



Edition 17 - 2023

Wednesday 14 June 2023

TERM 2 2023

Fri 16 June		Student Reports available on Compass
Tue 20 Jun	2.45pm	House Mini Olympics run by the Year 6's
Tue 20 June	6.30pm	School Council
Fri 23 June	2.30pm	Last Day Term 2 (Please note early dismissal - 2.30pm)

TERM 3 2023

Mon 10 July		STUDENT FREE DAY
Tue 11 July		Students Commence Term 3
Wed 12 July		SMILE SQUAD STARTS (More details coming in compass post and below)
Tue 18 July - 21 July		Ski Camp (Tuesday - Friday)
Tue 25 July	6.30pm	School Council
Wed 26 July		Multicultural Day
Tue 01 August		3 WAY CONFERENCES - Students only attend school for their conference.
Wed 02 August		APS Senior Athletics Day
Wed 09 August		APS Junior Athletics Day
Mon 21 August		District Athletics
Tue 22 August	6.30pm	School Council
Wed 06 September		Division Athletics
Mon 11 September		Year 4 Camp - Return Wednesday 13th September
Thu 14 September		Year 2 - 6 Concert (Rehearsal During the Day)
Fri 15 September	2.30pm	Last Day Term 3 (Please note early dismissal - 2.30pm)

TERM 4 2023

Mon 2 October		Students and Teachers Commence Term 4
Wed 4 October		Year 6 Graduation Photo
Wed 11 October		Regional Athletics
Mon 23 October		Year 3 Camp - Arrabri - Return Tuesday 24th October
Tue 24 October	6.30pm	School Council
Thu 02 November		Prep - 1 Concert (PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE)
Mon 6 November		STUDENT FREE DAY
Tue 7 November		Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Thu 16 November		Year 2 Sleepover TBC
Sun 19 November		Alphington Park Wetlands Festival
Mon 20 November		Year 1 and Year 2 Swimming Program begins (Mondays and Wednesdays)
Tue 28 November		Year 5 Camp - Portsea - Return Friday 1st December
Tue 28 November	6.30pm	School Council
Mon 4 December		Year 6 Camp - Return Thursday 7th December
Wed 20 December	1.30pm	Last Day Term 4 (Please note early dismissal - 1.30pm)

NB: Please check Compass for all dates/times including excursions and incursions. **All dates are subject to change.**

Commitment to Child Safety.

Alphington Primary School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people.

This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making.

Alphington Primary School has zero tolerance for child abuse.

Alphington Primary School is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives.

Particular attention will be paid to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability.

If there are any concerns or questions regarding Child Safety procedures, please see Melissa Mackenzie or Shane Wilkie
Our Child Safe Policy and our commitment and code of conduct is available on the website.

Principal Update – Melissa Mackenzie

The success of the STEM expo was again outstanding. This event was well attended despite the weather, and it seems the timeslot of 3:45-5:45 works well for families. The celebration of learning from our youngest students to the personal passion experiments in the older years holds testament to how engaging STEM is. Congratulations to everyone for their efforts.

There is still quite a bit of illness in classrooms, and we are appealing to parents to keep their child home if unwell. A day of rest at home can do wonders and stop the spread of the multitude of viruses we are contending with.

Teachers are busy planning for term 3 and all the learning we want to achieve. Term 3 is our usual celebration of the Arts, particularly Performing Arts. We will have our Year 2-6 concert and we have booked the Ivanhoe Girls Grammar School Performing Arts Centre for Thursday 14 September. All year 2-6 students perform with their class, the year 6's act and the STOMP dance teachers support us throughout the process. The Prep / Year 1 concert will be in term 4 this year. Christy is taking Long Service Leave for term 3 and we are in the process of employing her replacement.

At assembly on Fridays, I always look for some positive affirmations for the students. I love this opportunity to acknowledge and recognize those, who often very quietly, make contributions to APS in so many ways. I am keenly watching a group of year 2's who take care of the grounds by picking up rubbish and writing a 'script' for assembly to remind everyone about not taking rubbish into the yard. There are a couple of year 3's who have written me a persuasive letter letting me know that they need more dictionaries in their classrooms. I'm also working with a keen knitter to start a knitting club for a lunchtime. The initiative our students show is inspiring and one of the many reasons that I feel so proud to lead this school.

Have a great week.

Melissa Mackenzie

Principal

Assistant Principal Update – Shane Wilkie

I hope you all managed to enjoy the King's Birthday long weekend. I spent the weekend in Brisbane catching up with friends and family and enjoying a little winter break in the warm sunshine and mid 20-degree temperature.

STEM Expo – Scavenger Hunt What an amazing Science Expo we had last Wednesday evening. It was fantastic to see so many students and families moving around the school and engaging with all the wonderful science presentations. The Science Scavenger Hunts were very popular with several entries submitted. It was great to see families and groups of students working together to find the answers. The winners will be announced this Friday at assembly. A big thank you to all the teachers who supported students in preparing their Science Expo displays and for generously giving of their time to ensure the night was such a great success.

Offsite Evacuation Drill –We managed to hold our offsite emergency evacuation drill last Thursday in what ended being a sunshine filled day. Utilising the updated school exits we evacuated the school, arriving at Alphington Park approximately 7 minutes after the alarm was sounded. All staff and students were accounted for, and the drill finalised in under 10 minutes. A fantastic effort. We will maintain the same processes and protocols for the offsite again in semester 2. In term 3 we will hold a lockdown drill as we have number of updates from the previous review to be implemented.

Term 3 Planning: Our staff meetings and team planning time for week 9 is dedicated to the planning and preparation of Term 3. During this time teams are meeting to develop their term unit planners for English, Mathematics, Integrated Inquiry and Wellbeing. Today, teams will meet to plan their Inquiry units. In Term 3 our school wide focus is 'Historical Inquiry'. Students will learn about a period from our past and investigate the impacts events from these times had upon the people, culture and wider society. From this, students will develop a range of skills to compare, contrast, evaluate, and analyse how learning about history can be applied to our lives today.

Bully Stoppers Program: Across the school we are continuing our implementation of the Bully Stoppers Program. Each week a year level has been presenting a message to the school at assembly to reinforce the learning that has been happening in class. We have covered the definition of what bullying is and identifying the features.

The 3 main features of bullying are:

- the misuse of power in a relationship
- it is ongoing and repeated,
- it involves behaviours that can cause harm.

There are four main types of bullying behaviour:

- physical – examples include: hitting, pushing, shoving or intimidating or otherwise physically hurting another person, damaging or stealing their belongings. It includes threats of violence.
- verbal/written – examples include: name-calling or insulting someone about an attribute, quality or personal characteristic
- social (sometimes called relational or emotional bullying) – examples include: deliberately excluding someone, spreading rumours, sharing information that will have a harmful effect on the other person and/or damaging a person's social reputation or social acceptance
- cyberbullying – any form of bullying behaviour that occurs online or via a mobile device. It can be verbal or written, and can include threats of violence as well as images, videos and/or audio. For more information, refer to Cyberbullying.

Report Cards: Semester One Reports will be published via Compass on Friday 16 June. An electronic copy of your child's report will be available for you to view online now and download as required from Compass. If you wish to receive a hard copy of the report, please contact your child's class teacher. The reporting on students' achievements for the semester is an important part of the assessment process and each child's individual journey. We recommend families sharing the report with their child, celebrating their achievements, and positively discussing the next learning steps. If you have any questions regarding your child's report, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Have a great week everyone!
Shane Wilkie
Assistant Principal

Year 3 Update

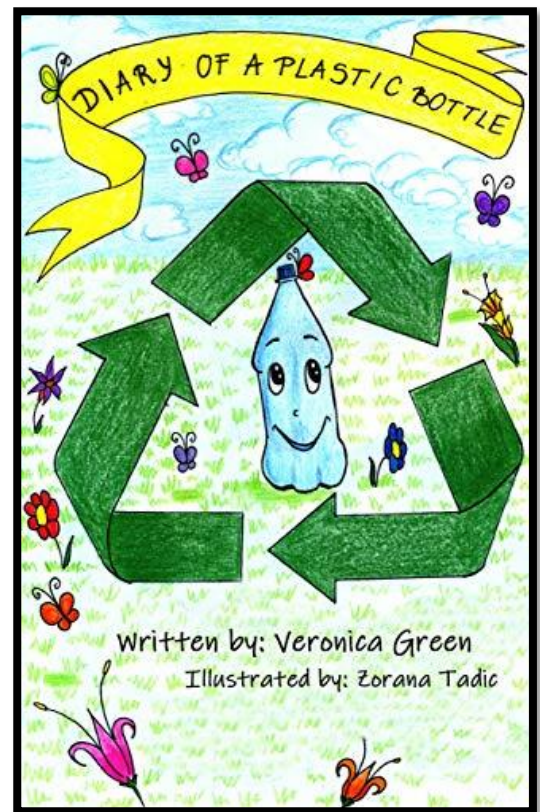
Hello,

We are the Green Team from Year 3. Our group has been formed because we all think that APS can do better at being more sustainable.

We think a good way to start off is to set up a challenge for the community to do at **home**. The challenge is for each student to create a home project. This project is a poster of what you can put in your mixed recycling bin at home. Make sure to create your poster out of **scrap paper**, if you don't have any at home then ask your teacher if you could use some to help with the poster. Good luck and at next week's assembly we will do a check in to see how you are going.

Bye From,

The APS Green Team



Frida Clem Eliza Kira Olive Taika Sitara Evie

Hi, we are the Green Team, our names are Frida, Clem, Eliza, Kira, Olive, Taika, Sitara and Evie.

In Grade 3

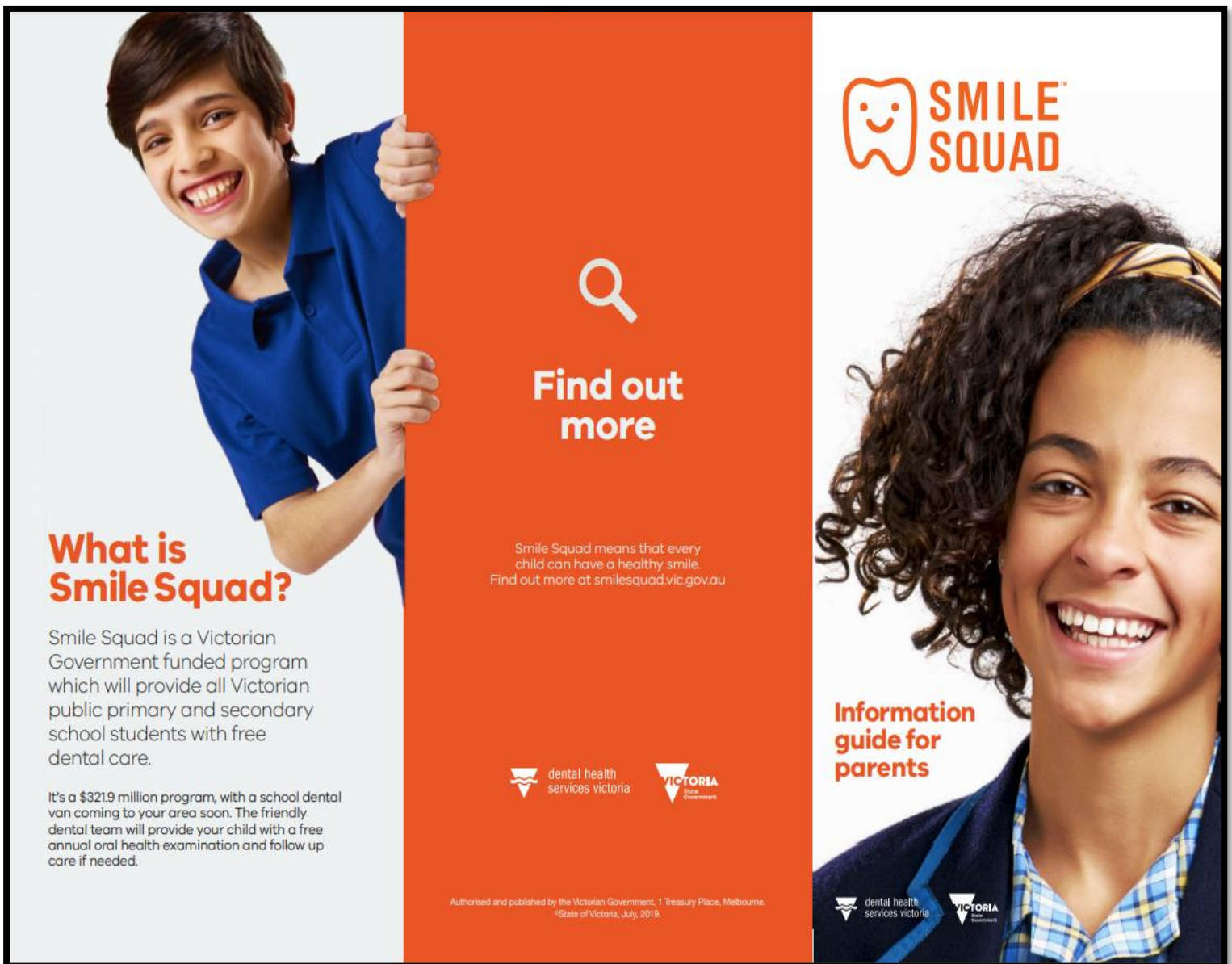
THE SMILE SQUAD DENTAL VAN IS VISITING APS!!!

Check-ups start on the 12th July.

Please follow the link below to fill in the consent form for your child to be included in this free service. Check-ups will start from the 12th July and Smile Squad will be in contact if treatment is needed.

This is the link:

<https://dentalhealthservicesvictoria.snapforms.com.au/form/sdp-consent-form>



The banner is divided into three vertical sections. The left section features a smiling boy in a blue polo shirt peeking from behind a white wall. The middle section has an orange background with a white magnifying glass icon, the text 'Find out more', and a paragraph about the program. The right section features a smiling girl with curly hair and a yellow headband, with the 'SMILE SQUAD' logo above her. Logos for 'dental health services victoria' and 'VICTORIA State Government' are at the bottom.

What is Smile Squad?

Smile Squad is a Victorian Government funded program which will provide all Victorian public primary and secondary school students with free dental care.

It's a \$321.9 million program, with a school dental van coming to your area soon. The friendly dental team will provide your child with a free annual oral health examination and follow up care if needed.

Find out more at smilesquad.vic.gov.au

Information guide for parents

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Who is eligible?

All students attending government primary, secondary or special schools in Victoria.

How can my child register for the program?

Information about the program, along with initial consent forms covering oral health examinations and active preventive care, will be distributed through the school.

When and how will my child be seen?

The Smile Squad team will first visit your school to undertake oral health examinations and active preventive care. Your child will be collected from class when they are due to be seen. After the initial check-up, an individualised treatment plan will be developed and sent home along with a secondary consent form for treatment if needed.

Do I need to attend with my child?

You do not need to attend with your child. However, if you wish to, we can make an appointment time for you to attend together.

What does it cost?

Smile Squad is a free program for all students. It includes an annual oral health check, active preventive care and follow up treatment if needed.

Note: this program does not include orthodontic or cosmetic treatment.

Who can I contact for more information?

Visit smilesquad.vic.gov.au

What if my child has urgent needs/ dental pain?

If your child has dental pain, please contact your nearest dentist or community dental clinic for help.

To locate your nearest clinic, visit <https://www.dhsv.org.au/clinic-locations/community-dental-clinics>.



Four simple steps to receiving free high-quality dental care at school.



Step One
Give your consent



Step Two
Your school schedules a check-up



Step Three
You give your consent for treatment if needed



Step Four
Your school schedules treatment



Support Logan and Jude (Year 6) whist they do The Push Up Challenge

Follow the links below to donate now!!!

Your donation will support mental health & suicide prevention in a big way
thepushupchallenge.com.au

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Hello Families,

It is hard to believe term 2 is almost over. We have had so much fun together at OSHClub this term and will be continuing the fun through the school holidays! We have some great activities lined up like our sports carnival, NAIDOC celebrations and our excursion to the movies to see Elemental!

If you have any questions about bookings or our activities, please reach out to us on 0422 292 533 or email us alphington@oshclub.com.au

We cannot wait!

Hannah and Laura



Alphington Primary School

Monday, 26th June to Friday, 07th July 2023

NOTICE - ALLERGY - Please ensure all food is nut free

Monday 26 June

ANIMATION DOMINATION

IN-SERVICE

What is animation? Come dressed as your favourite, colourful cartoon character and get set to spring into action as we learn how to become animated.

How well do you know your cartoons? Draw Pikachu, find Spiderman and make your own animation!



Tuesday 27 June IN + \$22.00

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

INCUSSION - MEET THE RAINBOW SERPENT

During the "Meet the Rainbow Serpent" Program we will meet creatures from many different aboriginal language groups from around Australia. All the animals have a different story, name and importance depending on where they are found.



Wednesday 28 June

HOLLYWOOD HEROES

IN-SERVICE

Follow in the footsteps of your favourite movie stars with the glitz the glamour and explore what it's like to be a superstar for a day!

Create your own Walk of Fame handprint, bake clapper board cookies, and engage in a STEM popcorn challenge!



Thursday 29 June

POLAR PARADISE

IN-SERVICE

Brrr it's cold in here! Get your winter jackets on and enter our polar paradise. Everything will be super icy and magical.

Make your very own snow, create a polar bear, and try to save the frozen penguins!



Friday 30 June

THE SMITH FAMILY DREAM RUN

IN-SERVICE

Join us for our Smith Family Dream Run! A variety of active games and activities, all for a great cause! Please pack a spare change of clothes!



Monday 03 July EX + \$43.00

MOVIE MANIA

EXCURSION - HOYTS VICTORIA GARDENS

Today we're off to the movies to see the latest children's release, popcorn and drink included. (Movie time to be confirmed, please see coordinator)



Arrive by 8.30am

Tuesday 04 July

MASTER DETECTIVE

IN-SERVICE

Psst! We need your help! Your secret mission, if you dare to accept, is to find clues and solve the OSHClub mystery.

Solve the case of the missing OSH diamond, read hidden messages and uncover fingerprints!



Wednesday 08 July IN + \$17.00

IT'S A SPORTS CARNIVAL

INCUSSION - SELF GUIDED GET SPORTY CRAFT BUNDLE

Today we have some Summertime sporting fun, including DIY sweatbands, drink bottle and Basketball hoop for you to decorate and keep.



Thursday 06 July

ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK

IN-SERVICE

One, two, three o'clock, four o'clock, rock. Turn back time and pull out the disco gear as we rock around the clock.

Dance through the decades at OSH with a chalk art disco ball, a photo booth and disco s'me!



Friday 07 July

WHOLESONE WARRIORS

IN-SERVICE

Jump on board our Zen train at OSHClub today and learn how to look after you health and mind whilst having fun.

Become a zen master by making stressballs, creating gratitude trains, and stretching during some garden yoga!



Mon - Fri 7:00am - 6:00pm
Alphington Primary School - 0422 292 533
26 Yarralea Street (Enter via Adams St) Alphington VIC 3078

Daily price: \$72.50 | 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.

Book now at oshclub.com.au | be quick as places are limited

Customer Service 1300 395 735

SKI GEAR FOR SALE – Ex Parent Message

With Ski Camp just around the corner I have some new and nearly new ski gear left over from last year's APS Ski Camp for sale.

Please contact me if you are interested. All in great condition (most not worn) and very reasonably priced.

Please call Angie on 0431399440 for more information



**THE DAREBIN
FRUIT SQUAD
NEEDS YOU!**

Are you a Darebin resident with a fruit tree (or vine) and extra harvest to share?

Would you like to help improve food security in your local area?

**Join the
Darebin Fruit Squad!**

The Darebin Fruit Squad have teams that can harvest your fruit or collect it from your home, and share it with the community through food relief.

For more information or to organise a visit from the Squad, scan the QR code, call 9480 8207 or email us at: fruitsquad@divrs.org.au

DIVRS is a volunteer-powered community organisation that provides free services, programs, information and support for people in Darebin.



**DAREBIN
FRUIT SQUAD**

SCAN ME



SERGEI PROKOFIEFF'S

PETER & THE WOLF

HEIDELBERG SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
NARRATED BY CHRISTOPHER CAROLANE

SUNDAY 30 JULY 2023 1:30PM & 3:30PM

SERGEI PROKOFIEFF'S

PETER & THE WOLF

HEIDELBERG SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

NARRATED BY CHRISTOPHER CAROLANE

Heidelberg Symphony Orchestra's ever popular Children's Concerts are back in 2023 to tell the classic story of *Peter & the Wolf*. Famously narrated by the likes of Dame Edna Everage, David Bowie and Sir David Attenborough, *Peter & the Wolf* has won the hearts of children and adults all over the world.

A fantastic opportunity to introduce children (and adults alike) to a live symphony orchestra and all the colourful instruments that paint Sergei Prokofieff's wonderful tale.

Fun for the whole family and suitable for children of all ages, join HSO and crowd favourite Christopher Carolane for a joyous afternoon of music and storytelling!

Book your tickets early to avoid disappointment, both sessions will sell fast!

Sunday 30 July 2023 1:30pm & 3:30pm
Each concert runs for approximately 50 minutes

Performing Arts Centre
Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School
Noel St, Ivanhoe VIC

All tickets: \$16 each

Tickets are transferable but not refundable. No restriction on the number of tickets purchased.

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WINTER SOLSTICE BONFIRE 2023

The first Winter Solstice Bonfire was held in 2003. This year marks the 20th anniversary of this auspicious occasion!

Saturday 17 June 2023 is when the Bonfire will thrill and delight thousands of families.

There is something hypnotic about watching flames leaping into the night sky from a massive bonfire. When live music, fire lanterns, face-painting and storytelling are added to the mix. It's truly an evening to remember.

We'll also have a widely expanded range of vendors selling food and drinks, including: Beatbox Kitchen, Blak Brews, The Boiling Crab, Hot Churros, Hudsons Donuts, Incredible Calamari, Juicello, Mr Fresh Truck, Taco Truck, Twista Bros, Twista Sis, Wrap It Roll It and friends of the Farm—the Country Women's Association.

And as always, the Farm will be running a BBQ sausage sizzle (with sausages supplied by Halal Meats Preston) and a bar with beer, wine and our special mulled wine. Drinks will be provided by Bodriggy, Mountain Goat, Rewine and Noisy Ritual Winery.

This event sells out fast and tickets are available online only via our website and direct from Eventbrite.

Prices are:

Adults \$25 / concession \$15

Kids \$15 / concession \$10

Children under the age of 2 are admitted for free.

These cards entitle you to concession-priced entry: Carer Card, Health Care Card, Pension Card and Veterans' Affairs Card.

This is a card-only event. Strictly no cash. No dogs or glow sticks permitted on site.

The Farm will be closed during the day on Saturday 17 June while we prep for the big event, until gates open at 4:00 pm for Winter Solstice Bonfire ticket holders only.

This event ends at 8:00 pm.

We strongly advise taking public transport to the Bonfire as parking is extremely limited. The closest train station is Victoria Park on the Mernda/Hurstbridge lines, with a 10-minute walk from the station. Buses 200–207 from the city to Bulleen go along Johnston Street regularly. Paid parking is available in the Abbotsford Convent carpark, however, numbers are limited—so again, we strongly advise to look for alternative modes of transport.

<https://farm.org.au/events/winter-solstice-bonfire/>