



Gembrook Primary School

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Vision: *To provide every student with every opportunity to be the best they can be.*

Mission Statement A view to the future

Gembrook Primary School is a vibrant and aspirational education community, providing a safe and supportive learning environment that enables a personalised, engaging and challenging learning program.

Our objective is for students to achieve the academic, social, emotional and physical growth to thrive in a global society

DIARY DATES

25 August 2022

<u>AUGUST</u>	
Friday 26th	<i>Book Parade</i>
Monday 29th	<i>Staff Professional Practice day—Student Free Day</i>
Tuesday 30th	<i>Rotary Speech Contest Grade 5/6</i>
Tuesday 30th – Friday 2nd	<i>Gratitude Week</i>
Wednesday 31st	<i>Book Club orders due back</i>
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	
Thursday 1st	<i>Father's Day Stall</i>
Thursday 1st	<i>Volunteer induction 9:15am</i>
Tuesday 6th	<i>EDEC Basketball—grade 5 & 6</i>
Wednesday 7th	<i>Student First Aid Incursion</i>
Friday 9th	<i>Trivia Night 6.30pm at The Gembrook RSL</i>
Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th	<i>Matilda Production EPAC 6pm</i>
Thursday 15th	<i>Footy Colours and Hot Dog Day</i>
Friday 16th	<i>Last Day of Term 3 Early Finish 2:30pm</i>
<u>OCTOBER</u>	
Monday 3rd	<i>First Day Term 4</i>
Wednesday 5th	<i>Prep Swimming 1-2pm</i>
Friday 7th	<i>Prep Swimming 1-2pm</i>
Monday 10th	<i>Rescheduled bike education week</i>

A VIEW TO THE FUTURE

Bren's Banter

Dear Families and Friends,

Wow, the term is certainly flying by, and little wonder with lots happening again over the past few weeks at Gembrook! Our students have been so thoroughly engaged in brilliant literacy activities associated with the return of 'GemBOOK Week'. We celebrated Special Friends Day on Monday starting with a whole school assembly at 11:30am. For me, it was a fantastic sight to see the multipurpose room literally bursting at the seams with students, staff, mums, dads, carers, grandparents and special friends. Special friends took up the opportunity to be in classrooms and witness some fantastic Authors Chair readings and grade performances in each learning centre. Our incredible PFA again did such a mighty job, providing a delicious BBQ lunch while serving tea, coffee and delicious cakes and cookies to our special friends. Thank you to the many community members who baked and donated a wide variety of food items for the day. Bookfair was extremely busy and we look forward to the many new books that will arrive in the library as a result.

There existed such a wonderful community atmosphere throughout the day, a big thank you to everyone who came along and enjoyed Special Friends Day for 2022.

Our every popular Book Character Parade is on tomorrow and will definitely be another highlight!

Our wonderful PFA

As a whole school community, we are extremely grateful to Michelle and all of our incredibly hard-working Parents and Friends Association (PFA) members. There are some people who just give so generously of their time and talent to help others, and we are truly blessed with an amazing PFA. As we emerge this year from the many challenges that lockdown, restrictions and remote learning brought during 2020 and 2021, our PFA have seized every opportunity to raise important funds for our school, as well as engage our community in some wonderful events. Very simply.....thank you!

Day with Danny!

Highly regarded education consultant Danny Hyndman has been working with us over the past five years on literacy, and recently facilitated a brilliant coaching day at Gembrook. During the day, Danny worked in classrooms with our GIFT (Gembrook Improvement Focus Team) members on the topic of writing improvement strategies.

Danny then debriefed with teachers in a coaching capacity and facilitated a great professional learning session for all staff in the afternoon.

Of course, current education research states that the biggest influence on student learning outcomes is directly related to the quality of classroom teaching and learning, so we are extremely fortunate to have Danny assisting us with improving our practice and therefore student learning.

We are seeking our parents/caregivers/guardians opinion!

The Department of Education and Training (DET) are conducting a Parent/Carer/Guardian Opinion Survey about our school. The Parent/Carer/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by DET that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. A random sample of approximately 30 per cent of parents/caregivers/guardians has been generated and invited to participate in this year's survey.

We encourage all nominated families to participate and provide us with valuable feedback. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Tuesday 16th August** to **Friday 16th September**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, and will only take approximately **20 minutes** to complete.

Selected parents have been sent a link and an individual survey login.

As always, I will communicate a summary of the survey results via newsletter, once results have been tabled with staff and school council.

Trivia Night Friday 9th September

Our annual trivia night is approaching quickly! It's on Friday 9th September at the Gembrook RSL and will be hosted by Kev from 'Little and Trivia Events'. The night kicks off at 6:30pm for a 7pm start, and there will be lots of prizes on offer and auction opportunities. This PFA organised event is not only a fantastic, fun filled evening, it's also a major fund raiser for our school. Please let your friends and family know to come along and join in the fun. Tickets are selling fast and cost \$10.00 (or \$90.00 for a table of 10) and are available via <https://www.trybooking.com/CBUCS>

Education Support Staff Day Wednesday 31st August

Next week we are celebrating the often unsung heroes of schools, as we acknowledge the significant contribution that Education Support staff make to student learning, wellbeing and administration. Gembrook Primary School is blessed with absolutely outstanding Education Support staff who bring significant skills and knowledge to their roles, and who are passionate about making a difference to the lives of students. On behalf of all our school community, a huge thank you to all ES staff.

Please check out the 'Diary Dates' at the front of the newsletter for the many excellent events and activities that are coming up at Gembrook Primary School.

Have a great week everyone and all the best, Bren

GPS SCHOOL COUNCIL SNAPSHOT :

17th August 2022

Hi everyone,

Another huge agenda for this School Council meeting, with plenty of wonderful things happening at Gembrook Primary School.

Student Voice and Agency

School Council Student Representative Jasmine's presentation.

I would like to acknowledge the Traditional owners of the land the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation. We pay our respects to elders past present and emerging. We thank all Indigenous communities for allowing us to build a learning community on their lands. We are forever grateful.

Good evening everyone, my name is Jasmine and I'm the student representative on school council.

Since my last report there's been lots happening at Gembrook Primary School!

The Smile Squad Dental van has been a real winner with lots of students receiving free check-ups and follow up work on teeth for free!

We've also had two great PBL whole school rewards – last week we had a movie afternoon and at the end of term two we had a board game afternoon. These rewards were selected by our Student Representative Council members. PBL is going really well with students doing their best to earn gem chips and then gemstones.

Production practice is on a roll and it's not long now until we perform Matilda at Emerald Secondary College during the last week of this term.

Electives are back for term three and I'm doing gymnastics, it has been really fun so far.

Of course, we're all pretty excited about GemBOOK week next week with Special Friends Day next Monday. Assembly will be at the special time of 11:30am next Monday and Book fair starts this Friday! I can't wait for dress up day!!!!

Thanks for listening and have a good night.

OSHC

Bookings are open for the Professional Practice Day and the school holidays, so be quick if you want a place.

Communication

The GPS web address is:
www.gembrookps.vic.edu.au

Policies

Camps and Excursions Policy 2022 (available to view on the GPS website).

Excursions & Activities

Playhouse Theatre Incursion (The Emperor's New Clothes) will be held on Thursday 25th August 2022.

Dandenong Ranges Rotary Speech Contest will be held for 2 selected 5/6 students on Tuesday 30th August 2022.

Matilda – School Production held on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th December 2022.

Unfortunately, HPV will not be running in 2022.

Uniform

Watch this space for GPS Beanies!!!!!!

Buildings and Grounds

Bush Fire Preparedness Grant

We have received a 2022 Bushfire Preparedness Grant. This year the focus will be to prepare a vegetation management plan and carry out any recommendations from that plan. The usual maintenance of pruning, gutter cleaning, storm water cleaning and leaf litter will continue.

Boy's Toilet Repairs

Due to water damage in the boy's toilets, repairs will be completed in 2022.

Buildings and Grounds Priority Projects

These and other ideas to improve the buildings and school grounds are discussed regularly;

Undercover walkway

Oval redevelopment

Front Fence Upgrade

Oval planting

Professional Practice Day

GPS has a Department of Education and Training (DET) mandated Professional Practice Day (this is a student free day).

Monday 29th August 2022

Curriculum Days

GPS School Council has approved the 2022 Curriculum Days;

25/02/22

22/07/22

20/12/22

The fourth date was the first day of the year (28/1/2022 which is DET mandated).

Fundraising

There are many wonderful fundraising activities happening soon;

Father's Day Stall (Thursday – Friday 1st-2nd September 2022)

Trivia Night (Friday 9th September 2022)

Footy Colours Hot Dog Day (Thursday 15th September 2022)

Dress Up Disco (Friday 21st October 2022)

Colour Explosion Fun Run (Thursday 24th November 2022)

A huge thank you to Michelle Van Der Vlugt and the PFA team for all of the wonderful work they have done.

Finance

The finances for June and July were reviewed. The school and school council is closely monitoring the impact of replacement staff on the school budget due to the continuing impact of COVID and illness. The new Bushfire Preparedness grant was added into the budget. The PFA raised an additional \$2,098.65 over the two-month period and were warmly thanked by Council. New iPads have arrived and will be dispersed to the classrooms as soon as the protective covers arrive.

GPS 140 Anniversary

Next year, we will be celebrating Gembrook Primary School turning 140 years old. If anyone is interested in joining a team to coordinate the celebration, please contact the office.

Next School Council Meeting: 19th October 2022@6pm

Academic Awards

Term 3 Week 5

Reader of the Week: **Maya 12F**

Writer of the Week: **Milla PrepG**

Speller of the Week: **Mitchell 12M**

Mathlete of the Week: **Kobe 34V**

Academic Awards

Term 3 Week 6

Reader of the Week: **Freia 34S**

Writer of the Week: **India 56L**

Speller of the Week: **Tom PrepL**

Mathlete of the Week: **Zara 12H**

Help Needed—Book Club

Would you like to be our Scholastics Book Club coordinator in **2023**?

At the end of this year we say goodbye to Lara, our dedicated coordinator for many years.

Training is available!

Please contact the school office if you are interested.



STARS OF THE WEEK TERM 3 WEEK 5



Mitchell Prep G

You have such a positive outlook on your learning, and you're showing determination during challenging tasks. By demonstrating excellent behaviour and displaying kindness to your peers, you are becoming a role model in our grade. A magnificent effort Mitchell!

Tyler Prep L

You have made an amazing start to your story about trucks. You shared your plan with Lisa and used great descriptive words to build your first sentence! Great work Tyler, I can't wait to read your book!

Liam 1/2W

Liam, I am so impressed with the strategies you have been using to determine the mass of different objects. It is great to see you thinking critically and focusing during your learning. You really are a star!

Henry 1/2F

For the effort you have put into your story writing. You have been able to think of a strong idea that includes a problem and a solution. It is great that you are revising to include more details, well done Henry!

Brooklyn 3/4B

Brooklyn, what an exceptional time you had on our Grade 3/4 adventure camp! I loved watching you challenge yourself and work cooperatively with your peers. Thank you for your positivity and enthusiasm!

Will 5/6L

Will, I am so proud of how receptive you have been towards your communication and learning. You have worked well to plan and collage your picture story book, and have taken on feedback. I know that you are so capable of achieving great things, and with continued perseverance, you will thrive!

Shaminka 5/6O

I am very impressed with your Jeannie Baker inspired wordless picture book. You have worked hard to create collages that tell a story and engage the reader. I can't wait to see the final product!

STARS OF THE WEEK TERM 3 WEEK 6



Arlo Prep L

You have such a great attitude at school Arlo. You are kind to your peers, respectful of our resources, and always focused on your learning. Thank you for such a consistent effort every day!

Evie 1/2F

What a fantastic week you have had Evie! You have tried your best with all the learning tasks and especially with your story writing. You should be so proud of your wonderful efforts, well done Evie

Henry 1/2W

What an outstanding week Henry! It has been so wonderful to see you approach school with a positive attitude. You did an extraordinary job within our writing sessions. The revisions you made to improve your word choice, voice and sentence fluency is truly inspirational. You should be so proud of yourself, keep shooting for the stars!

Amelia 1/2M

Amelia, I have been so proud of your positive attitude during our writing sessions. You have worked independently, made careful, deliberate word choices, and used feedback to improve the 'voice' of your narrative. I can't wait to see the published result!

Rebecca 3/4S

Rebecca, you consistently make exemplary efforts towards your learning. The consideration you put into your word choice in writing has been a pleasure to read. It has also been great to see you step out of your comfort zone and share your ideas in class. What a star you are, Rebecca!

Georgia 3/4B

Your attitude towards your narrative writing this week has been truly commendable. I love watching your motivation and confidence in your writing abilities continue to grow. You have been consciously listening and engaging with all our revision lessons too.
Well-deserved, Georgia!

Imogen 5/6L

Imogen, I have been so impressed with your work ethic, showing fantastic commitment to your learning. The work you are doing on your learning goals at home is being reflected within your work at school. On top of this, you are continuously a considerate and caring friend to others.
Keep it up Immy!

Ryder 5/6J

Ryder, your efforts since returning to school have been commendable. I've been so impressed by your efforts to develop a series of illustrations, which reinforce the meaning of your narrative text.

Chloe 5/6O

Chloe, you have worked so well on your picture book. Your authorial statement of intent gave the reader a deeper understanding of your process while creating your story. I'm sure your published book will be amazing!

Forensic Science Elective

This week the students in the forensic science elective met with Detective Lisa Mitchell. Detective Mitchell brought along protective suits, finger printing kits and DNA kits for the students to experience.





UPCOMING EVENTS

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**

VOLUNTEER INDUCTION

9:15am Thursday September 1st

Meet in the foyer. This induction takes 10—20minutes and gives you all of the information you need to volunteer at school events, sports days and in the classrooms.

**THURSDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER & LUNCH BREAK FRI 2ND SEPT
FATHER'S DAY STALL
VOLUNTEERS TO HELP OUR KIDS MAKE THE BEST PURCHASES**

**THURS 8TH SEPT - HELP TO SET UP THE EVENT
FRIDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER
TRIVIA NIGHT
DONATIONS FOR PRIZES
- CAN YOU DELIVER SOME LETTERS TO LOCAL BUSINESSES?
OR ASK FAMILY/FRIENDS IF THEIR BUSINESS MIGHT SUPPORT US?
HELP AT THE EVENT?**

**THURS 15TH SEPTEMBER
FOOTBALL HOTDOG DAY**

**3RD OCT - 19TH OCTOBER
MANGO DRIVE**

**FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER
DRESS UP DISCO**

thank you!

CHECK NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS ABOUT INDUCTIONS

PFA Father's Day Stall



PFA



- *A Wonderful range of gifts*
- *Children choose what to give their Dads (& Grandpas)*

Stall open: THURS 1ST SEPT - Class by Class

FRI 2ND SEPT - Lunch break

Location: School Library

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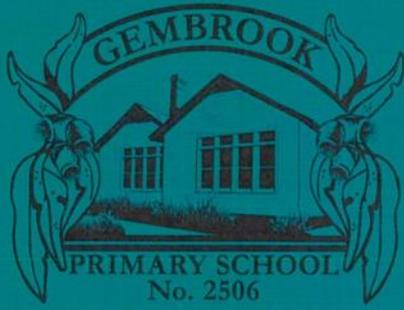
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Contact Reception or Michelle 0422844250 or any PFA team member



ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS MAY OCCUR IF
REQUIRED DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS

Prices from
\$1.00 to \$15.00



GEMBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parents and Friends Association



Trivia Night

**Tickets on Sale
Monday 15th August**

Friday
9th Sept,
2022
6:30pm

Venue: Gembrook RSL

Tickets \$10 or \$90 for a table of 10
Available from the school office

Drinks at bar prices. No BYO alcohol

www.trybooking.com/CBUCS

Auctions

Games

Raffle

Food

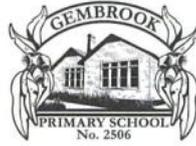
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Gembrook Primary School

Presents

Roald
Dahl's
Matilda
THE MUSICAL *JR.*



Monday September 12th and Tuesday September 13th
6:00pm

Emerald Secondary College Performing Arts Centre (EPAC)

All students are participating.

Tickets on sale at <https://www.trybooking.com/CBUEG>

Book by
DENNIS KELLY

Music & Lyrics by
TIM MINCHIN

Production team:

Wendy Samantha Productions <https://wendysamantha.com/>

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(212) 541-4684 mtishows.com



Day

Wear your footy colours and join in the parade in the Gembrook Primary School Circle of Harmony followed by a yummy hot dog lunch.

Each club will take a turn at parading around the Circle with their fellow supporters while the club songs play.

Date: Thursday 15th September 2022

Parade Time: 12:30pm

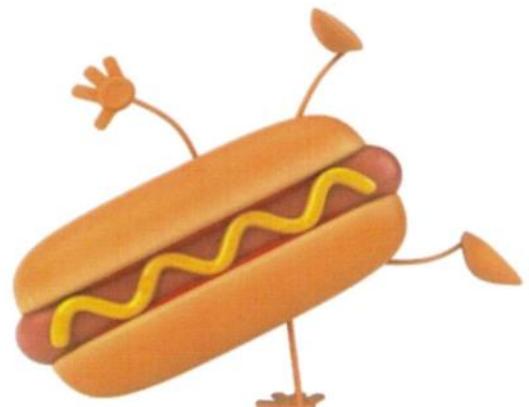
Hot Dog Lunch time : from 1pm

The Hot Dog Order forms will be sent home on the 24th of August and will be due back on the 8th of September

Price: Hot Dog in a bread roll \$4.50

Orange or apple juice \$1.50

Gluten free and vegan options available.



OSH CLUB NEWS

OSHClub

Gembrook

Monday, 19th September to Friday, 30th September 2022

NOTICE - ALLERGY - Please ensure all food is nut free

EX CURSION

IN CURSION

Monday 19 September

CUTE CRAFTS AND CRAZY KITES

IN-SERVICE

Today's your chance to get crafty as we make some amazing kites and all kinds of colourful creations!

Who can paint the most colourful stone? Who can make the best pom pom? Get ready to make some crazy kites!



Monday 26 September

MARVELLOUS MAGNETISM

IN-SERVICE

Let's all stick together as we enter the world of marvellous magnets. You won't want to leave or maybe you won't be able to!

Create your own magnetic slime, have fun in a game of magnetic tiggy and bake some clay fridge magnets.



Tuesday 20 September

OOEY GOOEY

IN-SERVICE

Who doesn't enjoy some messy play? No need to worry about making a mess today! We are going to be up to our elbows in sticky fun!

Come in and join us as we make different slimes, edible cookie dough, oobleck and do a outdoor scavenger hunt.



Tuesday 27 September

TO INFINITY

IN-SERVICE

Stars, meteorites, and planets galore. Blast off like an astronaut, exploring space and more!

Look through the lens of a scientist as we explore gravity, fizzy moon rocks, and create our own galaxy jars.



Wednesday 21 September

EX + \$40.00

GYM-TASTIC!

EXCURSION - FUNTASTIC GYMNASTICS

Today we are going to be tumbling around and having some gymnastic fun with a professional gymnastics coach! Be sure you wear comfortable clothing. Are you ready to learn some new moves?



Wednesday 28 September

IN + \$19.00

MONSTER MASH

INCURSION - CRAFTPOWER: BUILD A VINTAGE MONSTER

Get creative while learning to use woodwork tools safely and turn back time by building Vintage monsters.



Please arrive by 8:30am

Thursday 22 September

IN + \$15.00

IT'S A SPORTS CARNIVAL

INCURSION - SOCCER

Wear your favourite team's colours as you show your skills and participate in a fun-filled soccer skills and friendly game session.



Thursday 29 September

EX + \$37.00

AUSSIE FARMERS

EXCURSION - CHESTERFIELD FARM

Get up close and personal with some cuddly animals at Chesterfield Farm! You could see some cow milking and try your hand at milking a cow! There is also a sheepdog show, a feed trail walk, a super cute baby animal nursery and much more.



Please arrive by 8:30am

Friday 23 September

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

SERVICE CLOSED



Friday 30 September

SLUMBER PARTY

IN-SERVICE

Let's celebrate our friendships today as we relax, get to know each other and have lots of fun!

Today we are going to make epic friendship bracelets, have a dance competition and a teddy bear picnic.



Mon - Fri 7:00am - 6:00pm
Gembrook - 0439 014 489
48-50 Main St Gembrook VIC 3783

Daily price: \$72.40 | Excursions and incurSIONS are an additional cost to the daily fee and are charged for each child that attends whether they choose to participate or not.

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Customer Service 1300 395 735

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Our Values

- Considerate - Be there for others
- Passionate - Bring energy and determination
- Courageous - Challenge ourselves

The values we share guide our behaviour as we work towards our vision to **build brighter futures together.**

What we offer

- A healthy, safe, respectful and engaging environment
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- New and popular excursions, incursions and theme days
- Stimulating experiences tailored to children's interests, abilities and current trends
- OSHClub endeavour to link each fun experience to key learning outcomes



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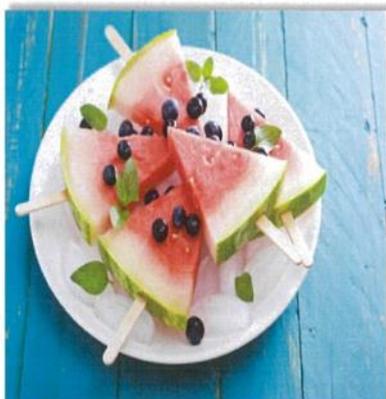


What Does My Child Bring?

Please bring breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and a refillable drink bottle. If bringing food please make sure it's nutritious and doesn't require heating or cooking.

Please be mindful of the planned incursion/excursion and ensure your children are dressed appropriately. Don't forget your sun smart hat, comfortable clothes, closed shoes and a drink bottle.

To avoid loss or disappointment, please leave your valuables, money and electronic toys (including tablets and smartphones) at home.



Healthy Eating

OSHClub follows the Australian dietary guidelines which can be found at <https://www.eatforhealth.gov.au>

Activity Changes

If an excursion or incursion (due to unforeseen circumstances) is cancelled, the activity will either be postponed or an alternative activity of equal value will be provided where possible.



Before making your booking & cancellations

All children must be enrolled with OSHClub prior to booking via oshclub.com.au. Bookings made within 5 days for a Holiday Program session will incur an extra charge of \$4.00 per day per child. 7 days notice from before the session commences is required for cancellation of a Holiday Program booking to ensure you will not incur out of pocket costs. Please note that bookings cannot be made online within 5 days of the session commencing. In order to book within this period, you will need to contact the service directly, the Customer Service and Billing Team on 1300 395 735 or by emailing oshaccounts@junioradventuresgroup.com.au

Child care subsidy

Our services are registered with Centrelink, so you will be able to claim Child Care Subsidy on your fees. For further information please visit www.education.gov.au/childcare-FAQ

Children with additional needs

We support all children including children with additional needs. If you would like to provide additional information about your child and his/her needs or require inclusion support funding, please contact us 6 weeks prior to program commencement on 0439 014 489 for staffing purposes.

School Lunch Orders

GEMBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

LUNCH ORDERS

TERM 3 2022

	Weekly Lunch Special \$5.50	Weekly Treat Special \$3.00	Juice \$3.00
15TH JULY	Nachos With sour cream, salsa and cheese.	Blueberry Muffin (DF)	Apple
22ND JULY	NO LUNCHES		Pineapple
29TH JULY	Sausage Roll With tomato sauce	Chocolate Muffin (DF)	Orange
5TH AUGUST	Savoury Scroll 1 - Cheese and Vegemite. 2 - Cheese and Ham.	Gingerbread Cookie	
12TH AUGUST	Baked Potato (GF) Cheese, coleslaw, sour cream.	Apple Muffin (DF)	
19TH AUGUST	Quiche 1 - Mushroom and Spinach. 2 - Bacon and Capsicum.	Choc Chip Cookie	
26TH AUGUST	Pasta Bake (GF) Penne pasta, spinach, napoli sauce and cheese.	Cookies & Cream Slice	
2ND SEPTEMBER	Pizza 1 - Hawaiian. 2 - Margherita.	Mint Slice	
9TH SEPTEMBER	Vegetarian Fried Rice	Shortbread Cookie	
16TH SEPTEMBER	NO LUNCHES		

HOW IT WORKS

WRITE ORDER ON ENVELOPE WITH

Full Name
Grade
Sub Total of Order

PLACE CORRECT CHANGE IN ENVELOPE
PLACE ENVELOPE IN CLASS TUB BY 9.05AM

ORDER ONLINE VIA OUR WEBSITE

Select your order from
the School Lunch Section Only.
Add Student's name and class in comments.

PLACE AND CHECK-OUT ORDER BETWEEN
4PM THURSDAY AND 8.30AM FRIDAY

Found

A first aid kit was found in the area of the junior play equipment after school last week. Please contact the office if you think it could be yours.

Thankyou

Junior Rockers

APPLICATION INFORMATION

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Rockers**
primary music
education specialists



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(1300 46 7625)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Rotary Club of Emerald & District

KIDS FUN RUN

with **THOMAS**

4th December 2022 at Puffing Billy Station Gembrook
Children 3-12 years running with Thomas The Tank Engine
Proudly supporting

Monash Children's Hospital

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Horses and bushfire – what do we know?

- 7:30pm AEST Wednesday 20 July
- Krilly Thompson, University of Newcastle
 - Andrew McLean, Equitation Science International
 - Chris Heisters, Veterinarian

Your vegetation – what you need to know

- 7:30pm AEST 10 August
- Kevin Tolhurst AM, University of Melbourne
 - Justin Leonard, CSIRO
 - Peter Ashton, DELWP
 - Nick Guyett, Surf Coast Shire

Your last resort options

- 7:30pm AEST 24 August
- Justin Leonard, CSIRO
 - Jim McLennan, La Trobe University
 - Rob Gordon OAM, Clinical Psychologist

Why get kids involved in the family bushfire plan

- 7:30 AEST Wednesday 7 September
- Michelle Roberts, Australian National University
 - Rob Gordon OAM, Clinical Psychologist
 - Brony Towers, Co-director, LEADRRR
 - Jane Hayward, Principal Strathewen Primary School

Understand your bushfire risk

- 7:30pm AEST 21 September
- Kevin Tolhurst AM, University of Melbourne
 - Justin Leonard, CSIRO
 - Ian Bennett, Bushfire Building Council of Australia

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Early Childhood Approach

Understanding NDIS and Supporting Families

Tuesday 30th August 2022
7:30pm-8:30pm
Online
link will be provided upon registration

This **FREE** session for Early Childhood Professionals working with children 0-7 years, provides information and tools to:

- Identify 'Red Flags' and children with developmental concerns
- Know about Early Intervention supports for children with developmental concerns aged 0-7 years
- Support families to link in with community supports for their child
- Understand Early Supports for children with developmental concerns
- Understand NDIS pathways
- Know about referral processes – what is required?

Opportunity for Questions.
Attendance certificate will be provided for attendees.
Resources and an information pack will be provided to attending services for use with families.

To register visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/CBIVR>

or contact Michelle Lehmann at Yarra Ranges Council on 9294 6207 / m.lehmann@yarraranges.vic.gov.au



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Why Become a Carer?

As a foster carer you have the chance to help change a young life for the better. And you don't have to be a superhero to do it! You just need to be willing to open up your heart and home to support children in need. In fact, many of our carers say it's the little things they do as foster carers that makes being a carer so rewarding. This could include taking a child to the footy for the first time or reading them a story at bedtime.

How Can I Become a Carer?

The process of becoming a foster carer can take some time. The initial enquiry to the formal accreditation can take as long as six to nine months.

To become a foster carer applicants:

- must register their interest
- are encouraged to attend a free information session
- must attend the Shared Lives training
- must participate in the Step by Step assessment which will include having a police check and Working With Children Check
- must become registered as an accredited carer



Contact Us

To find out more about becoming a foster carer contact us on 1800 809 722 or email: info@anglicarevic.org.au

Southern Metro Region
0499 016 445

FosterCare.Southern@anglicarevic.org.au

Or visit us at
anglicarevic.org.au/foster-caring

For all other areas of Victoria visit
fosteringconnections.com.au

Other Ways to Help

For people interested in supporting children in foster care but unable to commit the time, we also offer a Friends Volunteer Program (in our Eastern region), where people can volunteer with tutoring, mentoring, transport, babysitting and more.

For more information visit
anglicarevic.org.au/volunteering



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Foster Care

Become a Foster Carer and help children achieve brighter futures

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Anglicare Victoria is the State's largest provider of foster care and plays a vital role in protecting children and ensuring they have a safe and loving home. Foster care is a way of offering children a safe, secure and nurturing place to stay while their family is unable to care for them.

Who Needs Foster Care?

Our foster care programs provide a safe and supportive home environment for children and young people aged 0-18 years. Children enter foster care for many reasons including neglect, trauma, abuse, family illness or crisis. A child might stay in foster care for as little as one night or as long as a few years.

Types of Foster Care

We offer four main types of foster care placements, each with different lengths of stay.

EMERGENCY CARE

Foster care provided at short notice, from a few days to a few weeks in an emergency or crisis situation.

RESPIRE CARE

Foster care provided on a regular basis, usually for one weekend per month or for up to two weeks during school holidays.

SHORT TERM CARE

Typically varies from a few weeks to a few months depending on the needs of the child and when it is appropriate for the child to return to their family.

LONG TERM CARE

Where a child or young person requires long term care for up to two years or more. In some circumstances the child or young person can stay with their carers until they turn 21.

Carers can choose to provide a variety of foster care placements to meet the needs of children as well as to suit their own family needs and time commitment.

In addition, carers can elect to care for children of a particular gender or age or can specialise in providing care for teenagers, sibling groups or for children with more complex needs.

Who Can be a Foster Carer?

Foster carers come from all walks of life and can be:

- single, married, or in a same sex relationship
- with or without children
- older or younger
- working full time, part time or as a stay at home parent

You don't need any specialist skills, just genuine concern for the welfare of the children and the capacity to offer time and quality care. A willingness to learn, flexibility and an ability to take on new ideas are often qualities sought in prospective carers.

Anglicare Victoria carefully matches children with foster carers, so that the needs of both the children and their foster carers are adequately supported.

What Support is Provided to Carers?

We're dedicated to offering a supportive environment for both children and carers alike. As a foster carer you are trained, provided with access to comprehensive ongoing support, and reimbursed for any out of pocket expenses.

Foster carers are also provided with assistance in co-ordinating appropriate support services to meet their specific needs such as respite care, counselling, recreational opportunities and sibling support groups.



Foster carers are part of a team. You will have regular contact with Anglicare Victoria staff and may need to be involved with teachers, doctors and other professionals, including the Department of Health & Human Services.

What is Your Role as a Carer?

Foster care is temporary care. The aim of foster care is to return children to their family as soon as it is appropriate to do so.

The service is voluntary and you do not receive a salary, although a tax-free fortnightly reimbursement from the Department of Families, Fairness & Housing (DFFH) is paid for each placement to cover expenses. The amount of this reimbursement is dependent on the age of the child and their particular needs.

"Being there as a companion, a guide and a friend to a child, is such a wonderful experience and is the most rewarding thing you can do."

Megan, Respite Carer