end of term will be acknowledged with a special activity in Week 10.

The number of tokens each student receives is being recorded and students will be bringing home a certificate to be able to share the achievement with families.

Ask your child what they have received a token for or what the Daily Goal for GYPS is this week!



How do students know the School Expectations?

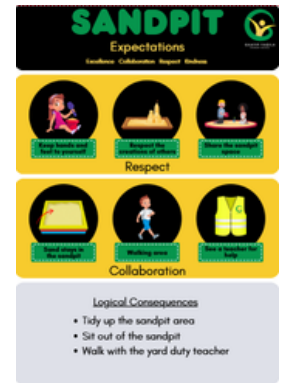
Our matrix of expected behaviours is displayed EVERYWHERE!

Have you noticed our enormous matrix at the front gates yet?

There are also signs which explain the expectations for certain areas in the school.

Every morning the whole school revises one of our Expectations from the Matrix using our Daily Goal Explainer.

Students focus on demonstrating our Daily Goal over the week and teachers acknowledge this by awarding students with a token for their house.



Students will also receive a certificate to acknowledge their efforts in demonstrating our school Expectations.



Tokens are collected by our SWPBS student leaders in our house token collectors - these are in the front office for everyone to see!

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

WOW! What an incredible two nights of performances from our Year 4-6 students in our inaugural production **GAME ON!**

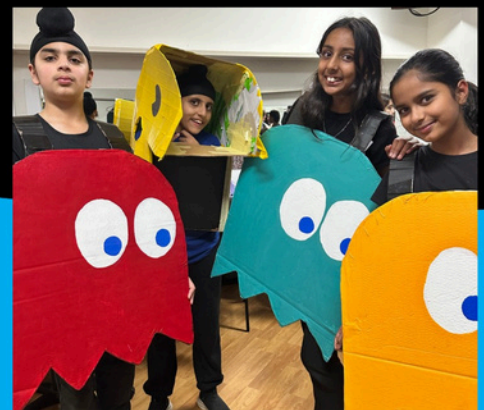
From the moment the curtain rose, the excitement and energy radiating from the stage captivated our audiences. Every cast member performed with confidence, enthusiasm and commitment, bringing the production to life in a truly unforgettable way.

The acting was fantastic, with students bringing their characters to life and fully engaging the audience. Audiences were treated to plenty of laughs as the cast delivered the show's clever jokes and humorous moments with excellent comedic timing. The dancing was outstanding, showcasing the students' energy, skill and dedication. Our students should be incredibly proud of the hard work, perseverance and teamwork they demonstrated throughout the rehearsal process and in their performances on stage.

A huge congratulations to our talented cast and crew for delivering two spectacular performances. A special thank you to Miss Harris and the Art Leaders, whose wonderful stage props helped bring the production to life. Thank you also to our staff, families and community members for their ongoing support.

GAME ON! was a wonderful celebration of student talent, creativity and collaboration, and we couldn't be prouder of everyone involved.

Mrs Hill



AUSLAN

Auslan learning has continued to flourish throughout Term 2, with students from Foundation to Year 6 building on the skills and confidence developed earlier in the year. This term, students have expanded their Auslan vocabulary by exploring feelings, greetings and common questions, days of the week, months of the year and weather. They have also continued to deepen their understanding of Deaf culture, learning about the importance of visual communication, respectful interactions and the experiences of members of the Deaf community. More recently, students have enjoyed diving into the fascinating world of sea animals, enthusiastically learning and practising new signs to describe creatures of the ocean.

One of the highlights of the term has been seeing students use Auslan more naturally and confidently in the classroom. They are becoming increasingly aware of the role that facial expressions, body language and eye contact play in creating meaning, and many have been eager to share their learning with family and friends at home. Students should be proud of the enthusiasm, persistence and curiosity they have shown as they continue to develop their communication skills while fostering understanding, respect and appreciation for Deaf community and culture.

See if you can sign or identify the Auslan used in these pictures.

Marion Maxted and Luke Brownley



GYPS Maths Mania Night

Thank you to all the families who attended the GYPS Maths Mania Night! It was wonderful to see so many students and families learning, exploring, and enjoying mathematics together. Your support and enthusiasm helped make the evening a great success, and we appreciate the time you took to join us.



Congratulations to...

THE LOLLY JAR WINNERS:

Asees 4B



Revansh 1E

THE MYSTERY PRIZE

CARD WINNERS:

Neil FG

SarahS 3G

Zaria 2E

Gunmeh 6F



GYPS SUSTAINABILITY SQUAD

WASTE AND LITTER UPDATE

GYPS has had their first 2 NUDE FOOD days for 2026. Nude food day is designed to reduce litter and waste within our school. Our next one is scheduled for Mid Term 3. Watch out in our newsletter for the date.

Our sustainability crew have been enthusiastically collecting food for our worm farm. Understanding what they can and cannot eat.



At GYPS we are beginning our journey to reducing litter and waste. We are seeking our school communities' support in doing this. Ways you can help:

Pack a Nude Food Lunch

Use reusable containers instead of single-use packaging, wrappers and plastic bags.

Recycle Correctly

Help children sort their rubbish into the correct bins and talk about what can be recycled at home.

Choose Reusable Items

Send a reusable drink bottle, lunch box and cutlery to school instead of disposable items.

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.

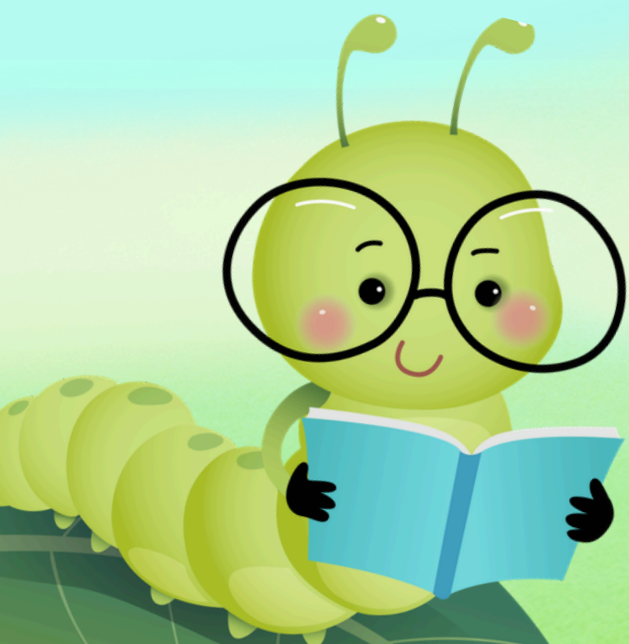


VICTORIAN PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Have you logged all the books your child has read? To do this, google Victorian premier's reading challenge, click on sign in under the School coordinator or student heading. Then click on VPRC login and enter the login details that have been given to your child. There will be a reward for the first 6 classes to complete the challenge!

80 more days
to go!

Keep going! You
got this!



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

Phyllis
Year 4





 **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.

Victoria Police

HumeNeighbourhoodPolicingForum



VICTORIA POLICE

The Victoria Police Neighbourhood Policing Forum welcomes local services and community members to talk with police about what issues are important in your community.

The forum will explore topics including:

- Current crime trends and crime prevention
- Young people
- Family violence
- Road policing
- Drugs and drug related crime.

The Neighbourhood Policing Forum will be run by a Victoria Police panel and questions will be taken from the audience throughout the event.

Registration is a must.

To attend, please register by sending your details to:

HUME-LAC-OIC@police.vic.gov.au

or scan the QR code.

To submit a question prior to the forum:

[HUME NHP questions](#)

Event details

Date:

Wednesday 15th July 2026

Time:

6:30pm – 9:30pm

(Doors open 6:15pm)

Location:

**Town Hall Broadmeadows
10 Dimboola Road,
Broadmeadows 3047**



Scan here to
register your
attendance



Got a question for police?

Scan the QR code to submit
prior to the forum



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**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.

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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**



Craigieburn Plaza
 10 Craigieburn Road, Craigieburn, VIC 3064

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 until 8:00pm
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West Zone - Operated by Tomra Cleanaway

Craigieburn Central
 340 Craigieburn Road, Craigieburn, VIC 3064

Open now
 until 9:00pm
 Reverse Vending Machine (RVM)

West Zone - Operated by Tomra Cleanaway

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.



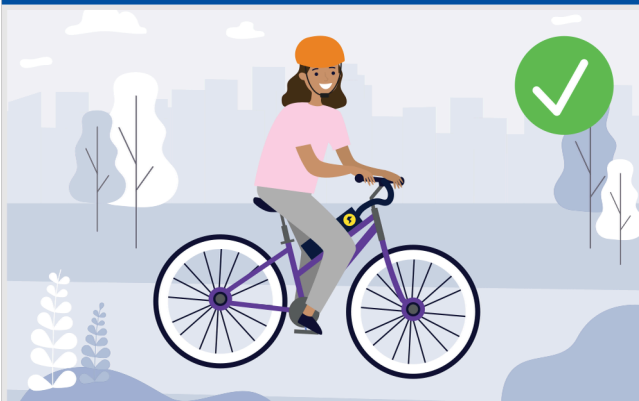
MOTORBIKES

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



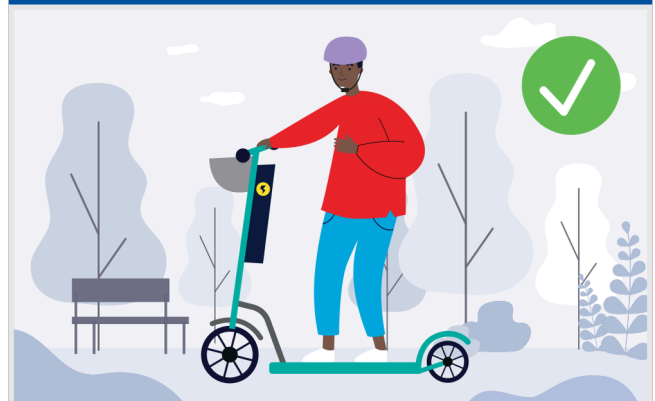
E-BIKES

- 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

- Be aged 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





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