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# Banyule Bulletin

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*Where happy kids learn!*

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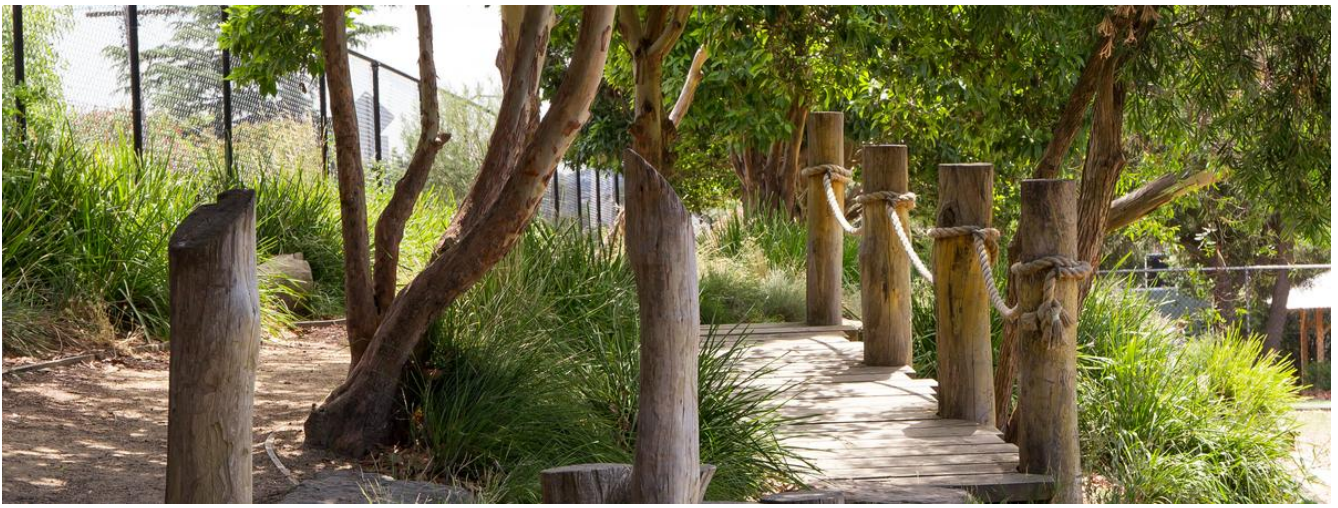
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# From the Principal Team

Natalie Shanahan, Sam Fleming, Claire Johnston

Welcome to another newsletter for Term 1. It's again been a busy time with lots happening here at Banyule Primary over the past fortnight. This week we welcomed our Preps to a full-time program, having not attending Wednesdays for February. They continue to impress us with their transition into Primary School world, however a funny interaction this week when a child exclaimed "*Hi Mrs Flemahan!!*" shows we've still got a little work to do!!

## **School Review**

Our school review has also officially begun since our last newsletter. We have now completed the observational phase of the process, having had the review panel visit our school across several days. This has involved observing lessons in all year levels, interviews with teaching teams and discussions with student and parent focus groups.

While we now await our report, we are extremely pleased to share that initial feedback from the panel has been overwhelmingly positive, praising everything they have seen and heard during their time with us. It is incredibly validating to know that our combined efforts and hard work have been recognised by the panel and reassuring to know that the strategic decisions in our approach to teaching and learning are having the impact and outcomes we intended.

## **Playground and School Yard Works**

While our major playground project continues slowly in the hands of Departmental decision-makers and construction compliance-checkers, we creep closer to the time our basketball court makeover gets underway, with work beginning later in the term. This project is being undertaken by us as a school (as opposed to the Department-managed major building



project) with some funding-help from the North-East Link. The majority of this work will be done during the Easter break and we can't wait to unveil yet another new amazing space to our school community in Term 2.

We are also pleased to announce another project that we are undertaking in our yard. Again, separate to the building project, we have just given the go-ahead for landscapers to begin work rejuvenating the embankment between our BER building and Banyule Road. The work will involve retaining walls, climbing rocks, garden beds and pathways. Having previously been unsuccessful in a grant application for this area we have now prioritised this worn out area as a school-funded project. Our Community Engagement Committee would like to support this project by fundraising for soft landscaping such as plants and garden mulch, for which we are grateful.

You can see this area in its current form below, as well as concept drawings provided to our landscapers for reference.



We are looking forward to the time when our physical environment will finally be matching the outstanding learning environment we have created.

Have a great long weekend,  
Natalie, Sam and Claire

**Want to see more?**

Follow us on our '*socials*' for a window into what we're up to at Banyule Primary School....



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## Events and Reminders

### Years 3-6 Lunchtime Clubs

<b>Monday</b>
Library- reading, drawing, board games and Lego

<b>Tuesday</b>
Library- reading, drawing, board games and Lego

<b>Wednesday</b>
Library- reading, drawing, board games and Lego
Block B- Crochet Club



<b>Thursday</b>
Library- reading, drawing, board games and Lego
Gym

## Years P-2 Lunchtime Clubs

<b>Monday</b>
Library- reading, drawing, board games and Lego
Performing Arts Room- Singing Club

<b>Tuesday</b>
Library- reading, drawing, board games and Lego

<b>Wednesday</b>
Library- reading, drawing, board games and Lego

<b>Thursday</b>
Library- reading, drawing, board games and Lego
Gym

<b>Friday</b>
Library- reading, drawing, board games and Lego
Performing Arts Room- Dance Club

Our lunchtime clubs play an important role in our desire to ensure that lunchtime is an inclusive and happy time for all of our students. We endeavor to prioritise any available staffing time to ensure that there is always a passive play option for students who need a little 'down time' during the lunch break. Our new library space is proving to be the perfect location for this to occur!

**Crochet Club Fun!**



## Important Dates

Date	Event
10th March	Labour Day Holiday
11th March	Year 3 and 4 Athletics Track Day
11th March	SEA Program Parent information Session
12th March	NAPLAN Testing commences
21st March	Harmony Day
26th March	9.15 Tour for new families
26th March	School Council
27th March	District Athletics
27th March	Second hand uniform sale in the gym 2.30-3.30pm
28th March	Years 3 and 4 Performance 2.30pm
2nd April	School Photos
4th April	End of Term 1 - 2.30pm dismissal
22nd April	Start of Term 2 (Easter Tuesday)



Date	Event
25th April	Anzac Day (Public Holiday)

## Pupil Free Days

Tuesday 10th June (Curriculum Day)

Monday 21st July (Curriculum Day)

Monday 1st September (Professional Practice Day)

Monday 3rd November (Curriculum Day)

## Camp Dates

Year 3 Camp- 26th November-28th November

Year 4 Camp- 23rd June- 25th June

Year 5 Camp- 27th August- 29th August

Year 6 Camp- 25th August- 27th August

# Banyule Primary School

## Prep 2026 Transition Activities

'What Makes BPS Special?'  
Information Evening for Prospective  
Parents/Carers  
Tuesday 29th April 6pm-7pm  
Please register using the QR Code:



'Getting Ready for Prep'  
Information Evening for  
Parents/carers of enrolled students  
Tuesday 11th November  
6pm-7pm

### Group Tours

Wednesday 26th March 9:15am-10am

Tuesday 1st April 9:15am-10am

Thursday 15th May 9:15am-10am

Wednesday 4th June 9:15am-10am

### Individual Tours

For in-zone families only.  
By appointment in Term 2.

Phone: (03) 9459 0732 to  
book an individual or group tour.

Gym Playdate  
Tuesday 29th July 12-1pm

Literacy Playdate  
Wednesday 13th August 12-1pm

Maths Playdate  
Thursday 4th September 12-1pm

Please register using the QR Code:

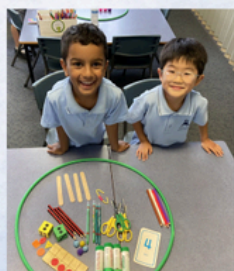


For Enrolled Students:

Transition 1  
Friday 14th November  
9:30am-10:50am

Transition 2  
Friday 21st November  
9:30am-10:50am

Transition 3  
Friday 28th November  
9:30am-10:50am



## Happy Kids Learn



# Prep 2026 Enrolment Timeline

The following timeline advises families of when and how to enrol their child into Prep at a Victorian government school.

To start primary school in 2026, your child will need to turn 5 years old by the 30th of April 2026.

Students residing within our school zone are guaranteed a place at our school, which is determined by your permanent residential address, followed by priority placement for siblings. We may also accept enrolments from families outside the designated zone, if there are available places.

Our school manages enrolments using the Department's Placement Policy.

## What you need to do:

1. Use the Find my School website <https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au/> to locate your designated neighbourhood school (local school). Your child's local school is determined on the basis of your permanent residential address.
2. Attend the Information evening or contact our Administration Office (03) 9459 0732 to book a school tour.
3. Application forms will be available from **Tuesday 22nd April 2025** via our website or can be collected from our school Administration Office.
4. Submit your child's application form by **Friday 25th July 2025**.
5. If you can provide proof of residency with your application, or you have a child already enrolled in the school, you are guaranteed a place at the school. You will be emailed enrolment documents.
6. If you're out of zone, you will be notified of the outcome of your application between **Monday 28th July and Friday 8th of August 2025**.
7. Enrolled students will take part in transition sessions during Term 4, 2025.
8. Your child will start Prep on Thursday 29th January 2026.

Enrolment applications submitted after the **25th of July 2025** will be processed by our school as they are received, in accordance with the Department's Placement Policy.

For more information on School Zones, you can:

- visit [School zones](http://www.vic.gov.au/school-zones) ([www.vic.gov.au/school-zones](http://www.vic.gov.au/school-zones)) for answers to frequently asked questions
- call the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) on 1800 896 950
- email the VSBA at [vsba@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:vsba@education.vic.gov.au)

You can find information and resources about the new timeline, including factsheets and the 'Foundation (Prep) Enrolment Information Pack for Parents/Carers', at:  
<https://www.vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep>



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE NEWS



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

# EASTER RAFFLE

CALLING FOR DONATIONS  
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PLEASE LEAVE YOUR DONATIONS  
IN MARKED BOXES AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE  
BY FRIDAY MARCH 28th







# Banyule Awards

Celebrating Our Achievements

Week 4

Class	Student Name		Class	Student Name
PNA	Garan G		3DJ	Leandro G
PMA	Henry T		3MT	Catie D
PAM	Eleanor D		34C	Zander Z
PBB	Mika Z		4NS	Isabella G
PZP	Jeremy E		4CG	
1NB	Jill B		4SD	Quinn P
1TY	Anna W		5KB	Nicholas W
1BS	Max L		5CN	Errol B
1TM	Ella L		5AS	Archie B
2MF	Oliver A		5NT	Zach G
2WG	Rael L		56M	Mila S
2BK	Louie F		6LH	Aishah S
2LP	Julia P		6DG	Max P, Emma S
3RB	Quincy C		6SN	Izzy M

## **SPECIALISTS AWARDS**

LOTE P-1:	STEAM P-2: Rafiq C & Georgia G PZP
LOTE 2-6: Catie D 3MT	Visual Arts 3-6: Sidney L 5AS
PE P-2: Jay M 1TM	Performing Arts P-2:

## Week 5

Class	Student Name	Class	Student Name
PNA	Hur N	3DJ	Grace T
PMA	Tom O	3MT	Sudiksha Y
PAM	Liyana N	34C	Ella W
PBB	Hamish L	4NS	Olivia L
PZP	Charles Y	4CG	Eddie A
1NB	John E	4SD	Navy K
1TY	Finnlay MK	5KB	Darby O
1BS		5CN	Emily C
1TM		5AS	Rupert H
2MF	Estelle B	5NT	Charlie H
2WG	Sadie A	56M	Elliot B
2BK	Alexander Y	6LH	Bhuvan R
2LP	Leo B	6DG	Samuel O, Eve M
3RB	Rory G	6SN	Amber B

### **SPECIALISTS AWARDS**

LOTE P-1:	STEAM P-2: Sebastian S 1NB
LOTE 2-6:	Visual Arts 3-6: Hannah N 4NS
PE P-2:	Performing Arts P-2:
PE 3-6:	Performing Arts 3-6: Jordy L 6DG





## Friendship Fire Think Sheet for Home

In the Banyule Bulletin last week, we shared how parents can differentiate between a 'Friendship Fire' and 'Mean-on-Purpose' behaviour. This week, we share how you can help your children step back from their emotions & consider the conflict from a more objective perspective.

We have provided an activity below to complete with your child to support this at home. Remember, there are many more resources available for free in the '[Parent Portal](#)' on the URSTORNG website.

### Objective

Reflection sheets and journaling are great ways to help our children process those tricky emotions and express their feelings on paper. But, sometimes kids need to step out of their emotional cloud when they experience conflicts in their friendships to see things clearly.

Dr Susan David, *author of Emotional Agility*, describes the importance of widening the lens to see things from a broader perspective. This Friendship Fire Think Sheet is designed to help children gain a more objective perspective of the situation, looking beyond their heightened emotions to simply focus on the facts.



## Materials

Print out: [Friendship Fire Think Sheet](#)

## Instructions

1. Explain to your child that you've noticed they're experiencing a Friendship Fire and that you're here to help.
2. Give them the Friendship Fire Think Sheet and say, "Here's a little something that schools sometimes give kids to help them think about the situation a little differently. Maybe it will help you feel better?"
3. If they're comfortable, review it with them and be sure to encourage them to Talk-it-Out with their friend to get the friendship back in the healthy zone. If they can't find a good time to talk at school, maybe you could help them set up a time outside of school?

Remind your child that you're there to support and coach them along, but that they can do it! Sometimes time and space away from the Friendship Fire are exactly what they need to start feeling better again!

## Next Steps

Consider taking Dr Susan David's [Emotional Agility Quiz](#). It might inspire some ideas for how to help your child be more emotional agile too!



Library





## The Library is back - better than ever!

The theme of the library for this year is 'Where Happy Kids Read, Grow and Inspire...'



## What's New

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY, IWD & OUR  
BPS LEGO MASTERS...



## Reminders

-Students are to return all library books every library session...Students who would like to hold on to their current loan can reborrow.

This is the best way to keep track of books, avoid losses and retain our library assets. It also gives students the chance to return books they may have lost interest in reading.

-If you have an overdue book, you will not be able to borrow until it is returned. READ IT, LOVE IT, RETURN IT!

-Display items and resources stay in the library.  
-It's a good idea to use a library bag.



## Good to know...

- Scholastic Book Club Issue #2 closes: 17th March 2:30pm
- Harmony Day library display: 21st March
- World Poetry Day poetry writing: 21st of March

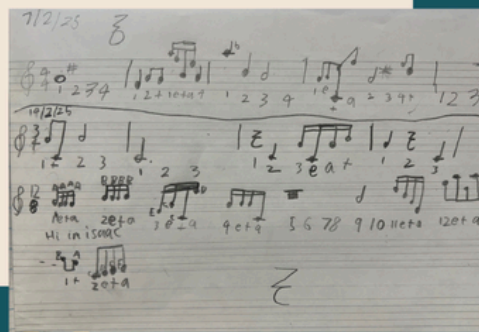
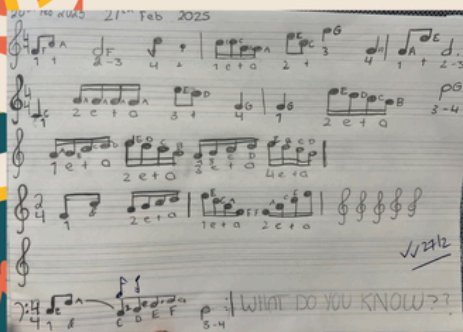
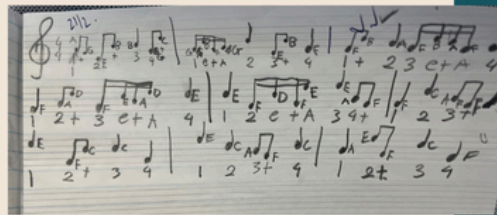
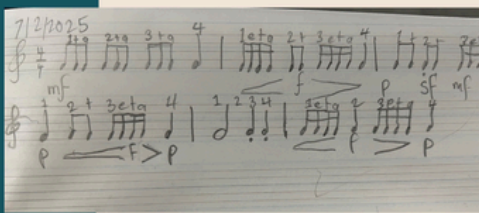


## Specialist Programs

# 5/6 PERFORMING ARTS

STUDENTS ARE LEARNING ALL ABOUT MUSIC NOTES AND THEIR VALUES, PITCH, THE MUSIC STAVE, COMPOSING THEIR OWN RHYTHMS, AND APPLYING ALL OF THIS KNOWLEDGE TO PLAYING OUR CLASS MINI PIANOS.

SUCH MUSICIANS THESE STUDENTS ARE :)







# Community Advertising



**VIEWBANK  
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## **Grade 6 (2025) into Year 7 (2026) Information**

### **Tours:**

We warmly invite you to attend a tour of Viewbank College.

Bookings can be made via

<https://www.trybooking.com/CXQEA>

### **Information webinar:**

If you have attended a tour and require further information, we will be holding an online information webinar on Monday 24th March, 2025 at 6pm.

Join from the

[Information webinar meeting link](#)

Password: VBC2025

### **Acceleration & Enhancement (AE) Program Testing:**

Will be held on Saturday 23rd August, 2025

Further details will be available on our website soon.



**FOR MORE INFO**



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# SCHOOL HOLIDAY Program

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## Unlock Adventure Camberwell – April Scout School Holiday Program

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# SCHOOL HOLIDAY Program





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**BANYULE PRIMARY – Monday and Friday!**

Order until 8:30am on the day!

**2 Course Lunch Pack from \$6.45**

Choose a Main Course item, then select 1 or 2 Items from the Snack/Drink Menu to make up a 2 or 3 Course Lunch Pack.

Main Course Menu	2 Course Lunch	3 Course Lunch
<b>BAKERY</b> All items freshly baked this morning!		
Cheese and Vegemite Scroll (V)	\$6.45	\$8.95
Savoury Bite 'Little Frank' Roll	\$6.45	\$8.95
Topped with Only Cheese Roll (V)	\$6.45	\$8.95
Cheese and Bacon Roll	\$7.45	\$9.95
Scroll with Ham and Cheese	\$9.95	\$12.85
Frankfurt 'in a blanket' with Sauce & Cheese (2)	\$10.95	\$13.65
<b>PIZZA &amp; GOZLEME</b> Served at Room Temp		
Ricotta & Spinach Pastizzi (2) (V)	\$7.45	\$9.95
Samosa Pastizzi (2) (Vg)	\$7.45	\$9.95
Margherita Pita Pizza (V)	\$8.95	\$11.45
Ham & Pineapple Pizza Slice	\$10.95	\$13.65
BBQ Chicken Pizza (H)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Vegetarian Pizza (V)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Lamb and Beef Gozleme (H)	\$13.45	\$15.45
Mushroom and Spinach Gozleme (Vg)	\$13.45	\$15.45
Spinach and Cheese Gozleme (V)	\$13.45	\$15.45
<b>SUSHI HAND ROLLS (2pc)</b> Soy Sauce (GF) Provided		
Teriyaki Chicken Hand Rolls (H)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Crispy Chicken (Schnitzel) Hand Rolls (H)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Cooked Tuna Hand Rolls (GF)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Avocado Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Cucumber Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Vegetarian Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Tofu Hand Rolls (GF, V)	\$11.50	\$13.75
<b>RICE PAPER ROLLS (2pc)</b> (Wed, Thu, Fri)		
Chicken Rice Paper Rolls (GF, H)	\$13.45	\$15.45
Vegetarian Rice Paper Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$13.45	\$15.45
<b>SANDWICHES / ROLLS / WRAPS</b>		
Strawberry Jam Sandwich (1.5) (Vg)	\$7.45	\$9.95
Vegemite Sandwich (2) (Vg)	\$8.95	\$11.45
Plain Cheese Sandwich (2) (V)	\$9.95	\$12.85
Simple Salad Roll (Vg)	\$9.95	\$12.85
Cheese and Salad Roll (V)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Wholegrain Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Roast Chicken and Salad Roll (H)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Roast Beef, Chutney, Cheese & Lettuce Roll	\$11.50	\$13.75
Turkey, Cranberry, Lettuce & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Mild Salami and Salad Roll	\$11.50	\$13.75
Wrap w/Chicken, Tzatziki, Lettuce, Tomato Cucumber (H)	\$12.75	\$14.95
<b>SALADS / PICNIC BOXES / FRUIT &amp; VEG</b>		
Steamed Corn Wheels, Broccoli & Carrot (GF, Vg)	\$9.95	\$12.85
Fresh Fruit Salad - Main Course Size (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Vegetarian Picnic Box (GF, V)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Ham Picnic Box (GF)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Greek Style Salad with Feta and Olives (GF, V)	\$12.75	\$14.95
Tortellini Pasta Salad (V)	\$12.75	\$14.95
Mexican Inspired Salad (GF, Vg)	\$12.75	\$14.95
<b>GF SANDWICHES &amp; WRAPS</b>		
GF Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65
GF Cucumber & Ham Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65
GF Wrap - Ham and Salad	\$12.75	\$14.95
GF Wrap - Garden Salad (GF, Vg)	\$12.75	\$14.95

Snack/Drink Menu	
<b>FRESH FRUIT &amp; VEGETABLES</b>	
Apple pieces, Lemon juice, Cinnamon & Brown Sugar	+ \$1.00
Cantaloupe and Honeydew Pieces	+ \$1.00
Fresh Fruit Combo	+ \$1.00
Freshly Chopped Orange Segments	Included
Freshly Chopped Strawberries with Grapes	Included
Freshly Chopped Watermelon Pieces	Included
Whole Fruit - Apple	Included
Whole Fruit - Banana	Included
Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum	Included
Celery and Carrot Sticks with Sultanas	Included
Cherry Tomatoes, Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers	Included
Corn Wheels & Lightly Steamed Broccoli	Included
Edamame (Lightly Salted)	Included
Sugar Snap Peas, Beans and Cherry Tomatoes	+ \$1.00
<b>BAKERY - SWEET</b>	
Choc Chip Cookie	Included
Finger Bun with Sprinkles	Included
Fruit Bun	Included
Cinnamon Doughnut	Included
Cornflake Cookie	Included
Choc Cup Cake (GF/DF)	+ \$1.00
Blueberry Muffin	+ \$1.00
Jam Drop Biscuit (GF)	+ \$1.00
Banana Slice (GF)	+ \$1.00
<b>SUSHI</b>	
1pc Tuna Sushi (GF)	+ \$1.00
<b>POPCORN</b>	
Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salted	Included
Lightly Salted	Included
<b>DRIED FRUIT / LEGUMES</b>	
Lime & Black Pepper Chickpeas	Included
Roasted Chickpeas	Included
Balsamic & Sea Salt Fava Beans	Included
Dried Fruit Medley with Yoghurt Sultanas	+ \$1.00
<b>DIPS WITH MINI RICE CAKES</b>	
Tzatziki Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+ \$1.00
Spring Onion Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+ \$1.00
Spicy Capsicum Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+ \$1.00
Avocado Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+ \$1.00
<b>YOGHURTS / BOWLS</b>	
Strawberry Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers)	+ \$1.00
Classic Vanilla Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers)	+ \$1.00
Chia Bowl with Banana, Coconut & Strawberries	+ \$1.00
Stewed Rhubarb and Apple with Custard	+ \$1.00
<b>DRINKS</b>	
Apple Juice (Nippy's)	Included
Orange Juice (Nippy's)	Included
Chocolate Milk (Nippy's)	Included
Strawberry Milk (Nippy's)	Included
Full Cream Milk	Included



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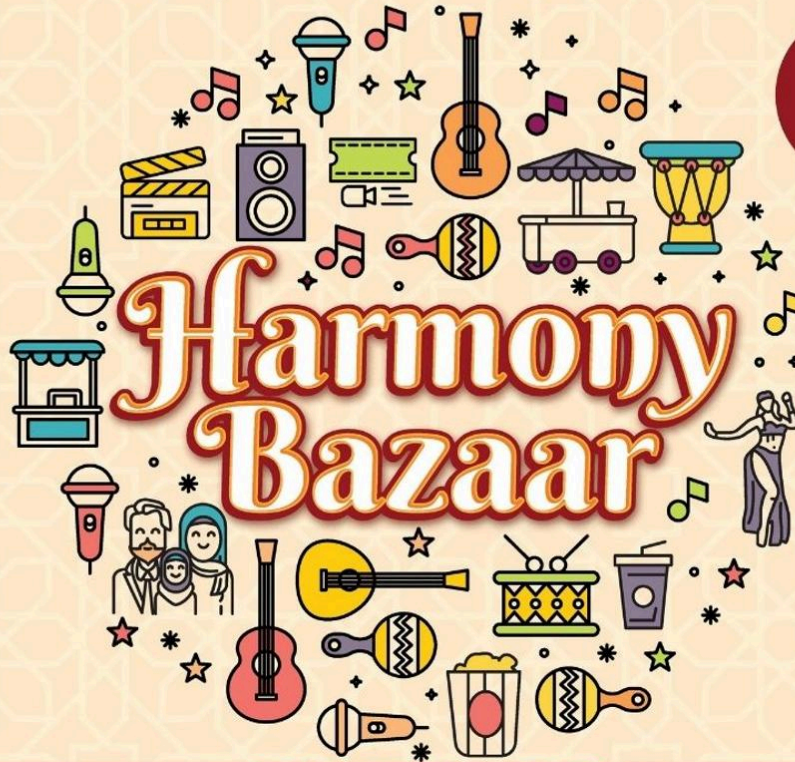
GF = Gluten Free, DF = Dairy Free, H = Halal, V = Vegetarian, Vg = Vegan

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[www.classroomcuisine.com.au](http://www.classroomcuisine.com.au)



Free  
Event



# Harmony Bazaar

RESCHEDULED TO

*Sunday 30 March*

**Binnak Park**

**12pm – 3pm Workshops & Markets**

**3pm – 5pm Movie Screening**