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Be Safe Be Respectful Be A Learner

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents / Carers,

As this is the last Linkletter for Term 3, I would like to remind families that all students will require a dark green broad brimmed school hat for Term 4. The school does stock these so they can be purchased in the front office for \$15. Please also ensure that they are clearly named on the inside of the hat in case they get misplaced.

Jess Schumann

Mrs Schumann (classroom teacher of 1/2S) will be back for the first 2 days next term before she starts her Family Leave. We wish Jess and her partner all the very best at this exciting time for everyone. The classroom will be shared in Term 4 by Tracy Iliff and Erin Brimson, parents of 1/2S have been provided with a calendar of their days each is working in Term 4.

Finalising Enrolments

We are now finalising enrolments for 2025. If you know of anyone wishing to enrol (especially in the Kindergarten or Foundation) then please remind them so that they can be included in our planning for 2025 as well as our Transition Program.

Also, if any families are re-locating or moving elsewhere, please inform the school as soon as possible as this also affects our planning and staffing for 2025.

Colour / Slime Fundraiser

Thank you to all the families who came along to watch out recent colour / slime fundraiser for the school. It was great fun and everyone got into the spirit of the day with Mr Celi being the staff member that the students voted to 'SLIME'. Thanks Brendan for taking one for the team! With the help from our families, we raised approximately \$4000 profit for the school which is a top effort. Thanks for supporting us as this money will be spent wisely on things that benefit the children both in the School and the Kinder. A huge thank you to the teachers who organised this event for all their planning and work behind the scenes – Mrs Clough, Miss Sanchez, Miss Zuber and Miss Terlich. Everyone had a fantastic time. Prizes will be delivered to school hopefully early in term 4 for distribution.

Wishing everyone a lovely holiday break and I hope we have some beautiful Spring weather to enjoy. School starts back on Monday 7th October. Stay safe!

Regards,

Jocelyn Owen Principal



Students finish school at 2.30pm tomorrow

Town bus travellers will need to be collected by parents, as town bus services will NOT run at 2.30pm

<u>Important Dates</u>

20th September SLC Wear Orange Day

20th September Last day of Term 3

early finish 2.30pm

7th October First day of Term 4

16th October BTTB Community Engagement Day

Year 5-6 students

11th October Beechworth Bee Excursion

Year 3-6

18th October Beechworth Bee Excursion

Year 3-6

25th October Beechworth Bee Excursion

Year 3-6

SLC Term 3 Fundraiser Wear Orange Day

This term we will be raising funds to support our local SES

Each year many people from our local community are supported by a team of highly trained SES volunteers. These volunteers help people in crisis due to fires, floods, storm damage and even car accidents. We would like to take time to acknowledge and show our appreciation for our SES volunteers.

When: Friday 20th September (last day of term)

Wear: Orange Cost: \$2:00 donation

\$2:00 Orange spider drinks will also be on sale at the canteen









School Saving Bonus

Information for government school parents and carers

About the School Saving Bonus

The Victorian Government is making life that little bit easier for families by providing a one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

This support will help cover the cost of school uniforms, textbooks, and school activities like camps, excursions and sports.

The School Saving Bonus is in addition to existing and continuing means-tested supports for Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) and the Affordable School Uniforms Program. The School Saving Bonus will be provided to schools and families in Term 4, 2024.

Who receives the School Saving Bonus

The School Saving Bonus is available for parents and carers of all Victorian government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025, except for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers

Parents and carers of children who meet the School Saving Bonus eligibility above are required to do the following by Friday 18 October 2024:

• Complete enrolment

If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025, please complete enrolment. For more information, read about Enrolling in School.

Check your contact information

Ensure your contact information is up to date with your school. You can check this information by contacting your school directly.

Accessing the \$400 School Saving Bonus

You do not need to apply for the School Saving Bonus.

The Department of Education will email you in November 2024 with your \$400 School Saving Bonus. You will be able to access it via an online system.

You can decide how to best use the School Saving Bonus for your family's needs. You can choose how to allocate the \$400 in the online system.

The bonus can be used towards 2025 school costs, which may include:





- camps, trips, excursions and incursions
- swimming and sporting programs
- · outdoor education programs
- graduations
- · school uniforms
- textbooks.

The bonus can be used at your school's approved textbook or uniform suppliers either in-store or online, or through State Schools' Relief. The list of suppliers may include a school uniform or bookshop. Any amount that you choose to allocate to textbooks and uniforms will be valid until 30 June 2025. It will then transfer to your child's school account for future activities.

Funds will roll over for use in future years if it is not all spent in 2025.

Families with more than one eligible child

Families who have more than one child at the same school can combine their School Saving Bonus payments to use on one child, or for a specific activity. So, for example, a family with 3 children who are all government school students would receive support to the value of \$1,200 and choose how they spend those funds. The School Saving Bonus cannot be combined across different schools.

More information

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus. Translated information will also be available on the School Saving Bonus website in the next few weeks.

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2024 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey:

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation. Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open online from **Monday 29 July to Friday 20 September 2024.** All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese. Resources are also available in additional languages to assist parents / caregivers / guardians who speak a language other than English at home. Please reach out to your child's teacher, or the school directly for survey guides in your language.

The survey results will be communicated to parents / caregivers / guardians through annual reporting and the Link Letter. Results are used for future planning.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.



WELLBEING NEWS

Wodonga Eyecare are providing bulk billed consultations and free scans for children under the age of 13 for the month of October.

To make an appointment or for further information please call Wodonga Eyecare on 60564000



Lex Jones

Practice Manager/Optical Dispenser
P: (02) 6056 4000 | E: lex@wodongaeyecare.com.au
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If you require a FREE breakfast pack please see Mrs Potter





Our Kindergarten is seeking donations of unwanted pants and shorts in sizes 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Donations can be dropped into the Kindergarten or office.







It's that time of year again - time for sun protection.

Being outdoors where students can be active and have fun is great. But being outdoors means students can also be exposed to UV radiation. With UV levels in Victoria now reaching 3 and above, it's time for everyone to start using sun protection again.

It's time to remind students, staff and families at your school to wear sun protective hats, clothing and apply sunscreen before heading outdoors.

When the UV is 3 or above, use all five forms of sun protection:

- · Slip on sun protective clothing
- Slop on SPF50 or SPF50+, broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen
- · Slap on a broad-brimmed hat
- Seek shade
- · Slide on sunglasses





Unwanted contact and grooming

Socialising online can be a great way for children to build friendships, but it can also put them at risk.

How to deal with unwanted contact

Unwanted contact is any type of online communication that your child finds unpleasant or confronting, or that leads them into a situation where they might do something they regret. This can happen even if they initially welcomed the contact. It can come from strangers, online 'friends' your child has not met face-to-face, or from someone they actually know.

- Make their accounts private suggest that your child makes their social media accounts private or revises their privacy settings regularly.
- Delete contacts they don't talk to ask them to go through all the people who follow them or are friends with them on social media and check that they actually know them.

- Report and block if they receive any unwanted contact from someone they know or a stranger, encourage them to report and block this person.
- Delete requests from strangers encourage your child to delete friend or follow requests from people they don't know.

How does online grooming work?

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Free NBN for kids

If there is a school age student at your home and you don't have an nbn connection, you could qualify for free home internet until the end of 2025.

Check if you qualify



What is it?

The School Student Broadband Initiative offers free internet to eligible families until the end of 2025. Here's what you need to know:

- Free internet: If your family qualifies, you'll get free NBN internet at home. You'll get to choose from a list of internet providers.
- Application deadline: You have until December 31st 2024 to apply.
- Start date: The free service starts when your internet is connected and lasts until December 31st 2025.
- Family use: Everyone in your household can use the internet.
- After the free period: When the free service ends, you won't be automatically charged. You'll need to agree before paying for any continued service.
- If you move house: You can take the free service with you if your new home is eligible. Just contact your internet provider to arrange this.

How to check if you can get it

- · Check online by going to anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet
- · Leave your contact info.
- They'll call you back when it's convenient for you.
- You can also call 1800 954 610.
- Tell them your home address. They'll check if you already have NBN there.
- You don't need to share any financial information.
- If you need help in another language, just ask. They can help.

is look who we spotted at the spring working bee

















PE NEWS



DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

After a rather damp West Aths carnival, it was great to see 33 students represent us in the District Athletics Carnivals in sunshine! Well done to everyone for your great sportsmanship and efforts on the day, particularly mention to our ES helpers, Crystal Hocking & Chandra Burns for busily checking in on students throughout the day.

Congratulations to Harmony Lavea, Carla Earles, Emmerson Hughes, Lewis Buckley, Benji Pierce, Jacob Tevita & Nixsyn Hampel for qualifying for Division Athletics to be held next Term on 11th October. The standard of athletes participating is bound to be outstanding, so feel proud to have qualified and just do your best.











BOYS TO THE BUSH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DAY

Year 5/6 students are fortunate to be invited to participate in the 'Boys to The Bush Community Engagement Day', next Term on Wednesday 16th October at Willow Park from 9:30-2:30pm. Students will walk to the park and participate in a range of fantastic activities, including Sports Stations, DJ & dance, BTTB and Cultural activities & BBQ lunch, all for FREE! Information notes will be given out next term detailing what you need to bring for the day. Please read carefully.

BOYS



The kinder children were super excited during the Questacon Science Circus which we watched in the school gym alongside the junior school students. The children displayed great wonder and concentration and participated well during the session.







Our Colour run and slime day was another exciting day with all children displaying great confidence to participate. The colour run was certainly the preferred experience over the slime however the experience was overall enjoyable for all.





















EXCITING NEWS!

Kinder is getting an extensive playground renovation over the school Holidays. We are hoping that all works will be completed before next term. In the event that the renovation is not complete by the start of next term (Tuesday 8th October), families will be notified of an alternate arrival and pick up location. Please check for messages on email and Class Dojo for any notifications.



KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

2025

Y Fully funded (no cost)

3 and 4 year old

Enrol now for 2025

Enrolment packs are available from the office

To secure your place enrolments need to be received by 16th August 2024

For tours and enquiries









ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS DURING TERM 3

What another amazing term we have had. Over the past 10 weeks Theircare has been engaging with the community, assisting with school events and running an interesting and engaging program for the children to enjoy.

We started off to school term with National Science Week and the theme for 2024 is *Species Survival - More than just sustainability*. The theme aims to highlight the importance of science and innovation in ensuring the survival and thriving of different species in an ever-changing world.

Students will have an amazing variety of topics to investigate and be able to dive into issues of particular interest to them: disease-causing organisms, life-saving chemicals, clean water, photosynthesis, genetic screening, physics of building structures, artificial intelligence, and microplastics. We focused on giving our worms a fresh new bed of cardboard. They loved the refresh as we spread conditioner throughout their bedding and gave them a whole bag of mixed salad. Yummm!

We participated in the school family science night function where we joined the aboriginal sky stories and visited the sky dome. After completing this we enjoyed a lovely sausage sizzle and completed a constellation making activity back at service.

TheirCare put on a sausage sizzle for the school volunteers that assisted in the school working bee. The children assisted with cooking and serving the sausages to say thank you for all the hard work that they do to keep our school clean and safe.

Throughout the term we participated in TC tucker. This programming concept is aimed at developing strong connections to our local communities whilst cooking cultured inspired recipes. Every week we will engage in making and enjoying 2 new recipes. The children can help create, make and eat whilst learning new skills.

At the end of the term educators wanted to give back to parents with a Grab and Go trolley. We all know that sometimes its difficult getting something to eat in the morning when assisting your little ones to get to school on time. So now parents have the opportunity to do that here with coffee, hot chocolate, tea, water, muffins, fresh fruit or even just a muesli bar. We hope that all parents and caregivers utilise this service and can fuel themselves for the busy days that they have ahead.

We are also very excited for the spring holiday program our theme is SPRING CARNIVAL. Some amazing excursions, incursions, experiences and activities have been planned.

We can't wait to see all the smiling faces that attend.

Thank you for yet anther amazing term.

- Wodonga West TheirCare.





































Holiday Program Important Information!

What to bring

A healthy morning tea and lunch A labelled drink bottle for water



Suitable clothing for an active day – closed toe shoes and jacket if wet/cold

SunSmart hat for Spring and Summer holidays

Medical Management Plan & Medication if applicable - see below for details



Keep your lunchbox nut-free to keep everyone safe

Do not include food items that need to be reheated

Label all items with child's name!

Bus departure and arrival times are indicative only, For an accurate estimated time of arrival and departure please contact your service directly.



Personal belongings

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Their Care provides

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Sunscreen

✓ Water to refill bottles

to activities



Child Care Subsidy

Please note that subsidised hours are calculated and allocated by Centrelink on a fortnightly basis. Check Centrelink for eligibility. Each session is calculated using the full service operational hours not the hours attended by the child.



24 SEP

In the unlikely event that an activity is unable to run, an alternative activity will be provided.

o unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather or provider availability. If an alternative cannot be sourced we will update your invoice to reflect this.



MONDAY

00

23 SEP

Serious stuff!

Medical Management Plan € Medication

All children who have been diagnosed with a medical condition including allergies, food/chemical intoleran anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy will need to provide:

a completed Medical Management Plan with a colour photo

Please note it is a legal requirement under the Education & Care National Regulations and the Terms and Conditions for booking that these are provided.

In the interests of child safety, care may be refused on through should the appropriated ocumentation we

Changes to your booking

Simply log into your account anytime to make the relevant changes or call us between 6:30am - 9:00pm weekdays on 1300 072 410.



Fees for changes to your booking

More than 5 days Less than 5 days * On the day No Charge

\$10.00

When making additional bookings, the \$10.00 fee is eligible for the Child Care Subsidy, which means you may only need



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If you have any questions, please speak with one of our friendly Educators or



WEDNESDAY

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WEDNESDAY

25 SEP



₩ 26 SEP





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1. Child Care Subsidy

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- 1 your family's income
- the type of childcare you use
- the age of your child
- the hours of recognised activities you and your partner do

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Call 0447 007 044



2. Additional Child Care Subsidy

This is extra support for some families including:

- grandparents / great grandparents
- families moving from an income support payment to work
- [3] those experiencing temporary hardship



Step into a world of whacky experiments with our Weird Science Day! Don't miss out on making your very own DIY Bounce Bulls! Make your own take home Chia Seed Heart Planter, challenge your friends

Full fee \$84.98**

MONDAY

30 SEP

Footy Fever

From as low as \$8.50 Full fee \$64.98**



slime. The fun cont

From as low as \$8.57 Full fee \$85.66**

Let's kick off Grand Final week with 2.5 hrs of Footy FUN exclusive to TheirCare! Get ready and jump into your footy rafts will put our skills to the est. Back at service the footy

From as low as \$13.59 Full fee \$135.88**



Pass the

Full fee \$123.33**







Beat Busters

Step into a world of groove with our Hip-Hop Silent Discol Move to the groove of the Hip-Hop beats and show off your amazing dance moves! fterwards, we'll be diving into ther exciting activities like crafting a Puffy Paint Fairy

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the Field. Play exciting group games like Butterfly and Race to the Finish Line. Plus, we

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For more information, call Theircare on \$\int_{1300}\$ 072 410

COMMUNITY NEWS



Make a difference this October — donate to the McGrath Foundation and help provide vital support to those battling breast cancer

Get in the school holiday spirit and support the McGrath Foundation — join us at Kelly's Mitre 10 on <u>Friday 4th October</u> for a few hours of fun and fundraising! 10.30am to 2.30pm!

Enjoy delicious Fairy Floss for \$3, Popcorn for \$3, get your face painted for just \$5, and paint a pot to take home along with a packet of seeds (thanks to Peards Nursery). Plus, there will be balloons and endless fun for everyone!

All proceeds go to support the McGrath Foundation's vital work.

PINK IS THE COLOUR WE SUPPORT

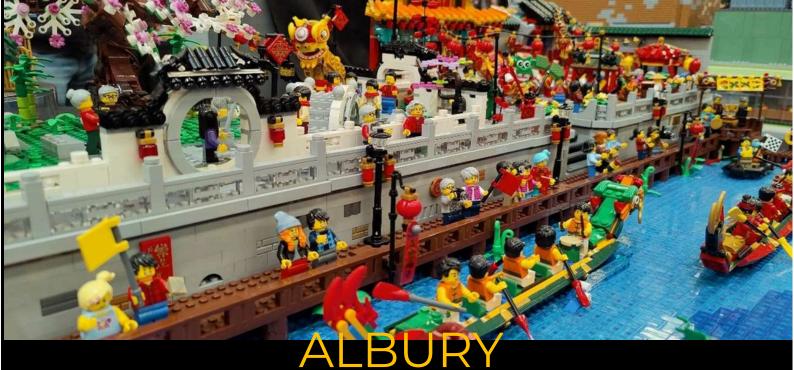




Scan here to make a donation

MITRE 10

PROUDLY McGrath
SUPPORTING Foundation





BRICK MUSTERTM 2024



LEGO® Fan Exhibition

Local & Interstate Builders - Merchandise Stalls And More!

WHEN

Saturday 5 October

9am - 4pm

Sunday 6 October

9am - 3pm

(First Weekend in October)
(NSW-Long Weekend)

St. Patrick's School Hall 444 Kiewa Street, Albury NSW (Vehicle Parking Opposite)

TICKETS

\$8 Online or \$10 at the Door (Under 3 Years Free)

Get your Tickets at:

trybooking.com/CTAHP

or Scan the OR Code.









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WODONGA

GATEWAY VILLAGE, LINCOLN CAUSEWAY

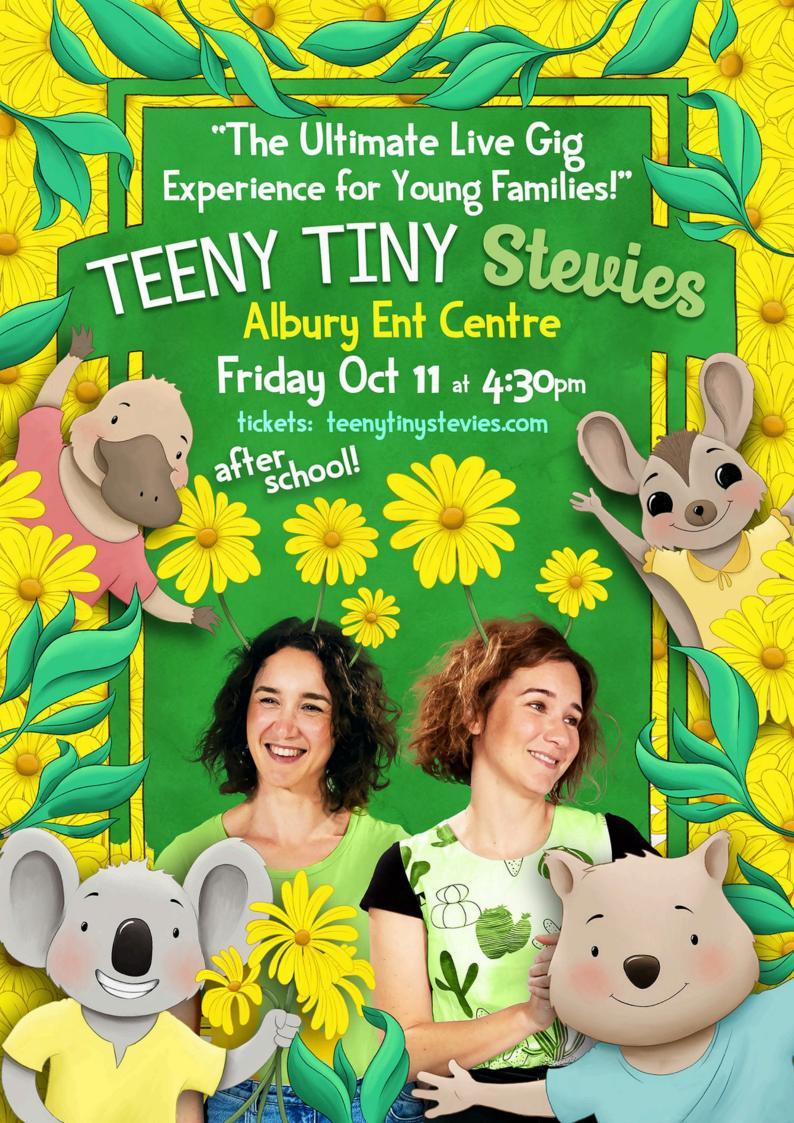
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Parenting Programs - Term 3 2024

*There is no cost to attend these programs



People living well

Location	Program	Duration	When	Where	Register
Wodonga	Mother Goose (0 - 2 years)	Full Term	Wednesdays In School terms 10:30 am 11:30 am	Gateway Health 155 High St Wodonga	Scan the QR code to register
Wodonga	Tuning in to Kids Emotional intelligent parenting	5 weeks	Wednesdays August 7 - 28 9.30am - 11.30am	Gateway Health 155 High St Wodonga	Scan the QR code to register
Online	Tuning in to Teens Emotionally intelligent parenting (10 years and over)	6 weeks	Mondays August 5 - September 2 7pm - 9pm	Online	Scan the QR code to register
Online	Raising Resilient Children	2 hours	Monday August 19, 2024 7pm - 9pm	Online	Scan the QR code to register
Lavington	Mother Goose (0 - 2 years)	Full Term	Mondays In School Terms 10.30am - 11.30am	Orana Community Centre 40 Cardo Dr Springdale Heights	Scan the QR code to register
Benalla	Dads Tuning In to Kids	5 weeks	Tuesdays July 30 - September 3 2024 5.30pm - 7.30pm	Tomorrow Today Shop 1, 66 Nunn St Benalla	Scan the QR code to register