

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### End of Term 1

28th March 2024

Parent Pickup:

1.30pm

Bus Pickup:

1 hour earlier

### Term 2 Starts

15th April 2024

### 25th April 2024

Anzac Day

No School



## Message From The Principal



Dear Parents and families,

It is hard to believe that it is the end of term one. This term has gone quickly with lots of exciting programs and the students have all settled in well to school routines. It is wonderful to see the students so happy and engaged in their learning. On top of the core curriculum students have had the opportunity to engage in rugby clinics, excursions, incursions, and whole school events such as Harmony Day.

### Food Fight

On Tuesday, the entire school engaged in Food Fight which is a fun and messy way of raising funds for people who are in need. The money raised is used to supply meals that are healthy and culturally appropriate. The students had so much fun.



### School Review

On Monday we had the final day of our school review. Our school did really well in the review process, and we set the strategic direction for our school for the next four years. The reviewer will complete the review report after the holidays.



## Every Day Counts

Promoting good attendance supports our students in their learning. It is important that students attend school every day unless they have a medical appointment. Please try to avoid scheduling appointments during school hours. Learning can also be affected when students miss part of the day with late drop off or early pickup.



The students really enjoy being on the bus with their friends. If your child is not currently accessing the free bus transport service during school hours and you are interested, please contact the office.

## Student Representative Council

The students have elected the members of our new Student Representative Council. The members for 2024 are Amach, Christian A, Kathleen, Patrick S, Salman, Amy, Darwood, Isir, Razia and Jane. I look forward to collaborating with them all this year.

Today the SRC cooked a delicious sausage sizzle for staff and students. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn new skills and highlight their talents.



## Last Day for Term 1



Thursday is the last day of term. Students will be dropped off by bus one hour earlier. Please ensure someone is available to collect your child from the bus. If you are picking your child up from school, you need to be here no later than 1.30pm. There will be no staff available to look after the students. I hope you all have a safe and happy holiday.

## Principal's Award



This week my Principal's Award goes to Natalie, Rm 16.

Natalie has enthusiastically engaged with the Pragmatic Organisation Dynamic Display (PODD) book during our sensory day, actively participating in both wet and dry sensory activities.

Well done Natalie.



**Jackie Lowther**  
Principal

# SPSDS VALUES

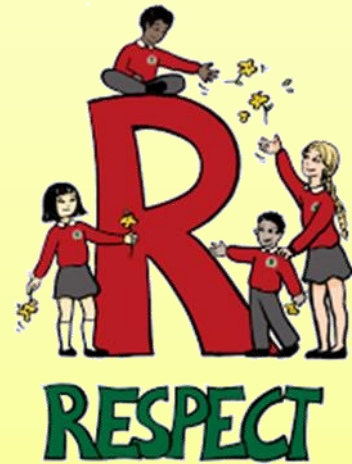


**Compassion**



**Integrity**

**Respect**



# SPSDS VISION

**Our vision at SPSSDS is to empower our students by building independence through functional life skills, communication and to equip them for the world in which they live.**



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY -TO YOU-

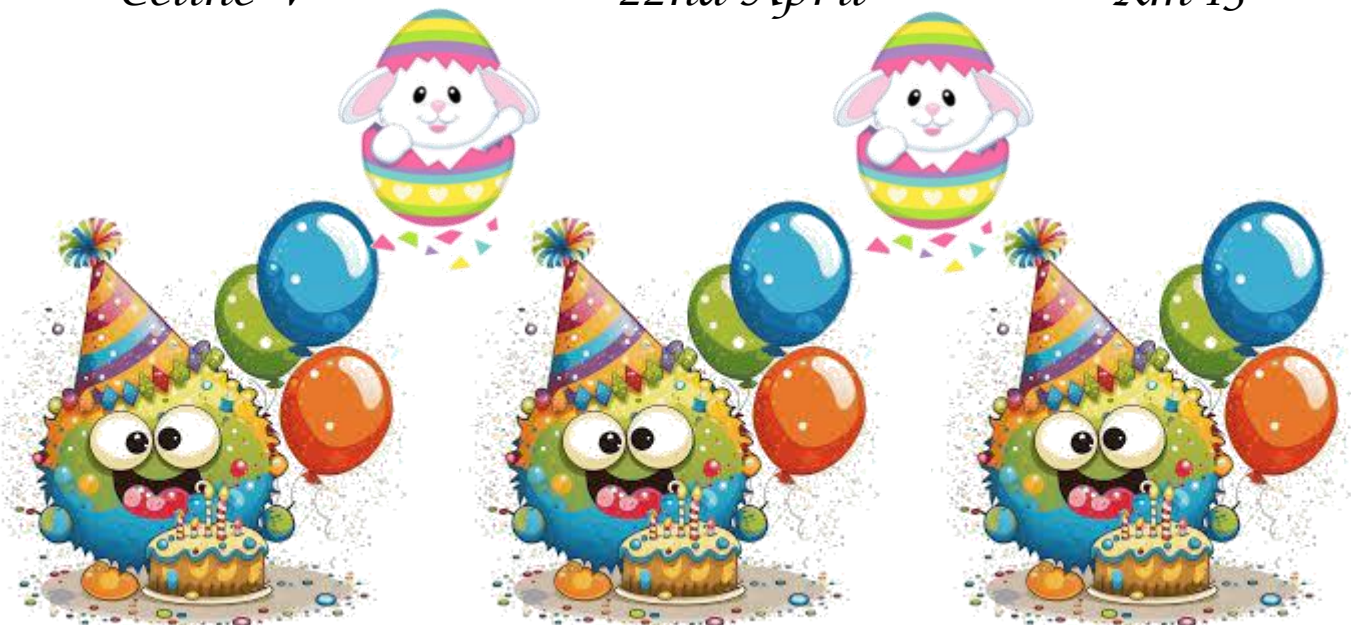
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<i>Joshua S.</i>	<i>27th March</i>	<i>Rm 21</i>
<i>Macey W.</i>	<i>27th March</i>	<i>Rm 25</i>
<i>Queene N.</i>	<i>29th March</i>	<i>Rm 13</i>
<i>Shane G.</i>	<i>30th March</i>	<i>Rm 02</i>
<i>Bella Q.</i>	<i>31st March</i>	<i>Rm 19</i>
<i>Omer M.</i>	<i>2nd April</i>	<i>Rm 23</i>
<i>Rayaan H.</i>	<i>3rd April</i>	<i>Rm 06</i>
<i>Cooper A.</i>	<i>4th April</i>	<i>Rm 02</i>
<i>Daniel A.</i>	<i>4th April</i>	<i>Rm 19</i>





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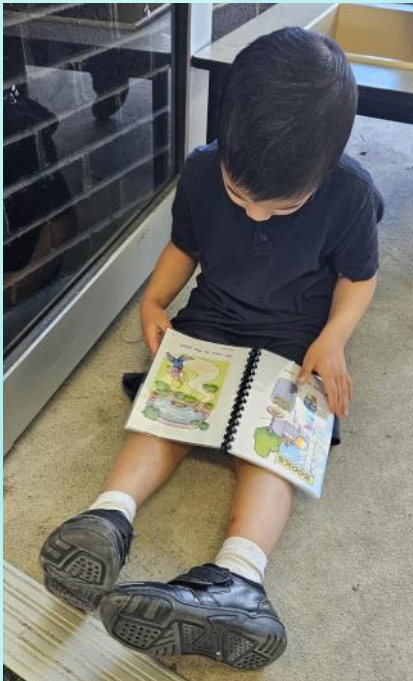
<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Room</i>
<i>Ryan T.</i>	<i>5th April</i>	<i>Rm 34</i>
<i>Lexi D.</i>	<i>6th April</i>	<i>Rm 30</i>
<i>Anna K.</i>	<i>7th April</i>	<i>Rm 14</i>
<i>Aireen M.</i>	<i>8th April</i>	<i>Rm 15</i>
<i>Casper P.</i>	<i>16th April</i>	<i>Rm 27</i>
<i>Tarik T.</i>	<i>18th April</i>	<i>Rm 26</i>
<i>Shayan A.</i>	<i>20th April</i>	<i>Rm 22</i>
<i>Jessie V.</i>	<i>21st April</i>	<i>Rm 01</i>
<i>Celine V</i>	<i>22nd April</i>	<i>Rm 15</i>







# Rm 11 has been busy this term!



## Room 11 2024



# ROOM 13







# Room 14



## It's all happening in Room 14

In Room 14 we have settled very nicely into our classroom and routine! The students have loved getting involved in different activities, such as exploring living and non living things in our science program, the new adventure playground, harmony day, and sensory day!





**Term 1 was a blast in Room 19!**







*Term 1 in Room 23!*





# Room 26

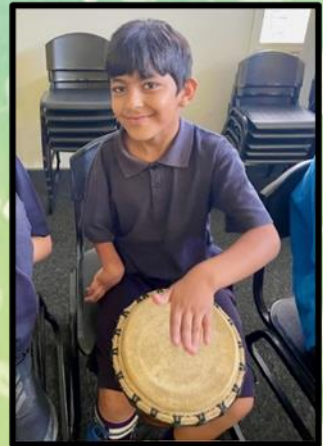
# CRAFT, MUSIC, SWIMMING



These are a few



of our



favourite things...



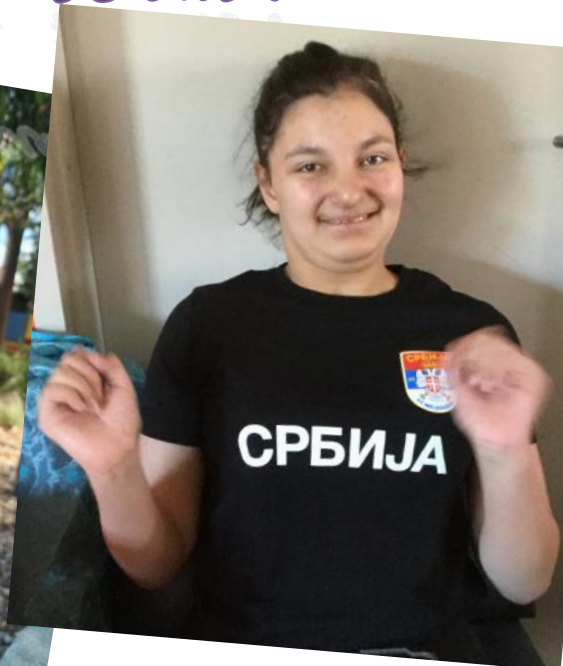




Room 28

Wow!

What a term!





# Room 29

Room 29 has had so much fun this term! Thank you Abi, Amach, Arijan, Jamieson, Jiraiya, Keegan, Pat and Sajida. We have loved learning, exploring and creating fabulous memories together!

















# Semester 1

Gardening

Music

FUN!!

Speech

OT

Bushwalking

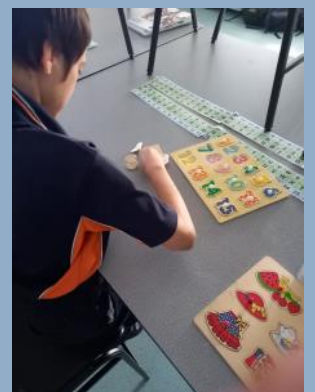
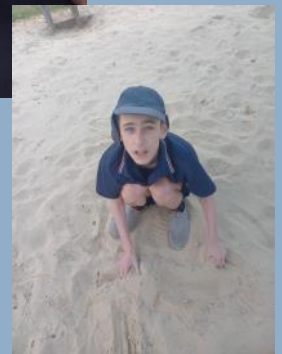
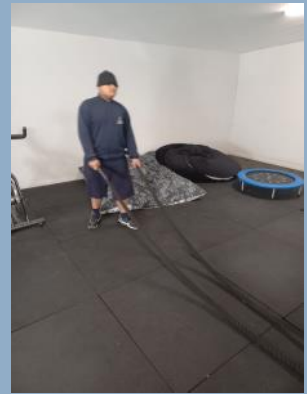
Sports

Writing

Work Prep

Swimming

Inters (ART)





# News from the Food Garden



## In the Kitchen

So how do you get kids to eat eggplant? Make it into eggplant parmigiana! And sweetcorn? Boil it up and put it on a stick. Our students have enjoyed preparing, cooking and eating a range of veggies grown here at school. We've cooked pizza, muffins, spaghetti, eggplant parmigiana, corn on the cob, finishing off the term with some Easter baking.







## Term 1 Cooking



# The Scarecrow Project

The Scarecrow Project provides an opportunity for students in Specialist Schools to make a scarecrow and present it to the Governor of Victoria, whilst visiting the grounds and rooms of Government House. Our scarecrow, Billie, was made from recycled materials such as old clothes, cushions, plastic bags and shredded paper.

Middles and Inters students enjoyed their day at Government House and were amazed by the grandeur of the garden and rooms. Billie the scarecrow will be placed in the Government House vegetable garden to keep the cockatoos away from the sunflowers.



Abi and Amach meet the Governor of Victoria.



Making Billie



Inside Government House



# THE RAPY



## **Sensory Day 2024**

We had fun exploring wet & dry tactile play and having fun moving in the therapy building.







# Respectful Relationships

Tip Sheet: Child Safety

## Teach your child how to keep themselves safe

As your child gets older, they become increasingly independent and may spend time away from you or with a babysitter/ carer. As part of the journey of growing up, it's important to speak to your child about being safe. Let them know:

### Tip 1

It's OK to say NO if they think what they're being asked to do is or feels wrong.

### Tip 2

If they feel they're in danger, it's OK to yell, scream, kick or run to a safe place that you and your child have both agreed on – such as a neighbour or friend.

### Tip 3

Make sure that you tell your child that you would never send a stranger to pick them up.

### Tip 4

They can tell a lie, even to an adult, if they need to get away from someone who makes them feel unsafe.

### Tip 5

To use a 'code' word you both have agreed on, to let you know they're not feeling safe; as an example, using your first name when talking to you on the phone.

### Tip 6

Their body is their own – once a child no longer needs nappies to be changed or help with toileting, a carer or any other person should not touch their private areas.

### Tip 7

To tell you or another adult if they have any problems or if someone is making them feel unsafe.

### Tip 8

A babysitter or any other adult should not ask a child to keep a secret.

### Tip 9

Not to give out personal information online, including their school, suburb, sporting team or nicknames and to never meet someone they have met online in person.





# Wellbeing

## Foodbank

Students from our senior school helped with this terms Foodbank delivery. Foodbank supports our students by supplying breakfast food for classrooms. Students also help to hamper some groceries to give out to families of our school community.





# Wellbeing



Springvale Park SDS staff and students celebrated International Women's Day. Honouring the achievements of women in the face of global adversity. We are also celebrating the attributes within all of us, that we see used every day, that were traditionally considered to be female traits. Empathy, compassion, kindness, nurturing and caring nature, patient persistence, attentiveness, emotional intelligence and understanding.

# Happy Easter!

*Have a restful and safe break*







Our ES staff enjoyed an afternoon of Craft on Thursday.

All who attended had a great time learning new skills and sharing ideas.

We made Easter gift boxes and cards using materials generously supplied by

Trish and Ann







Thank you so much  
Trish and Ann  
For spending time  
with us and teaching  
us new skills. We all  
had fun!!





# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

# INCLUSIVE EDUCATION SURVEY

## **Take part in a quick survey on the experiences of families in specialist schools**

*The Victorian Government is looking into the processes and rules that are used to decide whether students are able to go to specialist schools and settings.*

*To do this, they are asking parents/carers and students to do a survey with questions about your experience in specialist schools.*

*The aim of this work is to see if it can be made easier for students with disability and high needs to enrol in their chosen school.*

*There is a survey for parents and carers of a child with disability with experience in the specialist school system. There is also a survey for current and former specialist school students.*

*If you would like to do the survey, please click on the link:*

*Parent/carer survey: [https://eysau.syd1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_5yZGNJZmnmTYNx4](https://eysau.syd1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5yZGNJZmnmTYNx4)*

*Current/former student survey: [https://eysau.syd1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3k17RQVem2Asu58](https://eysau.syd1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3k17RQVem2Asu58)*

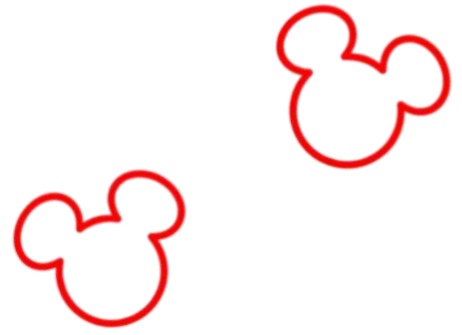
*You do not have to do the survey if you do not want to.*

*The survey should take about 10 minutes to do. If you want to do the survey, please do it by 25 March 2024.*

*There is an Easy English version of the both the parent/carer survey and the current/former student survey. If you want one, please email Jordan Landers to ask for one. Jordan's email address is [jordan.landiers@au.ey.com](mailto:jordan.landiers@au.ey.com).*







# TERM 1 HOLIDAYS

Commence 28th March 2024

**Parent PickUp:**

1.30pm

**Bus PickUp:**

1 hour earlier at your usual stop

Staff will not be available to supervise children after 2.00pm.

Please ensure your child is picked up on time.



# TERM 2

# COMMENCES



15th April 2024

@ 9.00am







# YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICES

The City of Greater Dandenong Youth and Family Services provides free information and referral for young people aged 12-25 years who live, work, study or have a significant connection to the City of Greater Dandenong.

For more information on how to access our service, visit our website at [youth.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au](http://youth.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au) or call us on 9799 2155.

## Booking information

- Bookings can be made via the Youth Services website: [youth.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au](http://youth.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au) or by calling 9799 2155 from Monday to Friday, 9:30am - 4pm to make an appointment.
- To attend these activities you must be the study, work or have a significant connection to the City of Greater Dandenong and be aged between 12 to 25 years.
- Book in early, as some activities will sell out. An online registration form must be completed with the young person's details and payment made to secure booking. Sports cannot be kept on hold.
- For activities that include a waiver, Youth and Family Services staff will follow up your registration. The waiver must be completed and returned to Youth and Family Services and/or the activity provider prior to the activity day.
- All booking cancellations must be made at least 48 hours prior to be eligible for a refund (unless due to medical reasons, then please advise Youth and Family Services).
- Bookings are non-transferable under any circumstances.
- Activities are subject to weather conditions and may be cancelled if necessary, or alternative activities arranged.
- Activities may be cancelled where booking numbers are low.
- Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to bus departure for activities.
- If you are late, the bus may leave without you.
- Young people must follow staff instructions at all times. Offensive or abusive behaviour will not be tolerated and may result in young people being asked to leave the activity and possibly not attend the rest of the holiday activities.
- Please bring your lunch and water bottle. There will be no time to buy lunch during activities.
- All activities and events are strictly no smoking, no vaping, no drugs, and no alcohol.
- Careers are welcome to assist young people with additional needs. Careers need to arrange their own transport. Please contact Youth and Family Services for further details.

## YOUNG LEADERS 2024

AGES 16-25

We are looking for passionate young people to be part of our leadership program!

15 week program starting in May 4.30-6.30pm  
39 Clow St, Dandenong  
Applications close late April 2024

For more information

Develop leadership skills  
Plan and deliver community projects  
Make a positive contribution

To find out more and get involved, visit [youth.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/young-leaders](http://youth.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/young-leaders)

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## Greater Dandenong City Council presents IMPACT

For ages 18-25 years interested in volunteering?

Find out what it is like to volunteer at an op shop

Learn about merchandising and waste control

Develop retail and customer service skills

Learn how to give back to your local community

Wednesday 10 April 10am - 1pm  
39 Clow Street, Dandenong

Scan the QR code to register now.

## HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 12-16

Tuesday starting 4 June 4.30pm-6.30pm  
Youth Services Office  
39 Clow Street, Dandenong

Online registration essential  
For further information or to register, call Youth and Family Services on 9799 2155 or scan the QR code

Be a Peer Leader  
Make new friends  
Share your work

Greater Dandenong Youth and Family Services

Follow us on Instagram @GreaterDandenongYouthServices  
Like us on Facebook facebook.com/gdyouthservices

Locations for bus pick up and drop off points  
D = Youth and Family Services; 39 Clow Street, Dandenong  
N = Noble Park Aquatic Centre, Memorial Drive, Noble Park  
S = Springvale Library, 5 Hillcrest Grove, Springvale

Wheelchair accessible activity and/or venue.  
Please call 9799 2155 for further details.

For further information about holiday activities and events, or if you have any referral enquiries, please contact Youth and Family Services on 9799 2155, or visit us at [youth.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au](http://youth.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au)

All COVIDsafe Guidelines will be fully met to ensure public safety for these activities.

Greater Dandenong Youth and Family Services  
39 Clow Street, Dandenong  
053 9799 2155  
youthservices@gdy.gov.au  
youthservices@youthservices.vic.gov.au  
youth.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au

Greater Dandenong Youth and Family Services  
TTY: 153 537  
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3800 655 727

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## CITY OF GREATER DANDENONG FREEZZA COMMITTEE

For young people aged 12-25 years

Are you interested in:

- Technical production and sound tech?
- Stage and performance management?
- Planning and delivering community events?

Thursdays during school term  
4.30pm - 6.30pm  
39 Clow Street, Dandenong

For further information or to register, call Youth and Family Services on 9799 2155 or scan the QR code

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## Autumn Adventures

Holiday Activities 2024

City of Greater Dandenong Youth and Family Services presents

Scan here to register  
Bookings open Monday 26 February 9 activities and events  
For young people aged 12-25 years

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# Autumn Adventures

## Holiday Activities 2024

For young people aged 12-25. You can book up to five activities per young person. Please bring your own lunch and water bottle.

### Week 1

#### Skateboarding Workshop

Tuesday 2 April

Join us for a skateboarding workshop with Curbside Coaching and learn new skills, tricks and techniques. From complete beginners through to advanced skaters, this workshop is for you!

12pm-2pm | \$10 | **Booking Required**  
Noble Park Skate Park,  
Memorial Drive, Noble Park

#### Soccer Clinic

Wednesday 3 April

Join Melbourne City Football Club for a free soccer clinic featuring skill-drills and fun games.

12pm-2pm | **Free** | **Booking Required**  
Ross Reserve Soccer Pitch,  
Memorial Drive, Noble Park

#### Chess Workshop & Tournament

Thursday 4 April

Join our Chess Workshop and Mini Tournament. Whether you're a beginner, intermediate, or advanced player, there's something for everyone.

2.30pm-4pm | **Free** | **Booking Required**  
Dandenong Library,  
225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong

#### Treetops Adventure

Friday 5 April

Go to new heights and join us on an amazing Treetop Adventure.

11.30am-2pm | \$25 | **Booking Required**  
Treetops Adventure, Belgrave  
D: dep 9.30am / ret 4.00pm  
N: dep 9.50am / ret 3.45pm  
S: dep 10.05am / ret 3.30pm



### Week 2

#### All About Archery

Tuesday 9 April

Step into the world of archery and learn how to shoot a bow and arrow in a safe environment.

12pm-2pm | \$20 | **Booking Required**  
AIM Archery Club, Cheltenham  
D: dep 10.55am / ret 3pm  
N: dep 11.15am / ret 2.45pm  
S: dep 11.30am / ret 2.30pm

#### IMPACT Volunteering

Wednesday 10 April

Are you 18-25 years old, want to learn retail skills, and give back to the community? Come and see what it's like to volunteer at an op shop.

10am-1pm | **Free**  
**Registration Required**  
AAPS Op Shop, Keysborough  
D: dep 9.30am / ret 1.30pm

#### Japanese Taiko Drumming

Wednesday 10 April

Discover the exciting world of Taiko Drumming with a performance and interactive workshop. Enjoy the show, and then learn the Taiko Drumming basics in a workshop. Performance between 2pm-2.30pm is open to all.

2pm-3.30pm | **Free**  
**Booking Required for Workshop**  
Springvale Community Hub,  
Grace Park Avenue, Springvale

#### Discover Dandenong Creek Festival

Thursday 11 April

Get ready for an awesome half day event at Tirhatuan Park. Join in on a range of activities including airbrush tattoos, wildlife demonstrations, a youth open mic stage, and more.

11am-2pm | **Free**  
Tirhatuan Park, Kriegerl Way,  
Dandenong North

#### Taco Time

Friday 12 April

Learn how to make tacos from scratch - a delicious, quick, and easy meal. Supported by the City of Greater Dandenong's Healthy Kids Advisor.

11am-1pm | \$5 | **Booking Required**  
Noble Park Community Centre,  
44 Memorial Drive, Noble Park





# ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR CSEF FUNDING?

I have one of the two cards below.  
The card is in a parent's name (not child's name).  
The card is still currently valid.

If you answered yes to the above,  
please come in to the School Office to enquire further.

Please ensure you have the relevant card  
on you when you visit the office.



Pensioner Concession Card



Health Care Card

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

If you applied for CSEF Funding in 2023  
and your circumstances have not changed,  
you do not need to do anything further.



KEYSBOROUGH'S

# BIG PICNIC



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SUNDAY  
**24**  
MARCH 2024

**11AM-4PM**  
**FREE EVENT**

**FREDERICK  
WACHTER  
RESERVE**  
Kingsclere Ave,  
Keysborough

8571 1000 | [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/keysboroughs-big-picnic](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/keysboroughs-big-picnic)







**fishcare**  
victoria

# LEARN TO FISH WITH FISHCARE



Your fishing  
licence fees  
at work



## School Clinics



We deliver **FREE** excursion and incursion activities that are aligned with the Victorian curriculum. Our programs are designed to teach students stewardship principles as well as the fundamentals of getting involved in recreational fishing.



## Come & Try



We conduct **FREE** responsible fishing education workshops throughout the year in regional and metro areas. Our events are targeted at novice anglers that are keen to learn the basics of fishing and get their first catch!



*Attend an event*



## Learn to Fish App



Our **FREE** app reduces the barriers to getting involved in fishing in Victoria. With video tutorials & quizzes on how to cast, tie knots & rigs, we will teach you what you need to know to get started & continue your fishing journey!

## ABOUT US



Fishcare has been operating in Victoria since 1995 and has since grown to cover 5 regions across the state. We are a community operated not-for-profit with the motto 'We Fish, We Care'. Our work promotes responsible fishing practices and increased stewardship of Victoria's aquatic environments and is funded through the Recreational Fishing License trust fund.

[fishcare.org.au](http://fishcare.org.au)



**DOWNLOAD OUR FREE  
LEARN TO FISH APP!**

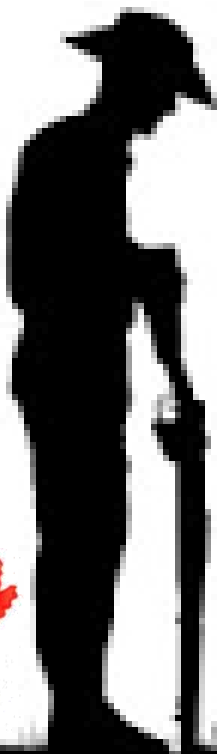


# ANZAC DAY

**Thursday**

**25th April 2024**

**No Children  
at School**





# Please

## KEEP THE GATE CLOSED AT ALL TIMES



For the safety of all our students,  
please close the front gate after yourself.

If you prefer, there is a pedestrian gate  
immediately in front of the School Office.

Please drive slowly through the carpark  
and beware of students and staff.

