



Word from the Principal

An Amazing Start to 2026

What an incredible start we have had to 2026 at Wurruk Primary School!

It has been such a joy to see all of our classes settle in so beautifully. Our children have returned ready to learn, reconnect and grow. There is a calm, focused energy across the school, and it reflects the strength of our relationships and the care we wrap around each and every student.

A special thank you to Crystal, Belinda and Brylie who are providing tutoring at point of need to ensure every child receives the support they require to succeed. This targeted support makes such a difference, particularly in a small school where every learner matters.

We are also so fortunate to have Ben supporting in each classroom as he trains to become a teacher. His commitment, care and willingness to learn alongside our staff and students is wonderful to see. The future of education is in good hands!

Miss Madison has been a tremendous addition to our teaching team, stepping confidently into classrooms wherever she is needed. Her flexibility, positivity and strong connection with our students has made her a valued member of our Wurruk family.

Friday Swimming Program

I am absolutely loving attending our swimming program each Friday. Watching the growth in confidence, skill and resilience in every single student has been inspiring. Many of our children began feeling unsure – and now we are already seeing stronger strokes, braver attempts and big smiles. That is the Wurruk Way in action: Growth and Resilience.

STEAM – Art in Action

Our STEAM program continues to run each Tuesday and Wednesday with Miss Collins leading rich and engaging learning experiences.

Students are currently exploring shape and colour through the works of:

Pablo Picasso

Grace Crowley

They are analysing how artists use geometric shapes and colour to communicate ideas and emotions, identifying different viewpoints (such as profile and frontal perspectives), and then applying this knowledge to create their own Cubism-inspired three-dimensional sculptural portraits.

The creativity on display has been extraordinary! Our students are not only learning about art – they are thinking deeply, analysing technique, and expressing emotion through their own unique creations.

Word from the Principal continued

🎓 Year 6 Leadership Assembly

It was wonderful to see so many of our Year 6 families attend the special leadership assembly. I am sure you would all agree that our students put their best foot forward and represented themselves – and our school – with pride.

Congratulations to our 2026 Student Leaders:

School Captain: Hemi

Vice School Captain: Liam

Sports Captain: Hudson

Vice Sports Captain: Hunter

Culture Captain: Bailey

Vice Culture Captain: Elizabeth

I am so looking forward to watching each of you grow and lead our school in a positive direction, guided by our values of Friendship, Resilience, Opportunities, Growth and Safety.

🍲 A Special Celebration – Thank You Lions

This Friday we are hosting a very special Hot Food Friday celebration lunch.

We have invited our local Lions Clubs to join us as a heartfelt thank you for their incredibly generous donation towards our brand-new Wurruk Tucker Kitchen. Their support has fully funded this wonderful space, and it is already making a profound difference in our school.

Our Wurruk Tucker Kitchen now provides lunch every day for every child at our school – ensuring that all students are nourished, and ready to learn.

Each Friday, our Senior Students will take on the responsibility of preparing and cooking hot food for both the school and kindergarten. This is about much more than cooking – it is about life skills, teamwork, leadership, gratitude and community connection.

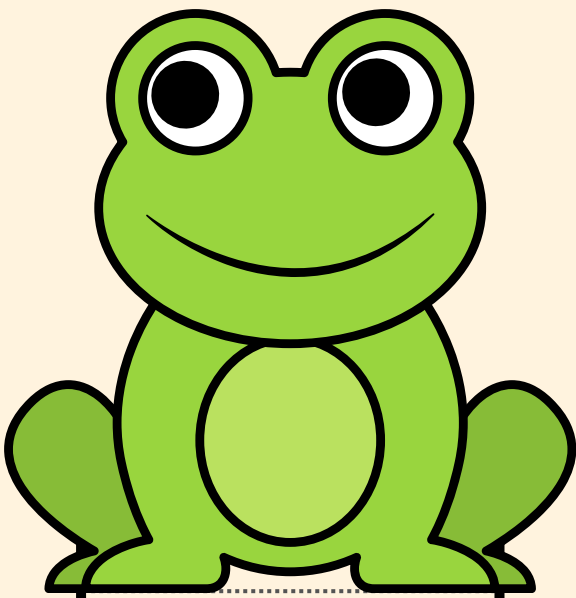
We cannot wait to welcome our Lions members and show them the real impact of their generosity. It truly takes a village, and we are so grateful to be part of such a supportive one.

2026 is already shaping up to be a year filled with learning, leadership, creativity and connection.

FROGS all the way 🐸

With pride,
Gayle Coleman
Principal
Wurruk Primary School 🌿





March

13th - Swimming program

20th - Swimming program

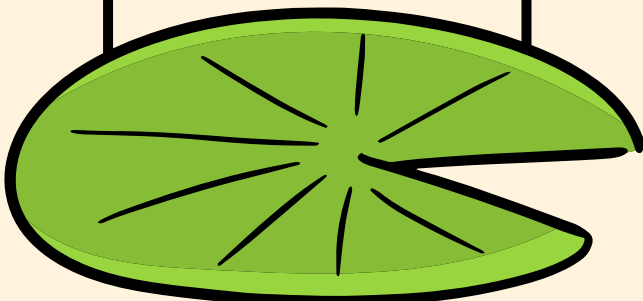
26th - Dental Screening
(kindergarten only)

27th - Swimming program

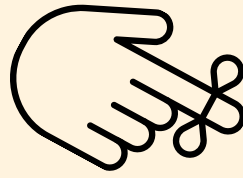
April

2nd - Last Day term

1 - School finishes at **2:15pm**



Upcoming Events



Compass



Best way
to stay
updated

10 GROWTH MINDSET QUESTIONS

TO ASK YOUR KIDS AT THE DINNER TABLE

1. What did you today that made you exercise your brain?
2. What challenge or problem have you worked on today?
3. Can you share something new you tried today?
4. Was there anything that made you feel stuck today?
Great, what other ways might be there to improve this?
5. What did you learn today outside of school?
6. Can you think of a mistake you made today? Great, how can you use this mistake to do better next time?
7. Is there anything you are struggling with? Excellent, what new strategies can you try?
8. Can you think of something you could have done better today? Great, who can you seek advice from to make it better?
9. What would you like to become better at?
10. Did you do anything today that was easy for you? How can you make this more challenging?

Big Life Journal

Free growth mindset printables at biglifejournal.com

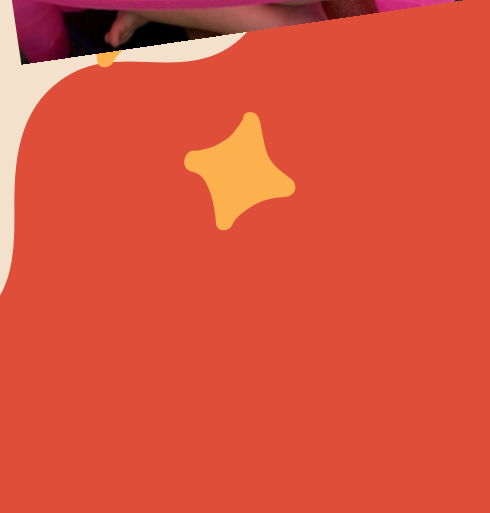
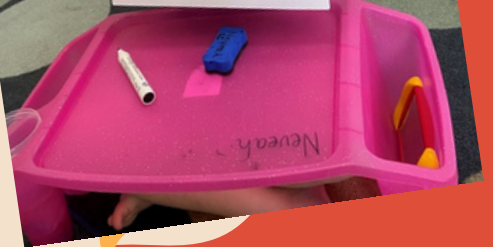
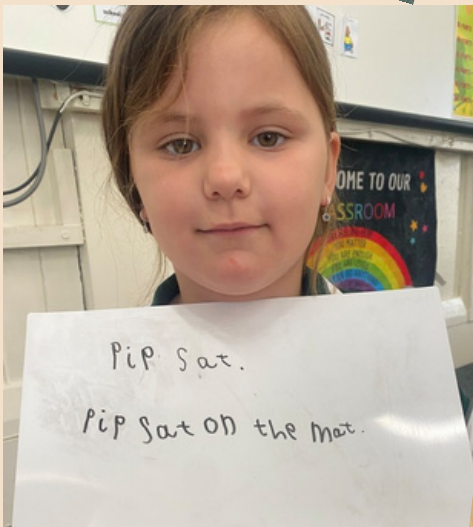
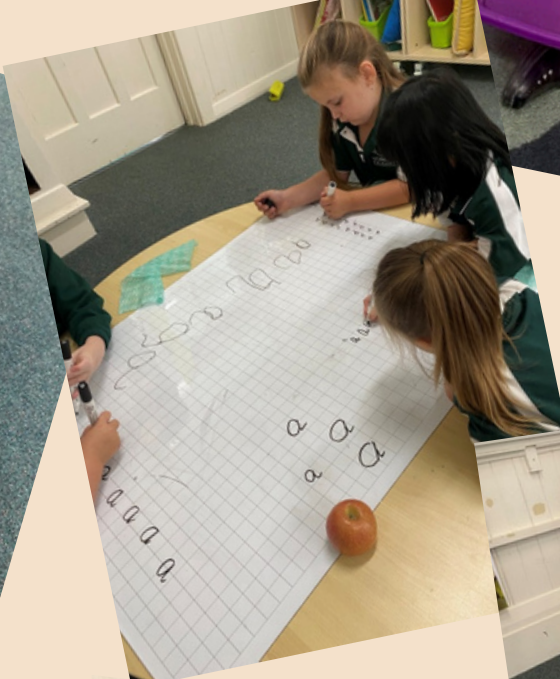
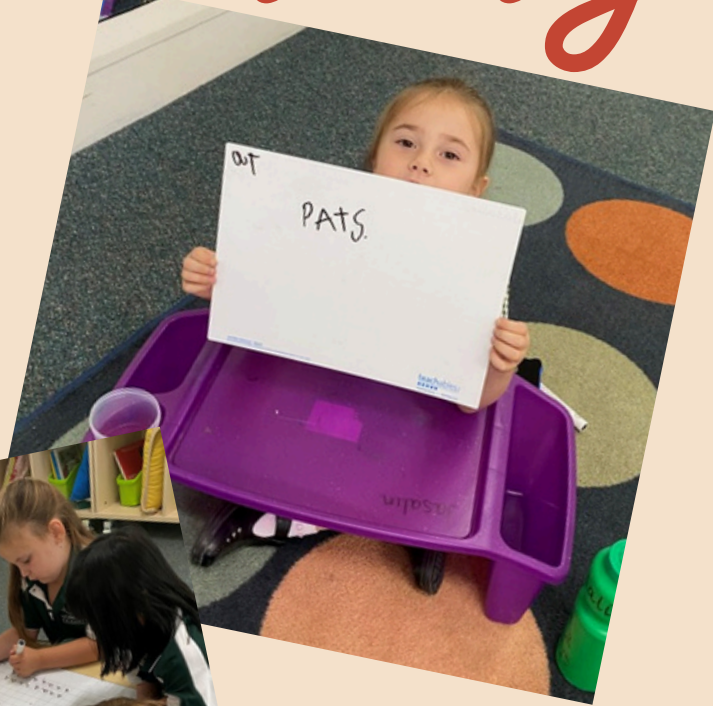
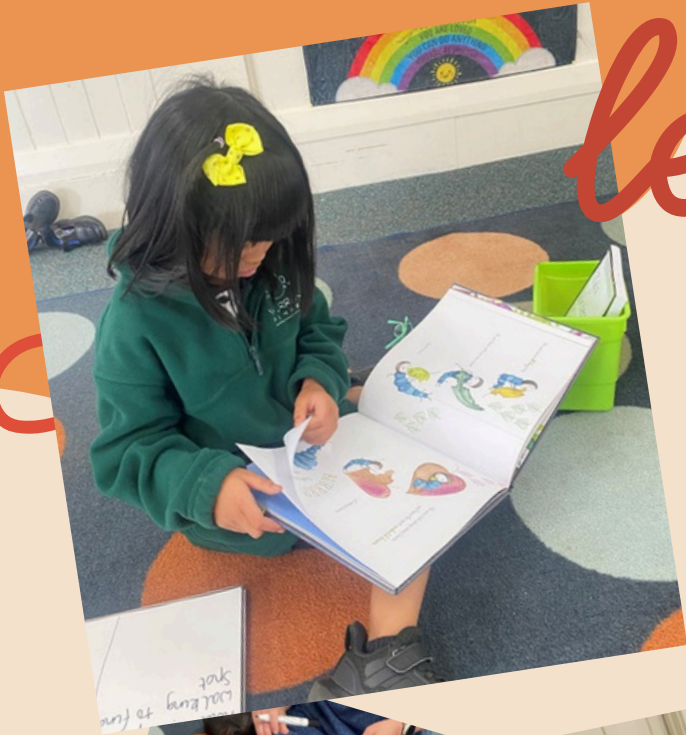
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MIDDLES



What We Learned

Math

This term will focus on place value and measurement. Students have already begun exploring rounding to the nearest ten and hundred, renaming numbers and examined measurements used in popular grocery items, as well as which items are measured by their weight or volume.

Literacy

Students have jumped straight back into phonics lessons and are loving their independent reading time each day.

Students will be exploring fairytales this term, and working on making those stories we love even better through more interesting vocabulary and changing aspects they think could be improved.

But wait... there's more!

In health, students are learning about water safety, tying into the swimming program. They will move on to personal hygiene in the last few weeks of Term 1.

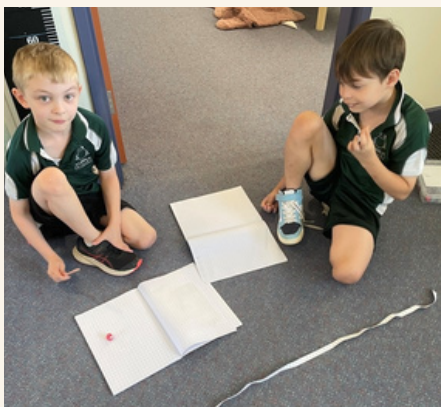
Awards

It has been wonderful to be able to recognise and celebrate the incredible work the middle students are already putting into their learning. **Aurelia** has celebrated showing growth by persisting with her learning and being a positive role model for her peers, while **Noah** is ensuring his work is the best it can be and is challenging himself more in every task.



Indonesian

Students are learning Indonesian each week and have already enjoyed the lessons immensely. Some phrases learnt include: Saya suka apel - I like apples. Saya minum susu - I drink milk.



WELCAOME BACK

to STEAM

A Journey Around the World

This term, we are making connections with our Geography learning as we zoom all over the world exploring a range of STEAM-related activities and challenges.

We began right here at Wurruk P.S, where we learned different paper-folding techniques to create an "All About Us" inspired sculpture.

We have established our STEAM routines and revisited what our FROGS values look like as well as emotions we might feel.



Upcoming Events

**17th March - Visit to Gippsland Art Gallery-
Gallery walk and workshop**

Off to Spain

We took a close look at the famous Cubist painting *The Weeping Woman* by Pablo Picasso and explored how he used bold shapes and strong colours to show emotion. Inspired by his unique style, we then created our own imaginative and funny faces.

On to Milan

We put on our engineering hats and headed to the Winter Olympics, where we designed, built, and raced our own bobsleds using various materials. Along the way, we learned about key physical science concepts such as aerodynamics, gravity, force, momentum, and friction. After testing and making improvements to our designs, we'll race them to see how they perform.

Where will we visit next?



JUNIOR STEAM

Practicing our
Friendship



Paper Folding Sculptures



National lunchbox week

09/02/26 - 13/02/26



KINDERGARTEN

newsletter

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to Kinder for all our returning students and a massive Welcome to our new 11 Froglets and their families!

It has been a busy start to kinder this year with children learning the routine and getting to know us and each other.

This term we are focusing our learning experiences on exploring our identity, where we come from and building friendships and connections with each other.

PHOTOS

Make sure that you check out the photos of our children's learning and play on the next pages.

IN THE CLASSROOM

Our learning experiences have included a "First day at Kinder" photo and handprint, a "Family Tree" to display family photos and children's little peg people role play in our Mini-worlds.

Literacy, art and numeracy learning have been around "The Rainbow Fish" book and Sunflower and Red Gum blossom painting.

Children's interests have been explored in our Dinosaur play area, Transport area and the Construction busy tray.

And Sensory experiences have supported children in our sensory nook, sea animal water play, pom pom soup, chalk hand painting, and the new snuggle swing.

Our Learning

FEBRUARY 2026

OUR FAMILY TREE



RAINBOW FISH



SUNFLOWER PAINTING



KINDER FUN!!



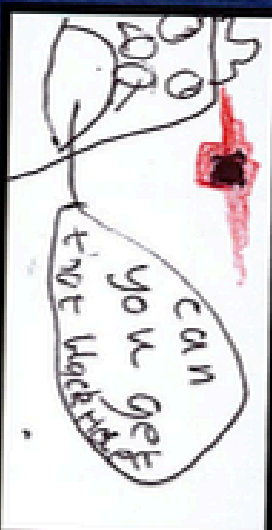
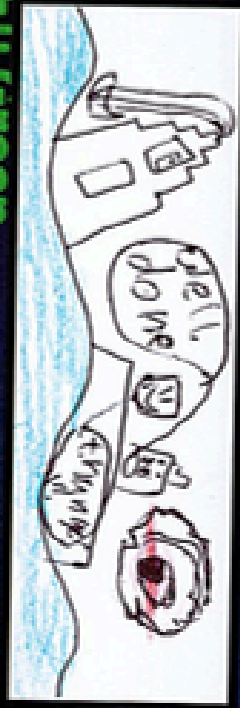
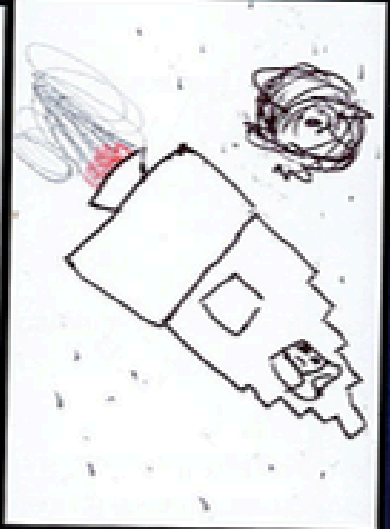
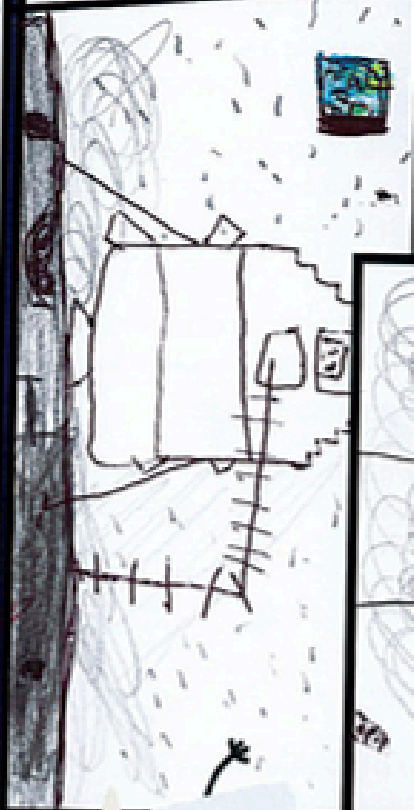
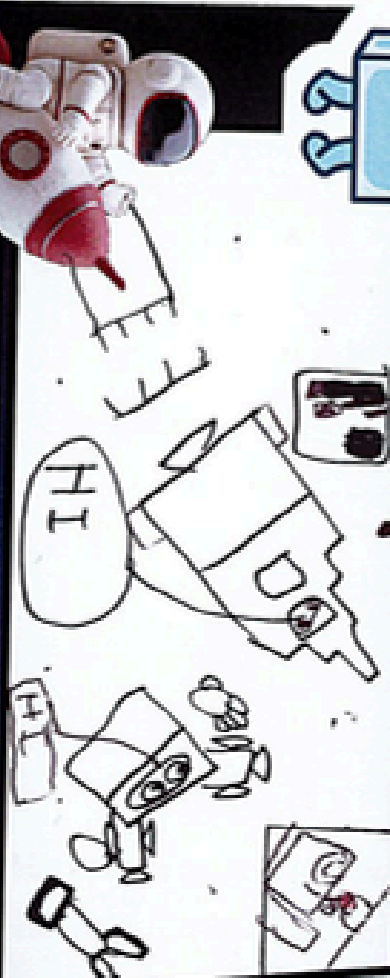
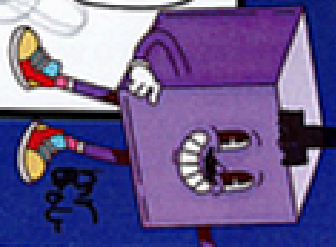
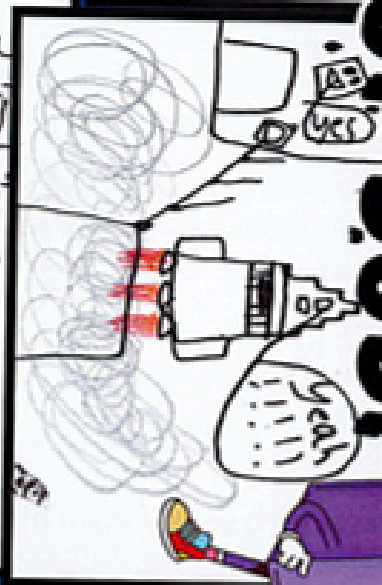
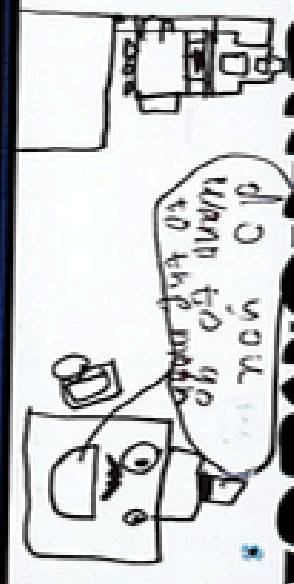
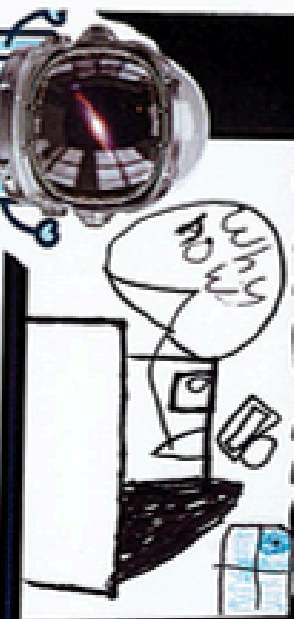
PEG PEOPLE MINI-WORLD



POM POM SOUP



THE ADVENTURES OF BOB!



THE
END

By Eli Green



COMMUNITY NEWS



Housing Options as We Age

This **free session** helps you think about where and how you want to live, covering:

- staying in your home with a bit of extra help,
- moving in with family,
- sharing your home with family or friends,
- retirement villages and more!



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March 2026
11 am - 12 pm

Where: Sale Memorial Hall
88 MacAlister St, Sale, Victoria, 3850

RSVP: By calling (03) 5142 3255, or emailing
positiveageing@wellington.vic.gov.au

If you are in Victoria and experiencing elder abuse, call our confidential helpline: **1300 368 821**

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March 2026
2 pm - 3 pm

Where: Yarram Mechanics Hall
2-4 Church Rd, Yarram, Victoria, 3971

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April 2026
11 am - 12 pm

Where: Heyfield Hall
34 MacFarlane St, Heyfield, Victoria, 3858

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The Get Active Kids Voucher Program is now open!

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program is now open! Get in quick as applications will close at 10am on 2 April or earlier if the budget allocation is fully exhausted.

If your family or child has a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, you may be eligible for up to \$200 to put towards the cost of your child's participation in sport and active recreation activities.

Important Dates:

Round 10 open to apply for a voucher or reimbursement: 10am on Tuesday, 3 March 2026 and will close 10am on 2 April or earlier if the budget allocation is fully exhausted.

Reimbursement expenditure dates: from 1 January 2026 to submission of application

Vouchers expiry date: Wednesday, 29 April 2026.

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program helps eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and active recreation activities by providing financial support for the cost of membership and registration fees. Eligible children may be able to receive up to \$200 each.

Special consideration also applies for children residing in care services, as well as temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants, or international students.

To find out if you are eligible, how to apply, what costs are covered and more, visit www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers

Get \$200 to help your
child play sport!



getactive.vic.gov.au

GET
ACTIVE
KIDS
VOUCHERS



WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH IN WELLINGTON SHIRE

For the month of March please see below the training events, forums, information sessions or activities that are happening within the Early Years sector.

MARCH

Evidence to action: strengthening children's development

Early and timely developmental support helps children to thrive. [This webinar](#) will focus on how responding to children's needs can give them a strong start, and supporting children with developmental concerns, delay or disability.

Webinar Date:

Tuesday 24 March, 12:30pm - 1:30pm

[Register Here](#)



Our Children
Our Communities
Our Future

Stepping Stones to Kinder

Equip yourself with the tools to support families access and engage with kindergarten programs, including those offered in long day care. The training covers:

- The Kinder Pathway: Early Start Kindergarten, Pre-Prep and Free Kinder programs
- Child Care Subsidy and Additional Childcare Subsidy: including guidance on writing support letters
- Identity and immunisation requirements: for kinder and childcare
- Professional Resources: materials to add to your toolkit

and more... **To register and book your tickets click here:**

[Register Here](#)



**EARLY
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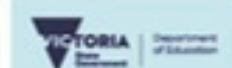
The Impact of Early Childhood Trauma on children in Out-of-Home care

Aim - Increase understanding of childhood trauma and its impact on young children in Out-of-Home Care.

Registration: [Register Here](#)



**LOOKOUT
Centre**



Date & Time: Thursday 12 March, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Parks Week kicks off this Saturday!

We're heading into a packed week of activities for Parks Week 2026! There's something happening right across Wellington from movie nights and outdoor games to **Baby's Day Out** and **Kid's Day Out** - all designed to get everyone out enjoying our incredible parks and open spaces.

Check out the full program here:

[Parks Week](#)



2026
**Parks
WEEK**

What's on

- Baby's Day Out
- Kid's Day Out
- Outdoor Movie Nights
- Colour Run
- Markets, Tours & Shows

WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL



SALE NETBALL ASSOCIATION SATURDAY COMPETITION 2026



KEY DATES

- Team entries close - March 16th
- Round 1 - May 2nd
- Grand Final - August 15th (Finals are played in Sections 12/U to Open)

GAME TIMES

- 9/U to 12/U - 10.30am and 11.30am
- 13/U to Open - 12.30pm and 1.30pm

**All individual player and team registrations are to be done online in Netball Connect.*

- Seniors (Turning 18 or over in 2026)
- Juniors (Turning 17 or under in 2026)

2026 SNA SATURDAY WINTER SEASON

****Due to limitations in Netball Connect, the SNA fee for each player is now included in the team fee.*

TEAM REGISTRATIONS

[Team Registration Link](#)

If using the Netball Connect app, select *2026 SNA Saturday Winter Season*.

TEAM FEE

- \$480.00 - 9/U, 10/U, 11/U & 12/U includes umpire fees
- \$580.00 - 13/U, 15/U & Open includes umpire fees

**Please note that transaction fees apply. See below for more information.*

[Instructions for completing a team registration](#)

You will need the following information when adding players to your team;

- Name
- Phone Number
- Email

**Please ensure the email address you use to invite players, is the same email address that is linked to their profile.*

INDIVIDUAL PLAYER REGISTRATIONS

Once added, players will receive an email from Netball Connect inviting them to register with their team. Players will need to click on the link in the email to complete their registration. They will be charged their 2026 NV Membership Fee if it hasn't already been paid this year.

**Players will not be able to complete their registration until they have been added to their team in Netball Connect by the team delegate.*

Netball Victoria Annual Fee: Junior \$73
Senior \$94

UMPIRES

All teams are required to supply an umpire.

Weekly umpire rosters will be done by SNA.

Umpire details are entered in Netball Connect when registering your team.

Umpires can enter their details, including availability and requests [here](#).

Umpires will be paid by SNA. *Your Team Fee includes your umpire payments.

Team umpire payments for 9/U to 12/U are \$10.00 per game (**which is included in your Team Fee**). The early session is all about umpire development so umpires are not required to be badged. Umpires must be in Grade 6 or above and must have completed the online theory exam.

Team umpire payments for 13/U to Open are \$20 per game (**which is included in your Team Fee**). Umpires for these games are required to be badged, or working towards a badge. This payment is then subsidised by SNA depending on the badge held.

At SNA we are keen to ensure that all children that would like to play **DO** have the opportunity to play. If you have extra players that you can't fit into a team, or not enough players for a team, please contact us ASAP. We will always endeavour to do what we can to find every player a game.

NETBALL CONNECT APP - Draws and ladders will be available in the Netball Connect app.

[Netball Connect app - Google Play Store](#)

[Netball Connect app - The App Store](#)

***Teams will be required to time keep for one timeslot during the season. A roster will be sent out prior to Round 1.**

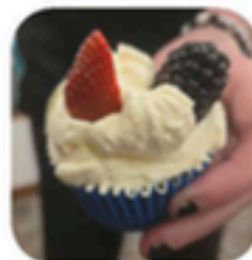
****Each school/club will need to nominate at least 1 (or more if you wish) suitable representative to attend the Sale Netball Association AGM on Wednesday March 18th, 2026 at 7.00pm.**

*****Registration information can also be found in the post pinned to the top of our Facebook page.**

If you have any queries, please contact us at salenetball@gmail.com

Netball Connect Transaction Fee Details

- **Direct Debit:** 1.5% + up to 60c (capped at \$10).
- **Credit Card (Domestic):** 2.25% + up to 60c.
- **Credit Card (International):** 3.4% + up to 60c.
- **American Express:** 2.7% + up to 60c.
- **Afterpay:** 5.7% + 30c.
- **Minimum Fee:** 50c for each registration, instalment, or match.



What's On in the Community?

Free, friendly groups to connect, create and unwind in Sale.



Mindful Art

A calm, creative space to unwind, chat and explore art at your own pace. No skills or pressure, just enjoy the process.



Drumming Circle

Let go of stress, have a laugh and connect through rhythm. No experience needed.



Parents Walking

Meeting other parents can be tricky! This group aims to make it easier. Walk chat & connect with other parents.



Cooking

Cook simple, budget friendly meals as a group and enjoy eating together. Learn new ideas, share tips and have a chat.



AXIOS Youth Group

A welcoming, creative space for LGBTQIA+ young adults aged 18-25. Creative activities and good company.



Pop Up Groups & Special Events

Our Groups can change throughout the year, and we love a pop-up! From LEGO to Family Dance and more. Follow Uniting Gippsland on Facebook to stay up to date.

Interested in volunteering?

Our groups are led by friendly local volunteers. If you enjoy connecting with people, meeting new faces or building experience, volunteering with our community groups could be a great fit. We'll help you find a role that feels right for you.



Scan to join or learn more

Join a group, volunteer or get more info on what's on. Prefer to chat? Call Uniting Sale 5144 7777

These groups are proudly led by local volunteers and form part of the HACC-PYP program, supporting people aged 0- 65 to stay active and connected in their community.