



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – May 13th

### Education Week

Next Tuesday we will be holding our 2023 Open Day. There will be three tours throughout the day for parents investigating schools for their children in 2023. If you know of anyone in our area, or who is moving to our area, and who is searching for a school, please ask them to ring the office and Deb or Pam will book them into a tour.

The feedback I have been receiving from parents who have recently visited Birralelee has been very positive indeed. Our academic progress is extremely good, and parents have been taken with the breadth of programs we offer across academia, the arts and sports. Our facilities and our beautiful grounds have also impressed visitors.

Probably the selling points for our school however are our students and teachers and other staff members. The children are always actively involved in their learning throughout the day and are also very welcoming and friendly. The classrooms are exciting places to visit with so much going on. Only today, Assistant Principal, Jacque Clement, and I took a student who will begin with us next week on a tour of the school with his father. It was delightful to see how welcoming our students were to the new child – it was commented upon by the father. Thank you, students, and staff members, you make me feel proud.

### Testing Time

During the next three weeks teachers will be very involved in academic assessments of students from Foundation to Year 6. We have strict assessment schedules set out for students in literacy and numeracy. We always seek to have multiple assessments for different areas in order to triangulate the data and gain an accurate understanding of each child's abilities and where they sit on the educational continuum. These data along with teacher observations are used to assist in the reporting process for half-year written student reports.

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students are also currently taking part in the NAPLAN assessments in Reading, Writing, Grammar and Punctuation, Spelling and Numeracy.

In view of all the academic testing taking place, please ensure that your children attend school over the forthcoming assessment period so that teachers can finalise assessments.

### Enrolments

As most parents should be well aware by now, we are now taking enrolments for Foundation 2023. All state schools now have very strict enrolment procedures directing us to take students from within our zone. We will aim for no more than 80 Foundation students in 2023, giving us four classes of 20 students. However, what makes this difficult to plan for, is that after having accepted 80 enrolments at the end of Term 3, families continue to move into the area in December, during the summer vacation period or during the following year. If the family is inside our designated neighbourhood zone, we will accept the enrolment – because of this factor we may go over the enrolment target of 80.

Our enrolment restriction is administered, in accordance with DET regulations, on the following basis:

Students from within zone

Out of zone siblings (I will not turn away out of zone siblings)

New out of zone students

Compassionate grounds (requiring Regional approval)

A number of parents have already enrolled younger siblings - thank you to those parents who did so. If there are any more siblings yet to be enrolled, please do so as soon as possible so that we can begin to plan for next year.

### Curriculum Day—Wednesday 25th May

We may need to reschedule this Curriculum Day due to difficulty with scheduling. We will notify parents if the date needs to be changed.

Ashley

#### Quote of the Week

““Some men see things as they are and say, ‘Why?’ I dream things that never were and say, ‘Why not?’” -  
Robert F. Kennedy

“Character - what you are or do when no one is watching.” Anonymous

#### Word of the Week

Bedlam (noun): a place, scene, or state of uproar and confusion.

There was *bedlam* in the streets after the verdict was announced.

Origin: The term bedlam comes from the name of a hospital in London, “Saint Mary of Bethlehem,” which was devoted to treating the mentally ill in the 1400s. Over time, the pronunciation of “Bethlehem” corrupted into bethlem and then into bedlam and the term came to be applied to any situation where pandemonium prevails.

Ryan,

Principal

## 2nd Hand Uniform Shop

The second hand uniform shop will be open next week at the following times:

- Monday 16th 8:30am—9:00am
- Wednesday 18th 8:30am—9:00am
- Friday 20th 2:30pm—3:30pm

Please bring small denominations. No credit card facilities.

Please note that we are unable to accept socks, undies and torn items.

## Child's Jacket Found

A casual (non uniform) child's jacket has been handed in. If your child lost a jacket please contact the office on 9848 4996.

## Forthcoming Flu Season Practices and Protocols—A message from DET

With borders opening and the arrival of colder weather, cases of influenza (the flu) are increasing throughout Victoria. Our community is at risk of higher rates of students and staff affected by the flu or COVID-19 this season.

### What to do if your child gets sick

To help keep your child and our school community safe, please take the following steps if your child has any cold or flu-like symptoms:

take a COVID-19 test and follow the current [Department of Health isolation requirements](#) if a positive result is shown

- keep your child at home until their symptoms pass
- common flu-like symptoms include a high fever, cough, runny nose, loss of appetite, body aches and feeling extremely weak and tired
- diagnosis of the flu can only be confirmed by a doctor after a nose or throat swab
- encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and ask them to cover their nose and mouth when sneezing and coughing.

### COVID-19 vaccination

COVID-19 vaccines are available free of charge to everyone aged 5 years and over in Australia.

It is important that children and young people have the best possible protection against the flu and COVID-19 by getting vaccinated.

Ensuring your children are protected against serious illness helps to protect everyone in our community, including older family members who may be at higher risk, along with younger children who can't receive vaccinations yet.

You can book COVID-19 vaccinations through the COVID-19 hotline on 1800 675 398 or at a participating GP, pharmacy, or community health service.

Some local schools are also holding walk-in COVID-19 vaccination clinics on school grounds. Vaccination settings can be found at the [Vaccine Clinic Finder](#).

### Flu vaccination

Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 6 months and over.

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

- anyone aged 65 years and older
- pregnant women (at any stage of [pregnancy](#))
- all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged from 6 months and over
- people 6 months or older with:
  - [heart disease](#)
  - [chronic lung disease](#) (including people with severe [asthma](#) who require frequent hospital visits)
  - chronic neurological conditions
  - haemoglobinopathies (blood disorders caused by genetic changes)
  - impaired immunity
  - [diabetes](#)
  - [kidney disease](#)
- children on long-term aspirin therapy from 6 months to 10 years
- children aged from 6 months to under 5 years.

Flu vaccinations can be booked through GPs and pharmacies, many of which can also provide COVID-19 vaccinations. If you would like more information about the flu vaccination, visit the [Better Health Channel](#).

# Calendar

## May

Thurs 12th—Tues 17th	Book Fair
Thursday 12th	NAPLAN Grade 3 Reading
Friday 13th	NAPLAN Grade 5 Reading
Monday 16th	NAPLAN Grade 3 Language Conventions
	School Council Meeting
Tuesday 17th	Open Day tours
	NAPLAN Grade 5 Language
Wednesday 18th	NAPLAN Grade 3 Numeracy
Thursday 19th	NAPLAN Grade 5 Numeracy
Friday 20th	Junior School Market Day
Wednesday 25th	Curriculum Day (pupil free day) TBA
Friday 27th	Senior School Market Day
Tuesday 31st	Grade 1 Excursion

## June

Thursday 2nd	Grade 6 Excursion
Friday 3rd	Pupil Free Day
Monday 13th	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Monday 20th	School Council Meeting
Friday 24th	End of Term 2 (2:30pm dismissal)

## July

Monday 11th	Start of Term 3
Monday 18th	School Council Meeting

## August

Monday 15th	School Council Meeting
-------------	------------------------

## September

Friday 16th	End of Term 3 (2:30pm dismissal)
-------------	----------------------------------

## October

Monday 3rd	Start of Term 3
Monday 17th	School Council Meeting

## November

Tuesday 1st	Melbourne Cup Day
Monday 21st	School Council Meeting

## December

Monday 21st	School Council Meeting
Tuesday 20th	End of Term 4 (1:30pm dismissal)

## Extracurricular Activities

We have various tutors and organisations who provide private tuition and programs before, during or after school. New programs are advertised via flyers or in the community news section of the newsletter. Enrolment forms may be available at the office or directly from the program organiser.

Name	Program	Contact
Lala Music	Music lessons and band for grade 3 - 6	Olivia 0419 131 868 <a href="mailto:lalamusic2@yahoo.com.au">lalamusic2@yahoo.com.au</a>
Jill Scholfield	Piano	Jill 0401 972 664
Violin Program	Violin	Trent 0413 207 689 <a href="mailto:trentbunston@gmail.com">trentbunston@gmail.com</a>
Kelly Sports	Multi-Sports & Basketball	Gary Hoskin <a href="mailto:gary@kellysports.com.au">gary@kellysports.com.au</a> <a href="http://kellysports.com.au/events">kellysports.com.au/events</a>
Slamin Tennis	Tennis	Vicky 0403 129 648 <a href="http://slamin.com.au/">https://slamin.com.au/</a>
Sporty Stars	Dance, Soccer, Basketball	Russ 0422 043 853 <a href="mailto:info@sportystars.com.au">info@sportystars.com.au</a>
Team Kids	Out of school hours care	1300 035 000 <a href="http://teamkids.com.au/">https://teamkids.com.au/</a>
Digimaker	Coding (starting term 2)	<a href="https://www.digimaker.com.au/enrol">https://www.digimaker.com.au/enrol</a>
Chess Education	Chess Club	Nick <a href="mailto:info@chesseducation.com.au">info@chesseducation.com.au</a>
Bricks 4 Kidz	Lego building	Derek 0402 945 599 <a href="mailto:hychong@bricks4kidz.com">hychong@bricks4kidz.com</a> <a href="http://Bricks4kidz.com.au/mm">Bricks4kidz.com.au/mm</a>

## 2nd Hand Uniforms

Contact Ida on 0478 083 589 to arrange an appointment.

## Canteen

Lunch orders are available Tuesday to Friday. Orders can be placed in advance and need to be in by 9:00am for same day processing. To place an order download the Qkr! App. [Click here for instructions on how to download and use Qkr!](#)

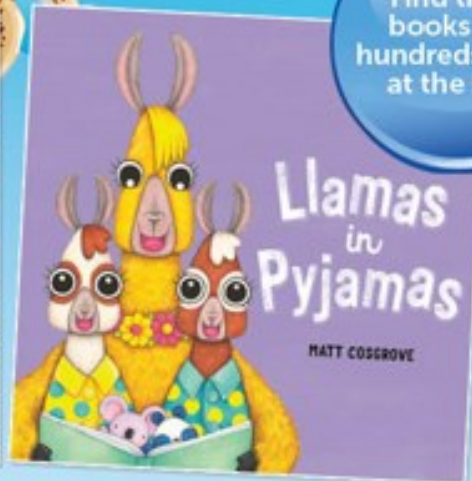
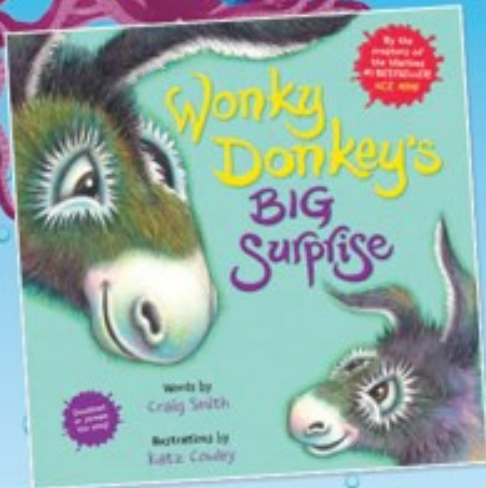


# Community News

SCHOLASTIC  Book Fairs

## You're invited to our Scholastic **BOOK FAIR** DIVE INTO READING

Find these  
books and  
hundreds more  
at the Fair!



**Date** 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022

**Time** Library sessions with class  
Lunchtimes – 1<sup>st</sup> juniors, 2<sup>nd</sup> seniors  
After school until 4:15pm

**Place** Birralea Library

**EVERY PURCHASE YOU MAKE EARNS LEARNING AND LITERACY RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL**



# Community News



## BRIGHTSPARK LEARNING CENTRE

### Chinese Course

Chinese Speaking Background

- Chinese Character Course 中文汉字班
- Panda Course 中文熊猫班

Non- Chinese Speaking Background

- Kangaroo Course 中文袋鼠班

### English Course

- Phonics
- English Reading & Writing
- English Reading & Vocabulary
- English Special Writing

### Contact Us

[www.brightspk.com](http://www.brightspk.com)

Contact: 0451616686

Address: Level 1, 951 Whitehorse road, Box Hill,  
VIC 3128

We provide English and Chinese language learning programs to both kids and adults in an immersive environment.

Plant a little seed into each learner's heart, create fun memories of a language lesson

Spark interest of learning and develop each learner's creativity and imagination while building the foundation of language.



WECHAT



FACEBOOK

# FRIEND STREET KINDERGARTEN OPEN DAY



**2023  
enrolments  
now  
open**

**SATURDAY 21st MAY  
10am - 12pm**

**5 FRIEND STREET,  
MONT ALBERT NORTH**

**Please come along to tour the kinder,  
meet the teachers and families**



**[friendst.kindergarten.vic.gov.au](http://friendst.kindergarten.vic.gov.au)**

**9857 6583**



# Community News



**Research**  
EST. 1955  
**LOWER PLENTY BASEBALL CLUB**

## **WINTER BASEBALL JUNIOR TRAINING STARTING**

**COME & TRY/TRAIN  
GLENAUBURN PARK, LOWER PLENTY**

**U11'S & U13'S – WEDNESDAYS 5:30PM TO 7:00PM  
STARTING WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL**

Our Junior program is coming off a fantastic Summer season and we're keen to welcome more friends to the game over Winter.

Research Baseball Club's Junior program has 3 goals:

1. To create a safe and fun environment for the kids
2. To create a fun environment for the parents as well, providing a great experience for the whole family
3. To teach the kids some skills and knowledge about baseball

Research Baseball Club is an inclusive, respectful and welcoming family-friendly club for players of all abilities. We would love for you to come down to the club and find your new home here.

**RESEARCHBASEBALL.COM.AU**

# Community News



## **COMPUTER PROGRAMMING CLUB!**

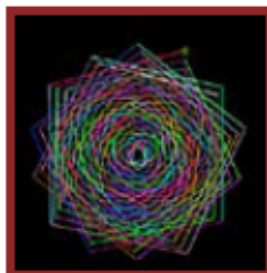
@ Birrale Primary School

In a world where technology touches every aspect of our lives, it is crucial that our children understand how it works. To accomplish this objective, there is an exciting coding club running at the school.



### **DEVELOP SKILLS**

- Creativity
- Logical thinking
- Problem solving

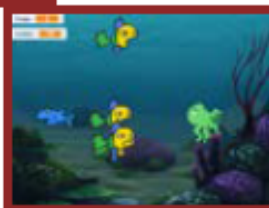


### **LEARN**

- Computer Science Concepts
- Fundamentals of programming  
Loops, Events, Randomness and more

### **PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES**

- Scratch
- Python
- Javascript
- ... and many more



### **MAKE**

- Games
- Web pages
- Apps

The club will run for 8 to 10 weeks each term (depending on the length of the term) and is charged on a per-term basis. Students will use school computer during the lesson.

### **8 WEEK TERM PROGRAM**

Program for **Term 2 2022** is as follows:

**Year levels:** 3 to 6

**Term Fee:** \$171 + GST

#### **AFTER SCHOOL**

3:40pm – 4:40pm

#### **BATCH**

Tuesday's 26<sup>th</sup> Apr to 14<sup>th</sup> Jun 2022

Fill out the form online by  
**Thursday 7th Apr 2022**



[www.digimaker.com.au/enrol](http://www.digimaker.com.au/enrol)

Digimaker will confirm your child's spot via email\*\*

\*\* All important emails from Digimaker will be sent from [info@digimaker.com.au](mailto:info@digimaker.com.au). Please ensure this address is whitelisted in your Junk Email filters or added as a Trusted contact.

### **HOLIDAY E-LEARNING PROGRAM**

**2 HOURS OF FUN FILLED CODING  
FULLY SUPERVISED OVER ZOOM  
(5 DAYS A WEEK!)**

<https://www.digimaker.com.au/events/school-holiday-coding-program/>

# Community News



**LEARN TO PLAY**  
**tennis**

**SLAMIN**  
TENNIS & FITNESS

我们提供粤语或普通话翻译：  
Learn to play tennis at your school with your friends. A perfect option for busy families!

**FREE TRIAL**

**START-UP PACKAGE**

- Free racquet and start up pack
- Max (4) kids per coach
- No expiry on replacement classes
- Pathways to squads, private lessons & competition
- Unique customer portal.

**LOCATION & TIME**

- Birralee Primary (before school)
- After school or weekends at Doncaster Tennis Club

We also cater for players with special needs including Autism, all abilities. Ndis funding is accepted for plan managed & self managed students.  
Translation available in Cantonese or Mandarin. Email: [translator@slamin.com.au](mailto:translator@slamin.com.au) SMS: 0403 129 648  
我们的翻译员会与您联系。 电子邮件: [translator@slamin.com.au](mailto:translator@slamin.com.au) 短信: 0403 129 648

**BOOK NOW**  
**0403 129 648**

OUR STAFF ARE FULLY VACCINATED FOR YOUR SAFETY. **COVID-19 VACCINATION**

[www.slamin.com.au](http://www.slamin.com.au) | [hello@slamin.com.au](mailto:hello@slamin.com.au)



# Community News

## Sporty Stars

DEVELOPING POSITIVE FUTURES

**TERM 2  
2022**

### Birralee Primary School

All our qualified instructors encourage opportunities for cognitive, social and emotional development through and during movement activities within all our programs



#### Basketball Stars

Learning to play basketball in a fun and safe environment. The curriculum involves warm-up games, skill activities and modified games to assist in the development of the basic skills including: Passing, dribbling, shooting, team play, offensive and defensive strategy

Day: **Friday**

Time: **3:40-4:40pm**

Start Date: **6th May**

Finish Date: **24th June**

Who: **Prep-Grade 4**

Cost: **\$120 (8 sessions)**

#### Soccer Stars

Learning introductory soccer skills including: Passing, shooting, heading, ball control, running with the ball and turning. The focus is on inclusion more than competition – we want every child to join in and have fun

Day: **Friday**

Time: **3:40-4:40pm**

Start Date: **6th May**

Finish Date: **24th June**

Who: **Prep-Grade 4**

Cost: **\$120 (8 sessions)**

#### Dance Stars

Fundamentals of dance, movement, space & energy. Teaching posture, technique, extension and building strength, balance and co-ordination. Focus on integrating isolations, rhythmic exercises, floor patterns, improvisation & dance routine combinations choreographed to different styles of music.

Day: **Monday**

Time: **Lunchtime**

Start Date: **2nd May**

Finish Date: **20th June**

Who: **Prep-Grade 4**

Cost: **\$05 (7 sessions)**

**ENROL ONLINE: [www.sportystars.com.au](http://www.sportystars.com.au)**

Enquiries



[info@sportystars.com.au](mailto:info@sportystars.com.au)



0422 043 853

# Community News

EVER THOUGHT ABOUT  
BECOMING A  
**CAREGIVER?**



COME AND JOIN US  
FOR A COFFEE WITH A  
CARER AT ONE OF OUR  
**FREE INFORMATION**  
**SESSIONS!**

## **When?**

Monday 4th April 2022  
Session 1 - 10:00am-11:00am  
Session 2 - 5:30pm-6:30pm

## **Where?**

**Home Instead Blackburn Office**  
22 King Street, Blackburn, VIC

Please RSVP by emailing  
[info@homeinsteadmcs.com.au](mailto:info@homeinsteadmcs.com.au)  
or give us a call on 9877 3773

\*coffee, tea and snacks provided



# Community News



## **melbourne** **TAEKWONDO CENTRE**

Everyone is welcome, to come and give it a try!

What we offer:

- practical self-defence
- traditional and sport Taekwondo
- classes with an emphasis on learning through fun and enjoyment
- self-discipline, confidence, improving coordination, motor skills and fitness
- separate structured syllabuses for continued learning for Juniors and Seniors
- non-confrontational training with progression to more advanced techniques

Please call or email for current times and more information

### **Doncaster**

**Address:** Doncaster High School  
123 Church Road, Doncaster.  
(enter via Dianella St. car park).

**Email:** [doncaster@taekwondo.com.au](mailto:doncaster@taekwondo.com.au)

**Phone:** 9850 2121 or 0411 240 669

**Website:** [manninghamtaekwondo.com](http://manninghamtaekwondo.com)

### **Warrandyte**

**Warrandyte Community Centre**  
168 Yarra Street, Warrandyte  
(Victory Room, upstairs)

**Warrandyte** [warrandyte@taekwondo.com.au](mailto:warrandyte@taekwondo.com.au)

**Phone:** 0416 027 665

**Website:** [taekwondowarrandyte.com](http://taekwondowarrandyte.com)



# Introducing...

## Downball Australia's Official 2022 Tournament



**Tickets on  
sale for \$6.50**

**Date:  
Sunday  
June 12**

**Venue:  
Maroondah  
Nets**



Sign up



More info

