

NEWSLETTER

Term 2 (Week 9) – June 13, 2024



ST JOSEPH'S

PRIMARY SCHOOL

QUARRY HILL

Building Communities of Faith

The care and safety of children and young people is fundamental to Catholic Education.
St Joseph's Primary School is dedicated to building "Communities of Faith" and therefore we are committed to providing a child safe environment.

Contents

St Vinnie's Winter Appeal -
Food Gift Card donations
accepted & very much
appreciated until end of
term

Catholic Identity

Wellbeing News

Community News & much
more!

Important Dates this term

Sacrament of
Reconciliation Thursday
June 20, 7pm at St
Joseph's Church

School Closure Day (Staff
PD) - Friday June 21

Sacraments of
Confirmation & Eucharist
Enrolment & Information
Session
Monday June 24, 5:30pm
in the Arts Centre

School Athletics Carnival
Wednesday June 26

Whole School PBIS Reward
- Friday June 28

Save the Date

St Joseph's Art Show - Aug
21 & 22

School Fete - Friday Nov 8
(5.30pm-8.30pm)

Dear Parents & Carers,

The winter weather has finally arrived. When inclement weather hits, the structure of the school day is different. We recognise the children need fresh air and a chance to move freely throughout the day, therefore opportunities to get outside for movement breaks may be at different times on these days. Thank you to our students for their resilience and cooperation when this happens.

A gentle reminder that all students should be wearing their full winter uniform. This is especially important on these very cold mornings where a jumper and long pants make being outside a lot more enjoyable.



Enrolments 2025

Our enrolment period has now come to a close. Interviews for our new Foundation students for 2025 will take place in August and the transition process will then continue throughout Term 4.

Additionally, could you please inform us as soon as possible if your child won't be returning to St Joseph's next year.

Sickness & Absenteeism

As illness continues to be a challenge for many of the students and staff in our school community, we again thank everyone for their dedication to attending school but please keep in mind that if children aren't feeling well, it's best for them to stay home and rest.

St Joseph's Primary School would like to
acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of
the land on which our school is situated.

Gladstone Street, Quarry Hill Vic 3550
P: 5443 2108 E: office@sjquarryhill.catholic.edu.au
W: www.sjquarryhill.catholic.edu.au

Cyber Safety Session

Thank you to our Yr 5/6 students and parents who were able to make it along to our Cyber Safety Information Evening on Tuesday. Grant Fitzgerald from the CES presented a very informative session which started some great discussions between parents and children. Online safety is so very important and we thank Grant for sharing some valuable information and tips with us.



You can also find some great information around online safety and screen time in this newsletter.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Cornwall".

Julie Cornwall, Deputy Principal

INFORMATION FOR FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS 2025



ST JOSEPH'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL
QUARRY HILL

Building Communities of Faith

2025 FOUNDATION INTERVIEWS

Monday August 26, 2024

Tuesday August 27, 2024

Wednesday August 28, 2024

2025 FOUNDATION TRANSITION DATES

Tuesday November 26, 2024 (9am-10.30am)

Wednesday November 27, 2024 (9am-10.30am)

Tuesday December 10, 2024 (9am-10.45am) – Orientation Day

ORIENTATION DAY

(Bendigo schools)

Tuesday December 10, 2024

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

This Sunday's Gospel



[Mark 4:26-34](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.



Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

A beginning point for discussion of this week's Gospel with children:

- How do you help a small plant grow strong and healthy?
- How can you help your faith in God grow strong and healthy?
- Why are crops and trees and all kinds of plants important?
- What do you think God's kingdom is like?

Sacrament Of Reconciliation

We look forward to celebrating this Sacrament with the students involved on **Thursday June 20, at 7pm at St Joseph's Church**. Please keep the students in your prayers as they prepare for this special night.



Sacraments of Confirmation & Eucharist

Information about the Sacraments of Confirmation & Eucharist went home via email to families of Year 4 students earlier this week.

These Sacraments will be celebrated at 6.00pm on Saturday August 24 at St Joseph's Church with Father Brian Boyle as the Celebrant. Preparation for these Sacraments will involve a whole group meeting at school to enrol your child in the program.

The whole group meeting will be held on Monday, June 24 at 5:30pm in the Arts Centre. The children do not need to attend this meeting.

There is a fee of \$25.00 per participant to cover the cost of the booklet, certificate, stole and medal which is payable at the time of enrolment. EFTPOS facilities will be available.

Thank you for your support with this and I look forward to seeing you on Monday, June 24 at 5:30pm in the Arts Centre.

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me at school on 5443 2108 or via email jcornwall@sjquarryhill.catholic.edu.au

St Vinnies Winter Appeal

Thank you for your gold coin donations on our PJ Day. We raised over \$300 on the day to help support families in our community.

We are still taking donations of supermarket vouchers until the end of term. If you are able to assist with this please send vouchers via your child's classroom tub or drop into the office.

Many thanks for your support.

*Julie Cornwall - Deputy Principal
Catholic Identity Leader*



Whole School PBIS Reward -

The whole school *PBIS reward will be on Friday June 28*, the last day of term.

All students can wear an item of food related clothing eg socks, a t-shirt, or a hat to school on this day.



Hot chips will also be provided as a treat. *Please remember to pack your usual lunch and a snack on the day.*

More information from our PBIS team to follow!



Building a National Picture of Child Health

Our school has now completed the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC is a teacher-completed census (similar to a questionnaire) which provides a comprehensive picture of how children have developed by the time they start their first year of full-time school.

The AEDC is an Australian Government Initiative and is completed nationally every three years.

To find out more about the AEDC and how it is being used to help children and families visit: www.aedc.gov.au.





Being Respectful

- Treat people with kindness
- Hands to self
- Forgive others
- Put your hand up.
- Care for property.



Attendance
Matters

Education is a Partnership

Young Person + Family + School
= Emotional Success

Work with your school to support
your young person

Promoting Positive Behaviour in our Community-

There has been a lot of discussion recently on social media around the effects of online safety and monitoring young people with their time using online devices.

The e-safety website is a great place to begin with education about ways to ensure that children are safe and can be self disciplined when using online portals. Please use the website below to help with this important discussion -

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids>

**7 TOP TIPS
TO HELP CHILDREN
REDUCE SCREEN TIME**

- 1** Empower students to collect data on their screen time and set goals.
- 2** Introduce a "healthy brain diet" with learning, connection, downtime, and joy.
- 3** Role model vulnerability by sharing your own struggles and joys.
- 4** Join students in their interests rather than always expecting them to join yours.
- 5** Collaborate with parents for a unified approach at home and school.
- 6** Implement consistent screen time limits, like no devices after dinner.
- 7** Find the student's passion and tie it to their long-term goals.

* Success comes when we can get children/students to name it and own it.

suelarkey.com.au

MANAGING SCREEN TIME

Screens are a wonderful tool to use with children, however they are becoming increasingly difficult to monitor and manage.

Here are a few great examples of questions you could ask yourself to see if the child's screen time is under control?

- ✓ Do you have a plan to **'manage'** screen time? Is it being followed?
- ✓ Does screen use **interfere** with what your family/classroom wants to do?
- ✓ Does screen use **interfere with sleep**?
- ✓ Is the child **easily transition** between screen time and non-screen time? (ie will they get 'off' when directed?)

If after asking these questions you are wanting to put in place some strategies to manage screen time, below are some tips to get you started.

TIPS TO MANAGE SCREEN TIME

EXIT PLAN



Many kids with ASD get very engrossed with their screens making it very difficult for them to transition to nothing afterwards. **Planning their next activity before starting screen time** allows them to immediately move onto another activity.

A COLLABORATIVE MEDIA PLAN

Create a plan with the child which works for the adult and the child. Have agreed rules, routines, expectations (ie around swearing etc)

and consequences. I highly recommend writing down the agreement and putting somewhere to refer back to.

SCREEN FREE TIMES**

Instilling allocated screen free times or activities such as meal-times or outings which everybody participates in.

TURN OFF WIFI



Many routers can now turn off the wifi after a certain time e.g. for bedtime.

LIMITING THE AMOUNT OF TIME

This could be done in a number of different ways

- ✓ A self-monitored visual timer
- ✓ Many apps can now be limited to a specific amount of time

Be aware that with some children it is incredibly distressing to stop mid-game, so perhaps, **adjust limits accordingly**. Instead of a certain time period, allow them to play the game a set number of times.

EXCHANGE SYSTEMS



Allow screen time in exchange for other activities

- ✓ Screen time allocated following tidying-up/ school work etc.
- ✓ Amount of time allowed on screens is half the amount of time spent off the screens

**If the device is being used for communication the child needs access to it at all times.

ST JOSEPH'S SPORTING NEWS ...

Division Soccer - Year 5/6

Students and staff had a great day of soccer competition last Wednesday at Epsom/Huntly Reserve. Both teams demonstrated high skills and sportsmanship on and off the field. The boys team coached by Shane Wharton won 4 games and lost 2. The girls team coached by Aimie Brown won 2, drew 2 and lost 2. Both teams were very competitive in Section 1.

Thank you to Staff and Parents who supported the students on the day.



Carlton AFLW School Visit

Players from the Carlton AFLW team will visit our school on Wednesday June 19. We will have a Q&A session in the Hall, followed by a Kick 2 Kick at break time.

St Joseph's Athletics Carnival - Wednesday June 26

Details for our School Athletics Carnival have been released on Simon. We welcome all families to attend the day and any available to assist please email Aimie Brown at abrown@sjquarryhill.catholic.edu.au.

Braves Basketball competition - Saturday June 22

Well done to Oli, Seb, Max, Brady, Maxwell, Oli, Chloe, Poppy, Ace and Ari on winning the Semi final competition. These students will now compete in the Grand Final at half-time of the Mens Brave match in Bendigo on June 22. . See the flyer in this newsletter to receive a discounted family pass to the game. Let's go St Joseph's !!!!



The flyer features a group of basketball players in action against a dark blue background with stylized lightning and fire effects. The players are wearing blue and yellow jerseys. The text is prominently displayed in the center and bottom of the flyer.

**BENDIGO
Braves**

BENDIGO VS KEILOR

Saturday 22 June 2024 Women
5:00PM | Men 7:00PM

\$5 FAMILY TICKETS
Two Adults & Two Kids

SCAN THE QR CODE
AND USE CODE
5BravesFam



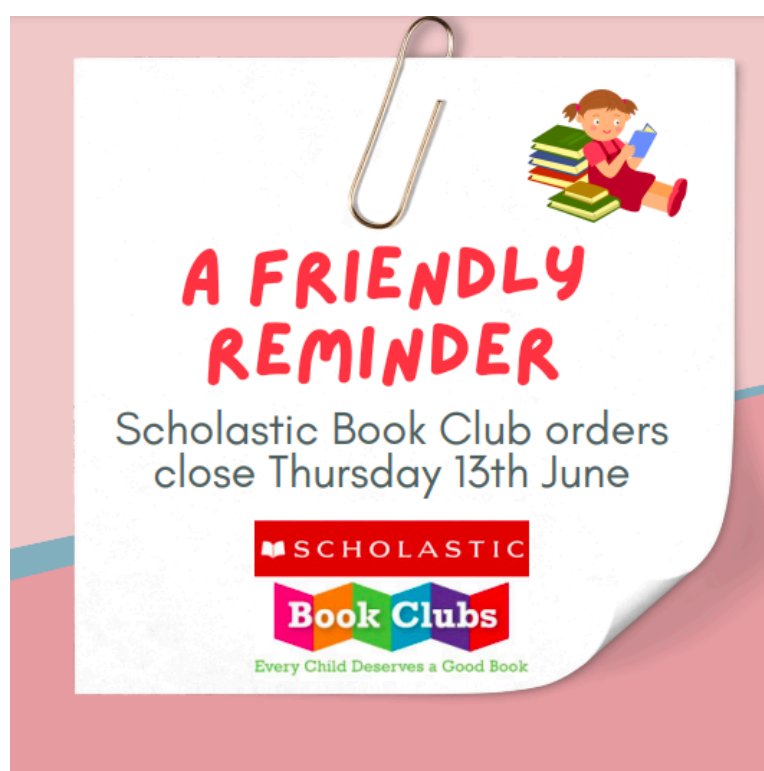
2024 – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term 2		
Week 9	Thursday June 13	Scholastic Issue #4 closes
Week 10	Thursday June 20	Sacrament of Reconciliation 7.00pm at St Joseph's Church
	Friday June 21	School Closure Day - Staff PD YMCA OSHC is available - please book now!
Week 11	Monday June 24	Confirmation & Eucharist Enrolment Information Night @ 5.30pm for Year 4 families
	Wednesday June 26	St Joseph's Athletics Carnival
	Friday June 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of Term 2 - 2.30pm finish • Reports available
Term 3		
Week 1	Monday July 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term 3 begins • Retake of Year 6 Graduation Photo

Pupil Free Day - Closure Days 2024

The school closure days for staff professional development have been detailed below.

St Joseph's Primary School - 2024 Pupil Free Days (Staff PD)		
Term 2	Friday June 21	
Term 3	Friday August 2	Friday August 30
Term 4	Friday December 19	Friday December 20



Lost Property

Please remember to name all items worn to school and all containers used at school. Items named that find their way to Lost Property will be returned via the classroom tubs. Thank you for your assistance and help with this.

The Lost Property Box is cleared on a regular basis so please check if you are missing anything.



**Lost
property**

Happy Birthday

We wish many happy returns to the following students:- Finn Coombs (FSC) Carrie Lakey (56EN) Nell Stoltz (12MR) Macey Camm (12GM) Quincy Hogan (FSC) Edie Evans (34RP) Asher Nicholson (34ZH) Noah Rodrigues (12MR) Chelsey Bennett (56LB) Bertie Fisher-Smith (12GM) Emmy Dempster (34LD) Emma Hull (12NW) ... Hip! Hip! Hooray!



Contact & Student Details - Reminder

Have you moved house, changed jobs, got a new phone number or email address recently? If so, please make sure that you let us know. It is important that the school has current contact details, including residential address, email address, phone and mobile numbers for parents/guardians and nominated emergency contacts for each student. This is especially important if we need to contact you in case of an emergency.

Would you like to check what details we have for you on the database? That's easy, just give us a call or email the office and we will check the details with you or you can look on SIMON/PAM to double check. Thank you.

School Fees & Levies

Statements for school fees & levies for 2024 will be emailed shortly. Please check your statement and contact the office if you have any questions.

For families paying by direct debit, this statement emailed was for your records only and not a request for payment. Direct debit payments will commence shortly and continue through to the end of November or early December. Please note – it is never too late to start paying by direct debit – please complete the direct debit request and return to the office.

The school provides a variety of options for payment of school fees and levies - in full at the start of the school year / part payment at the start of each school term / by direct debit – weekly, fortnightly, or monthly / by direct payment into the school bank account or by regular payments at the school office by cash or EFTPOS. You can even pay over the phone if you wish.

If you choose to pay by direct payment into the school account, please ensure that you identify the payment by family name or account number (top of the statement). You will find the bank account details for direct payments printed on the bottom of your statement.

It is expected that all school fees and levies are finalised by the start of December 2024.

It is important that payment of school fees and levies are honoured and prompt payment is much appreciated. However, if you are experiencing difficulty meeting your obligation for payment, please contact the school to arrange a time to discuss this with Mr Peter Teggelove.

Jacinta Hicks – Administration/Finance Officer

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) - Reminder

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) is a Victorian Government initiative that commenced in 2015. The CSEF provides payments for eligible students to assist families with the cost of attending camps, sporting activities and excursions.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to receive the CSEF (\$150.00 per year is paid for eligible primary school students). Payment is made directly to the school and is credited against the costs associated with any camp, sporting activity or excursion the student participates in, including the costs of programs such as athletics, swimming, cross country, etc. that have been included in the student levies.

Did you receive the CSEF in 2023? If so, you do not need to reapply as you will automatically receive the CSEF if deemed eligible in 2023 – however, if you have a new student this year you will be required to complete another form.

Families who are new to the school and are eligible for the CSEF should submit an application form to the office. Application forms are available at the office or by download from our school website - <https://www.sjquarryhill.catholic.edu.au/downloads/parent-information/513-csef-application-form-2024/file>

Payments are made from March to eligible applicants. Please note: parents in shared custody situations are encouraged to make a decision as to who applies for the CSEF as the system only allows one application per student.

PFA NEWS ...

Fete 2024 - Friday morning catch up

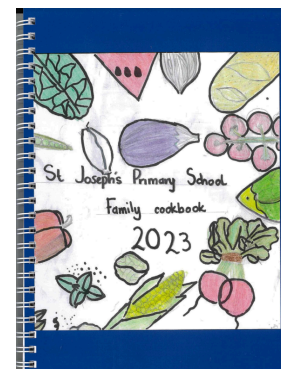
Are there any parents out there wanting to be involved in the Fete this year? We will have a catch up in the Hall this Friday morning at 9am. Everyone and any ideas are welcome. Please contact Aimie Brown for more information - abrown@sjquarryhill.catholic.edu.au



ST JOSEPH'S FUNDRAISERS....

St Joseph's Community Cookbook

Cookbooks can still be purchased from the office.
\$30 for 1 or \$50 for 2. A wonderful gift!



PFA NEWS ...

St Joseph's Facebook

The SJCG (St Joseph's Community Group) also has a Facebook page for parents - St Joseph's Quarry Hill Primary School Parents. Please make sure you join this group page as there are regular updates.

St Joseph's Tuckshop ... remember to order before 2.30pm Wednesday

Please pay via CDFpay - <https://sjquarryhill.cdfpay.org.au>

and remember to order before 2.30pm on a Wednesday for Friday Tuckshop. No late orders can be made or accepted. Orders open again on Saturday at 10.00am for the following week.

Tuckshop Menu



St Joseph's Tuckshop Roster 2024

Tuckshop Volunteers

Welcome back to another term of Tuckshop.

It is required that all Tuckshop helpers have a Working with Children's Check. If you have one already, please show this at the office. If you haven't you can follow this link to obtain your free Working with Children's Check. Working with Children's Check Victoria. <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

If you haven't yet joined the Tuckshop Helpers Facebook page, please do so to ensure you stay up to date with the latest information.

Term 2 Date	Lunch 10:45-11:45am			
June 14	Thoko Mpofu	Jess Booth		Nicole Summerhayes
June 21	Crystal Douglas	Sarah McMillan	Annie Treanor	Elle Griffin
June 28	Anna Beck	Kymerley Hogan	Meaghan Ginnivan	Gabrielle Nicholson



Welcome

to St Joseph's Primary School – Quarry Hill OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE



Our Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) program at St Joseph's Primary School – Quarry Hill complements your child's school experience with engaging activities and opportunities to socialise with peers.

PROGRAM DETAILS

We tailor our OSHC program to support each child's individual interests and ideas. We perform a variety of planned and spontaneous activities that help children develop life skills and enhance their autonomy.

Children are actively encouraged to engage with their peers from all year levels.

Some of our activities include:

- Active play outdoors
- Board games and puzzles
- Construction and engineering
- Cooking and baking
- Music, singing and dancing
- Dramatic and imaginative play
- Homework items and reading
- Sustainability initiatives

HOURS, FEES AND CHILD CARE SUBSIDY

SESSION TYPE	HOURS
Before School Care (permanent booking)	7.00am - 9.00am
Before School Care (casual booking)	
After School Care (permanent booking)	3:15pm - 6:00pm
After School Care (casual booking)	
Pupil Free Day (numbers pending)	7.00am - 6:00pm



*MAX CSS is the out of pocket fee paid by families who qualify for the maximum Child Care Subsidy percentage (85%). The fees above are calculated at 80% subsidy to allow for the 5% withheld by Services Australia to reduce the chances of an overpayment.

Quick step-by-step guide to enrol



STEP 1 – REGISTER

www.childrensprogramms.ymca.org.au



ADD CONTACT AND CHILD



BILLING AND DECLARATIONS



MAKE A BOOKING

CONTACT US

E: StjosephsquarryhillOSHC@ymca.org.au

T: St Joseph's Service - 0477 663 320

W: childrensprogramms.ymca.org.au

P: 8371 0500



BENDIGO Braves

BENDIGO VS KEILOR

Saturday 22 June 2024 Women
5:00PM | Men 7:00PM

\$5 FAMILY TICKETS
Two Adults & Two Kids

SCAN THE QR CODE
AND USE CODE
5BravesFam




**SOUTH BENDIGO FNC
JUNIOR
FOOTBALL
CLINIC**

OVER 2 HUGE DAYS!

The program caters for boys & girls
with senior South Bendigo FNC
football stars involved!!

AGES: 5-12 YEARS

8 & 9 JULY
HARRY TROTT OVAL
KENNINGTON

Registration:
1 DAY: \$80
2 DAY: \$150

Activities Include:

- Skills development
- Games
- Round Robin style tournaments

Special Features:

- Experienced Staff
- Fruit and Lunch Provided
- Senior SBFNC players

REGISTER AT:
<https://form.jotform.com/241256319052855>

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE
*Payment required to secure spots

It's in the Blood!



COME & PLAY

Carlton AFLW Community Camp 2024.
BENDIGO

Carlton AFL are coming to the Bendigo region as part of the AFLW Community Camp.
FREE Come and Play program for girls aged 5-12 to meet some
AFLW Players and have some football fun!

WHERE
Weeroona Oval - Bendigo

WHEN
4.00 PM - 5.00 PM
Tuesday 18th of June

SCAN TO REGISTER




**School holiday camps
on sale now!**

Roblox Legends

Minecraft Engineers

PLUS YouTube Creators • Coding • DJ • Animation • Design • Robotics
• AI Camp • Drones • Little Coders: Trolls Edition • Curious Minds

Book now at codecamp.com.au/flyer

SAVE \$25 Use coupon code **SCHOOL25** at checkout

CLAIM YOUR \$50 REBATE

Chess on the Hill

U18 Junior Tournament

Saturday June 22 * 10am-12pm

@ The Old Church on the Hill

36 Russell St Quarry Hill



5 x 10 minute games- gold coin donation for entry

*Chess on the Hill meets every Saturday 10am -12pm for fun, social chess

For more information call Andre on 0409 848 829



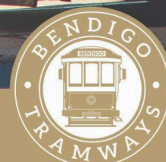
All aboard!

BENDIGO TRAMWAYS COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

Saturday 15 June 2024

- **FREE** Vintage Talking Tram Tours
- **FREE** Depot & Workshop Tours
- **FREE** Guided Surface Tours of Central Deborah Gold Mine
- **FREE** entry into the Bendigo Joss House Temple

Book online to secure your spot!





School Holiday Program

Don't miss our jam-packed School Holiday Program with themed in-house days, fun excursions and incursions. There's a wide variety of activities on offer from movie trips, sports days, mad science experiments, magic shows and more.

Mon 1 July - Fri 12 July



Book online

Frequently Asked Questions

School holidays are a fun way for your child to create new experiences, make friends and learn from experienced Educators. Below are some commonly asked questions, for more information visit our website.



How do I book a place?

You can book a place through [My Family Lounge](#) app (our online booking and enrolment system). We have a step-by-step guide on our website on how to enrol using the app. Please note that bookings cannot be made by phone or email and all bookings made less than seven days prior to the activity incur an additional charge.



What to wear (clothing)

To ensure your child feels comfortable and can engaged in all activities, we ask they wear:

- Comfortable clothing
- Closed shoes and socks
- Hat for sun protection (all year round)
- Warm clothing for cooler months
- Clothing that is suitable for art activities – leave the good clothes at home!



What to bring (food, safety gear)

We ask that your child brings the following items each day:

- Pack a healthy, nut-free, morning tea and lunch,
- Drink bottle for water,
- Some spare clothing (just in case)

Your child may need to bring additional items for specific activities. Please refer to our website via the QR code.



Activity types and arrival times

Our School Holiday Programs offer the following types of activities:

- In house: Children remain on-site for a fun day of activities.
- Incursion: We are visited by an incursion provider to undertake an activity with the children
- Excursion: A day outside of the service where we visit an exciting destination.
- Arrive by: 9:00am for in house and incursion days, 8:30am for excursion days unless your booking advises otherwise.



Scan here



FAIRYTALE WONDERLAND

Come and Join our **YMCA Fairytale Wonderland!** As we explore through books and activities what it means to be brave, loyal or simply how to be the best fairytale character we can be.

DRESS TO IMPRESS!

<https://childrensprogramms.ymca.org.au/sign-in>

* 21.06.2024 *



Pupil Free Day - Friday June 21

YMCA OSHC bookings are now available for the next Pupil Free Day on Friday June 21.