PORT FAIRY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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PRINCIPALS REPORT

TERM 2
WEEK 6
30/5/25

MAY

Happy Birthday to :

Owen
Lili
Sam
Stevie
Jaxson H
Lexi F
Lexie D
Ivy H
Harrison S
Loki
Angus B
Elwood
Sybil
Charlie G
Poppi B
Zara

Dear Families,

It's been a busy few weeks at Port Fairy Consolidated! We've enjoyed National Simultaneous Storytime, library and kinder visits, STEM Explorers, choir, regional cross country, Bee Day, and our fantastic Expo Night to name a few events.

We're thrilled to reopen our school library at lunchtime (when staff are available). Today was our first day back, and it was great to see so many students enjoying the space. Huge thanks to Athena Morton, Fiona Castley, and Cath Haldane (in 2024) for their amazing work getting it ready.

A few quick reminders:

- Thank you to everyone helping with our **Twilight Market next weekend**—we appreciate your support! Please see XUNO to put your name down to volunteer time or food for this event.

- **Curriculum Day is Friday, June 20**—no students at school. TheirCare will be available.

- **Parent-Teacher Interviews** will be held in the last week of term (Tuesday & Wednesday nights). Booking details coming soon.

We know some families are doing it tough right now. Please don't hesitate to reach out. We have food packages available through our School Breakfast Program, and we're here to help with payment plans if needed.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

A reminder that we welcome parents/carers involvement—whether it's volunteering, helping in classrooms, or supporting events. Your contributions make a big difference, and we truly value them.

I will be attending the Statewide Principal Conference on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. I am looking forward to keynote speakers and workshops facilitated by Simon Breakspear on Responsive Implementation; Jodi Richardson speaking about Empowering Anxious Students for Classroom Excellence; and learning more about the Mathematics Guarantee to boost student learning outcomes.

Lastly, thank you for the warm welcome back from leave. It meant a lot. It was wonderful seeing so many of you at Expo Night—what a proud moment for our students and staff.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,
Kate

SCHOOL SAVING BONUS REMINDER AND ALLOCATION TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The Victorian Government is delivering the School Saving Bonus (SSB) – a one-off support of $400 for eligible government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025.

The SSB can be used for uniforms until Monday 30 June 2025.

Any funds remaining after 30 June 2025, including online voucher amounts that have not been redeemed, will become a credit to use on school activities.

However, the credit will not be available on your family account at our school until late July.

To use any remaining SSB funds to cover the cost of school activities in July, please refer to the SSB online system and allocate the funds to school activities before 30 June 2025.

To learn more about the SSB online system,
download the step-by-step System guide for parents and carers (DOCX, 945KB) or watch this School Saving Bonus video.
https://www.vic.gov.au/receiving-school-saving-bonus

The Department of Education's SSB contact centre will remain available until 30 June 2025. The contact centre can be reached by:

- completing the School Saving Bonus enquiry form
- calling 1800 338 663, between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm on weekdays.

After this date, please contact Abbie or Jenni for any SSB related questions.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund - CSEF

CSEF helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible.

Eligible families will receive a payment of $154 per year for primary school students. The funds will be paid directly to the school to be used towards camps, sports and excursion costs for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office and ask for an application form.

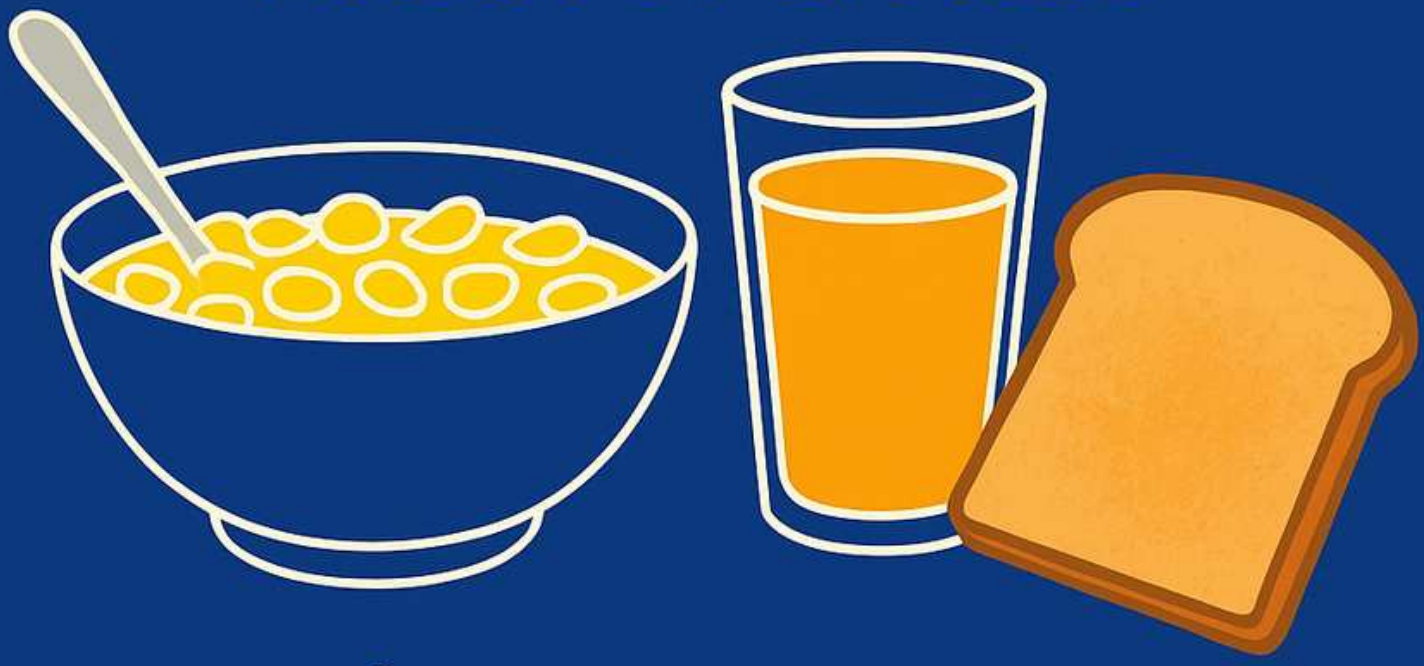
Please return the completed application forms to the school office as soon as possible.

Applications close 4 July 2025.

BREAKFAST CLUB!

EVERYONE WELCOME

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS
8:15AM TO 8:45AM



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Mental Health in Primary Schools

Disability Inclusion
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ONLINE SAFETY FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

As parents and carers you know your child better than anyone and have the best opportunity to support and guide them to have safer online experiences. In Australia, the ESafety Commission identifies some of the key online safety issues for young people and families, and includes a range of practical tips and advice on what to do if things go wrong.

You can also find a list of important services that can offer extra support.

eSafety.gov.au/parents

The Orange Door

All families can experience difficult times and sometimes need extra help and support for a range of reasons. The Orange Door provides help for people who need support with the care and wellbeing of children and young people, or who are experiencing hardship or family violence.

The Orange Door can help if:

- you are worried about the wellbeing and/or development of your child(ren) or young people
- you need help to strengthen your parenting skills and develop positive family relationships
- your family needs help to get through stressful times, which may be caused by a range of reasons including separation, mental health, grief, drug and alcohol abuse, financial worries, illness or living with a disability
- you need extra help managing the behaviour of your child(ren) or young people
- someone at home is making you, your children or young people, or another family member feel unsafe or afraid
- you're pregnant or a new parent and need support and advice
- you have concerns for a vulnerable child or young person in your community.

Support includes:

- listening to you to understand the difficulties you're facing
- helping you to explore your options and think about what you want to do next
- working with you to improve you and/or your family's situation
- connecting you to services that can help, such as parenting support groups, services for children and young people, family violence support, counselling, financial help, or legal assistance
- supporting you to access funding for basic living expenses and other costs
- providing information and advice to professionals if you are worried about a vulnerable child or young person in your community.

The Orange Door
571-575 Raglan Parade,
Warrnambool VIC 3280

Phone 1800 271 180
Email
southwest@orangedoor.vic.gov.au

Opening hours
Mon-Fri: 9:00am to 5:00pm

FOUNDATION HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

Literacy

This week sees the beginning of the Sounds Write review before report writing. We are back at Unit 1 working through our word building, sound swap and reading and spelling to make sure we have mastery of each unit before we begin Unit 7. You may notice some readers coming home that you have already had. The aim is to be reading with fluency rather than having to 'say the sounds and read the word'. If the children get through these readers quickly I'm happy for them to change over earlier if they would like. We have also been working hard on our choral reading aloud and I am seeing great improvement in tracking and fluency from many students. In writing we continue to practice our sentence writing with this week's focus being the spacing between our words.

Numeracy

This fortnight in numeracy we have learned the games 'Blast Off' and 'Wipeout' which we have been playing to improve our number fluency. We have covered basic addition last week learning the 'counting on' strategy and practising our 'counting all' strategy and this week we are learning how to collect and sort data using things like tally marks.

Extra

We have spent some time learning about National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week and the children have been very responsive to this year's theme, "Bridging Now to Next" understanding that we should be truthful about our past, apologise and move towards living together in harmony.





Reminders

Reader changeover on Thursday's.

Upcoming Events

8/6 -Twilight Market

9/6 - Public Holiday

20/6 - Student free day

4/7 - Last day of term; 2.30 finish

Specialist

Music - Monday 2:30pm
Science - Tuesday 11:30pm
Art - Tuesday 12:30pm
PE - Thursday 2:30pm

Fun Fact

The fibres from the Hibiscus can be used to make rope, and the seeds can be used in skincare.

YEAR 1/2 HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

Literacy

In Literacy this week we explored National Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week. We read lots of books including Somebody's Land by Adam Goodes & Ellie Laing and My People by Eddie Betts. These major National observances explore major themes for us as individuals and as a country: What does 'sorry mean, What happened in the past, what are National Sorry Day symbols and emblems. As we reflected on Indigenous history and present times it prompted us to reflect on What can we do for future 'walking together' with our Indigenous community. The emblem for 'Sorry Day' is the indigenous purple hibiscus and as a reminder of this historic event all PFCS students in Art made a beautiful display for the office foyer and all grades planted a purple hibiscus plant in the garden bed between the music room and 5/6 A.

Numeracy

In Numeracy over the past two weeks, students have been learning different strategies to help them add numbers, such as doubles, near doubles, and tens facts. This week, they created their own surveys, collected data using tally marks, and turned their results into graphs. They enjoyed asking questions like "What is your favourite sport?" or "What is your favourite food?" and discovering what their classmates liked most.

Extra

1/2M visited the Library on Tuesday but unfortunately 1/2DK couldn't visit due to the weather. Many thanks to the families who visited for EXPO night!





Reminders

Readers changed on Monday

Upcoming Events

8/6 -Twilight Market

9/6 - Public Holiday

20/6 - Student free day

4/7 - Last day of term; 2.30 finish

Specialist

Monday: Music
Wednesday: Science/Art
Thursday: PE

Fun Fact

An elephant's trunk has over 40,000 muscles and can even pick up tiny objects like a coin.

YEAR 3/4 HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

Literacy

We are continuing our novel study of Wylah. As part of our novel study we have been looking at character and plot development and identifying the different stages of narrative. We are learning vocabulary specific to Indigenous Australians and grammar, including learning about how to best construct a sentence and the use of subordinating conjunctions.

Numeracy

In Numeracy we are moving to statistics. Our students are learning how to ask survey questions and collect relevant data. We are investigating what the most efficient graph will be depending on what data you are trying to convey. We have then collected our own data and learnt how to display that data using spreadsheets. We have reflected how we use data in our everyday life.

Extra

We are thankful for Ms Roache covering Mrs Williams for the past months while Mrs Williams has covered Ms Anderson. Ms Roche has done a fantastic job and we are grateful. We are all so excited to have Mrs Williams back in our 3/4 world - as a 3/4 student said - 'the GOAT is back'!





Reminders

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Upcoming Events

8/6 -Twilight Market

9/6 - Public Holiday

20/6 - Student free day

4/7 - Last day of term; 2.30 finish



Specialist

Tuesday: Science, Art, Music
Wednesday: P.E.
Thursday ODD cooking, EVEN garden

Fun Fact

Mungo Man and Mungo Woman are perhaps the most important skeletons in Australian history. The two skeletons are the oldest remains found and date back 42 000 years.

YEAR 5/6 HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

Literacy

Through Novel Studies and the book '47 degrees', we have been learning about the unpredictability of bushfires, enacting a fire plan and the role of the many services in our community(police, CFA, SES, Red Cross). We have continued to work on our sentence structure and have focused on some interesting morphology.

Numeracy

We have been challenging ourselves to improve our fact fluency with Facts on Fire, learning about the importance of each step when completing problems using BODMAS and investigating nets, transformation of shapes(translate and reflect) and the line of symmetry.

Extra

Cooking
Clubs
Kinder visits for Year 5 Students







Reminders

Keep an eye out on XUNO for permission notes to keep up to date with the program. The children have access to Google Classrooms. Please encourage them to read, record and post this onto Google Classrooms.

Upcoming Events

6/6: Moyne Winter Sports
8/6: Twilight Market
9/6: King's Birthday Public Holiday
12/6: Girl's AFL Sports
20/6: Student free day
4/7: Last day of term; 2.30 finish

Specialist

Tuesday - Music
Wednesday - Art, Science, PE
Thursday - 29th May - Cooking
Thursday - 5th June - Garden

Fun Fact

What are these buzzing bugs most famous for? Delicious honey! But did you know they produce honey as food stores for the hive during winter? Luckily for us, these efficient little workers produce 2-3 times more honey than they need, so we get to enjoy the tasty treat, too!
Honey bees are fab flyers. They fly at a speed of around 25km per hour and beat their wings 200 times per second!

PE
HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

Another amazing fortnight in the sporting world at PFCS.

We had 16 tough Cross Country runners represent us at the Divisional Cross Country at Reid Oval. Everyone ran so well over a "real" cross country course. Congratulations to Ymai (9th 13min 26 sec) and Harrison (5th 11min 32 sec) both qualified for the Regional Championships which were held last Friday on the same course. Thanks to Bec Holt again for helping to transport our team to the event (thank goodness for our two Kias!) and to all the parents who managed to get there and cheer on our PFCS crew, they really loved having the support!







Both Ymai and Harrison ran superbly at Regionals in tricky weather conditions. Ymai managed a PB of 13:04, smashing her Divisional time from the previous week by 22 seconds and narrowly missing the top 12 State qualifying position, coming in 15th. Harrison also had an amazing run, finishing 7th in 11:18, 14 seconds faster than the previous week and qualifying for State Cross Country Championships on 24/07/25 in the Yarra Valley!!! Great achievements Ymai and Harrison, we are so proud of you both.



Next Friday is our **5/6 Winter Sports**, please check xuno for your childs team, draw and complete permission.
If you are available to assist with your childs team (umpire, coach)please reach out to me through xuno or let the office staff know.

Brooke Green
Physical Education Coordinator

Upcoming Events

6/6 - Moyne Senior Winter Sports (AFL, Netball) @Victoria Park Koroit
12/6 - Girls AFL @Dennington
13/6 - Division Soccer, AFL, Netball @Warrnambool

ART
HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

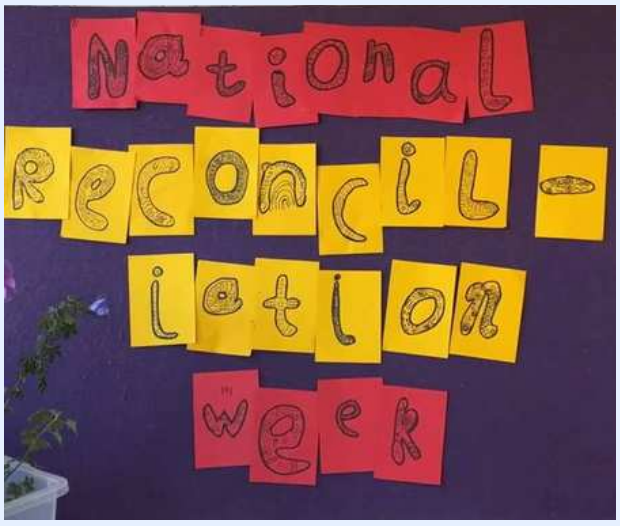
What We Learned

This week has been National Reconciliation Week. Every year on May 26th National Sorry Day remembers and acknowledges the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were forcibly removed from their families and communities, which we now know as 'The Stolen Generations'. The purple Native Hibiscus flower is used to signify their strength and resilience, as it thrives in harsh conditions.

Every student has had the opportunity to participate in this acknowledgement by creating a purple hibiscus flower (attached to a badge) which is currently on display in the Foyer Art Gallery at school. We explored ways of constructing the flower, including cutting out five petals of an appropriate size, how to staple things together and how to make it three-dimensional.









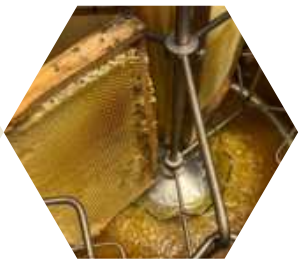
GREEN TEAM HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

Bee day celebrations! What a day!

With honey joys prepared by the green team, the orders were taken and organised by our wonderful team! We received the kindest donation from Fre and his family of honey! And we were set to bake and create! The day was very fun, we ran a bee clip and created a bee drawing! Well done to our team, especially, Ava, Delilah, Jane, Julian, Kenzie, Ivy and Amelia. You were all amazing and played your part in making the day a great success.

Our funds raised will go to Mosswood wildlife rehabilitation center to help with their conservation work!! We raised over $130. Thank you for supporting us.





Actions to help

Save your cans for Shearwaters - and Friends of Griffiths Island
We have a donation bag (in the science room) to save cans and bottles to help fundraise for the local shearwater project. Every bottle or can helps to protect the shearwaters, it helps to create education materials, and monitoring equipment for the program each year. Every bottle or can helps.

SAKGP
HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

Upcoming Events

Twilight market - fundraiser for our school - June 8 - long weekend!

Donations

Pumpkin, lentils, celery, sweet potato

What we've cooked

We are making soup next week in the kitchen and if we are able to make a big giant batch to be sold at the night market? We are working on a plan to make this happen with our 3/4's helping out in the kitchen and perhaps on the night! Let's see what happens - we will let you know as the week progresses!

This week we made pasta! And used warrigal greens (native spinach) to make a pesto! We had full bellies and lots of pasta eating! Enjoying wonderful native ingredients of native spinach, lemon myrtle and wattleseed. We also prepared an apple and wattleseed cake that was wonderful and warming!















Weekly Award Winners

This weeks awards will be presented next Friday at assembly in the school hall.

FV - Ava
For always showing your love of learning. You consistently complete all your work to a high standard across all areas. Well done superstar, keep up the great work!

1/2D - Austin
For showing excellent concentration and effort during lessons. Your excellent work shows your determination to understand new concepts while always demonstrating respect towards your teachers and other students.

1/2M - Mack
For always working hard and doing your best in class. In every subject and task, you try your hardest to complete it to the best of your ability, even when it might be challenging. Thank you for also providing our class with plenty of laughs each day, Mack! Well done, legend!

3/4I - Noah B
Noah has just joined our class this term and has settled in so well it feels as if he has been here all year! Thank you for your enthusiasm, your warmth and your willingness to have a go and try your best. The effort you are putting in to your learning is obvious - well done!

3/4W - Mia
For your outstanding dedication to improving your reading. You put in extra effort at home, practising regularly and making sure you are doing the very best you can. Well done, Mia, you are a fantastic example of how extra effort leads to progress!

5/6A - Billy
For showing commitment to his learning. Billy consistently demonstrates a good work ethic and a genuine desire to understand new concepts. He asks thoughtful questions, shares his ideas with confidence, and is a great example to those around him.

5/6A - Lachie
For being a kitchen garden superstar! Lachie shows fantastic leadership, stays organised, on task, and ready to lend a hand. Your enthusiasm in the kitchen is greatly appreciated. Great job, Lachie!

5/6M - Devon
For consistently arriving with a bright smile and a positive attitude each day. Devon approaches every learning opportunity with enthusiasm and a willingness to try her best. Her eagerness to learn and cheerful presence make a wonderful contribution to our classroom community. Well done, Devon!



Get your tickets now at Belfast Aquatics - pre purchase is recommended to avoid disappointment.
Belfast Aquatic Community Pool, Campbell St

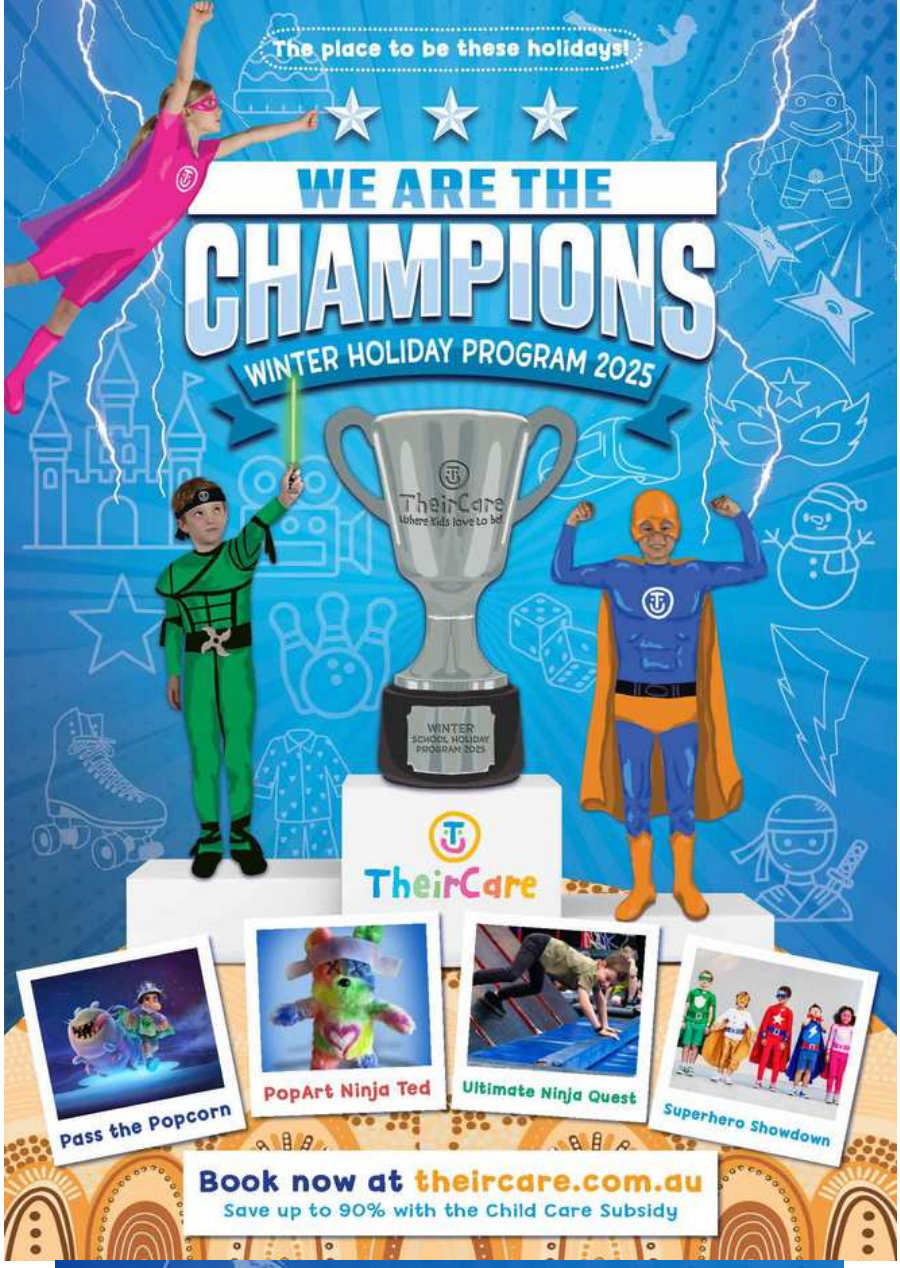
Ages 6 and up. Adult supervision compulsory, no drop-offs.

$15 per person

Sausage sizzle, drinks and snacks at kiosk prices.

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No drop offs - supervision is required


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Geelong Cats AFLW Player Visits attending as part of the AFLW Community Camp



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nab AFL Auskick

4 - 7 YEAR OLDS

Warrnambool ALL Girls Auskick
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Starting 11th June - Wednesday -
Jones Oval (10 Ward St)

COST $20 - USE DISCOUNT CODE: 41146D2C

Register & WIN

Signed Geelong Cats Jumper

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Warrnambool & Surrounds ALL Girls SUPERKICK
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Starting 11th June - Wednesday -
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