



Important Dates

23/2/2024

TERM 1	
Friday 23 rd February	Grade 4 - 6 Outdoor Ed Program commences
Monday 26 th February	Junior Inquiry Incursion
Wednesday 28 th February	Prep Rest Day – No school for Prep students
Thursday 29 th February	SSA Soccer Grade 5/6
Monday 4 th March	Junior Inquiry Incursion
Saturday 9 th March	Village Fair
Monday 11 th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Monday 25 th March	SSA Cross Country Grade 3-6
Thursday 28 th March	Last Day of Term 1 – 2.30pm dismissal
TERM 2	
Monday 15 th April	First Day Term 2
Thursday 25 th April	Anzac Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 1 st May	Athletics Day Grade 3-6
Friday 31 st May	SSA Football & Netball Grade 5/6

PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

School Values: Respect, Responsibility, Kindness and Collaboration.

Child Safe Anglesea Primary School is a child safe organisation which welcomes all children, young people and their families. We are committed to providing environments where our students are safe and feel safe, where their participation is valued, their views respected, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Our child safe policies, strategies and practices are inclusive of the needs of all children and students. We have no tolerance for child abuse and take proactive steps to identify and manage any risks of harm to students in our school environments. Particular attention is given to the child safety needs of Aboriginal students, those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, international students, students with disabilities, those unable to live at home, children and young people who identify as LGBTIQ+ and other students experiencing risk or vulnerability. Child safety is a shared responsibility.

Our Vision Anglesea Primary School is a creative and fun learning environment, that is accepting of all

VILLAGE FAIR. Thanks to our Parents Club who are hosting our major fundraiser, which is looking bigger and better than last year. See below for more information.

TERM 1 PARENT/CARER/TEACHER CONVERSATIONS. Thanks to parents/carers and teachers for making time to attend these meetings, allowing us to better know the students and build positive home-school relationships.

FRONT GARDEN. This week I met with ANGAIR and Ocean Road Landscaping (ORL) about our plans to revitalise the front garden. Later this term, ANGAIR and our students will remove some plants for replanting at a later date. In the term 1-2 holidays, ORL will reconfigure the space and bring in topsoil. In May, we will replant old plants and install new ones. The aim of this project is to improve the appearance of the school, as well as to have a garden that allows the children to learn about and care for native plants.

GARDEN WEEDING. On Friday, a volunteer team of students from Monash University removed weeds from our garden. Thanks to the team for doing this as it means we can start planting for our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program.

SCHOOL COUNCIL. A reminder that nominations for the new school council close today, see below. Our current school council met on Wednesday and below is a summary:

- Riverbank Markets. To return a profit of approximately \$29,000 was fantastic, thanks to staff and parents/carers for giving their time to assist.
- Lunch orders. With the support of Morgans Bar and Grill, we're hoping to have these up and running next week.
- Relocating. We discussed our processes for last Tuesday and again for yesterday, to make these days as 'normal' as possible for the children.

and promotes the following values: Respect, Responsibility, Kindness and Collaboration. Students will strive for personal best, becoming independent and resilient learners who make a positive contribution to the community and environment.

Our School Values

Respect: We speak nicely to each-other and allow others to learn.

Responsibility: We are on task and always try our best.

Kindness: We are friendly, listen to others and behave in a safe manner.

Collaboration: We learn together and help each-other.

- Competition basketball. Will be held after school hours in our Stadium from next term.
- Inclusive playground. Installation commences the Tuesday after the Village Fair.
- Internal walls. To reduce noise, stimulation and distraction a grant application has been submitted to install walls.
- The 2024 Annual Implementation Plan, linked to the 2020-2024 School Strategic Plan, was approved/endorsed.
- The following policies were reviewed and endorsed: Asthma, Anaphylaxis and Bullying Prevention. These will be placed on our website.
- Village Fair. We would like to thank our Parents Club for the time and effort they have made to make this year's Fair a success.
- Thanks to our retiring members Peter Crowcroft, Luke Grundy and Ben Roberts.

STAFF PROFILES. See information below about new teacher, Mark Robinson (Gr 1+2).

SSA TENNIS. Congratulations to Finn Bereza who on Friday qualified to represent our school at the Division Tennis event. Good luck, Finn!

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY. Assembly will be held in the Stadium today 3:10pm. All welcome.

Anglesea PS: great staff, great students, great community = great school!

Murray Surkitt
Principal

VALUE OF THE WEEK

Our school values are: Respect, Responsibility, Kindness and Collaboration. Each week we focus on teaching the children how to show our school values, as this helps provide a positive climate for learning

This week we are focusing on



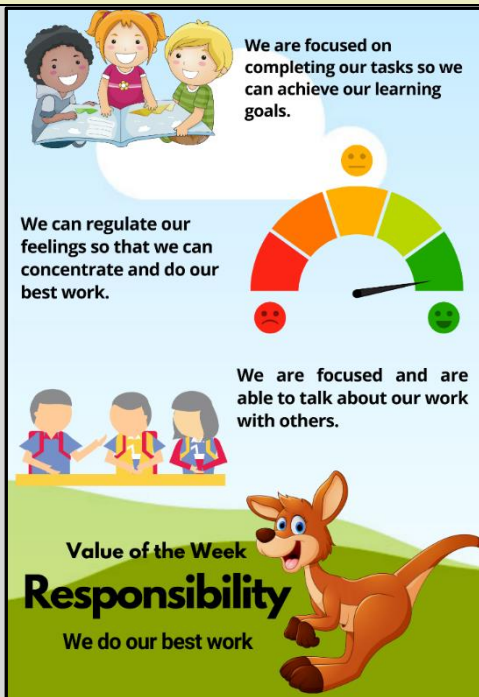
We come inside when the music begins to play & in class when the bell rings.

We are organised with all of our learning materials before class begins.

We are on task and do our best learning to achieve our goals for each lesson.

Value of the Week
Responsibility
We are on time and on task

Next week we will focus on



We are focused on completing our tasks so we can achieve our learning goals.

We can regulate our feelings so that we can concentrate and do our best work.

We are focused and are able to talk about our work with others.

Value of the Week
Responsibility
We do our best work





INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND. In 2022 we submitted a successful application to gain a grant from the Inclusive Schools Fund to install a new and inclusive playground. The application was successful, here is an image of what the playground will look like. It will be located to the south of the main building, just outside the Café area, allowing for easy access by wheelchair. Installation works will begin on Tuesday 12th March, following the Labour Day weekend (Village Fair). The first stage will involve temporary fencing and signage.



VILLAGE FAIR. Our Parents Club host our major fundraiser, which is looking bigger and better than last year with more rides, more food trucks, unique market stalls, gourmet BBQ, as well as the famous cakes and fresh produce stall and the ever-popular books and toys stalls. The bar will be open, and we have local musicians to entertain you, including our very own students as part of the open mic performances. Families can help with the fair by:

- volunteering. The roster is displayed at reception.
- donating prizes, cakes and fresh produce, books and toys
- becoming a sponsor or donating items for the silent auction.

Discounted pre-paid ts for the rides are on sale now via try booking for all Anglesea families, the link for booking is in the village handout in the newsletter. Please support the school and have some fun at the same time.



Bring along your family and friends to enjoy the Music, Market Stalls, Fantastic Food, Rides, Side Show, Animal Farm, Boutique Wine and Local Beer, for young and old alike ... fun for all!

To ensure the fair is another roaring success WE NEED YOUR HELP

In brief we need assistance with the following:

1. Please put your name on the volunteer roster for a shift on the day, roster will be on display in the school foyer or you can contact Sandy Palmer on palmerksandy@gmail.com
2. Donate second hand excellent quality toys and books, donations can be left in the school foyer
3. Donate home made cakes/slices/preserves/garden produce for the Friday afternoon the day before the Fair
4. Donate new items for lucky dip prizes; such as a new toy, games or item that you or your child would like to win, suggested \$5-10 value, donations can be left in the box in the school foyer
5. Event wrist bands for discounted pre-sale purchase online [Wristband Booking Link](#)
6. Childrens Open-Mic, sign up sheet at the office and auditions at lunchtime on Fri 23rd Feb
7. Business Sponsorships packages are available or alternatively you may like to donate an item for the silent auction, please contact sponsorshipangleseaps@gmail.com
8. Join the school and village fair facebook pages for more information?
<https://www.facebook.com/angleseapsvillagefair> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/880748512312319>

VILLAGE FAIR CAKE & FRESH PRODUCE STALL

Our cake and fresh produce stall is always a huge success and it is an easy way for you to contribute to the organisation of our major fundraiser, even if you aren't going to be around on the day.

We are asking every family to supply baked goods or fresh produce for the stall. The list below shows items that have proven to sell well in the past, but don't let that curb your culinary genius.

Cake stall	Fresh produce
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big cakes • 'Single serve' items, e.g, cupcakes, chocolate crackles, cakepops • Slices, e.g., chocolate brownie • Items catering for dietary requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citrus • Herbs • Flowers • Preserves • Vegies

The process

1. **Package your item.** There will be packaging available to pick up from the office in the coming weeks, but you are welcome to DIY. A paper plate and some glad wrap will work just as well. Leave your items **uncut**.
2. **Label your item.** We will provide labels, but you can make your own. Include the following information:
 1. Name of item
 2. Date baked
 3. Ingredients
 3. Drop your item off to school on Friday 8th March.

The banned list. Cream

PROFILES – NEW STAFF

MARK ROBINSON. GRADE 1+2 TEACHER.

Name and position: Mark Robinson (Grade 1/2 classroom teacher)

1. What is your favourite ...

- **thing to do at home?** Spend time at the beach with my fiancé, Kat, and our 5-year-old Irish Wolfhound x Labradoodle, Banksy.
- **thing about APS?** The people. I've felt so welcomed by staff, students and parents already. This tells me it's a great school.
- **colour?** Blue
- **food?** Seafood.
- **book?** Anything by Tim Winton.

2. Why did you become a teacher? Both my parents were teachers. After working as a journalist, I wanted a career that would keep me active, whilst also having a positive impact on others daily.

3. What do you like about it? That your hard work gets translated into a visible difference in each child. This can be social, emotional, and academic. Sometimes, all three. Reflecting in Term 4 on each student's growth and what they've achieved is always my highlight.

4. What is the funniest thing a child has said to you? When I began at Warrnambool West PS some students gave me the nickname, Thor. That nickname disappeared very quickly a few months later when I got a haircut.

5. What was your favourite memory from when you were at school? In primary school it was kicking the footy with my mates and going to the canteen with a \$5 note to get a meat pie, Cadbury Curly Wurly and a Sunnyboy. Bring back the Sunnyboy!

SCHOOL COUNCIL. The Constituting Order of Anglesea Primary School states the composition of the Council is:

- EIGHT elected parent members.
- FOUR elected DET employee members. The principal who is executive officer is included in this number.
- Up to TWO community members.

This year our retiring parent members are Luke Grundy, Peter Crowcroft, Cameron Shaw, Ben Roberts, Rebecca Shaw and Sandy Martin with DET Employee Linda Wylie. Members retire at the end of their term, however parents are welcome to nominate for membership again if still eligible (eg. still have children here.)

Our continuing parent member is Twiggy Finemore. Our continuing DET Employees are Wendy Rankin and Murray Surkitt.

This means we currently have the following vacancies to be filled.

- Four x two year elected parent positions.
- Three x two year elected DET employees.
- Two x two year community members.

The timeline is as follows:

9th February: Call for nominations. Nomination forms can be collected from the office.

23rd February: Nominations close (4:00pm).

If nominations do not exceed vacancies, the new council will be formed.

If nominations exceed vacancies, the list of candidates and nominators will be displayed and the process will be:

28th February: Distribute ballot papers.

6th March: Close of ballot. (4.00pm).

12th March: Count votes and declare the poll.

27th March: New school council Annual General Meeting at 6:00pm

If you would like to join school council, or nominate someone else, please complete a nomination form from the office. Further information about school council is below, please feel free to see me for more information.

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad direction of a school, in accordance with Ministerial Order 1280 Constitution of Government School Councils, and the

Education and Training Reform Act 2006. In doing this, a school council may directly influence the quality of education for students.

Who is on the school council?

For most primary school councils, there are several possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected parent member category** –members of this category generally comprise more than one third of the council's total membership. Department employees can be parent members at their child's school providing that they are not engaged in work at the school.
- **A mandated elected school employee member category** – members of this category make up no more than one-third of membership. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- **An optional community member category** – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experience. Department employees are not eligible to be community members.
- A small number of school councils have nominee members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable skills and knowledge to the role, however, in order to successfully perform their duties, councillors may need to gain some new skills and knowledge. It is important to have an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

Code of conduct for school councillors

School councils in Victoria are public entities as defined by the *Public Administration Act 2004*.

School councillors must comply with the Code of Conduct for Directors of Victorian Public Entities issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission. The Code of Conduct is based on the Victorian public sector values and requires councillors to:

- **act with honesty and integrity** – be truthful, open and clear about their motives and declare any real, potential or perceived conflict of interest and duty
- **act in good faith in the best interests of the school** – work cooperatively with other councillors and the school community, be reasonable, and make all decisions with the best interests of students foremost in their minds
- **act fairly and impartially** – consider all relevant facts of an issue before making a decision, seek to have a balanced view, never give special treatment to a person or group and never act from self-interest
- **use information appropriately** – respect confidentiality and use information for the purpose for which it was made available
- **exercise due care, diligence and skill** – accept responsibility for decisions and do what is best for the school
- **use the position appropriately** – not use the position as a councillor to gain an advantage
- **act in a financially responsible manner** – observe all the above principles when making financial decisions
- **comply with relevant legislation and policies** – know what legislation and policies are relevant for which decisions and obey the law
- **demonstrate leadership and stewardship** – set a good example, encourage a culture of accountability, manage risks effectively, exercise care and responsibility to keep the school strong and sustainable.

Indemnity for school council members

School councillors are indemnified against any liability in respect of any loss or damage suffered by the council or any other person in respect of anything necessarily or reasonably done, or omitted to be done by the councillor in good faith in:

- a. the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a councillor, or
- b. the reasonable belief that the act or omission was in the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a council.

In other words, school councillors are not legally liable for any loss or damage suffered by council or others as a result of reasonable actions taken in good faith.

How can you become involved?

By participating in, and voting in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might consider:

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations in Term 1 of each year. Council elections must be completed by 31 March, unless varied by the Minister for Education.

If you stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or, you can nominate yourself in the parent member category. You can only be nominated by another member of the same category that you are eligible for (e.g. a member of the parent electorate may only nominate another parent of that electorate).

Department employees with a child enrolled at a school where they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for parent membership at that school.

Return your completed nomination form to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post, email or by hand delivery.

Generally, if there are more nominations than vacancies a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- Consider standing for election to school council.
- Ask the principal for instructions if you are not sure what to do.
- Be sure to vote if the election goes to ballot.
- Contact the principal if you are unsure about what is required at any stage of the election process.

ATTENDANCE RAFFLE. Each week the names of all students who have been at school each day, and on time, go into a raffle. At the end of the week, we draw the raffle with one of these students winning a free skateboard. Who will win this week???



BUSHFIRE PREPAREDNESS. Do you have the Compass 'app' on your phone so you can receive notifications immediately? On Compass information is available regarding procedures we will follow in the event of any Catastrophic (we are closed) or Extreme weather (we relocate to Torquay College P-6). Information will be sent to parents/carers via Compass.



Helping at Our School...Thank you.

Sick Bay Laundry Roster –

We need people to go on our sick bay roster for Term 2. This would involve changing the bedding. ie washing the sheets, pillow cases, doona cover each Friday. If you can help, please send me an email anglesea.ps@education.vic.gov.au or pop into the office and see me. Each parent will be put on the roster for 2 Fridays.

TERM 1

Friday 23rd February – Marion Goulding

Friday 1st & 8th March – Romy Renzow

Many thanks

Junior Community

Reminders

- Please label all personal belongings (including drink bottles and lunch boxes)
- Students to bring a school hat to wear during Recess and Lunch play
- Encourage your child/ren to put their bags into their locker and go outside for a play on the playground when they arrive at school
- Wear comfortable running shoes on Monday's and Tuesday's/Wednesday's for Bluearth and PE
- **Could each family please bring in a box of tissues as a donation to our learning space**
- Preps can bring their library bags with books on Fridays

Prep Possums



Awards

Junior R - Ben

Junior T - Kaiden

Junior M - Maggie

Mark, Wendy and Lachlan (The Junior Team)

Senior Learning Community

Reminders - Hats

Please ensure that your child/ren have a named broad brimmed hat to wear during outdoor learning activities and at recess and lunchtime. These are available to purchase from the office if required. Students who do not have a hat will need to remain under the covered spaces at recess and lunchtime.

Specialists

Senior Specialists are on Tuesday afternoons (12:30pm-1:30pm & 2:30pm-3:30pm) and Wednesday mornings (9:00am-11:00am). Students will rotate through PE, Art, Music/Creative Arts and Global Studies. Can you please ensure that your child/ren wear appropriate footwear on these days to ensure that they are able to run and move comfortably and safely during PE.

Bluearth

On Mondays, students are participating in Bluearth. Bluearth is a program that focuses on self-regulation through movement and is part of our wellbeing program. Students work on precise gross motor skills and movements while developing their resilience and corporation through being 'your own umpire'.

As these sessions involve a lot of movement, students will need to wear appropriate footwear.

Outdoor Adventure Program

Today, students from the SLC commenced their Outdoor Adventure Programs.

Grade 3s commenced their Outdoor Science unit with a school visit from Possum Pete looking at Wadawurrung connection and culture.

Grade 4s had their first Bike Ed session at school where students learned about the importance of safety

Grade fives put their collaboration skills into practice while participating in the 'Vertical Crate Challenge.'

Grade sixes enjoyed their first surf at Main Beach.

At Home Reading

We encourage every child to read for at least 20 minutes at home every day. This helps to build fluency, reading skills and strategies that your child is working on in class and also helps to foster a love for reading.

Photos

A friendly reminder that the five/sixes need to take photos for their 'I Am Poem', if they haven't already done so.

Donation Requests

Could we please request families donate a box of tissues for the learning space that their child/ren are in. Thank you.

Grade 6 Leadership Speeches

On Wednesday, the Grade 6 students delivered their leadership speeches to all members of the Senior Learning Community (3-6) including teachers and Mr Surkitt. All students did a fantastic job of speaking in front of such a large group of people. At the completion of the speeches, 3-6 students and all staff casted their vote for the candidates for the different leadership positions. They will be announced at the assembly today.

Senior Class in the Spotlight

Each week a different Senior Class will be in the spotlight to share some of their learning and what has been happening in the classroom that week. This week Senior J is the Senior Class in the Spotlight.

Hamster's Learning Group (SNR J)

We have had an exciting start to the year and have been working on setting calm, predictable routines. There have been a variety of reading, writing and maths tasks that students have participated in. In these photos students have been learning to use correct posture and pencil grip to help them with their handwriting skills.



For STEM we have been learning about the cause and effect of actions by watching Rube Goldberg videos and creating our own marble runs. Students worked in collaborative teams to plan and design a marble run with 3 - 4 steps. They were required to modify their design until each reaction aligned perfectly to let the marble run from the beginning to the end.



Next week's Senior Class in the Spotlight will be Senior A.

Legend of the Week

Legend of the week forms part of our school's wellbeing program. Each week, every class has a student (this week their teacher) who is the Legend of the week. Through negotiation with the teacher, the student may wish to bring in something to share (photos etc.) to help everyone get to know each other. At the end of the week, a poster is created with messages from all of the students.

Senior J - Miss Jay

Senior L - Mr Lester

Senior A – Teddy

Senior S – Ms Sampson

Awards

Senior J - Layla F

Senior L - Billie

Senior A – Luca C

Senior S – Lilli E

Duncan, Tom, Jay, Julie

Senior Team

RECYCLING TO RAISE FUNDS

We are fundraising for shade sails over our new playground and you can help out! When recycling your bottles and cans, search Anglesea Primary school in the CDS Vic app and the money will be donated to us.

The nearest machine is located at 17 Inverlochy St, Anglesea.

Thank you for your support



DISCOUNTED RIDE TICKETS



The Village Fair is fast approaching & the organising committee would really appreciate it if families were able to pre purchase their ride tickets in advance - remember the great discount you receive !!"

Thanks everyone for supporting this year's fair.

[Anglesea Village Fair - Prepaid Ride Tickets Tickets | TryBooking Australia](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS



HOOK in 2 HOCKEY

FIRST SESSION IS FREE!
ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED!
CALL OR EMAIL FOR DETAILS!

Club: Torquay Hockey Club
Venue: Banyul Warr Fields - Yallock Circuit Torquay 3228
Program 1 Start Date: Wed 28th of February, 2024
Time: 5:30 - 6:15pm
No. of Weeks: 5 weeks

Coordinator Name: Andrew Crowley
Coordinator Email: info@torquayhockeyclub.com.au
Coordinator Phone: 0417 832174



SCAN HERE TO REGISTER



Lions Club of Anglesea Presents

MORNING MELODIES

with **ISSI DYE**

Singing all the Hits from the Kings of Rock & Roll
ELVIS AND JOCK



Anglesea Hotel
Wednesday 20 March
10.30am doors open
11.00am show
\$35pp lunch & show
Tickets on sale 13 February from Anglesea Newsagents

EXCLUSIVE INVITATION

ADVANCED NETBALL CLINIC & HIGH PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

Grade 6 LEVEL ONLY

- SKILL DEVELOPMENT
- SPECIALIST AREA FOCUS
- MATCH PLAY
- STRENGTH & CONDITIONING
- INTRO TO PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS
- ATHLETE WELLBEING ACTIVITIES
- INTRO TO PLAYER PATHWAYS & OPPORTUNITIES
- POST TRAINING SNACKS

FEATURING
SUSAN MEANEY
FORMER AUSTRALIAN DIAMONDS PLAYER
& **STACEY DODDS**
FORMER AUSTRALIAN & VICTORIAN JUNIOR PLAYER/COACH
AINSLEY CORRIGAN
FORMER VICTORIAN JUNIOR PLAYER
VJS SCHOLARSHIP HOLDER COACH



FREE

WHEN
Saturday
17th February
9am-11:30am

Part 1 Clinic
9-10:15am
Corio Leisure Time Precinct
262-282 Anakie Rd Norlane

Part 2 High Performance Experience
10:30am - 11:30am
Western Heights College
(Green Building)
Cnr Vines Rd & Wymouth St
Hamlyn Heights

Players make own way/
Arrangements to travel to
Part 2 Below (5min)

Register To secure your position





Year 7 Enrolment Information Evening

Tuesday 5 March, 2024 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Open Day Tours

Wednesday 6 March, 2024: 9:30am to 10:30am

Selected Entry Advanced Learning Program Information Evening

Tuesday 26 March, 2024: 6:30pm to 7:30pm

For further information, contact our office on
(03) 4243 0500 or
matthew.flinders.girls.sc@education.vic.gov.au



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College

11 & UNDER NETBALLERS WANTED

ANYONE IN THIS AGE GROUP WELCOME -
BORN 2013-2015



AFNC
ANGLESEA FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

Pre-season Training will be
Wednesdays (starting now) and
games will be Tuesdays starting in
Term 2

For more info contact Penny on peneking@gmail.com or
0439761682


Surf Coast Secondary College's

OPEN EVENING

26th February 2024 6pm – 8pm

75 White Street, Torquay VIC 3228

Embrace challenge, achieve excellence.



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE GEELONG

COLLEGE TOURS

St Joseph's College Geelong invite you to join our College Tours this semester.


We are proud to continue offering an innovative education, and we welcome all senior primary school boys and their families to come and visit us.

Year 7 applications for 2025 are now open, apply via the college website.

Bookings essential, register via our College Website: sjc.vic.edu.au

Tours commence at 9:00am

Monday 18 March	Wednesday 20 March
Tuesday 26 March	Wednesday 27 March
Wednesday 17 April	Friday 19 April

MELI

Scan QR code for more information

HIPPY
Families learning together with fun and free activities

HIPPY Australia acknowledges Elders and Traditional Owners of the land and their ongoing connection to the land and its waters. We acknowledge the role of the land in the development of the HIPPY program and its success. We acknowledge the role of the land in the development of the HIPPY program and its success. We acknowledge the role of the land in the development of the HIPPY program and its success.

HIPPY
The Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters is a fun and free program for families that supports children's learning in the two years before school.

It provides you with the tools to give your child a strong start in education.

Our program

Join HIPPY with your 3 year old child and each fortnight, HIPPY Tutors will bring you storybooks and activity packs and practice them with you so that you feel confident doing them with your child.

Each activity helps your child learn through play and supports their development in five different learning areas.

HIPPY only takes 10-15 minutes a day of learning and playing with your child to make change that lasts a lifetime.

HIPPY Tutors

Tutors are HIPPY parents trained in each of the HIPPY activities and will practice them with you at each home visit.

As HIPPY parents, Tutors have the personal experience and community knowledge to support you as you learn with your child.

HIPPY Gatherings

Gatherings are fun, welcoming and family-friendly.

They're opportunity for you to meet other HIPPY families, learn about your child's development and to hear about local services and events in your community.

Builds community connections and confidence

For more information contact your HIPPY Leader Angela Duncan

0428 445 267
angela.duncan@meli.org.au




HIPPY

THREE YEAR OLDS ARE CURIOUS AND KEEN TO LEARN ABOUT THE WORLD AROUND THEM

YOUR HIPPY LEADER IS ANGELA DUNCAN
ANGELA.DUNCAN@MELI.ORG.AU 0428 445 267

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OUR PROGRAM

HIPPY is structured and play-based, delivered through fun interactive activities.

Starting around the time your child turns three, HIPPY provides free support across two years.

Your HIPPY Mentor will practice the activities with you during home visits and then you and your child can play them during the week.

You will receive resource packs with activities and ideas to enjoy with your child, so that learning can happen anywhere at any time.

HIPPY supports children's natural curiosity, to build their confidence and to achieve important developmental milestones.

Play-based activities

Empowers you in your role as your child's first teacher

Supports your child's transition to school

Supports child development, community connection and confidence

HIPPY MENTORS

HIPPY Mentors are parents and carers who have also done HIPPY with their own child. They are then trained in the activities, ready to practice them with you.

This peer-to-peer learning supports a safe and nurturing learning space.

GROUP GATHERINGS

HIPPY Gatherings are a chance for adults to learn too! We can cover childhood development and behaviour, fun free things to do in the community, local services and even training. Please talk to the team about what you are interested to find out about.

You'll meet with other HIPPY families and have a chance to connect with new people and catch up with friends. A healthy morning tea is provided. Gatherings are a chance to play, teach and learn together.

"The first five years of life are critical for child development."

Raising Children Network

