

*At Mentone Primary School,
Relationships are Important, Learning is Powerful
and we are Curious, Creative and Confident*

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Term 2

TERM 2 Dates & Events 2023

June	
Fri 2	5/6 Winter Sport
Fri 2	Sporting Schools Netball Program Gr5
Thurs 8	World Ocean Day
Fri 9	Jump Rope Jump Off Day
Sat 10	Cultural Cuisine Junior School
Mon 12	King's Birthday – Public Holiday
Tues 13	DRI Workshop
Wed 14	SMR Cross Country
Sat 17	Cultural Cuisine Senior School
Tues 20	Girls' AFL Gala Day
Thurs 22	School Council- Annual Report Open meeting
Fri 23	Last day of Term 2.30 finish

Please note that our next curriculum day is Friday 11th of August. Staff will be undertaking professional learning on this day.

From the MPS Community & Parent Volunteer Sub Committee



Hello all,

How do you get the best behind the scenes experiences? How do you get more opportunities to see your kids giggle with delight? Volunteering!

Did you know the School Council has a Community and Parent Volunteer Sub Committee? Our goal is to connect, encourage, support and grow the community of fabulous humans who give their time and or resources to enhance the environment and experiences our kids have during their time at Mentone Primary School.

I can't remember a time when my parents didn't contribute to the community through volunteering, my grandfather too.

Some of my fondest memories come from participating in or hearing of their experiences volunteering. I too have many fond memories from volunteering at the Sydney Olympics, AFL Grand Finals, donating blood, growing moustaches, president of local footy clubs etc.

My favourite volunteer role now is as a weekly helper in my son, Bailey's, classroom. The working bees, Mother's day breakfasts, excursions and school council role are all fun too.

If you would like to find out more about volunteering, return too or begin volunteering shoot me a message at mps_volunteer@mentoneps.vic.edu.au as I'd love to hear from you. You can also complete a [2 minute survey](#) here to get started. What behind the scenes look like or an opportunity to see your kids giggle with delight is just an email away for you?

Cheers,

Brian Klindworth
School Council Community and Parent Volunteer Sub Committee

Next School Council Meeting Thursday June 22, 7pm Conference room

Presentation and celebration of the Annual Report 2022 to the school community open meeting. If you would like to join us, please email the Business Manager, Ann Penrose at:

mentone.ps@education.vic.gov.au



What's happening in Prep?

Numeracy

We count the number of days we have been at school.
Today is day number **68**.



We learn about calendars - days of the week, months of the year, seasons, yesterday/ today/ tomorrow, etc.

We copy, continue and create patterns.
Can you see this is an ABC pattern?





We learn to represent numbers in lots of different ways - with numerals, number words, objects, tally marks, number lines, tens frames, straws, dominoes, dice, sums, fingers, etc.

We have been learning about place value - how many tens and how many ones. We can use single straws for 'ones' and bundles of straws for the 'tens'.



We play games to practise and consolidate our learning. We use dice and playing cards.



We are learning about one more/ one less, greater than/less than, odd and even numbers, equal groups **AND SO MUCH MORE!**



Pyjama day

On the 31st of May the 5/6 's hosted a pyjama day ! Everyone was invited to come to school wearing their pyjamas and encouraged to bring a gold coin donation. Money raised is going towards purchasing big neon sign that will light up our year 6 graduation for many years.

The day was extremely successful, Preps to Grade 6 dressed in their finest pyjamas and attended school. It was so much fun to see everyone in their pyjamas especially the teachers in their matching bananas in pyjamas outfits.

Thanks to all the parents, students and teachers that donated, we are so excited to unwrap our new sign upon its arrival!



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The Preps just loved Pyjama Day!



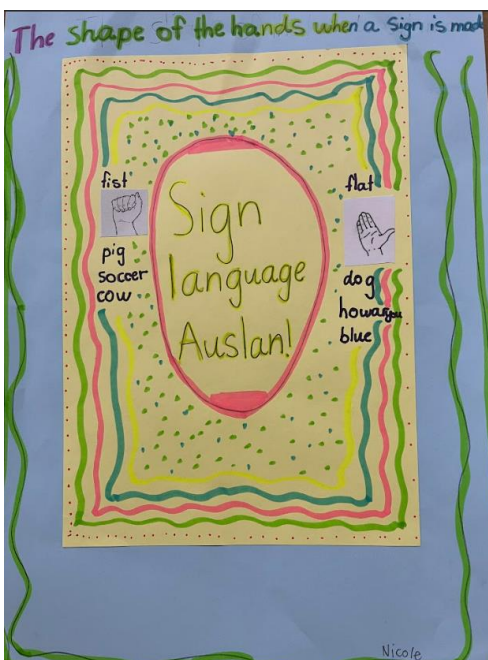
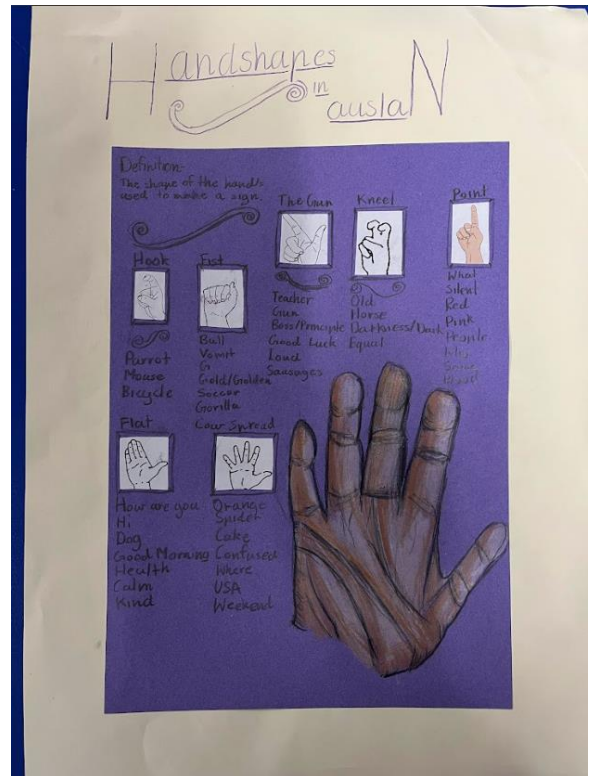
Auslan Update Term 2

Here is a brief outline of what has been covered in the Auslan classroom in Term Two.

Across all year levels, on returning from holidays, your children learnt to sign 'Happy Auslan Day' and discovered the importance of the 13th of April in the Deaf and Hearing community. This was when the first Auslan dictionary was published back in 1989!

I've been impressed by the creativity of our year 2-6 students who have created an information poster on Handshape, one of the 5 parameters when making a sign. Students needed to include a heading, the definition of handshape, at least two handshapes we'd focused on in class and then several signs that a particular handshape can make. Some students chose to draw their handshape while others chose to create 3D flowers to decorate the poster. There are several posters around the school for you to enjoy.

Students in year 1 have enjoyed learning about zoo animals, the unique noises they make and how to sign them. Through games, songs and stories your children have strengthened their knowledge of Auslan animal signs. Lots of fun!



Prep students have really enjoyed learning to sign our National Anthem. We are all so proud of them as they join in and sign along with the rest of the school on a Monday morning! Well done everyone!

Mrs Jefferson

Grade 3/4 Camp

Last week we had the wonderful experience of going on camp to The Island at Phillip Island with the Grade 3/4 children.

On Monday morning we travelled by bus to The Island, stopping in San Remo along the way. Here the children (and parents alike) experienced the wonderful wildlife, having seagulls eating out of the palms of their hands, stealing their snack. Some children also had the highest level of luck bestowed upon them in the form of bird poo in the hair.

Our adventures continued to camp, with a slight detour of one of the buses to the other camp at Phillip Island. Once both buses had arrived, the luggage was unloaded, and we learnt that some children thought we were off to Europe for a month with no access to a laundry!! After a quick lunch break, the children were split off into seven groups and completed their first two activities.

Activities for the camp were the Flying Fox, the Giant Swing, Go Karts, Mechanical climbing wall, The Pinnacle, a photo hunt and the Low Ropes.

The children were treated to a sausage roll as a reward for their hard work and persistence, with many a sausage roll to sauce ratio resulting in sauce-stained tops! Most children seemed to enjoy their first taste of camp food.



After the widely anticipated allocation of cabins, the children started the long and drawn-out process of negotiating who would get the top bunk for the first night; a decision that, in many cases, was overturned on the second night. We then bundled ourselves up in all our layers, reluctantly for those who wanted to display their entire football team's summer kit, and got onto buses headed for the penguins...

The children sat as patiently as one hundred 8-, 9- and 10-year-olds can, waiting in anticipation for the Little Penguins to muster up the courage to come ashore. Ian, our guide for the evening, informed the children that if they were too loud, the penguins would get scared and vomit, something that the children were incredibly shocked by, and others were keen to see! After seeing the Little Penguins come onto land, we started the incredibly slow and dark walk across the boardwalk back to the buses.

Upon arrival back at camp the children were absolute angels and went STRAIGHT to bed and to sleep (haha!). After a long and refreshing sleep, morning broke to the sound of children screaming and jumping around in their cabins. Fuelled by a continental breakfast made up of toast, cereal, porridge and everyone's favourite, two fruits, the children walked/dawdled to the beach for our biennial sandcastle building competition. The teachers fairly declared "everyone the winner", and we walked back to camp.





The children completed three more of their activities, feasting on burgers for lunch, with many children so enamoured with them, they requested seconds before others had received their firsts! With spaghetti and meatballs for dinner and a spirited rendition of “happy birthday”, cheesecake was served. The children then went off in search of sticks for our marshmallow toasting spectacle.

To the utter horror of some children, they were asked to put marshmallows ONTO their sticks and toast them in the fire. This was a resounding success with two ridiculously childish teachers embarking on a marshmallow eating competition, the winner consuming a whopping twenty marshmallows. Going to bed on a sugar high, the children slept like babies, again showing us the angels, we know them to be.

They awoke yet again with youthful vigour, indulging in a delightful breakfast before the day’s activities. At this stage the children repacked their bags, disregarding their parents’ careful organisation of clothes etc. Parents on camp at this point learnt the most joyous jobs on camp...stuffing sleeping bags into teeny tiny bags.

After completing their final two activities, it was time to bid farewell to The Island, with the children climbing aboard the buses back to school. The exhaustion of the past few days overwhelmed many, and it was a very quiet bus ride home.

We hope your children had the best time away with us at camp. They were absolute superstars.

We are incredibly grateful for all the parental support we received by those who came away with us and would like to take this opportunity to thank them all very much for their time and unfaltering efforts and energy. The same gratitude is extended towards all the teachers who came, they went above and beyond on all fronts and their organisation, care and support have been invaluable.



Alice Melville

Please enjoy some photos from our three days away, with a video to come at an upcoming assembly. If you cannot find your child, please note that we have removed all children whose parents have not given consent for their photo to be shared.



Seeking Donations: Art Show and Playground Art

- We are on the lookout for some **round wooden posts** that could be transformed into painted totem poles for the school garden. Please get in touch if you have any lying around that need repurposing!
- We are also in need of a **female dressmaking mannequin** with a face (an odd request, I know!) to be used in an upcoming Art Show display and signage in October?

Thank you,
Ms Walker (Art Teacher)



Answer to STEM Challenge No.1

Here's a scary and confronting maths problem for you all to do at home, highlighting the importance of your privacy settings on social media and gaming accounts.

CHALLENGE NO.1

The average number of followers on social media today is 876. If you had 876 people following you, and they each have 876 people following them, how many people can possibly see you?

ANSWER

768,252

This is how Madhan in Gr 6 solved this problem. Even if you couldn't work it out the answer is quite amazing. If you have 876 social media followers and each of them has 876 followers, seven hundred & sixty-eight thousand, two hundred and fifty-two people can possibly see you!

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A: 768,252

Prep bags 2023 survey

Have your say about this year's Prep bags in a short survey, closing Sunday 9 July

Each year, the Department of Education gives every Prep student attending a Victorian government school a bag full of goodies to celebrate this milestone in their education journey. The information and educational resources in the bags are designed to help Prep students and their families thrive from the start of Term 1.

The department is inviting parents and carers of current Prep students to participate in a short survey about the 2023 Prep bags, by 5 pm on Sunday 9 July 2023. Your feedback will help the department learn what families liked about the Prep bags and what can be improved in 2024.

You can have your say at [2023 Prep Bags – Evaluation Survey](#).

The survey takes 5 to 10 minutes to complete, and responses are anonymous.

For more information on this year's Prep bags, refer to [Prep bags](#).



World Ocean Day

What is World Ocean Day?

World Ocean Day was established in 2008 to be celebrated worldwide annually on 8 June to resolve the issues of oceans and to save ocean water.

It gives us a chance to celebrate our world's shared ocean and our personal connection to the sea, as well as to raise awareness about the crucial role the ocean plays in our lives and the important ways people can help protect it.

World Ocean Day at Mentone Primary School

On **Thursday 8th June** the DRI Ambassadors are hosting World Ocean Day. All students will be participating in activities that celebrate World Ocean Day and the 2023 theme: Planet Ocean: the tides are changing.

Students may bring a gold coin and come dressed as a marine animal or wear blue on Thursday 8th June.

The students will be involved in a whole school parade, with prizes for the best dressed junior and senior student. One of the Ambassadors is also running a 'guess how many nurdles' are in the jar competition. 50 cents a guess and another prize involved. The nurdle jar will be located in the front office along with the entry forms. Money can be handed to the office. All guesses need to be in by Thursday 8th June at recess to be in the running.

There is also a colouring competition running **from Friday 26th May to closing on Monday 5th June**. Your child's teacher will have copies and entries can be left in the box in the office. There will be a winner from P-2 & 3-6. Good luck!

Below may be of interest to you. Some documentaries all about our oceans.

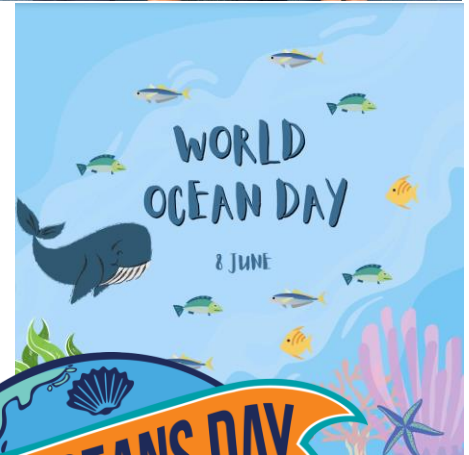
<https://iview.abc.net.au/show/southern-ocean-live-shorts>

<https://iview.abc.net.au/show/australia-s-ocean-odyssey-a-journey-down-the-east-australian-current>

<https://iview.abc.net.au/show/ningaloo-nyinggulu>

Thank you and Happy World Ocean Day!

Miss Gilmore & the DRI Marine Ambassadors (Ruby, Leia, India & Noah)





Lost Property

Has your child lost an item of clothing? If so, we have a rather large collection of lonely items including jumpers, jackets, lunchboxes and water bottles in our lost property area located in the rear foyer of the administration building. Feel free to search for lost items at drop-off or pick-up or check in at the office during the day to have a look. Please ensure that all school items are named so they can be more easily reunited with their child.

Stay well this winter

Symptoms of influenza (flu) can hit very quickly and may last several weeks. Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and others from getting the flu.

[Annual influenza vaccination](#) is recommended from mid-April each year and is free under the [National Immunisation Program](#) for those at higher risk of complications from the flu.

Keeping our school community well

Parents, carers and students are encouraged to practice prevention measures, including:

- washing and sanitising hands regularly
- avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- covering nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing
- staying home if unwell and consulting a general practitioner (GP) or [Nurse-on-call](#) as required
- staying up to date with flu and COVID-19 vaccinations.

Flu vaccinations

Flu vaccinations can be booked through GPs and pharmacies, many of which can also provide COVID-19 vaccinations. Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 6 months and over.

Some people are more at risk of complications from flu and are eligible for free vaccination as part of the [National Immunisation Program](#).

COVID-19 booster

The 2023 COVID-19 booster dose is available for everyone aged 18 and above.

Getting your booster dose remains the best way to prevent severe illness or hospitalisation, especially in people aged over 65 and those at higher risk of severe illness.

You can have your booster dose 6 months after your last dose or COVID infection.

Children aged between 5 and 17 years who are at risk of severe illness can also receive a 2023 booster dose.

You can get your next dose at your local pharmacy or GP. To find one near you, refer to the [vaccine clinic finder](#).

Find out more:

For more information about preventing flu, and immunisation, refer to:

- [Better Health Channel influenza flu immunisation fact sheet](#)
- [Getting vaccinated against influenza](#).

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Cultural Cuisine Family Night

Due to the success of last year's Cultural Cuisine Family Night, we are bringing it back and opening it up for all Junior and Senior School families. It is a fun night to meet other families in the MPS community, share a meal and celebrate our wonderful cultural diversity.

This year, we have split it over two nights for our Junior and Senior schools to be able to cater for all families in the multi-purpose room so Junior School (Prep, Year 1 & 2) families will be hosting Saturday June 10th and Senior School (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6) families will be Saturday June 17th. If you have children across both junior and senior schools, feel free to pick a night that suits best and attend that one or why not come to both!

Check out our Facebook events page [HERE](#) for more information, to RSVP, let us know what cultural dishes you will bring, or let us know of any dietary requirements.



2024 Foundation (Prep) Enrolments are now open.

The Department of Education (DE) has released a new state-wide Foundation (Prep) enrolment timeline.

The timeline advises families when and how to enrol their child into Foundation (Prep) at a Victorian government primary school, including Mentone Primary School. The new timeline will apply for children starting Foundation (Prep) in 2024. All government primary schools will follow the new timeline in 2023 to support Foundation (Prep) enrolments for the 2024 school year.

You can download the '*Foundation (Prep) Enrolment Information Pack for Parents/Carers for the 2024 school year*' and find information and resources about the new timeline, including factsheets, at: [Enrolling in Foundation \(Prep\)](#). You can also download the *Foundation (Prep) Enrolment Information Pack* [HERE](#).

You will be able to apply to enrol your child in Foundation (Prep) 2024 at Mentone Primary School **from 24 April 2023**.

What you need to do:

1. Contact our school office on 9583 2995 to book a school tour or to learn more about our school and the enrolment application process.
2. Download the Foundation (Prep) enrolment information pack from [Enrolling in Foundation \(Prep\)](#) or click [HERE](#).
3. Submit an [enrolment application form](#) **by Friday 28 July 2023**
4. You will be notified of the outcome of your application **by Friday 11 August 2023**. If you receive an offer of placement, you should contact our school to accept the offer by **Friday 25 August 2023**
5. Take part in [enrolment information and transition sessions](#) at Mentone Primary School during Term 4, 2023
6. Your child will start Foundation (Prep) from **Wednesday 31 January 2024**.

Enrolment applications submitted after 28 July 2023 will be processed by our school as they are received, in accordance with the department's Placement Policy.

Guidance on types of schools, finding your school zone, enrolment and starting or changing schools can be found on the [Starting School](#) webpage.

Our School Zone

Our school zone is available on findmyschool.vic.gov.au which hosts the most up-to-date information on school zones in Victoria.

Students residing within our school zone are guaranteed a place at our school, which is determined on the basis of your permanent residential address.

Our school manages enrolments using the [Placement Policy](#) to ensure that students have access to their designated neighbourhood school and may enrol at another school, if there are available places.

For more information, you can:

- visit [School zones](#) for answers to frequently asked questions
- call the School Provision and Establishment Division via the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) on [1800 896 950](tel:1800896950)
- email the VSBA at vsba@education.vic.gov.au



2023 EVENTS AND PREP TRANSITION PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS STARTING SCHOOL NEXT YEAR.

Strong relationships are the cornerstone of great learning communities. At Mentone Primary School we promote the development of connected, confident, creative learners facilitated by the strong, authentic relationships that exemplify our learning community. A community partnering together with respect, integrity and understanding to model and instil high expectations in everything we do.

The Transition program will not only help prepare your child for transition to school in 2024, it will also provide you and your child with opportunities to begin developing friendships with new peers and families.

While children are participating in the Transition sessions parents are invited to join other parents in the staffroom for a chat with our Leadership Team and members of our Parent Club.

Transition Session 1	Wednesday 18 October	9.15 - 10.30am
Transition Session 2	Tuesday 24 October	9.15 - 10.30am
Transition Session 3	Monday 30 October	10.00 - 11.00am
Transition Session 4	Friday 10 November	9.15 - 10.30am
Prep Information Night	Thursday 16 November	6.00 - 7.00pm

Join us for a Teddy Bear's Picnic
on Thursday 23 November from
5pm at Dolomore Oval (Park).
Bring your own Teddy!!



2023 Victorian school term dates

	Start date	Finish date
Term 1	31 January	6 April
Term 2	24 April	23 June
Term 3	10 July	15 September
Term 4	2 October	20 December

Mentone PS Website & Instagram

For more information about Mentone Primary School visit our website at

<https://www.mentoneps.vic.edu.au/>

You can also follow our Mentone PS Instagram page by searching @mentoneps or by clicking the link on the school website. It's a great way to see all the amazing learning, excursion and events going on at our school.

Riding, Scooting & Walking to School

PLEASE remind children of how important it is to be road safe and to not rush to school if running late.





MENTONE PRIMARY



7:00AM START
6:30PM END

PLEASE
ARRIVE BY 9AM
ON EXCURSION DAYS



IN-HOUSE



INCURSION



EXCURSION

MON • 26 th JUNE	TUE • 27 th JUNE	WED • 28 th JUNE	THU • 29 th JUNE	FRI • 30 th JUNE
SCIENCE OF TOYS	SMOOTHIE BAR	MOVIE - ELEMENTAL	TIE DYE WORKSHOP	HARPS A BREEZE
Calling all talented Toy Makers! Today we'll be learning all about toys, exploring gravity and energy changes! We'll make some seriously fun pom pom launchers and space-ship spinners, all yours to take home!	Today we'll research and design our own delicious smoothie product! From market research, to tasting, which team will pitch the smoothest brand by the end of the day? *Allergy alert	Lights down, popcorn ready! TeamKids is off to see Elemental! The story introduces Ember, a fiery young woman, whose friendship with a go-with-the-flow guy named Wade challenges her beliefs about the world they live in. *PG Film	Want to be the coolest cat on the block? Then join TeamKids and get groovy with our tie-dye t-shirt making! It's easy as 1, 2, 3 and you'll be rocking your very own unique style. So don't be a square, come and dye with us	We're tooting our own horns at TeamKids today with Harps A Breeze! We'll learn to play the harmonica through heaps of rhythmic games that'll have us up & grooving. We'll even take our own instrument home.
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MON • 3 rd JULY	TUE • 4 th JULY	WED • 5 th JULY	THU • 6 th JULY	FRI • 7 th JULY
NAIDOC WEEK	ROCK CLIMBING	INFLATABLE WORLD	WORLD GAMES VIA HEADPHONES	WANYARA: PLAY
Today we acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands on which all TeamKids conduct their care. We pay our respects and we take the time to learn some more about Australia's rich Indigenous culture.	Ready to climb to new heights? Join us for the ultimate rock climbing adventure! You'll challenge yourself, have a blast, and reach the top like a true rock star. So grab your gear and let's climb!	We're jumping for joy because TeamKids is going to Inflatable World, the home of some of the biggest indoor inflatables in Aus! We'll climb, leap & crawl through all the thrilling obstacles. *Socks required.	Join TeamKids for a cultural adventure with music, dance, and games from around the world. We will be transported to different countries and have a blast playing games, grooving to global beats, and testing our knowledge in a world trivia contest.	Today we will be playing a mixture of Indigenous games including Buroinjin, Jumpinpin, Wuljini and many more. Come along to see what these are!
Base Fee \$73.30 Exp Fee** \$8.00 Daily Total \$81.30	Base Fee \$73.30 Exp Fee** \$38.00 Daily Total \$111.30	Base Fee \$73.30 Exp Fee** \$40.00 Daily Total \$113.30	Base Fee \$73.30 Exp Fee** \$21.00 Daily Total \$94.30	Base Fee \$73.30 Exp Fee** \$12.00 Daily Total \$85.30
After Max CCS* \$12.19	After Max CCS* \$16.70	After Max CCS* \$16.99	After Max CCS* \$14.15	After Max CCS* \$12.80



*Child Care Subsidies may apply. \$5 Admin Fee per family. \$5 Late Fees apply within 7 days per child. Payment plans available. **Experience/Activity Fee. Programs may be subject to change. Third Party Payment Fees apply. See Terms and Conditions for cancellation policy



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We strive to support families and add VALUE to every day. Our child-centred programs excite, engage and entertain children before school, after school and throughout the school holidays.

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HOW TO REGISTER?

Head to teamkids.com.au/register
Allow 10-15 min to set up your account.



To make a booking, we require the entire registration process to be completed, this includes all emergency contacts, payment details and medical forms.

HOW TO BOOK?

1. Sign in to your TeamKids account.
2. Select the following: » Add/Change bookings » Care Type » Child's Name » Date (it will turn green).
3. Click "Next".
4. Double check your bookings and click "Confirm Changes".



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“ My daughter could not wait to go back to TeamKids the next day! ” Danielle



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Birds of a feather save lives together this National Blood Donor Week

We're popping up in **Moorabbin** this **National Blood Donor Week** (12-18 June).

Did you know...? In the past year, Australian hospitals needed over 1 million treatments made from blood and blood products? Or that all of those were given by just over 500,000 donors – less than 1 in 30 of Australia's population? That's one high-flying flock of life-savers.

Never given before? Give it a go this National Blood Donor Week.

If you're thinking that Australia needs more people to give blood, you're right — and National Blood Donor Week, a week to celebrate all blood donors and volunteers, is a great time to give donating a go.

Pre-book your spot at lifeblood.com.au, on our **app** or on **13 14 95**.

Donate for an exclusive bandage designed by Min Pin

And whether you're new or not, donate from 12 June to 1 July to get your donating arm wrapped in a vibrant bandage by Min Pin. Why the birds? Well, Penny Min Ferguson, who designed the bandage, sees all blood donors as 'birds of a feather'.

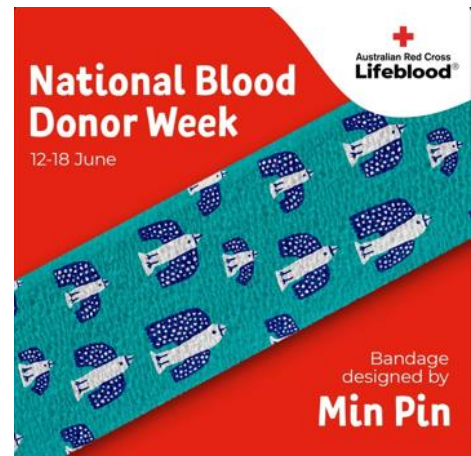
"Giving blood isn't just about helping out others in need, it's about connection and being part of a community," she says.

What does donation mean to you? Share your story.

Has your life been touched by blood donation? Whether you've given or received blood products, or know someone who has, share what donation means to you at lifeblood.com.au/blood/what-donation-means-to-you.

And you can learn more about the week itself and past celebrations at the [National Blood Donor Week homepage](#).

Thank you to all our donors and happy National Blood Donor Week!





Changes to train services and a station closure on the Frankston Line

Buses replace trains

Buses replace trains on the **Frankston** and **Stony Point** lines from **8:30pm Friday 2 June** to **early August**.

Find everything needed to plan your journey, including; disruption and station closure information, pedestrian access changes and more at ptv.vic.gov.au/frankstondisruptions

Glenhuntly Station Closure

At Glen Huntly, we are removing the boom gates at Neerim Road and Glen Huntly Road. Over the next few months, we'll work to dig a 1.2km rail trench, build a new Glen Huntly Station, and remove the dangerous boom gates for good.

During this time, both Glen Huntly Road and Neerim Road will be closed at the level crossing. By closing both roads at the same time, our crews will be able to work quicker, and get the roads and rail line open sooner.

From **5 May** to **mid-July**, the level crossing on Glen Huntly Road is closed between James Street and Grange Road. Pedestrians are still able to use footpaths to visit the local shops.

If you need help to safely cross to the other side of the rail line, you can travel on the Yarra Trams replacement bus for free. Please see the attached 'Getting Around Glen Huntly' brochure for more information.

How will this affect you?

There will be additional travel time added to most people's journey.

A range of buses will operate to help make your journey as direct as possible. Please see the attached brochure for further information.

If you need to discuss alternative travel arrangements prior to travelling, or require assistance with journey planning, service information and up-to-date timetable information, please visit ptv.vic.gov.au or call **1800 800 007**.

For other languages, visit ptv.gov.au/languages or call **9321 5450**.

For information about the project, visit levelcrossings.vic.gov.au, call **1800 105 105** or email contact@levelcrossings.com.au.

We thank you for your patience as we work towards delivering an upgraded transport network for Melbourne's growing population.



STATE SCHOOLS' RELIEF

Prep CSEF Uniform Package 2023.



UPDATE FOR FAMILIES.

Applications for the Prep 2023 CSEF Uniform Package are now open

What you need to know.

Who is SSR?

State Schools' Relief is a not-for-profit organisation that works closely with all government schools across Victoria. Each year State Schools' Relief provides assistance to families experiencing financial disadvantage with school uniforms and footwear.

Introduction to Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

Through government funding the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) was established to provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports days and excursions. To find out more, or to apply for assistance, please refer to the Department of Education and Training [website](#).

SSR provides a uniform package each year to all Prep families/carers eligible for CSEF funding.

2023 Prep Uniform Package for CSEF recipients

Prep students for 2023 that are recipients of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) automatically qualify for the uniform package and/or voucher.

What's in the package?

The 2023 package contains the following items:

1 x Rugby Top or Hooded / Windcheater or Jacket (Bomber/Polar Fleece) or Long Sleeve Polo

1 x Track Pants or Trousers or Pants

1 x Pair of Shoes (Lace Ups or T-Bars or Sneakers Skate or Sneakers Velcro)

Please note the following:

- PE items are not included as part of this package
- Shoes must be requested in UK sizes (please see our shoe size conversion chart [here](#))

Cost to families

Where State Schools' Relief is unable to provide a uniform item directly (due to contractual agreements with uniform retailers) you will receive a voucher that subsidises the cost of the items. The voucher can be redeemed at your child's school uniform shop, or independent uniform retailer, which will be listed on the voucher. Families receiving vouchers may be required to make a contribution towards the cost of these items. The amount a parent has to pay will depend on the retail purchase price and the State Schools' Relief subsidy.

The voucher provided by State Schools' Relief lists every approved item, and the maximum purchase value, that State Schools' Relief will cover. Please check your school's uniform price list to work out how much extra may be required to contribute towards the uniform item. *Please note: vouchers do have an expiry date and must be used before this date.*

How do I apply for the CSEF Uniform Package?

Applications are made through your child's school. Please refrain from contacting State Schools' Relief directly as staff are unable to accept applications directly from parents or families. Should you have any questions, or wish to apply for assistance, please speak with your child's school.

How do I receive the uniform package?

1. All items and/or vouchers provided by SSR will be delivered directly to your child's school. The school will then contact you to arrange handover of these items and/or vouchers.
2. The voucher will advise whether you collect items from the school uniform shop or a retailer. If it's a retailer, please check with your school to find out the nearest store.
3. If a uniform item costs more than the maximum subsidised amount, State Schools' Relief is unable to cover any further cost.
4. If a uniform item costs less than the maximum subsidised amount, the difference cannot be redeemed or transferred to an alternate uniform item.

Please note: vouchers are not transferable and cannot be exchanged for cash; they cannot be used to purchase extra items and only the uniform item listed can be purchased with the voucher. State Schools' Relief does not make cash payments to schools or parents.

Terms and Conditions

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What you need to do.

Your school will be in contact with you to order the 2023 uniform package.

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Prep CSEF Uniform Package 2023.



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ORDER FORM.

Applications for the Prep 2023 CSEF Uniform Package are now open

School Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

How to use this order form

This form has been developed to assist schools with recording individual student uniform requirements. Please record the required sizes for your child and then return this form to the school.

Shoes

Please select one shoe type only. Speak with the school for assistance with sizing if required. There is a shoe size conversion chart available on our [website](#). Please indicate shoe size in the appropriate column below. **Please note:** *There are no half sizes available.*

Shoe Type	UK Size
Darcy Lace Up	
Harper Lace Up	
T-Bars	
Sneaker Skate	
Sneaker Velcro	



Darcy



Harper



T-Bars



Sneaker Skate



Sneaker Velcro

Uniform

Eligible students will receive both a top and pants. Please circle your choice of top below and indicate the sizes required for both top and pants. **Please note:** *PE items are not included as part of this package.*

Uniform Item	Size
1 x Rugby Top <u>or</u> Hooded / Windcheater <u>or</u> Jacket (Bomber/Polar Fleece) <u>or</u> Long Sleeve Polo	
1 x Track Pants <u>or</u> Trousers <u>or</u> Pants	

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Phone Number: _____

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