



TERM 3 2022

Thu 15 Sep	10am - 2pm	Yr 2 - 6 Concert Rehearsal during the day (Ivanhoe Girls Grammar)
Thu 15 Sep	7.00pm - 8.30pm	Yr 2 - 6 Concert (Ivanhoe Girls Grammar)
Fri 16 Sep		Last Day Term 3 - Please note early dismissal - 2.30pm

TERM 4 2022

Mon 03 Oct		First Day Term 4 - Teachers and Students
Wed 12 Oct	7.00pm	Junior Concert at Kew High School (Prep and Year 1)
Wed 12 Oct		Regional Athletics
Sat 15 Oct	7.45pm - 12am	Let's have a Ball! - La Trobe Golf Course (See flyer for more information)
Mon 17 Oct		YEAR 6 GRADUATION PHOTOS
Mon 17 Oct		Year 3 Camp - Arrabri Camp - Return Wednesday 19th Oct
Tue 25 Oct	9.15am-10.15am	Prep 2023 Transition #1
Mon 31 Oct		Student Free Day
Tue 01 Nov		Public Holiday - Melbourne Cup
Mon 07 Nov		Year 6 Camp - Camp Marysville - Return Friday 11th November
Wed 09 Nov	9.15am - 10.45am	Prep 2023 Transition #2
Sun 13 Nov		OHMP Concert - TBC
Thu 17 Nov	11.45am-1.15pm	Prep 2023 Transition #3
Sat 26 Nov		STATE ELECTION SAUSAGE SIZZLE
Tue 29 Nov		Year 5 Camp - Portsea - Return Friday 2nd December
Thu 08 Dec		Year 2 Sleepover - TBC
Tue 13 Dec		Year 7 Transition Day (All State Schools)
Fri 16 Dec		End of Year Picnic - Alphington Park
Tue 20 Dec		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

School Council Approved Student Free Day Term 3 and 4

Friday 9th September
Monday 31st October

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

We have reached the last newsletter for the term and what an incredible term it has been. We battled the Covid wave and have only had single cases for the last few weeks. We've managed to hold many events that provide our students with different ways of learning and focuses on their wellbeing. The colour run was a huge success and will be something that we look to do again. We have had many sporting events with many students performing at their personal best and importantly enjoying the experience.

We have provided excursions and incursions despite the challenge with staffing in the school and finding venues and buses. All in all, it has been a brilliant term with huge thanks going to our amazing staff who work tirelessly to plan events and support our students in so many ways.

My greatest pride lies with our students, every day they arrive ready to embrace the challenges we present. They are also our greatest asset and have such potential. I constantly admire the qualities they show and believe they are becoming truly great citizens contributing positively to our community, which culminates in year 6 when we see them step into a larger world.

Along with the building excitement for the Year 2-6 performance we also opened the 5/6 play equipment yesterday. The older students have been waiting patiently to see their designs come to life. The process has been long and followed our strong belief that this school belongs to the students and so we include their voice in decisions where we can.

The students planned, designed and voted on the equipment that now sits in the top end of the forest. It was lovely to see the delight in the older students as they tested out the new equipment. Special thanks to Orson who was one of the original students who worked with me and the plans and has shown persistence and patience as we went through the process to gain all perspectives and finally see the equipment installed.

Thanks to those families who have completed the Parent Survey. We have had 25% of families respond. There is still time if you are interested in providing your opinion about the school. It closes on Friday.



At School Council last night, we approved the four Student Free days for 2023. These are as follows: **Friday 27 January** (mandated); **Monday 24 April** (day before ANZAC day and is the first day of term 2); **Monday 10 July** (first day of term 3); and **Monday 6 November** (day before Cup Day). In addition, there will be two more days to be decided, the Common Professional Practice Day for staff possibly in May and the 3-way Conference Day usually held early in August. We will confirm the last two days as soon as we can confirm them.

Have a lovely break

Kind Regards

Melissa Mackenzie

LOST PROPERTY IS OVERFLOWING

Please come and search for lost property items.

All unnamed items will be donated to charity or the second-hand uniform racks at the end of the term

Assistant Principal Update – Shane Wilkie

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the end of Term 3. It has been an extremely busy final week and it is not quite over yet. The excitement and anticipation for the Year 2-6 Concert is building as we put the finishing touches on to the performance. Yesterday's *All Sports Day* was a great success with a range of activities, including the very popular disco in the gymnasium.

Yesterday, we opened the Year 5/6 playground to a rousing reception from the year 5/6 students. I have included some photos of the grand opening below. This playground is designed for older students and some of the elements are quite high and challenging. Teachers of other year levels will take their classes out for a safe exploration of the equipment during class time. We have also spoken to students about how to interact safely with the equipment and the surrounding fall zones.



Year 6 Interschool Sports Finals: Last Friday several Year 6 interschool sports teams were lucky enough to play in the Ivanhoe Sports district finals. It was a Professional Practice Day for staff, however our Year 6 teachers and Megan planned so that they could attend the finals with their teams. Well done to the Year 6 students for also demonstrating their commitment either as players or supporters.

I was fortunate to get around to see every team participate. It was a fantastic day with every team competing brilliantly. The highlight for me was seeing the genuine care and support the students have for each other. Throughout the games and at the conclusion, students and staff showed great comradery, regardless of results.

The girls' basketball team played a great first semi-final, leading going into halftime, but were overrun in the second half, fighting gallantly to the end. They fought back in their second final to come away in third place.

The girls' soccer team put in two amazing and resilient performances. Going through to the grand final after winning the penalty shoot-out. A very close final ended in a draw and unfortunately the girls went down in the penalty shoot-out.

The boys' volleyball won a strong first semi-final to progress to the final, finishing second after just missing out in a hard-fought final against Ivanhoe Grammar.

The girls' volleyball is heading off to Districts after coming back from a set down to win the final. Good luck at the next stage. Congratulations to all the teams. It has been an amazing year of interschool sport, with all teams performing and participating admirably.

The Great Primary School Mystery: Tomorrow night is the big night, and we are so excited to be bringing you our first concert in 3 years! Families should have received a Compass Post yesterday with details regarding the drop off and pick up arrangements for students. Students are to be dropped off at the backstage entrance at 6:30pm. At the conclusion of the event teachers will escort each class to a predetermined area at the PAC.

At the time of writing there were only about 20 tickets remaining so it looks like it will be a sell-out come showtime. Follow the link below if you need to purchase extra tickets.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CBVDR>

On Friday, the students will perform the concert in full for the Prep-1 students. This will be a nice end of term event to be held in the gymnasium.

I trust everyone has a good term break and gets some time to reconnect as a family.

All the best.

Shane Wilkie

Assistant Principal

School Council Meeting Report

Year 6 Leaders

The Year 6 Leaders, Max and Poppy, provided an update on the House Leaders and SRC activities for Term 3.

The Colour Fun Run raised over \$20 000.

The leaders successfully supported the Junior and Senior Athletics day.

The leaders are planning a term 4 STEM purpose to ensure we have a balanced approach to house events.

They are working with the Art Action team to develop the 2022 – mural, mosaic, puzzle pieces.

They are developing portable House Banners – developing designs to include all students. These will be displayed house events.

Exploring options for the spending of the fundraising funds from the badge sales.

Finance

The finance committee reported that the SRP budget is on track as planned and that the school has significant cash reserves as per the 2022 budget. Most grants for the building upgrades have been reconciled. School Council approved the cash journal payments.

Principal Report

Melissa reported back to the council on the success of the Colour Fun Run and future for the event. She provided an update to the Building Upgrade which is due for completion by the end of the month. There will be staged and timely relocation over Term 4. Melissa outlined some of the changes that will come into place because of the New Teachers Agreement, including some 2023 workforce planning and timetable considerations.

Subcommittee Environment

Rolling Facilities Evaluation has been completed and updated

Commercial maintenance for landscaping to be conducted during the second week of the holidays

5/6 playground installation has been completed. Year 1 playground relocation, upgrades and installation to the junior school playground in 2023

Michael provided an update on the different school-based action teams and sustainability work, including connecting to local food hub providers.

Events and fundraising

APS Ball tickets have gone on sale and preparations are well underway. The funds raised from the event have been proposed to be used for a commercial BBQ, which was supported by several school council members.

The fundraising committee are planning to hold an event at school for the State Election Day, such as a sausage sizzle and coffee as per the federal election.

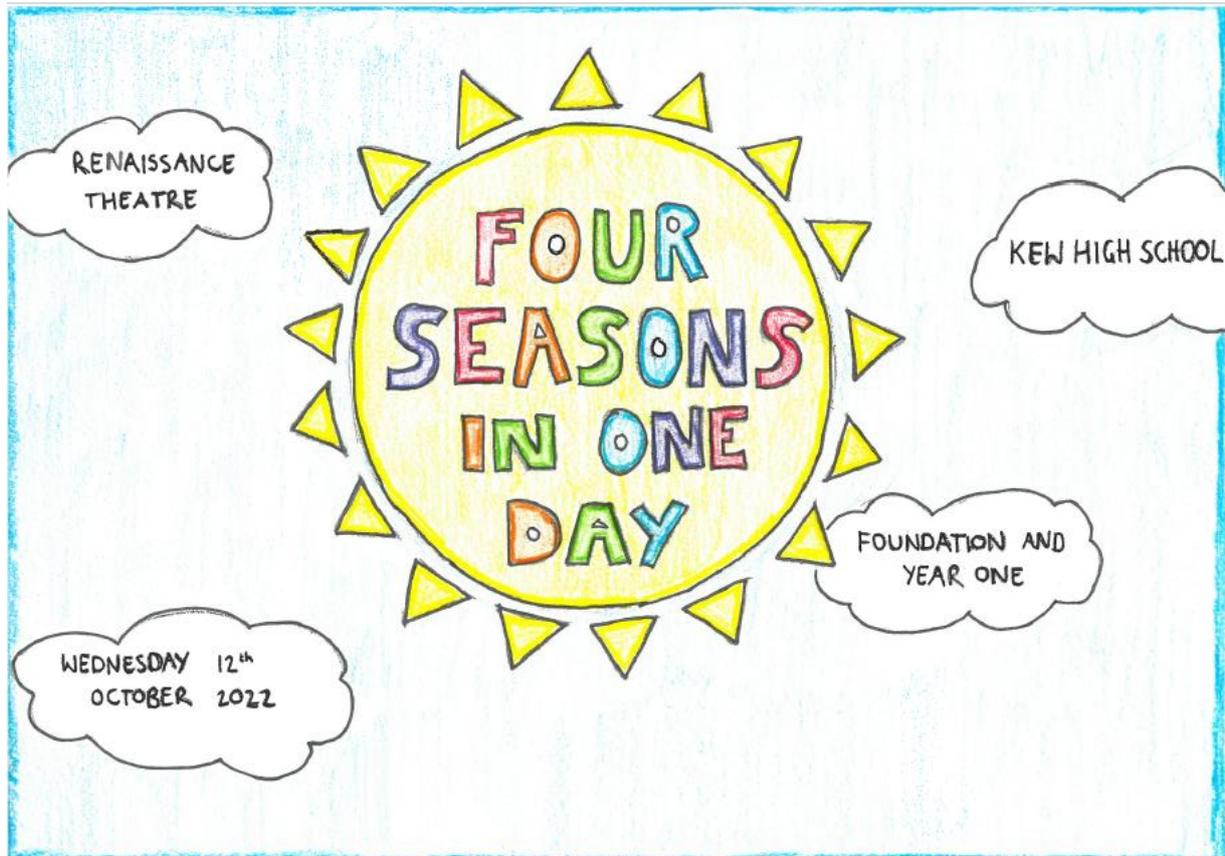
Preparations for the 2023 Fair are underway with bookings for the event beginning to occur.

COVID-19 isolation requirements have changed

Any student or staff member who tests positive to COVID-19 must now isolate for a minimum of 5 days instead of 7. If they are asymptomatic, they may return to school on day 6. If they are symptomatic, they must remain in isolation until day 7. If they have symptoms after 7 days, they are strongly advised to stay home until their symptoms have resolved.

Those leaving isolation should consider taking a rapid antigen test before attending school.

RATs will continue to be available at the office.



Foundation & Year 1 Junior School Concert – “Four Seasons in One Day”

Foundation and Year 1 students have been excitedly rehearsing this Term for their Junior School Concert, *Four Seasons in One Day* to be held at the Renaissance Hall at Kew High School on **Wednesday, 12th October at 7pm**.

The concert is truly a celebration of our vibrant Arts learning this year in music, drama, dance and Visual Arts and the students cannot wait to share this with you all! The theme for our concert embraces the weather as we experience it throughout the year: from beautiful sunny skies to dramatic storms and the rainbows that follow. Students have been involved in all aspects of the performance including choreography, song choice and costume creation and design.

Further details will follow via a Compass post to parents early next Term and tickets can be accessed as details below.

Thank you to Phaedra, Amelia, Tessa and Nina from 6J and Stella and Phoebe from 5BM for their wonderful and thoughtful poster designs for our concert. You will begin to see these pop up around the school soon to promote our much-anticipated event!

Tickets will open tonight – please follow the link below for your tickets to the Foundation (Prep/Year 1 Concert)

<https://www.trybooking.com/CBVMH>

Christy Fulcher

Performing and Visual Arts

APS COLOUR RUN

- Donations and Prize Ordering -

Student profiles will officially **LOCK** at 11:59pm tomorrow night, **THURSDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER**.

When students log in, they will first need to confirm personal details.

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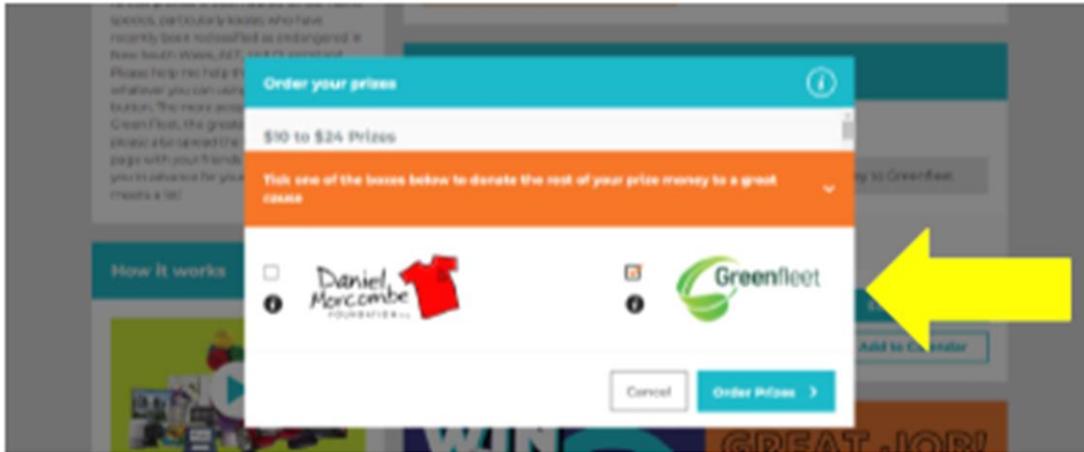
- FIRST NAME:** Birrarung
- LAST NAME:** Blue
- GENDER:** I prefer not to say
- CLASS:** I don't know
- HOUSE:** Birrarung
- CASH AMOUNT:** 20.00
- GRUNE:** \$1,095.00
- TOTAL RAISED:** \$1,115.00

At the bottom of the form are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Confirm Details'.

Next, they will be given the option to select prizes. The orange prompt at the bottom is where students can opt to donate some or all of their funds raised.

The screenshot shows an 'Order your prizes' modal. It features the following elements:

- Section:** \$10 to \$24 Prizes
- Prizes:** Five items are displayed in a row: Unicorn Hatch, Golden Chase, Bouncing Putty, Creebler Wall, and Save the Planet.
- Prompt:** 'Wanna do more? Click here and check this out!' with an upward arrow.
- Buttons:** 'Cancel' and 'Order Prizes'.



Any students that have not allocated their funds to either Green Fleet or prizes by 11:59pm on Thursday 15th of September, will have their money donated to Green Fleet automatically.

Any families that have collected cash, should hand this in to the office ASAP.

A reminder that 60% of funds raised will be donated to the school, 30% will go towards Green Fleet or prizes, and 10% is allocated to admin costs.

Colourful regards,

The SRC



It's time to get SUNSMART!!

A reminder to all parents that we are a SunSmart School. We will be reminding students to put on their hats for play times otherwise they will be directed to play under the shade of a tree. Please ensure that children have their hats clearly labelled ready for play times.

2022 Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey

Your family is asked to participate in the 2022 Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey.

Each year the school conducts an opinion survey with the school community. All families are invited to participate in the survey. Results will be used to inform and direct our future school planning and improvement.

Please take the time to complete the survey as your opinions are important to us and will contribute to the future management and organisation of our school.

- ◆ The survey will be conducted **online** and should take **20 minutes** to complete.
 - The survey can be completed on any internet enabled device (iPad, Desktop or Laptop, Smartphone) and is compatible with most browsers.
- ◆ The survey will be open from **Monday 15 August to Friday 16 September**.

Please be assured that your responses are completely confidential. The survey is conducted anonymously, and it is important to us that you complete the survey as honestly as possible.

Please follow the instructions below to complete the survey.

NOTE: Only **one parent/caregiver/guardian** from your family is invited to complete the survey.

To complete the survey, simply:

1. Click on the link below, or copy and paste the text into your browser. This link will take you directly to the survey.

<https://www.orima.com.au/parent>

2. Select the School and Campus name below.

School Name: Alphington Primary School

Campus Name: Alphington Primary School

3. Enter the School PIN below.

PIN: 158885

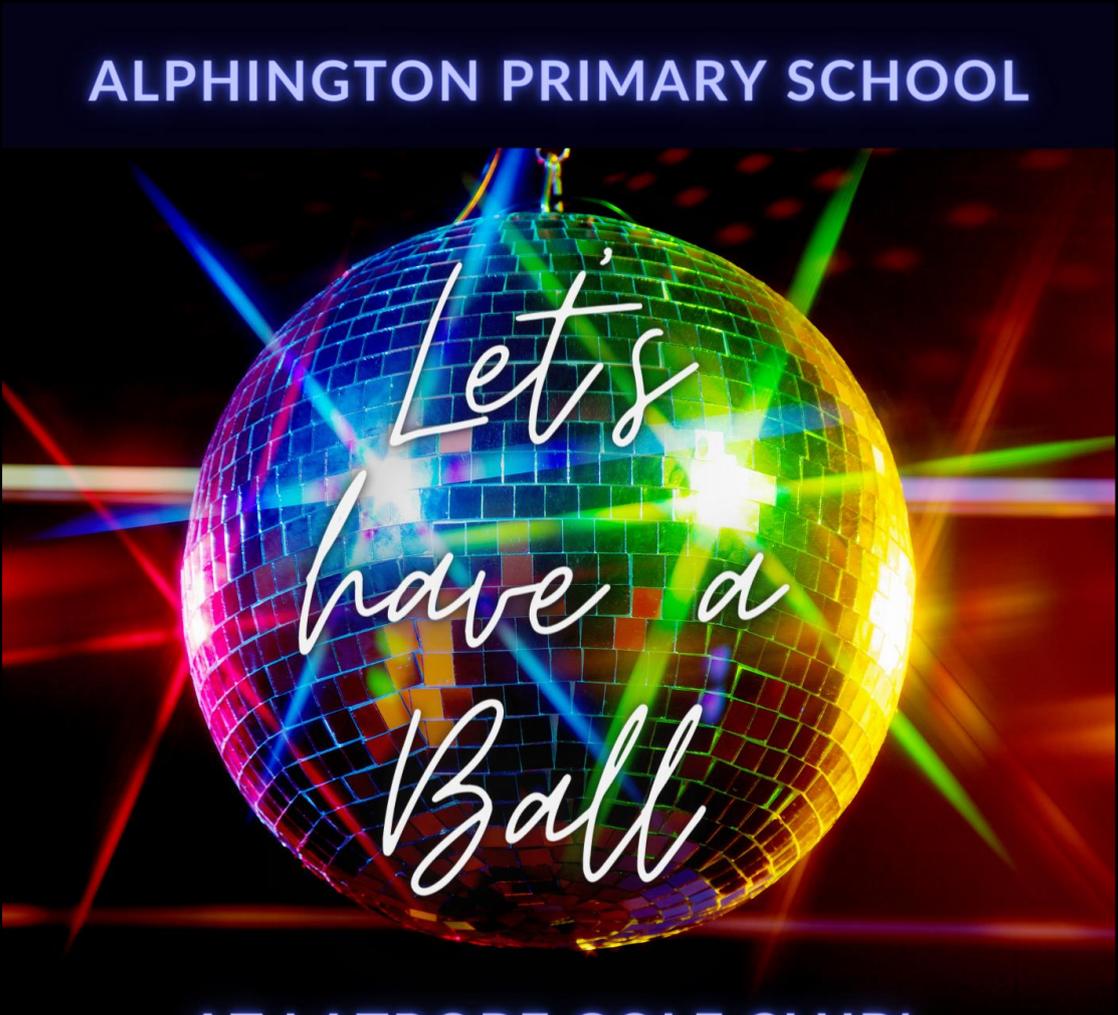
4. When complete, please click on the tick button at the end of the survey to submit your answers. Please note that the survey will time out after **60 minutes of inactivity**.

Thank you for taking the time to participate. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

'LET'S HAVE A BALL!'

We are very pleased to bring you the APS "Let's have a Ball" on Saturday 15th October 2022 at the Latrobe Golf Club. There will be cocktail food, drinks at bar prices and lots of dancing with the amazing Double Denim performing. Please go to the following link to purchase your tickets from 4pm

<https://www.trybooking.com/CCMOJ>



ALPHINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

AT LATROBE GOLF CLUB!

15 OCTOBER 2022	LIVE BAND
7.45PM - LATE	DOUBLE DENIM
DRESS TO IMPRESS	LIGHT CANAPES
(SEMI-FORMAL)	DRINKS AT BAR PRICES

TICKETS \$55
@WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CCMOJ

LET'S GET RECYCLING!

Alphington Primary School is excited to be participating in the *Wonder Recycling Rewards* program again this year. Last year we collected just over **15kg** of bread bags and hundreds of bread tags, giving us a total of 1500 credits to spend towards RH Sports equipment.

We would love to get the ball rolling early and start collecting bread bags and tags now. But of course, we cannot do this without your help. A collection box has already been set up in your child's classroom, so please start collecting at home and feel free to send them in weekly!

TWO RECYCLING REMINDERS

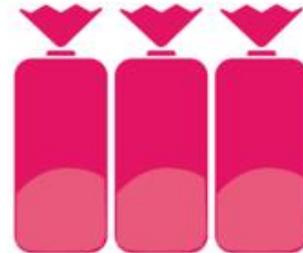
It's important that items being recycled are not contaminated with other products and are as clean as possible. Here's a quick checklist for you:

What is a bread bag for recycling purposes?

The rule of thumb is that if it has contained bread of some sort and is a soft plastic, then it's a bread bag. If it hasn't contained bread, then it's not a bread bag.

How clean do the bags have to be?

Bread bags should be free from crumbs to ensure no contamination during the recycling process but they do not need to be washed.



Commencing Wednesday 19th October at Alphington Park



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Join Woolworths Cricket Blast
A safe way to have fun and stay
active for kids of all abilities.

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OFFICIAL KIDS
PROGRAM



Northcote United Cricket Club

**FAMILY OPEN DAY
@ Alphington Park**

**Saturday 1st October
9am – 12pm**

Woolworths Cricket Blast
Junior Cricket Clinic
Free BBQ & coffee
Face painting, other activities,
prizes & more

 Inquiries 0413 877 473 
northcote.unitedcc@gmail.com



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Office Administration Essentials

Build your confidence and gain essential skills to work in office administration.

Office administration is at the heart of any well-run business. In this course you will build your communication, teamwork and time management skills and learn a range of general administration tasks, including:

- Formatting Letters
- Recording meeting minutes
- Basic use of commonly used computer programs, e.g. Word, Excel
- Creating, saving and filing documents electronically
- Emails and attachments
- Use of workplace technology
- Taking phone messages
- Raising and checking purchase orders

PATHWAYS

Builds skills for employment, volunteer opportunities or further study (e.g. Intro to Bookkeeping) or accredited training (e.g. Certificate I / II in IT, Cert II / III in Business).

ENROLMENTS

Call 9462 6077 or visit us at Merrilands Community Centre.

CONTACT PRACE

Main Office - Merrilands Community Centre
35 Sturdee Street, Reservoir, Victoria
Phone 9462 6077
office@prace.vic.edu.au
www.prace.vic.edu.au

LOCATION

Prace - Merrilands
Community Centre
35 Sturdee St, Reservoir

DATES & DURATION

6 Oct - 8 Dec 2022
10 Sessions
(No classes on school holidays or public holidays)

DAYS & HOURS

Thursday
9.30am - 2.30pm

STUDY MODE

Teacher supported
learning in a classroom/
computer lab

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

None

FEES

Government subsidised
Concession: \$50
Full: \$59
(plus \$10 Services & Amenities fee)

This is a Learn Local endorsed course.

Prace encourages individuals with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities.

This training is delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth government funding.

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Tuning in to Teens™

Would you like to be better equipped to support your child as they transition to high school?

Join our workshop series and learn to:

- better understand and help your child navigate this important developmental phase
- strengthen your relationship with your child
- coach your child to manage strong emotions like worry, anger and sadness
- build your child's problem solving, conflict resolution, and resilience skills
- help your child develop healthy friendships.

Tuning in to Teens™ teaches parents how to help their children develop emotional intelligence.

This key skill can help them to cope better with emotions, better engage in learning, improve their mental health, and have more stable and satisfying relationships.

Facilitators

- Jennifer Sells – cohealth
- Maryanne Clarke – Yarra Family, Youth and Children's Services

Delivered by Relationships Australia Victoria as part of Yarra Communities that Care, in partnership with Alphington Primary School, Carlton North Primary School, Clifton Hill Primary School, Deutsche Schule Melbourne, Fitzroy North Primary School, Princes Hill Primary School, Spensley Street Primary School and St John's Primary School.

Ideal for

Parents/carers of year 6 students who live or study in the City of Yarra.

When

6:30 - 8:30pm on Wednesdays in term 4:

- 26 October
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 November 2022.

It is important to attend all 6 sessions. Your co-parent cannot attend in your place.

Where

Carlton North Primary School
60 Lee Street, Carlton

Cost

\$110 each, or \$170 for a caregiver pair.
Free for Health Care Card holders.

Register now

Bookings are essential as places are limited

To register, visit tint-yarra.eventbrite.com.au

A brief telephone assessment will be held before the program starts, to confirm that it is suitable for your circumstances.

To find out more, contact Naomi Gilbert, Community Liaison Officer at Relationships Australia Victoria, on 0488 688 908.

We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Owners of the lands and waterways of Australia.

We support Aboriginal people's right to self-determination and culturally safe services.





and 3 day
grams available

HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

If you're looking for school holiday programs that will educate, engage and excite your children these school holidays, look no further than Sporting Minds. Improve your skills, have fun, make new friends whilst learning from qualified teachers and expert coaches. Get your kids moving and making memories these school holidays. Book now!

**Alphington
Grammar School**
19 - 21 Sept
26 - 28 Sept
8:30 am - 4:00 pm

**For more
information and to
book, visit our
website and social
media pages**

**All programs are
run by qualified
Health and PE
teachers and
expert coaches**

Program 1 (19 - 21 Sept)

Day 1: Nerf War, Capture the Flag, Minor Games.

Day 2: Soccer World Cup, Tennis Hot Shots, Sport Board Games.

Day 3: Footy Island, Dodgeball Battle, Multi-Sport Tournament.

Program 2 (26 - 28 Sept)

Day 1: Nerf War, Basketball All-Stars, Downball Championship.

Day 2: AFL Mini Legends, Striking Games, Ultimate Tag.

Day 3: Minor Games, Lego Masters, Multi-Sport Tournament.