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Primary School



# School Weekly

# News



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# ROAD SAFETY TRAFFIC & PARKING



## RAIL STREET CROSSING

Use the NEW Rail Street Pedestrian Crossing when travelling to and from school. Using the crossing ensures safe arrival and clear visibility for drivers.

## CHURCH CARPARK SAFETY

Reverse parking only for child safety. Drive at walking pace at all times. Children must not walk through carpark without an adult.





## PARKING

Bus stop relocated back to Rail Street.
Alternative parking: Church Car Park or Wandong Avenue or L.B Davern Reserve (short walk to school).

## DISABLED PARKING

Disabled Parking Spaces on Affleck Street is strictly **reserved** for vehicles displaying a valid Disabled Parking Permit.





## KISS AND DROP

Available along Rail Street. Access via the designated gate only. Follow all parking signs and instructions carefully at all times.

## ACCESS GATES

Rail Street gates for general access. TheirCare (OHSC) via Rail Street gate. Administration Building via Affleck Street gate.





## REMINDERS

Walk or ride to school when possible to reduce traffic congestion around the school.

## COUNCIL & SIGNAGE

Council is monitoring the area. Follow all traffic and parking signage. Your cooperation keeps our school community safe.






## SAFETY EXPECTATIONS

Hand-holding encouraged for younger children. Be respectful of the shared community space. Arrive early for a calm, orderly environment.

## STAY INFORMED

Check school communications regularly for updates on access and parking changes throughout the year.



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# WHAT'S ON
# WHAT'S DUE






| October | 2026 |
|---|---|
| Monday 10th October to Friday 4th December | Bike Ed is Back! |
| **November** | **2026** |
| Tuesday 3rd | Public Holiday Melbourne Cup - no school |
| Thursday 5th | Grade 6 Uniform 2027 - orders close today - No late orders can be accepted - select 6th November in Compass/Canteen |
| Friday 6th | Foundation AusBike Program - Don't FORGET your bikes! |
| Friday 6th | Foundation 2027 Transition - Session 2 |
| Friday 6th | Working Bee: 1/2B, FD, 5/6H |
| Thursday 12th | Funfields - 2026 End of Year Pool Party - consent and payment due |
| Friday 13th | Awareness Day - World Diabetes Day - see below flyer for more details |
| Friday 13th | Foundation AusBike Program - Don't FORGET your bikes! |
| Friday 13th | Foundation 2027 Transition - Session 3 |
| Monday 16th to Wednesday 18th | Grade 3 / 4 Camp. Log Cabin Camp |
| Friday 20th | Foundation Bounce Camp |
| Friday 20th | 200 Nights of Reading due |
| Monday 23rd | Foundation 2027 Meet the Teacher BBQ at 5:00pm |
| Monday 23rd to Tuesday 24th | Grade 1 / 2 Overnight Camp. Camp Weekaway |
| Wednesday 25th to Friday 27th | Grade 5 / 6 Camp. The Ranch |



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# WHAT'S ON
# WHAT'S DUE



| December | 2026 |
|---|---|
| Friday 4th | Working Bee: FS, 1/2M, 3/4G  |
| Friday 4th | Great Vic Rail Trail between Tallarook and Trawool - consent and payment due |
| **Monday 7th**  | **Wandong Christmas Concert at 4:30pm** |
| Tuesday 8th | Statewide Transition Day |
| Wednesday 9th | Pizza in the Park - 200 Nights of Reading (A-K Surnames) |
| Thursday 10th | Pizza in the Park - 200 Nights of Reading (L-Z Surnames) |
| Thursday 10th | Volunteers Morning Tea at 11:00am-11:30am - see flyer below |
| Friday 11th | Great Vic Rail Trail between Tallarook and Trawool |
| Tuesday 15th | End of Term Assembly at 9:15am |
| Wednesday 16th  | Grade 6 Graduation - Dinner at Hogans Hotel, followed by Graduation Ceremony at the Wallan Secondary College Auditorium. |
| Thursday 17th | Funfields - 2026 End of Year Pool Party |
| **Friday 18th** | **Last Day Term 4 - Dismissal at 1:30pm** |

PRIDE kindness CURIOSITY Gratitude

*"We make a difference"*

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# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

## Mrs Morrow

## Classes for 2027

Over the past few weeks, we have been carefully planning our classes for next year. We anticipate approximately 500 students in 2027 and are planning for 22 classes across Foundation, Years 1/2, Years 3/4 and Years 5/6. The final structure will be shared once confirmed.

A great deal of thought goes into both our class structure and individual student placements. We consider academic needs, friendships, wellbeing and the combinations of students that will best support learning. Our teachers know the children well, and their input is an important part of this process.

Children will have the opportunity to visit their 2027 classrooms and meet their new teachers before the end of this year. There is always plenty of excitement as we prepare for this next step together!

As previously communicated, once classes are finalised, placements will not be open to negotiation. Changes will only be made if there has been an error in our placement process. Thank you for trusting the care and professional judgement that goes into these decisions.

Managing enrolments remains an important part of our long term planning. Foundation enrolments for 2027 are now full, and capacity across other year levels remains limited. We will continue to carefully manage future intake within the Department's enrolment requirements, with limited capacity to accommodate families outside our school zone.

## Remembrance Day – Wednesday 11th November

Remembrance Day in Australia is dedicated to Australians who died as a result of war, particularly from World War I onwards. A minute of silence is dedicated to the deceased, especially for soldiers who died fighting to protect the nation.

On Wednesday the 11th, all students, staff and visitors will honour the people who died in wars to protect our ancestors and us. We respect people who fought in battles such as Waterloo or Gallipoli. The one-minute silence is our way to show we respect them.

# School funding and student support

Families may have seen recent media coverage about changes to Victorian government school disability funding, with principals raising concerns about the impact after staffing and support programs have already been planned.

At Wandong, these changes will have a significant impact as we move through 2027 into 2028, placing pressure on staffing and our capacity to maintain the level of support we currently provide.

Over the past four years, we have worked incredibly hard to build a school where education, wellbeing and external support come together around our children. Our Multi Tiered System of Support (MTSS) provides classroom teaching, targeted intervention and individual support so that every child has the opportunity to learn and succeed.

Behind every funding decision is a child. We think particularly of those who struggle quietly, who smile, try their hardest and still need significant help to access learning. Their needs matter just as much, and we remain deeply committed to ensuring they are seen and supported.

Funding provides the people and time that make this possible. These reductions will require difficult decisions about how we organise and prioritise support, even though our children's needs have not reduced. Furthermore, we know that year on year these needs have actually increased within our school community.

Our staff give so much, and we know many families work tirelessly to secure the help their children need. We will continue working alongside you, seeking the best possible solutions within the funding available and keeping you informed as planning progresses.

Our commitment to our children remains unchanged. Every child deserves to feel that they belong, to be understood and to have the opportunity to succeed.



## Principal's Message Continued

# 2027 School Hours Consultation Outcome

Thank you to our community for contributing to the consultation about school hours for 2027. The consultation and review process are now complete, and Option A has been confirmed for 2027, with the school day beginning at 8.30 am and finishing at 3.00 pm.

We received 203 responses, representing 57.7% of those invited to participate. Of these, 56.7% preferred Option A, while 43.3% preferred Option B, a 9.00 am start and 3.30 pm finish.

The remaining 42.3% did not submit a response. For some, this may reflect that either option was manageable. As no preference was expressed, nonrespondents have not been counted towards either option.

The final decision reflects the consultation findings, written feedback and a thorough review of the school's educational, supervision and operational requirements.

We recognise that no timetable will suit everyone equally. Thank you for helping us make a considered decision for our school community. Logistical information will continue to be updated through the newsletter.












| Attendance Type | Approved by DET | Evidence Required | Notes / Clarifications |
|---|---|---|---|
| Illness or accident | Yes | Parent notification acceptable | Medical certificate may be requested if absences become frequent or ongoing |
| Medical or dental appointments | Yes | Appointment note may be requested | Approve where appointment cannot reasonably be scheduled outside school hours |
| Cultural or religious observance | Yes | Parent notification | Recognised cultural and religious observances. Prior notification preferred |
| Suspended student (school initiated) | Yes | School record | Recorded as an approved absence in line with suspension guidelines |
| Bereavement or funeral attendance | Yes (with approval) | Parent notification | Requires principal approval. Support offered as required |
| Truancy | No | Not applicable | Follow up required. Meetings and attendance improvement processes apply |
| School refusal | Yes (with approval) | Parent notification | Requires principal approval. Approved where a plan is in place to address causes |
| Family holiday during school term | Yes (with approval) | Parent notification | Principal approval required. Learning plan may be required if extended or repeated |
| Long term travel (over 10 days) | No unless exempted | DET exemption approval | Must be approved prior to absence |
| Leisure activities (shopping, visiting relatives) | No | Not applicable | Not an acceptable reason for absence |
| Oversleeping or transport issues | No | Not applicable | Recorded as an unapproved absence |
| Looking after siblings | No | Not applicable | Not an acceptable reason for absence |
| Parent choice to keep child home | No | Not applicable | Includes fatigue without illness |
| Home schooling (not registered with VRQA) | No | VRQA registration required | Student must be enrolled or formally registered |

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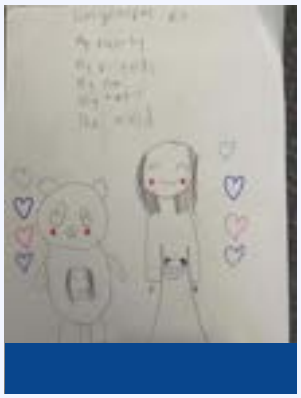
# SEW

## SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING




**Cultural Awareness & Gratitude**

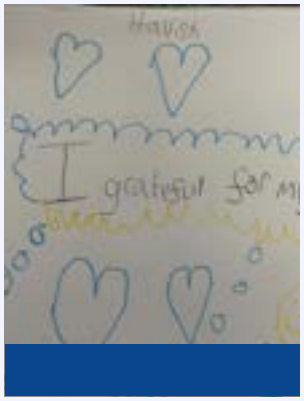
## SEW Learning in 3/4G












Last week in 3/4G, we explored cultural differences and the importance of education around the world. We discussed how access to schooling can vary greatly depending on where children live. Students also watched videos exploring children's different journeys to school, identifying similarities and differences between their experiences and our own.

This lesson took an unexpected, but very heart warming turn. Our Students began having a deep discussion about how students can sometimes take their education, and everyday items, resources, and even their families for granted.

After this discussion, 34G decided to create posters showcasing the things that they felt grateful for after learning about the struggles that are faced by children around the globe. Many of the posters included:

- their family
- their friends
- their teachers
- being able to easily get to school
- and our wonderful Wandong Primary School community.

This week, students were given the chance to share more about their own culture, including different cultural dress, music, food and tradition; encouraging students to appreciate diversity, develop empathy and recognise the many things that we all have in common.

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crumbs & co.

# WELCOME to TERM 4!

We hope everyone enjoyed the break!

## LUNCH ORDERS ARE BACK!

STARTING FROM THE WEEK OF

**5TH OCTOBER**

Some changes have been made on the Flexischool app.

Please check for the latest menu, ordering days and details.

*Making school lunches easy!*

# Type 1 Diabetes AWARENESS DAY

## Friday 13 November

Ahead of World Diabetes Day
on Saturday 14 November

**Also World Kindness Day!**



## WEAR A TOUCH OF BLUE

**Gold coin donation**

## GUESS THE NUMBER OF LOLLIES IN THE JAR



**Gold coin donation per guess**

The lolly jar will be given to the closest person!

Let's come together to raise awareness, support those living with Type 1 Diabetes, and help make a difference in our school community.

Small actions make a big impact

**WORLD DIABETES DAY**
Saturday 14 November



More awareness. More support. A kinder future.

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# AusBike IS COMING TO WANDONG!

## More Bikes. More Skills. More Fun!



The **AusBike** program is a national bike education initiative for primary school-aged children (5 to 12 years) created and delivered by AusCycling with support from the Australian Sports Commission.

**BUILDING CONFIDENCE, SKILLS & SAFER CYCLISTS!**

## KEY PROGRAM DETAILS

**TARGET AUDIENCE**
Children aged 5 to 12, catering for all skill levels from absolute beginners off training wheels to experienced riders.

**CORE FRAMEWORK**
Built around the CORE4Skills evidence-based model to teach balancing, steering, braking, cornering and road/surroundings awareness.

## THE CORE4SKILLS

- BALANCING
- STEERING
- BRAKING
- CORNERING
- ROAD & SURROUNDINGS AWARENESS



## AN EXTRA HOUR ON BIKES for our Foundation cyclists!

This will be an extra hour on bikes each Friday, for our Foundation cyclists to build upon and strengthen our Bike Ed program. That's **3 hours** of cycling!

**PROGRAM DATES**
Fridays, starting next week (Fri. 23rd Oct.) for 4 weeks.

**ALL FOUNDATION CYCLISTS**
need to have their bike and helmet at school each Friday to participate in this awesome program.

**LET'S RIDE!**

AusBike | AUSCYCLING | Australian Government

Healthy Kids. Stronger Communities. A Brighter Future.

# AUSLAN SPELLING BEE



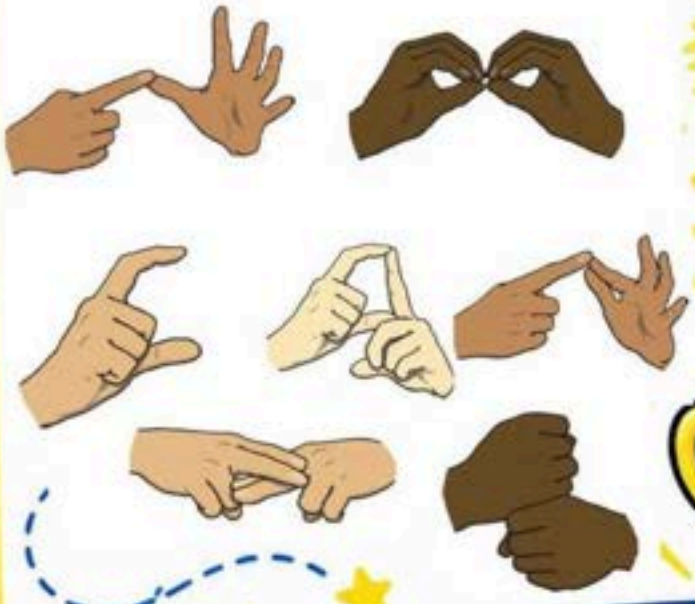
## Show off your fingerspelling skills!

Challenge yourself, have fun and be part of the Auslan Spelling Bee!

**Lunchtimes**
**Week 7 & Week 8**

**In the Auslan Room**

**Opt in event**





Get ready to spell, sign and shine!

Winners for each year level to be crowned

## Auslan Ultimate Fingerspelling Champion!

# 200 Nights of Reading

## Final Day to Log Nightly Reading



**200 Nights of Reading is a wonderful achievement to celebrate!**

To recognise students' commitment to reading throughout the school year, eligible students will be invited to attend our Pizza in the Park celebration.

READ GROW ACHIEVE




**To receive an invitation, students' Reading Log books must be checked by their classroom teacher**

**no later than Friday 20 November.**

Please ensure all nightly reading has been recorded and your child's Reading Log book is ready to be checked by this date.

## Pizza in the Park

**Pizza in the Park will take place over two days, according to students' surnames:**

| A–K surnames | L–Z surnames |
| --- | --- |
| Wednesday 9 December | Thursday 10 December |



We look forward to celebrating this fantastic reading milestone with our students!

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# Christmas CONCERT

2026



A SPECIAL NIGHT OF

## SINGING, DANCING & CHRISTMAS CHEER!

ADD IT TO YOUR *calendar!*

**7TH DECEMBER**

**4.30PM**

WEAR YOUR BEST *Festive Gear!*

*Let's come together*

**TO CELEBRATE THE MAGIC**

*of Christmas!*

## WANDONG PERSONAL INVITATION TO OUR WONDERFUL HELPERS

*"Few people are more cherished than those who make life a little lighter for others."*

# 2026 Thank You

For all you have given to our school and community this year. Your care, kindness and commitment have made a difference.

*For your support*

**Where:** Wandong Primary School Community Hub and Staffroom
**When:** Thursday 10th December 10am PAFA Working Bee - Community Hub
**Morning Tea:** Thursday 10th December 11.00-11.30am

We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards,
Kelly Morrow, Stephanie Pollock, Jess Woods, Staff and Students of Wandong P.S.

***Our volunteers are at the heart of Wandong Primary School. Through your generosity, care and time, you enrich our children's learning, support our staff and help our community thrive. Thank you for all you do.***

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# PAFA

## PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

**Soma Paterson**

## PAFA Meeting - 2026

At our recent PAFA meeting, we discussed upcoming fundraising events and ideas for supporting Term 4 school initiatives. We reviewed the success of past activities and brainstormed new ways to involve our school community.

Thank you to all the parents who attended and shared their ideas!

**If you would like to join our next PAFA meeting, don't miss out! It is on 26th November 2026. We'd love to welcome you!**





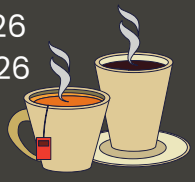

Thank you to all the parents/carers who have donated their yellow shirts. However, we will no longer be accepting these for second hand uniform sales.

## UPCOMING TERM 4

**ZOOPER DOOPER DAYS**
Every THURSDAY starting
October 8th 2026

**SECOND HAND UNIFORM**
November 6th 2026
9am-10am
in old Art Room

**FOUNDATION 2027 TRANSITION DAYS**
Join PAFA for Tea, Coffee & biscuits in the old Art Room
October 30th 2026
November 6th 2026
November 13th 2026



*PAFA thanks you for your continued support of our fundraising efforts!*

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# OFFICE

## NOTICES

OFFICE HOURS: 8:30am until 3:55pm



## Admin Team

## Picking Up Children

### Please help our admin team!

In exceptional circumstances and emergencies, at times children need to be collected from school early. Please help our wonderful administration team by ensuring that this is not done during the break times of **11:00–11:30am** and **1:45–2:30pm**.

When children are outside playing with their friends, they do not hear the announcements and it is difficult to have a staff member unlock classrooms to collect bags and belongings.

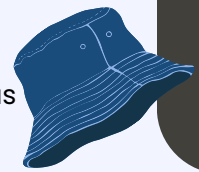
Please help support our classroom programs by waiting until **3:30pm** to collect children. The admin area is growing quite hectic in the afternoons with families collecting children early.

Thank you in advance for your support and understanding.




## Reminder - Hats Term 4

We would like to request parents/guardians of students to pack a set of spare uniform items in their child's bag, including a waterproof bag (plastic bag). We have limited spare uniform at the office. If your child has recently needed to borrow items from our sick bay, please wash and return them to the office as soon as possible.





### IMPORTANT: – Mobile Phone/Watch/Device Policy

In 2020, DET introduced strict restrictions on the use of any device with access to a cellular system, with or without a physical connection to a network. Where students bring a device of this type to school, it MUST be placed in secure storage at the office.



### IMPORTANT: – Student Information

It is very important we have up-to-date information for all students. Please check Compass and update current home & email address, phone numbers & medical details.



### IMPORTANT: – Policies

All current WPS Policies can be viewed through our school website

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# UNIFORM

## COMPASS CANTEEN





## Admin Team

## How to Order on Compass Canteen

- Log into the **Compass App**.
- On the home screen, select **Canteen** or go to More and then select Canteen.
- Click on the Canteen button and select **Get started**.
- Select **Student, then Next**.
- Select **Sitting** – choose the next date if the current one is closed (e.g. Pizza Day).
- Select the sitting **type** (Uniform, Team Shirt, Pizza Day, etc.)
- Select **Sizes** (if ordering uniform).
- Click **Next**.
- **Click on the required item** (e.g. Bomber Jacket, pizza).
- **Add** item.
- Repeat for other items.
- Proceed to review order.
- Select Confirm and Pay, and follow the payment steps.

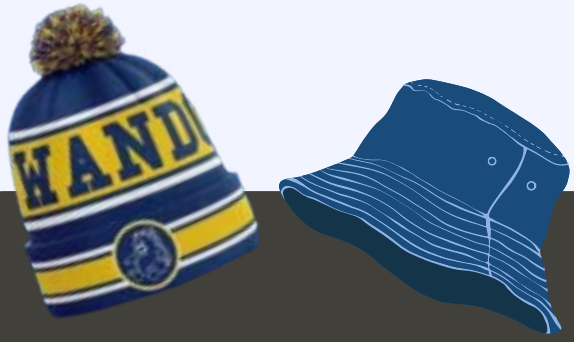
**Select Customise when ordering uniform or team shirt.**

- If ordering a team shirt, include the player number in the special instructions.

## Collecting and Naming Items

If you order a bag, the order can be placed in your child's or their sibling's tub for convenience. If not, you'll need to supply a bag or make arrangements to collect.

Please remember to put your child's full name on their uniform. Please don't use initials, as this makes it harder for us to identify the owner.




When ordering uniforms through Compass, use the Canteen section. See instructions at left for how to order.

Going paperless helps reduce waste and conserve natural resources.

**Please Note:**
If your order date is closed, select the next day – even if it's a weekend!



*"We make a difference"*

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THE DRINK BOTTLES
HAVE ARRIVED!
FIRST 100 FAMILIES SECURED THEIRS!
HOUSE POLO OFFER
EXTENDED
2 MORE
WEEKS
JUST
$30
PICKETT
DAVERN
ARKELL
WANDONG
Primary School
Complete your
2027 Parent
Contributions
Order through
Compass Canteen
Ready for our
Term 1 House events
NOW CLOSES FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER

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# MUSIC

## Guitar/Vocal/Piano/Drums




### Drums, Vocal, Piano & Keyboard Teachers

We would like to inform you that, we have found a piano teacher, contact the school for further details.

We understand the value of music education and are actively exploring options to resume the other programs in the future. We will keep you updated as soon as more information becomes available.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

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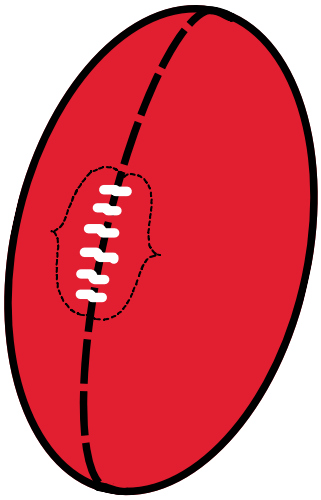
# AFTERSCHOOL CARE

## THEIRCARE



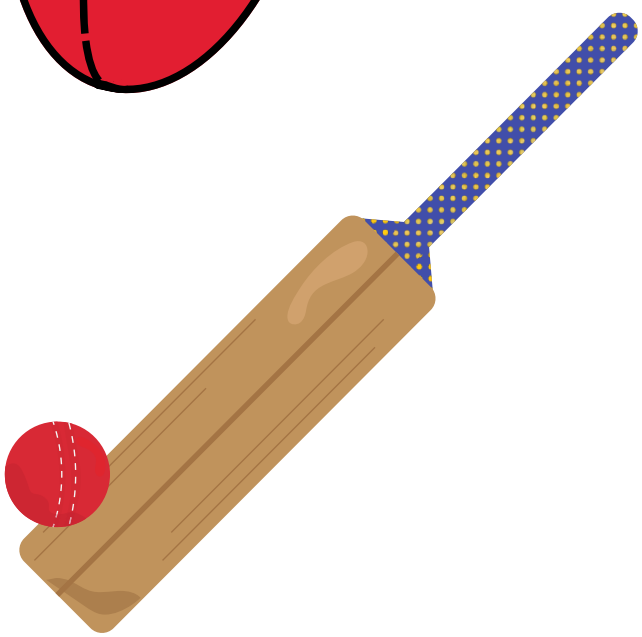
# COMMUNITY SPORTS



**Come join the fun at Kilmore Cricket Club.**



**Cricket Blast is back at Kilmore CC**

It's that time of year again when Kilmore Cricket Club welcomes back all our local little legends who want to join in the fun of Woolworths Cricket Blast.

Cricket Blast is a skills based program for beginners who are keen to have some fun and learn about the awesome game of cricket.

An inclusive program for both boys and girls, welcoming all abilities from ages 5-10, Cricket Blast introduces cricket in a fun and supportive environment that builds skills and confidence.

When: Every Sunday afternoon, starting Sunday 18th October 2026.

Time: 4-5pm

Where: Kilmore Cricket Ground
Hunts Road Oval
Hunts Road , Kilmore

Head to www.playhq.com and search for Kilmore Cricket Club and Woolworths Cricket Blast and sign up.

If you have any queries please contact Blast Coordinator Cath Mogridge on 0408 855 833.

Vision Australia

# SANTA FUN RUN

FUNFIELDS

## Santa Splash Day at Funfields Themepark!

Dust off your Santa suit and enjoy a full day of rides, waterslides and Christmas fun, in partnership with Funfields Themepark.

$15 from every ticket sold goes directly to supporting Vision Australia's specialist children's services, helping young Australians who are blind or have low vision.

**Event details:**

November 7
Funfields Themepark, Whittlesea

**Get your tickets today at:**

Proudly presented by Funfields Themepark in support of Vision Australia.




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Festive tunes | Family activities | Rides and water slides| Giveaways | Best Dressed Santa Prize

# Need a hand? Lets Connect

**Everyone is welcome!**

## Meet local services, get practical advice and discover what support is available to you



**Support options for:**

- Bills
- Debt
- Housing
- Legal
- Council services
- Mental Health
- Financial Counselling
- Aboriginal Torres Straight Islander specific services
- Community programs
- Alcohol and other drug support
- NDIS

## You don't have to figure it out alone.

**Thursday 12th November 2026**

**Wallan Gateway Church 7 Commercial Drive, Wallan**

**10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

## Things To Know

- No payments will be made on the day
- No appointment or referral needed to attend on the day
- Practical advice, information & referrals



**FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE & BARISTA COFFEE**

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