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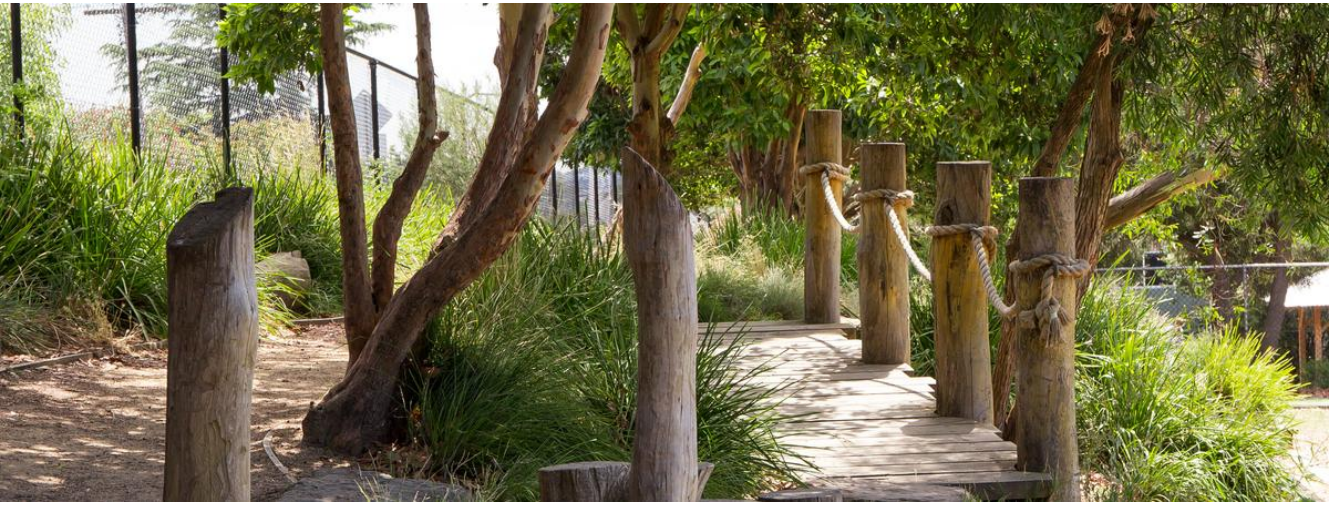
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From the Principal Team

Natalie Shanahan, Sam Fleming, Claire Johnston

Welcome back to school everyone!

A special welcome to our new students and families. We have had a very settled start to the new term. Thank you to the staff for all of the extra work they put in over the term break to ensure a smooth start.

It was wonderful to begin the year with a great community event- last night's Open Classroom and Family Picnic. It turned out to be the perfect evening to throw the picnic rug down on the oval and it seemed many in our school community agreed, showing up in droves to share kabana, crackers and conversations with friends. The night also proved helpful in welcoming our new families to Banyule and gave opportunity to meet others. Our musical act, AJ Watson, provided the perfect summer night soundtrack, albeit somewhat hijacked by a small but passionate group of BPS Swifties requesting (demanding!!) every next song be one by Taylor Swift.

The drinks, icy pole and lolly stall was busy throughout the night and while the aim of this event was 'fun-raising' more than 'fundraising', every little bit helps, and monies raised from sales will contribute to our upcoming playground projects. We thank our Community Engagement Committee for looking after the stall last night and anyone that joined them in helping serve.

These events go a long way in creating a positive and effective school community, something that is important when striving to be a successful school.



Staffing news:

Welcome to our new class teachers for this year, Cristina Galceran, Alisha Spiteri, Mandy Ferris and Lauren Pavia. We also welcome Fiona Catton who will be working part time in a leadership position.

We are super excited to have such a talented and dedicated bunch of teachers, particularly with the teacher shortage crisis affecting many schools at the moment. We are proud that we continue to be able to attract and retain quality teaching staff. It is a priority of ours to support all staff to feel part of the Banyule PS community and ensure they enjoy working at our school. Thank you also for your support in welcoming new staff and helping those that have been here longer feel part of this special place year after year.

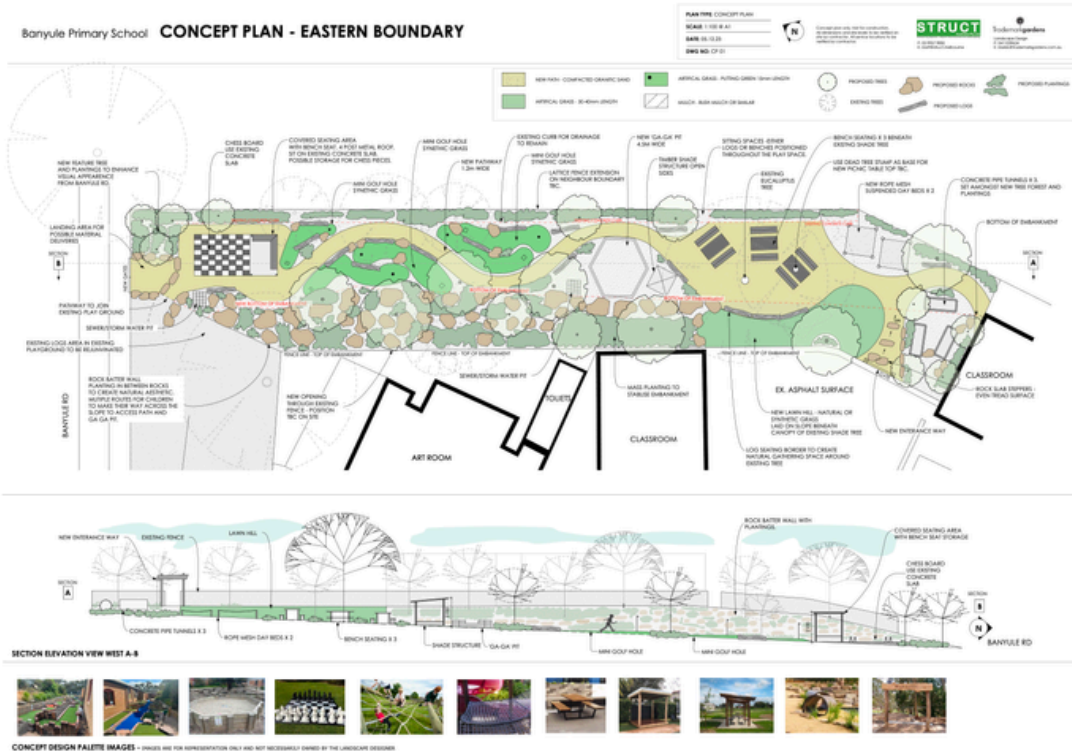
Our teachers can be contacted by email through Compass at any time if needed. The teacher contact details also appear in the classroom community newsletters. These newsletters will come out each term outlining the curriculum focus, what's on and what to expect for the term ahead.

Facilities news:

A lot of progress has been made with our new building in the past few weeks. Those that have visited recently would have seen that with the addition of the steel frame of top story has meant the new building has almost doubled in size. Looking carefully at the steel skeleton we can start to really see the learning spaces take shape. What's even more pleasing is that our builders share that we remain on track for our planned completion date. This week of amazing weather has helped, so 'touch wood' progress continues at this rate.



We are also getting more excited about our planned grounds works with the area in the north-eastern corner being cleared to a blank canvas during the holidays. The concept plans for this play space are now out to tender and we look forward to be able to proceed with this construction very soon. When finished, this space will feature mini golf holes, a giant chess board, a ga-ga pit and lots of natural themed places for children to climb and clamber or sit and chill.



This year we have again needed to have classes occupying shared spaces. Whilst this is something relatively new for BPS it is quite common in other schools with some schools built with entirely open plan classrooms.

Fees/Parent Payments:

All families should now have received the invoice for 2024 payments via Compass. If you are unsure and require assistance in understanding the payment options/contributions, please do not hesitate in contacting Betty our Business Manager (9459 0732).

The ongoing support of our families is important to ensure that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer. Within our school continued support through these payments has allowed us to provide opportunities we couldn't otherwise, both in the classrooms and out in the playground.

Don't forget that the Building Fund contributions are tax deductible and all proceeds from this fund goes towards school buildings and grounds improvement projects.

Parent Reps:

Every year we ask each teacher to find a parent rep (or two to share the job) to help with things such as fundraisers, welcoming new families, organising outside-of-school social activities for the class. If you are interested, please let your child's teacher know and provide your email address and mobile number. Thank you in advance to anyone who takes on this role.

Class Contact lists:

Shortly you will receive an email asking if you would like to have your contact details included in a class contact list. This information is then shared with the other parents who have chosen to contribute. The information is to be used solely for the purposes of supporting parents to make social connections and coordinate events and activities pertaining to school.

'Get To Know You' Parent/Teacher Meetings: (20th and 21st of February)

This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher to let them know anything you think is important to know about your child. This information can sometimes help us cater for the needs of your child by understanding family circumstances, social concerns and

anything else you think is important. Meeting times with the teacher will be booked through Compass and information of this process will be provided to parents soon.

Supporting Resilience and Independence in Children:

Each year we begin with an in-depth and strategic Start-Up program. Drawing upon aspects of the Personal and Social Capabilities of the Victorian Curriculum, our wellbeing program at this time of the year focusing on laying, re-establishing and re-enforcing the foundations needed in both the classroom and the playground. This includes setting-up classroom rules, expectations and processes and an intensive focus on what makes a great learner and great friend. It also teaches and reminds students strategies to use to solve problems in their work and in their social play as, like life in general, navigating through school-life comes with its challenges, disagreements and misunderstandings.

Parents and carers can support this work by reinforcing the strategies that we teach in the classroom and by allowing your child to go through the normal emotions associated with the ups and downs of school-life such as the disappointment of missing out on something they had their heart set on, being left out of a game, getting something wrong, making a poor choice or having an argument with a friend. It's also really important parents restrain themselves from becoming involved in their child's friendship issues. Children will have these and should be supported through them appropriately.

Should you have any wellbeing concerns related to your child that you feel is beyond the normal ups and downs of school-life, please reach out to your child's teacher.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year of learning and growing. As always, please let us know if you have any questions at all about anything.

Natalie, Sam and Claire



Events and Reminders

Date	Event
12 Feb	Grip Leadership Conference
13 Feb	BPS SWIMMING TRIALS
20 Feb	GTKY Interviews
21 Feb	GTKY Interviews
21 Feb	School Council
26 Feb	Preps full time
29 Feb	Year 3 and 4 Athletics Track and Field day
4 March	DISTRICT SWIMMING
5 March	Information evening for 2025 prep enrolments
6 March	Year 5 and 6 Athletics Track and Field day
11 March	Labour Day Public Holiday
12 March	DIVISION SWIMMING
13 March	NAPLAN starts (over two weeks)
20 March	School Council
21 March	Harmony Day
27 March	DISTRICT ATHLETICS DAY
28 March	End of term 1 (Thursday) 2.30pm dismissal
29 March	Good Friday Public holiday

2024 Camp Dates

Year 3 Camp (October 30th-November 1st)

Year 4 Camp (October 28th-October 30th)

Year 5 Camp (August 12th- August 14th)

Year 6 Camp (August 14th- August 16th)

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. **If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF.** A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families.

The allowance is paid to the school towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual CSEF amount per student is: \$150 for primary school students and \$250 for secondary school students.

How to apply:

New applicants should contact the office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/PAL/CSEF-application-form.docx>

If you applied for CSEF last year you do not need to complete a new application form unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. Please check with Betty Horan (Business Manager) on 9459 0732 if you are unsure of any of the above details.

General Reminders:

- School hats are compulsory from the end of August until the end of April each year.
- Please name all school clothing. We can return lost property if it is clearly named.
- Icy-poles are \$1 each on Thursdays in term 1 and 4.
- All student mobile phones and smart watches must be handed to the teacher each morning (as per the DET policy)
- We are still needing lots of parent helpers for lunch orders, icy poles and lost property. Please add your name into the following document if you're able to help:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Pq656iPbhV5_J6SSZKdKUirIGd2U8QG1p0Af_u2ullil/edit?usp=sharing

Banyule Primary School Prep 2025 Transition Activities

'What Makes BPS Special?'
Information Evening for prospective parents
Tuesday 5th March 7pm-8pm
Please register using the QR Code:



'Getting Ready for Prep'
Information Evening for parents of enrolled students
Wednesday 13th November
6pm-7pm

Group Tours
Tuesday 12th March
9:30am-10:30am

Thursday 14th March
9:30am-10:30am

Phone: (03) 9459 0732 to book in for a group tour.

Individual Tours
By appointment in Term 2.
Phone: (03) 9459 0732 to book a tour.

Gym Playdate
Friday 10th May 12:30-1:30pm

Literacy Playdate
Friday 24th May 12:30-1:30pm

Maths Playdate
Friday 14th June 12:30-1:30pm

Please register using the QR Code:



For Enrolled Students:

Transition 1
Friday 15th November
9:30am-10:50am

Transition 2
Friday 22nd November
9:30am-10:50am

Transition 3
Friday 29th November
9:30am-10:50am



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Prep 2025 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 2025, your child will need to turn 5 years old by the 30th of April 2025.

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

Our school manages enrolments using the Departments 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 **Monday 15th April 2024** via our website or can be collected from our school Administration office.
4. Submit your child's enrolment application form by **Friday 26th July 2024**.
5. You will be notified of the outcome of your application between **Monday 29th July and Friday 9th of August 2024**.
6. If you can provide proof of residency, or you have a child already enrolled in the school, you are guaranteed a place at the school and you are able to request an enrolment form, rather than an application form.
7. Enrolled students will take part in transition sessions during Term 4, 2024.
8. Your child will start Prep on **Thursday 30th January 2025**.

Enrolment applications submitted after the **26th of July 2024** 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) for answers to frequently asked questions
- call the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) on 1800 896 950
- email the VSBA at vsbaeducation.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>



Banyule Awards

Celebrating Our Achievements

Week 1

Class Name	Childs Name
1NB	Ivy P
1TY	
1BS	Hugo H
1TM	Logan L
2NS	Teo D-R
2WG	Cyrus A
2BB	Kiaan P
2LP	Zander Z
3RB	Leo P
3DJ	Sabine B
3MT	
4SO	Alice N
4CG	Isabel M
4KC	Rupert H
4RS	Leon R
4MF	Lucas S
5KB	Isaac L
5CN	Lucas T
5AS	Penny H
5SD	Tessa C
6SN	Alannah A

















Class Name	Childs Name
6LH	Lakyn R
6DG	
6JM	







Specialist Awards






LOTE P-1: Harry M 1NB	STEAM P-2: Harry M 1NB
LOTE 2-6: Ike N 6SN	VISUAL ARTS 3-6: Josh S 4KC
PE P-2:	Performing Arts P-2: Piper H 1TY
PE 3-6:	Performing Arts 3-6: Aiden G 5KB















Meet the 2024 Staff Team








 Banyule Primary School Organisational Structure 2024				
Principal Class Team				
Natalie Shanahan Principal <u>Key Roles</u> School Improvement Policy, planning and finance		Claire Johnston Assistant Principal <u>Key Roles</u> Teaching and Learning Daily Organisation		Sam Fleming Assistant Principal <u>Key Roles</u> Student Welfare and Wellbeing Facilities Management
Leadership Team				
Jessica Ray Learning Specialist <u>Key Role</u> Instructional consistency within and across teams through		Jeanene Margiolakis Learning Specialist <u>Key Role</u> Use of data to drive school improvement initiatives		Fiona Catton Leading Teacher <u>Key Role</u> Support leaders and teams to implement collaborative practices
	Betty Horan Business Manager <u>Key Role</u> Finance and Budgets Human Resources			
Whole School Leadership roles				
Jayden Stapleton Disability Inclusion Coordinator 	Ashleigh Mefflin Wellbeing Program Coordinator 	Trent Miles High Ability Programs Leader 	Ria Schnittler Whole School Data Manager 	Matt Tanswell Digital Technologies Coordinator 
Prep Community				
Nadia Amor PNA 	Mikayla Alderson PMA 	Ashleigh Mefflin PAM 	Zoe Pannam PZP 	
Year 1 Community				
Nicole Batchelder 1NB 	Tara Yin 1TY 	Brooke Scrivano 1BS 	Trent Miles 1TM 	Vanessa Bennett 1TY (Fridays) 
Year 2 Community				
Ned Smith 2NS 	Warren Gray 2WG 	Belinda Boreham 2BB 	Lauren Pavia 2LP 	Serafina Samgati-Basile 2BB (Fridays) 
Year 3 Community				
Rachel Burgess 3RB 	Daniel Johnson 3DJ 	Jane Place Yr 3 Tutor 	Matt Tanswell 3MT 	







Year 4 Community					
Santhy Olowonyi 4SO 	Cristina Galceran 4CG 	Katela Chrisanthopoulos 4KC 	Ria Schnittler 4RS 	Mandy Ferris 4MF 	Sarah Nedelkos 4RS (Thursdays) 







Year 5 Community					
Karen Burke 5KB 	Chelsea Nickson 5CN 	Alisha Spiteri 5AS 	Sam Doody 5SD 	Bree Klein 5KB (Fridays) 	

Year 6 Community					
Simon Nolan 6SN 	Liz Hondromatidis 6LH 	Dora Greig 6DG 	Jeanene Margiolakis 6JM 		

Specialist Team							
 Renee Rawlinson Visual Art 3-6	 Sarah Nedelkos STEAM P-2	 Stephanie Daniel Perf Arts 3-6	 Kirsty Blacker Perf Arts P-2	 Luke Nedelkos 3-6 PE	 Danni Christofis P-2 PE	 Liangzhe Xu 3-6 Chinese	 Emma Fang P-2 Chinese

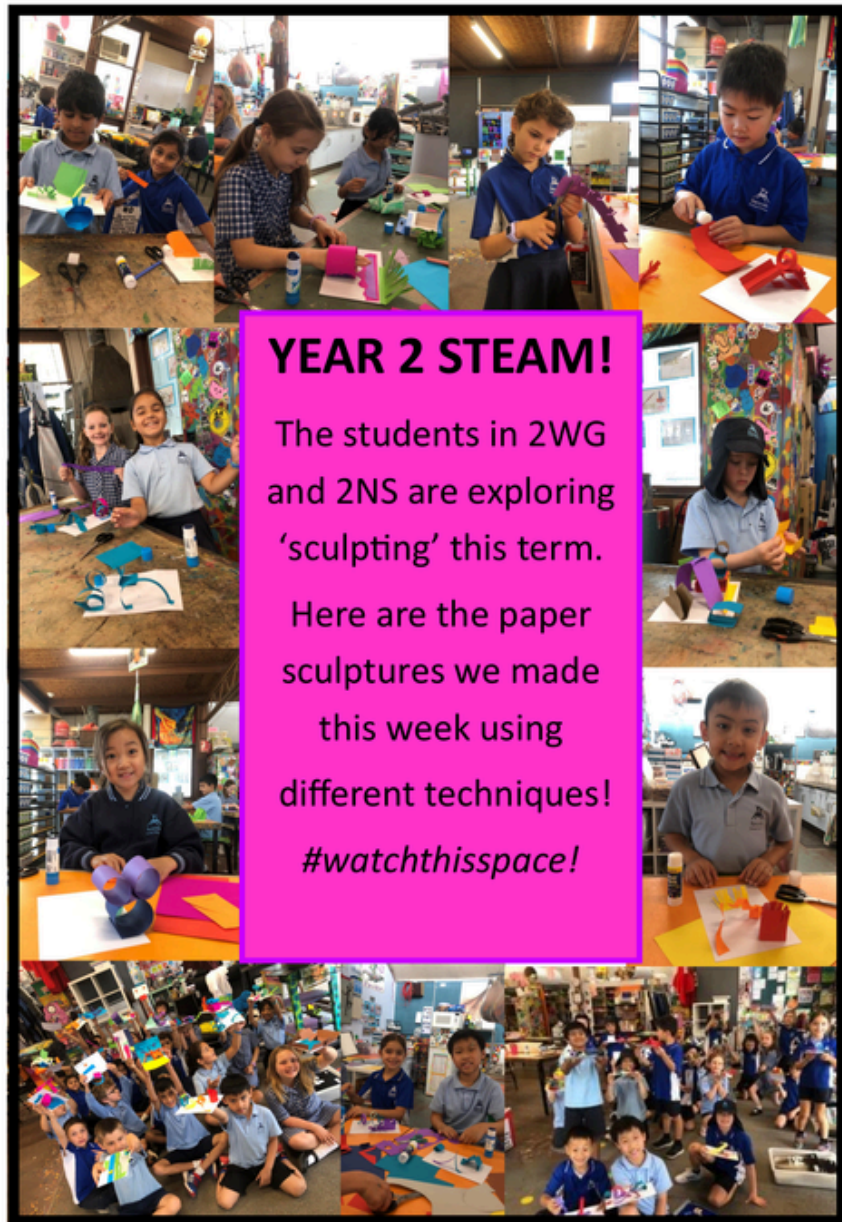
Administration Team						
 Betty Horan Business manager Team leader	 Lisa Cooney Attendance Enrolments First Aid	 Kathy Ralph Accounts Payments First Aid	 Rebecca Jowett First Aid First Aid Admin	 Phillips Abraham IT Technician	 Anand Ramakrishnan IT Technician	 Anthony McCulloch Maintenance

Classroom Education Support Team					
 Mara Stevenson Team Leader	 Olivia Drijo Library Intervention Classroom Support	 Erin Jorgensen Intervention Classroom Support	 Fleur Bennett-Smith Intervention Classroom Support	 Christie Buswell Intervention Classroom Support	 Maddison Penson Intervention Classroom Support

Intervention Team					
 Rebecca Ball Education Inclusion (Tuesdays)	 Josh Horan Wellbeing Officer (Mondays)	 Ruth Stephens Literacy Tutor	 Jane Place Peaceful Kids Facilitator	 Pina Brancolino (EAL) English as an Additional language	 Courtney Hicks Tutor



Specialist Area



Exquisite Corpse

A game in which each participant takes turns writing or drawing on a sheet of paper, folding it to conceal his or her contribution, and then passing it to the next player for a further contribution.

The game gained popularity in artistic circles during the 1920s when it was adopted as a technique by artists of the Surrealist movement to generate collaborative compositions.

Our Year 3 & 4 artists had A LOT of fun playing the game last week:



Why not play a round at home?
<https://www.moma.org/magazine/articles/457>



For more ARTventures follow our BPS Visual Art/STEAM account
@show_me_the_monet_



Community Advertising

AB AFL Auskick is coming to Banyule Primary School!

AFL Victoria will be running a 5-week Auskick program at the school!

Auskick (Ages 4-12): An intro to Australian Football and invaluable life skills. With game-based activities kids love, learning is disguised as playing. You don't need Aussie Rules experience — children can start Auskick in the calendar year they turn 5!

The total price for this program is \$50. You will receive a size 1 football and pump as part of your Auskick registration.

REGISTER HERE - <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/f6d52f> or scan QR Code in the flyer!

Banyule Primary School Auskick & Superkick Centre will run from Thursday 29th of February from 3.45pm – 4.40pm on the school. For more information, please contact Alex on 0499 499 956 or alex.federico@afl.com.au



AFL PLAY

come find your awesome

nab AFL Auskick play.afl/auskick 

The advertisement features a photograph of a young girl in a blue AFL Auskick jersey and a young boy in a yellow AFL Auskick jersey. The boy is holding a brown football with 'SHERIN AFL' written on it. The background is a bright, outdoor setting. The text 'come find your awesome' is written in a large, white, bubbly font with a red outline. At the bottom, there are logos for 'nab AFL Auskick', the website 'play.afl/auskick', and a QR code.

Twilight Market

Bring your friends and family to the ELTHAM College Twilight Market!

Where community comes together

Friday 1 March ✖ **ELTHAM College Oval and Swipers Gully Vineyard**
4:00pm to 8:30pm

- * Local makers and businesses
- * Market stalls
- * Food trucks
- * Live Music
- * Swipers Gully wines
- * BYO kids, family, friends
- * BYO picnic blanket

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Now accepting 2024 enrolments for our rehearsal venues in Berwick, Box Hill, Caulfield North, Essendon, Glen Waverley, Greensborough, Heidelberg, Ivanhoe, Kew, Mentone, Ringwood and Yarraville.

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