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# Banyule Bulletin

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*Where happy kids learn!*

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# Community Engagement Committee

## Helpers needed...

We are still needing helpers for the Bunnings BBQ on Saturday the 16th of March. Please add your name to the following document if you're able to help:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ac1mA-j4ybLCil1Ae13mYN7qQSVqzJRz8cmh-VJ-3EI/edit?usp=drive link](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ac1mA-j4ybLCil1Ae13mYN7qQSVqzJRz8cmh-VJ-3EI/edit?usp=drive_link)

We also need classroom parent reps for 1TM, 3MT and 6DG. Please contact the teachers if you can help.

Can any parents with a current Working with Children's Check please show them at the office so that we can keep the school register up to date.

## Coming Soon...

We will be launching a new school communication strategy through a BPS What's App community. Home to class group chats, announcements and event specific chats.

## Coming Up...

A vibrant blue poster for an Easter Raffle fundraiser. At the top left, three colorful Easter eggs (pink and yellow stripes, yellow and green stripes with stars, and pink with white polka dots) hang from white dashed lines. On the right, a white cartoon rabbit with pink inner ears and whiskers peeks over a yellow vertical bar. At the bottom right, a yellow basket contains three decorated Easter eggs: a green one with yellow stars, a white one with a blue silhouette of two people holding hands, and a pink one with white hearts. The text is centered on the left side of the poster.

BPS PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER

# EASTER RAFFLE

CALLING FOR DONATIONS TO FILL OUR BASKETS

CHOCOLATE  
LOLLIES  
EASTER CRAFT  
BASKETS OR CELLOPHANE WRAP

PLEASE LEAVE YOUR DONATIONS IN  
MARKED BOXES AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE  
BY TUESDAY 19th MARCH

Save the date...

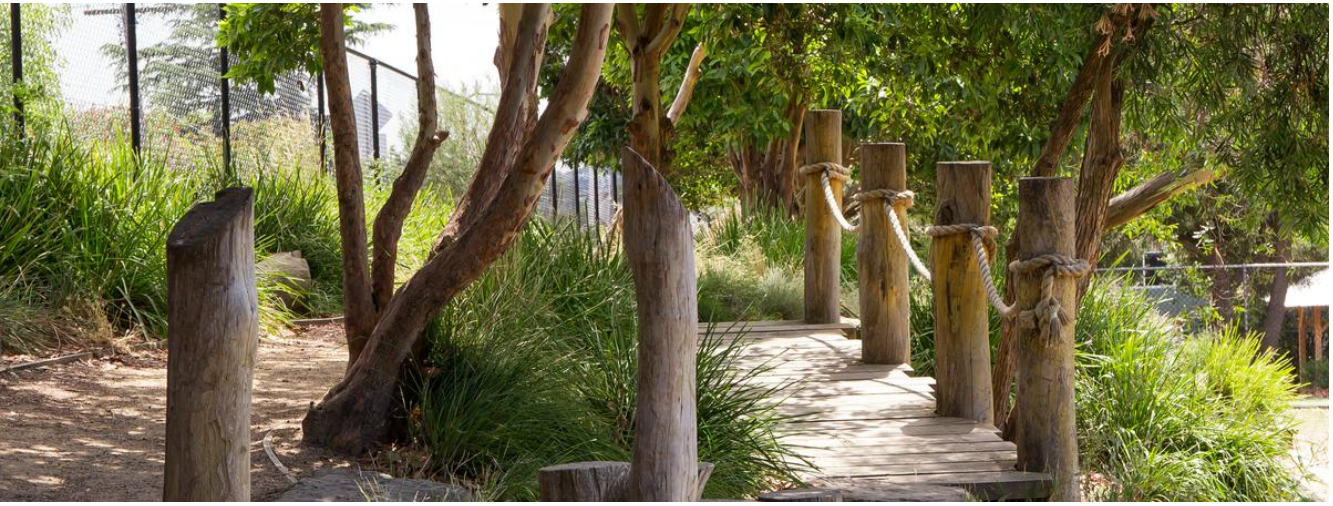
**BPS FUNDRAISER**

# **KID'S DISCO NIGHT**



**SAVE THE DATE**  
DETAILS TO FOLLOW

**FRI 9TH AUGUST**      **PREP-YR 3 5:30-6:30PM**      **YR 4-6 7:00-8:30PM**



# From the Principal Team

Natalie Shanahan, Sam Fleming, Claire Johnston

Welcome to this week's newsletter in another busy week here under the blue skies of Banyule Primary School.

## **Athletics Carnival**

Congratulations to Mr Nedelkos and the staff for organising two very successful athletics days. A huge thank you also to the team of volunteers helping out on the day. Well done to all of our students for smiling, encouraging each other and being willing to have a go, even when there may have been some initial trepidation. It is wonderful to see so many students having the opportunity to stretch themselves and shine as they try something new or outside of their comfort zone.

## **Prep 2025 enrolment process**

This week we hosted a very successful information evening. Next week we are running two group tours on Tuesday and Thursday morning at 9.30am. Please let anyone with school aged children know they are welcome to come along. Existing/current families are able to request an enrolment pack from our office at any time.

## **Homework**

We understand that many parents are aware of the current research into the effectiveness of homework for primary aged students. With the evidence of that research pointing to minimal impact on student achievement for this age group. We provide our homework to children and families with this in mind and are more than happy for families to opt out of homework for their children (simply email your child's teacher). With that being said, we do however encourage regular reading.

Some activities you could engage with instead;

- have a family conversation at the dinner table about current topics
- spend time outdoors exploring the local parks, riding bikes or playing sports
- practice playing musical instruments
- practice mindfulness; journaling, meditation, gratitude diary
- cook a meal together
- help with household organisation, write shopping lists, chore charts
- play board games (as well as building basic numeracy and strategic thinking skills, they are also a great opportunity for children to experience loss in a safe environment like home. Invaluable for supporting children to manage set backs later in life.)

### **Swimming Program**

This year we are introducing a swimming lesson program for our Year 2 students. We will also continue with the water safety program in Year 5. The cost of pool entry and the lessons/program will be covered by a Swimming in Schools grant. Parents will be responsible for the costs of bus transportation. More information will be provided closer to the time.

### **Building Program**

Exciting news! We finally have a move in date. We will be moving into our new building from Monday the 24th of June. We have two days to decant from the remaining 'old' building before it is demolished to make way for the playground. Stay tuned as we will be needing some volunteers during that week to help us move in!



### **Neighbourhood Watch**

You will have seen that we did have some disappointing activity in our school after hours earlier in the week. We have reported some minor vandalism to the police and are fortunate that this is a rare event. Our community can be our greatest protectors and while we know we have respectful people playing on the oval, shooting hoops or letting toddlers have a play on the playground after hours, if you're bike riding with the kids, walking the dog or going past in the car, we encourage anyone that sees anything untoward occurring in the school and building site to please report it to Heidelberg police.

### Play Time

Last week we shared some great images of our children having fun outside. This week we're sharing some happy snaps of children opting for some of the passive lunchtime activities. The children in these photos are having a blast at drawing club, being creative and hanging with friends, and look as happy as a kid in the 80s that finally scored that pack of 72 Derwents for their birthday...



Enjoy the long weekend,

Natalie, Sam and Claire



## Events and Reminders

Date	Event
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 <b>Thursday 2.30pm</b> dismissal
29 March	Good Friday Public holiday
15 April	Beginning of Term 2
22 April	School Photographs
25 April	Anzac Day

### **ANNUAL REMINDER - Yard Supervision before and after school**

Student safety at Banyule Primary School is our highest priority and the safe and appropriate supervision of students is an important element of our duty of care to students. Part of this duty is ensuring parents and students are aware of our student supervision arrangements before and after school.

**Before school:** School grounds are supervised from 8.45am.

**After school:** School grounds are supervised until 3.45pm.



Students on school grounds outside these times will **not** be supervised (unless they are attending a before or after school care program or supervised extracurricular activity).

Parents/carers are requested to ensure that students do not attend school outside of these supervised times unless they are attending before or after school care, or a pre-arranged supervised activity (i.e. sports practice).

Families are encouraged to contact OSHClub on <https://www.oshclub.com.au/> for more information about the before and after school care facilities available to our school community.

### **School Crossing Safety**

We have had some safety concerns raised by the crossing supervisor on Haughton Parade. Could both parents and children please ensure they are following the rules at the crossing. This includes crossing at the actual crossing, standing behind the yellow line and waiting until the whistle is blown before crossing. There is also no riding of bikes or bouncing balls whilst crossing.



# Banyule Awards

Celebrating Our Achievements

## Week 4

Class Name	Childs Name
PNA	Eva P
PMA	Jill B
PAM	Ilaria D
PZP	Ziggy S
1NB	Heidi C
1TY	Shinyue K
1BS	Jack V
1TM	Alfie L
2NS	Eva L
2WG	Ted H
2BB	Lucca J
2LP	Spencer
3RB	Maxwell C
3DJ	Matthew C
3MT	Maliah D S
4SO	Eva R
4CG	Ella P
4KC	Seher M
4RS	
4MF	Beau S, Toby K
5KB	Henry C, Ruben A

Class Name	Childs Name
5CN	Mel D
5AS	Nova T
5SD	Sam O
6SN	Hugo K
6LH	Anika S
6DG	Natalie C
6JM	Dev S

### Specialist Awards

LOTE P-1: Isabella Z (1BS)

Eve M (1BS)

Joey B (1TY)

STEAM P-2: Elliot R (2WG)

Clemmie A (PZP)

LOTE 2-6: Beatrice S (6LH)

VISUAL ARTS 3-6: Angus C (3MT)

PE P-2: Amanda (1TM)

Performing Arts P-2: Brian G (PZP)

PE 3-6:

Performing Arts 3-6: Ella P (4CG)

## Week 5

Class Name	Childs Name
PNA	Bella H
PMA	Harry D
PAM	Oliver M, Ilaria D
PZP	Zoe B
1NB	Oliver A
1TY	Henry F
1BS	
1TM	Lachie H
2NS	Flynn M
2WG	George T
2BB	Xavier X
2LP	Ormond
3RB	Jude C
3DJ	Arya B
3MT	Kiara L
4SO	Jude L
4CG	Lucas T
4KC	Nicholas W

Class Name	Childs Name
4RS	
4MF	Olivia C
5KB	Alyssa C
5CN	Naqiyy M
5AS	Sienna W
5SD	Zach S, Sam O
6SN	Enzo T
6LH	Liam T
6DG	Cillian W
6JM	Shreya S

### Specialist Awards

LOTE P-1: Joey B (Week 4)	STEAM P-2: Zoi and Eva (PNA)
LOTE 2-6: Pia K (2NS)	VISUAL ARTS 3-6: Emma P (6LH)
PE P-2: Ziggy S (PZP)	Performing Arts P-2: Leonora X (1TM)
PE 3-6:	Performing Arts 3-6: Matthew C (3DJ)



# Student Achievements

## Willow From 5AS

The awarding of a black belt comes after years of training, up to five times a week at some stages, and was only awarded after Grand Master Joon No deemed that Willow had achieved significant knowledge and skill level as well as having displayed leadership amongst her peers.

To gain a black belt Willow had to display her ability in several areas including, sparing, board breaking and the accurate display of five different patterns of movement each of which

represents the movements displayed by students to achieve each grade from blue belt through to black belt.



### **Congratulations Kobe Shephard!**

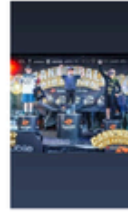
Kobe Shephard (6DG), recently showcased his exceptional talent at two major mountain biking events: The Thredbo Cannonball MTB festival from February 12th to 17th, and the Red Bull Hardline Race in Tasmania on February 23rd and 24th. Notably, the Red Bull Hardline Race is renowned as the world's toughest downhill MTB race.



Kobe's outstanding performance earned him first place in multiple events:

- 1st in the All Mountain category at the Thredbo Cannonball MTB festival
- 1st in Downhill at the Thredbo Cannonball MTB festival
- 1st in the Red Bull Hardline Race in Tasmania

It's evident that Kobe possesses a genuine passion for mountain bike racing, through in his consistent training efforts.



During his time in Tasmania, Kobe had the privilege of riding alongside his idol, World Champion Troy Brosnan. Troy even provided a track preview, which can be viewed on YouTube. Watch Kobe's skill in action, in the link below:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=TyoPt4xSlpU&t=8s&pp=ygUMdHJveSBicm9zbnmFu>

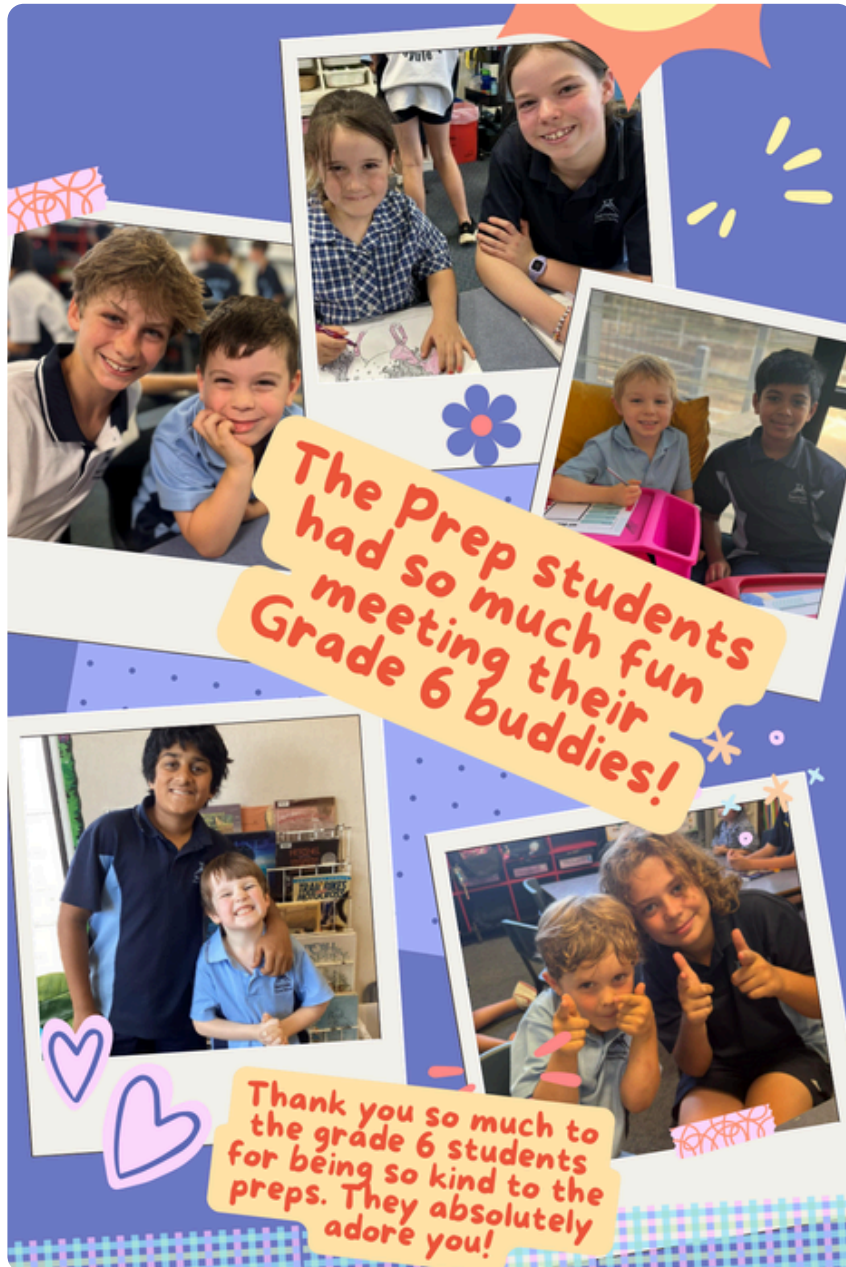
Keep an eye on Kobe Shephard from Banyule Primary School; he could very well be the next World Champion in the making!

Kobe's next exciting venture will take him to the Nationals in New South Wales from March 12th to 15th, where he will compete in the Downhill event. We eagerly anticipate hearing about his progress and continued success.





# Prep Community





# School Council 2024

We would like to personally extend our thanks to all who nominated for council membership this year. This was the first time we have needed to follow an election process for 10 years!

We are very grateful to have a community of parents who are willing to support the school and volunteer for these positions.

Congratulations to the following newly elected council members:

- Jeff Baker
- Sally Cordina
- Raji Velayutham

Welcome back for another term:

- Will Weijers
- Steve Snow
- Melinda Barton
- Jackie Sacco
- Mark Cassar

We look forward to another successful year working with these parents.





# Year 4 Community

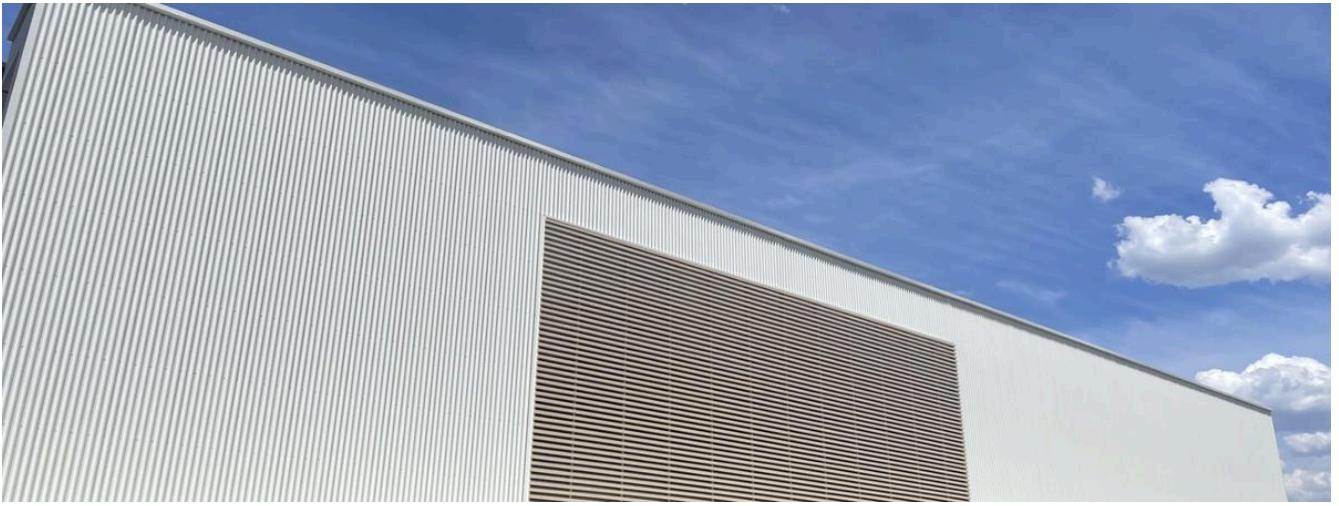
## Athletics Track Day

Last Thursday the 29th of February the Grade 4 students went to Willinda Park Athletics Track. The students were given an opportunity to compete in 80m hurdles, 100m sprint, 200m sprint, 800m run, shot put and long jump with all the results going towards district.

We are all so proud of everyone's efforts. The students did a fantastic job! Well done Grade 4s!







# Year 6 Community

**BUDDY REFLECTIONS!**

LATELY, THERE HAS BEEN AN EXCITED BUZZ WITHIN THE GRADE SIX COMMUNITY, AND IT IS BECAUSE OF BUDDIES! ON FEBRUARY 29TH, DURING THE LAST HOUR, GOG WALKED DOWN TO MRS. AMOR'S CLASSROOM (OUR BUDDY PREP CLASS), AS SOON AS WE WALKED INTO THE ROOM, THE PREPS' FACES LIT UP WITH EXCITEMENT AND SO DID OURS! I GOT PAIRED WITH A SWEET AND CONFIDENT GIRL CALLED IKUMI. SHE AND I FILLED IN A Q&A SHEET AND WE GOT TO KNOW EACH OTHER. WE HAD THE BEST TIME AND CONTINUED ON THE SESSION BY COLOURING IN AND PLAYING GAMES. WHEN WE LEFT, WE WERE BOTH SAD AND IT REMINDED ME OF WHEN I WAS A LITTLE PREPPY AND WITH MY OWN BUDDY. WE BOTH CAN'T WAIT FOR OUR NEXT SESSION TOGETHER.  
- POPPY F

ON THE 29TH OF FEBRUARY, OUR CLASS (GOG), WENT TO PHA TO MEET OUR BUDDIES FOR THE FIRST TIME. IT WAS REALLY FUN BECAUSE I HAVE NEVER HAD A BUDDY. MY BUDDY'S NAME IS AHILAN AND I AM SHARING WITH ANUK. AHILAN IS REALLY FUNNY AND I LOVE HIM. WE LEARNT A LOT OF THINGS ABOUT HIM AND I ASKED A LOT OF QUESTIONS, SO WE COULD GET TO KNOW HIM BETTER. I FOUND OUT THAT HE HATES MINIONS, LOVES CARS AND ENJOYS PLAYING SOCCER. WE ALSO TOLD HIM ABOUT OURSELVES WHICH HELPED US CONNECT REALLY EASILY. A THING WE ALL HAVE IN COMMON IS THAT WE ALL HAVE BLACK EYES AND BLACK HAIR. OUR BUDDIES SESSION TURNED OUT TO BE REALLY FUN AND WE ENDED UP GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER REALLY WELL :)  
- ANDI K

I BELIEVE BUDDIES IS SUCH A GOOD PROGRAM BECAUSE IT MAKES US DEVELOP GOOD RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE THAT ARE VERY YOUNG AND WE GET TO LEARN ABOUT THEIR OPINIONS. BEFORE THE SESSION MY HEART POUNDED SO MUCH, BUT IN THE END I WENT HOME WITH A BIG SMILE. MY BUDDY PETER HAS 5 PEOPLE IN HIS FAMILY AND A DOG. I LEARNT THAT HE LOVES BASKETBALL AND ICE CREAM!  
-HENRY S



# Specialist Programs

**GRADE 3 AND 4**

## Dance

**PERFORMING ARTS**

Students have been learning how to choreograph their own routines using the elements of dance.

# PERFORMING ARTS

The Grade 1 and Grade 2 students have been busy choreographing short dance sequences, utilising their understanding of locomotor and non-locomotor movements.



They have worked in small groups to create and rehearse their dance and have then performed their choreography in front of their classes!



So proud of all the students efforts so far :)

**BRAVO!**





# Community Advertising

Eltham Leisure Centre - Good Friday Appeal



**When: Friday 29th March**  
**Where: Eltham Leisure Centre**  
**Time: 9am-12pm**  
**Entry Cost: \$10 Adults**  
**\$5 Kids**

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

*For more info and to donate*

- Face Painting
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Aquatic Activities
- Raffle Prizes
- Family Zumba
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Free Hot Cross Buns
- Fitness Challenges
- Family Zumba
- Childcare-Bookings Essential
- Les Mills Masterclass
- And much more!!

Come and Try Calisthenics

# **Come & Try Calisthenics!**



## **Arden Crescent Calisthenics Club**

**First 2 classes free to try! Classes running every Saturday:**

- Tinies - ages 3-7 - 9:30-10:30am
- Sub Juniors - ages 7-10 - 11am-1pm
- Juniors - ages 11-13 - 1-3pm
- Intermediates - ages 14-17 - 1-3pm





**Enquire now! Send us a message through  
our Facebook or Instagram page or email  
[secretaryardencali@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryardencali@gmail.com)**

**For more info visit [Ardencalisthenics.org](http://Ardencalisthenics.org)**

## Eltham Rugby - Come and Try Day



**COME AND TRY RUGBY!**  
WEDS 6 MARCH 5:30 TO 7 PM



ALL AGES, ALL GENDERS, ALWAYS WELCOME AT  **ELTHAM RUGBY**

58 Bridge Street, Eltham

For more information about the club, including training times,  
visit us at:  
<https://eltham.rugby>  
[www.facebook.com/elthamrugby](http://www.facebook.com/elthamrugby)

## Banyule Hawks Come and Try Days



**COME & TRY  
BASKETBALL**  
with  
**BANYULE HAWKS**

**Register now at**  
**[banyulehawks.com.au](http://banyulehawks.com.au)**

Register your child for a free session and chat with our coaches  
about joining a team - new season starts April 20th

Who? 6-10 year olds  
Where? La Trobe Sports Stadium  
When? Wednesday 13th or 20th March, 5-6pm

Australian Sports Camp




**234.50 for 3 days! Offer ends March 10!**

**PROGRAM INCLUDES**

- 01** 9-3pm each day
- 02** AFL, Hockey Soccer, Netball, and Basketball on offer
- 03** Suitable for all ages and skill levels
- 04** Guest appearances at selected programs

**THREE DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMPS!**



**LOCATIONS**

- Hawthorn
- Bulleen
- Canterbury
- Doncaster
- Kew

**Dates**  
April school holidays. See website for more details

**“ It was overall very positive and the kids made great connections with coaching staff and other participants ”**

**Contact Us:**  
1300 914 368  
admin@australiansportscamps.com.au

**More Information:**  
australiansportscamps.com.au

## Banyule Eco Festival



**2024**  
**ECO Festival**  
PET & SUSTAINABILITY EVENT  
Sunday, 17 March  
10am – 4pm

**Petrie Park**  
Mountain View Road, Montmorency

Enjoy a fun festival for all ages with **FREE** activities and displays showcasing sustainability, pets and lifestyle ideas.

**Program includes:**  
Market stalls · Pet photo-booth · Hands-on workshops  
Face painting and live reptiles · Live music & food trucks  
Arts & crafts plus a whole lot more to explore!



**Banyule**  
City Council

For more information and to view the full program, scan the code or visit [banyule.vic.gov.au/EcoFestival](https://banyule.vic.gov.au/EcoFestival)



 This is a no smoking, no alcohol, dogs on lead event

**Inclusive event**  
**Pet friendly**



## Winston Hills Preschool still has some vacancies in 2024!



We have 4 places in our 3yo Green group (Tuesdays) and 1 place in our 4yo group (Tues/Thurs/Fri) which also includes a bush kinder program.

You can learn more about the kinder and session times here:

<https://www.winstonhillspreschool.org.au/2024-session-times>

If you're interested you will need to register through Banyule Council

<https://www.banyule.vic.gov.au/Community-services/Kindergarten-services/Registrations-for-3-and-4-year-old-kinder>

who then pass on your details for the team to reach out about enrolment.

### WINSTON HILLS PRESCHOOL

Winston Hills Preschool acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Elders past and present across Australia, with particular acknowledgement to the Wurundjeri people, the Traditional Owners of the Land and Waters where we work, learn and play.







**BPS PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER**

# **EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS**

**PLEASE LEAVE HERE**

**CHOCOLATE  
LOLLIES  
EASTER CRAFT  
BASKETS OR CELLOPHANE WRAP**

**DONATIONS ACCEPTED  
UNTIL  
TUESDAY 19th MARCH**



**Bulls** **SIGN UP**

**WWW.BANYULECITYSC.COM.AU/JOIN**  
PLACES ARE LIMITED SO JOIN TODAY!

**MINIBULLS KICK-OFF**  
U4-U7

**MINIROOS JUNIORS**  
U7-U11

**JUNIORS**  
U12-U16

COME JOIN YOUR COMMUNITY CLUB IN 2024 WITH MELBOURNE CITY AND MATILDAS STAR **HOLLY MCNAMARA** AS TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

UNITE. CHALLENGE. INSPIRE. GROW

**TRAINING:** TUES/THURS | **GAMES:** SUNDAY

**BANYULE FLATS**  
SOMERSET DRIVE VIEWBANK

**PATHWAY TO HIGHER COMPETITION!**

**SENIOR MEN**  
STATE LEAGUE 1

**SENIOR WOMEN**  
VICTORIAN PREMIER LEAGUE

**A LITTLE BIT OLDER?**  
JOIN OUR MASTERS!