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Children are supervised only between the hours of 8.45am and 3.45pm unless attending the Darrang Outside School Hours Care Program. Registration forms for this program are available from the office. Please ensure you update your records at the school office and also with OSHC staff. OSHC Mobile 0419 889 253



Momentous May

How much can we pack into the month of May?

Wednesday 6th May

Issue 3 Scholastic Book club orders close

Thursday 7th May

Mother's Day Stall. Children may bring along money and a named plastic carry bag to buy Mum or special person their own special gift. Gifts are priced from 50cents to \$6.00.



Friday 8th May

MOTHER'S DAY AND SPECIAL PERSON AFTERNOON

Friday 8th May
 2:00-3:30pm

Afternoon Tea from 2:00-2:30pm for **Mother's and Special adults.**
(Toddlers and non-school aged children welcome to attend)

Activities in the classroom from **2:30-3:30pm. All welcome.**
Activities will be completed in your youngest child's classroom. Older siblings will complete the activity with you.



EVERY STUDENT SHOULD:

✓ **HAVE A REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLE. EVERY DAY**



✓ **BE SIGNING IN ALL DEVICES AT THE OFFICE VERY DAY**



Every **Wednesday** and **Friday!!!** in the **Junior Learning Centre.** Doors open for service **8.30am.** Come on in for some Breakie with your friends -

Monday 11th May

Be Fit. Be Well. Speaker – Emma Mickle – Y3-6

Friday 15th May

Selected students Year 3-6 attending Bayswater District Cross Country



Monday 18th May

Education Week Begins

Book Fair open for students/parents to peruse and make purchases

Competitions to enter as Momentous May celebrates 100 years of *Winnie-the-Pooh* which was first published in 1926. Written by A.A. Milne and illustrated by E.H. Shepard, the book introduced the famous bear and his friends at 100 acre wood.



"You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."

Thursday 21st May

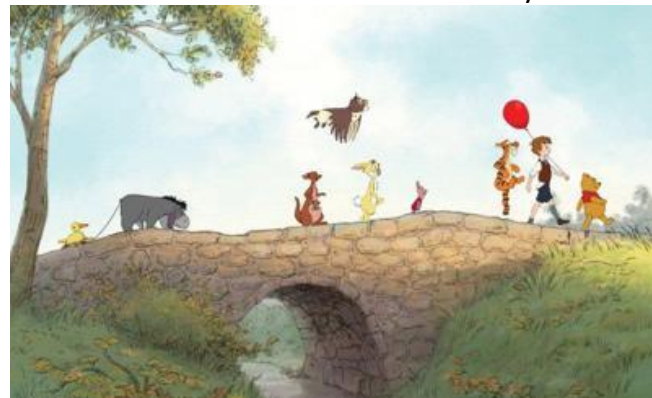


Open Afternoon 4:00-6:30pm
Activities throughout the school
Scavenger Hunt and Door Prizes
Coffee van on-site

Friday 22nd May



Not only can we dress up today we can walk to school as we celebrate Momentous May



Whole school activities 12.30pm- 1.30pm

Wednesday 27th May

Simultaneous Book Reading

Upcoming dates

Friday 5 th June	Curriculum Day
Monday 8 th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 16 th June	Scienceworks Excursion F-2
Wednesday 17 th June	Curriculum Day
Friday 26 th June	End of Term 2. Dismissal at 2:30pm

Term 3:

Friday 24 th July	DPS Athletics Carnival F-6
Friday 31 st July	DPS Athletics Carnival Back-up
Monday 17 th August – Friday 21 st August	Science Week
Monday 24 th August– Friday 28 th August	Book Week
Wednesday 26 th August	District Athletics Y3-6
Thursday 25 th August	Book Parade
Friday 26 th August	Rugby Gala Day
Monday 31 st August	Moonlit Sanctuary F-6



STAR STUDENTS

presented at assembly
Wednesday 6th May 2026

FC	Skyler <i>For showing great determination when writing number equations.</i>
12D	Helena <i>For her persistence and determination throughout all of her classes.</i>
34M	Cadence <i>For striving to always do her personal best</i>
56M	Vera <i>For her enthusiastic participation in, and contributions to, all learning tasks.</i>
STREAM	Bailey (12D) <i>For demonstrating his understanding with push and pull forces.</i>
PE	Ethan (12D) <i>For his can do attitude and willingness to participate in PE, including running extra laps at cross country to support his friends.</i>

reversing and pedestrians accessing the space which creates safety concerns. We do ask that parents not use the staff car park between 8:30-9:00 and 3:30-4:00 it would be appreciated. There are plenty of car parks around Rickards Avenue and Harley Street for families to access. This will ensure all our community are safe when entering and exiting the school grounds. Thank you for your support and understanding.

TRIBE Cross Country: Our TRIBE Cross Country was very well participated in with students completing the long course running several laps of the oval. Families and students encouraged and supported our students as they navigated the course with some outstanding and noticeable performances across the board. All students in Foundation-Year 6 had the opportunity to run. A team will be created in the coming days to represent our school at Bayswater District Cross Country.



Words from our Principal on the job – Brett Speed

The first week of Term 2 began with several school-wide events occurring. It was lovely to see all of our students and families return after the Easter break. This term we have several events occurring so please ensure you have the dates below added to your diaries. A friendly reminder to all families that hats are no longer required to be worn as per our Sun Smart policy. We do encourage students and families to remain vigilant in this space. Hats will be collected and stored for later in the year (August) when our policy commences.

STAFF CAR PARK:

Since the beginning of Term 2 we have had an increase of access to the staff car park from parents, trades and community members. There have been a couple of close calls with cars

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY:

Our student leaders took us through our annual ANZAC day ceremony. Students across the school completed tile squares that had both written and visual components combined to make visual quilts.



This year the students focused on women in service and the impact they had. Poems such as “In Flanders Field” were read beautifully by our leaders. Thanks to our School Captains and JSC for a very informative presentation. Thank you to all attended and congratulations to our super star leaders for their work (and to the teachers for supporting them!).



DISCOVERY DAY AT SCORESBY SC:

It was great to have our senior students participate in Discovery Day at [Scoresby Secondary College](#). Our students loved the activities and came back with many positive experiences. Students underwent specialist tasks including physical education, home economics and science. Thank you to the Leadership team for arranging this great day for our students.



SONGROOM:

Darrang has managed to secure a partnership with the Songroom for 2026. The partnership provides a highly experienced musical educator (Michael) and a musician in residence (Kye) to support and engage students in performing arts. The program titled “**The Bridge**” is a pilot program for both Darrang and The Song Room. The aim of the program is to engage with student work through sharing, performances, and celebrations that highlight the learning journey. We look forward to the partnership for Term 2, 2026 and the work that unfolds within.

TOP UP PANTRY:

The ‘Top Up Pantry’ has been set up for all of our families to access in the office. Please feel free to take what you need from the trolley. Thank you to Scoresby Woolworths for supplying our families with recyclable bags to take items home. The pantry will be restocked throughout the week. We encourage all families to access this space as needed.



TOURS / ENROLMENTS:

If you have a child due to start at Darrang in 2027, or know someone that does, please refer them to the school office or to our website Enrolment (www.darrangps.vic.edu.au). digital enrolment system will be in place for all Foundation students entering 2027. We are expecting an increase in our tours and

enrolments with the building works and highly encourage those families with children starting in 2027 to get in touch with the office. Please see me if you require support.

School tours can be arranged upon request by contacting the office on 9763 9600. We are more than happy to showcase our programs and grounds to prospective families.

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE FOUNDATION:

A massive thank you to the UCLF for providing our students with a funded whole school excursion to the Moonlit Sanctuary in Pearcedale ([Moonlit Sanctuary - The best place to see Aussie animals!](#)). Students will be transported to and from the event via bus as well as providing snack and lunch for the event. We appreciate their generosity and thank them for this amazing opportunity. Monday 31st August is the scheduled date for the excursion.



The poster features a background image of the Darrang Primary School building. At the top left, there is a logo for Darrang PS. The main title 'Darrang PS Open Night' is prominently displayed in large, bold, dark blue letters. Below the title, the date and time 'Thursday 21st May 4:00pm - 6:30pm' are listed. A circular inset image shows two students, a girl and a boy, sitting on the floor and reading a book together. The bottom section of the poster contains a list of school features and values, each preceded by a checkmark icon. A dark blue rounded rectangle at the bottom left contains contact information, including a phone number, email address, and website URL. The Darrang Primary School logo, featuring an eagle and the school name, is positioned in the bottom right corner.

2026

Darrang PS

Open Night

Thursday 21st May
4:00pm - 6:30pm

We warmly invite prospective families to visit our school and meet our dedicated staff. There will be an opportunity to tour our modern facilities and gain an insight into our programs including our commitment to both learning and wellbeing.

- ✓ Modern classrooms
- ✓ Well equipped ICT program
- ✓ Flexible learning spaces
- ✓ Promote student voice and agency
- ✓ Hands on learning
- ✓ Strong community culture

Contact Us

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- www.darrangps.vic.edu.au

DARRANG
PRIMARY SCHOOL

JUNIOR NEWSLETTER



WHAT WE'RE LEARNING



Reading

- Narrative elements
- Character description
- Visualising
- Procedures



Writing

- Sentence structure
- Information reports
- Nouns and verbs
- Recounts



Maths

- Addition - Friends of Ten, total together
- Addition - Split strategy, number lines and hundred charts

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

1 ANZAC Ceremony

Students commemorated ANZAC day as a whole school. The leaders spoke beautifully and it was wonderful to see the respect by all shown to those that have fallen.



2 Cross Country

Cross Country was a big highlight of the last 2 weeks. Students ran their best around the oval and made sure they cheered on each other in the races.



NOTE FROM TEACHERS

Please come on in and explore the different learning spaces to admire your child's amazing work on display.

Please don't hesitate to ask any questions.

INTEGRATED STUDIES

Students commemorated ANZAC day beautifully. Students constructed a square that was combined to be part of a whole school quilt. It was fantastic to see the respect from all.

Students have begun to investigate the design process. They have explored the research and plan step, ensuring they use detail to show each element.

SENIOR NEWSLETTER



WHAT WE'RE LEARNING



Reading

- Mentor text - Matilda
- Making connections to the text
- Procedure texts
- Information Reports



Writing

- Irregular words spelling
- Decodable spelling rules
- Information report research
- Procedure writing
- Planning effectively



Maths

- Chance and Probability
- Addition Strategies including - split, compensation, jump, friends of ten, doubles and 100 charts
- Using the addition algorithm

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

1 Cross Country

What an amazing day of personal bests and extraordinary effort. Students were asked to run up to 15 laps depending on their age. We are so incredibly proud of all the students.



2 ANZAC Day Assembly

Students across the whole school worked together to make a thoughtful display to honour the ANZACS. The JSC helped us commemorate by presenting a well thought out, planned and rehearse assembly. LEST WE FORGET.



INTEGRATED STUDIES

- ANZAC Day
- The 7 continents
- North America and Europe
- Positive Coping Strategies
- Year 5/6 Discovery Day at Scoresby SC





STREAM Newsletter



5/6M

5/6 students have been exploring what the different states of matter. They have investigated how changes to each matter can be either reversible or irreversible.



3/4M

3/4 students have explore the different states of matter, solid, liquid and gas. They have discussed how they can change either physically or chemically.

1/2D

1/2 students have explored how different items move with push and pull forces. They have explore how push force goes away and pull forwards comes towards.



FC

Foundation students explored how the body moves at different points and how lego creations can be pushed away from them.



MINECRAFT CLUB



This term in Minecraft club, students are working collaboratively to build a maze and create different hazards to overcome.

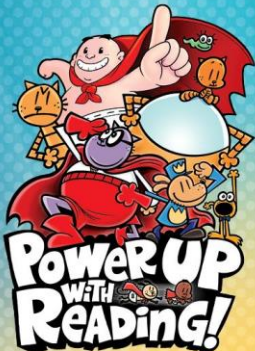


PE Newsletter



READ EVERY DAY! READ MORE IN MAY!

WIN ONE OF 10
SUPA-EPIC DAV PILKEY
PRIZE PACKS WORTH
OVER \$350 RRP EACH!



HOW TO ENTER!

1. Register for National Family Reading Month before 01 May 2026!
2. Draw your favourite Pilkey character!
3. Tell us why they're your SUPA-buddy!
4. Email your submission to Competitions@scholastic.com.au

REGISTER NOW!



HOOK In 2 HOCKEY

KNOX HOCKEY CLUB

FIRST SESSION IS FREE!
ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED!

Commencing Tuesday, 5th May (7 Weeks) 5:15pm - 6:15pm

Wantirna Reserve - 61 Mountain Hwy, Wantirna 3152

Janita Hackett - 0438844489
hookin2hockey@knoxhockeyclub.com.au



BORONIA
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KICKS OFF
MAY 1ST

FRIDAY NIGHTS UNDER LIGHTS!
 MILLER PARK, BORONIA
 5:00PM - 6:00PM

REGISTER HERE

BORONIA HAWKS
 FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB

EFNL 2025 Best Conducted Club

BAYSWATER JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

FREE REGISTRATION!

2026

U8 Boys & Girls
 Born between Jan 2018 and April 2019

Seeking new under 8 players in 2026

JOIN NOW

- Fun
- Friendship
- Fitness

Places still available in most age groups for boys and girls 7 - 18 years

GOODSPORTS

WE ARE A GOLD MEDAL ACCREDITED CLUB

/BayswaterJFC

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AUSTRALIA'S #1 NON-COMPETITIVE SOCCER PROGRAM

Grasshopper SOCCER

TERM 2, 2026
SOCCER FUN FOR GIRLS & BOYS AGED 2-12!

STARTING FROM 2ND MAY

Free FIRST 15 NEW ENROLMENTS RECEIVE COMPLIMENTARY SHIRT AND SHORTS!

FOR A **FREE** TRIAL P: 0437 037 207

MITE (2-3 YRS OLD)
35 MINUTE CLASSES
 \$165 FOR 8 WEEKS

A GREAT INTRODUCTION TO SOCCER CHILDREN WORK WITH THEIR PARENTS TO LEARN NEW SOCCER SKILLS AND DEVELOP THEIR MOTOR SKILLS LOTS OF FUN GAMES IN A NON-COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT!

PINT SIZE (4-5 YRS OLD)
45 MINUTE CLASSES
 \$170 FOR 8 WEEKS

CHILDREN TAKE THEIR FIRST KICKS IN SOCCER THEY'LL BE INTRODUCED TO SHOOTING, DRIBBLING, GOAL KEEPING AND MORE. CHILDREN GET TO PLAY LOTS OF FUN, SKILL BASED GAMES. GRASSHOPPERS GET INTRODUCED TO PINT SIZE 1V1 BIG GAME!

INTRO TO MICRO (5-6 YRS OLD)
MICRO (6-8 YRS OLD)
60 MINUTE CLASSES
 \$180 FOR 8 WEEKS

THE ULTIMATE CHALLENGE FOR YOUNG SOCCER PLAYERS! THEY'LL LEARN THE RULES OF THE GRASSHOPPER SOCCER BIG GAME AND DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS IN PASSING, DRIBBLING, SHOOTING AND MORE!

MICRO PLUS (8-12 YRS OLD)
60 MINUTE CLASSES
 \$180 FOR 8 WEEKS

THIS PROGRAM FOCUSES ON SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND TEAMWORK IN PREPARATION FOR CLUB SOCCER. CHILDREN WILL ENJOY ALL THE FAVOURITE SOCCER BASED GAMES, FINE TUNE THEIR SKILLS AS WELL AS PLAY THE GRASSHOPPER SOCCER BIG GAME!

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TERM 2 STARTING 2ND MAY 2026

Grasshopper SOCCER

ENROLMENT FORM

PERSONAL INFORMATION

CHILD'S NAME: _____ DOB: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ SUBURB: _____ P/CODE: _____

PHONE: _____ MOBILE: _____ EMAIL: _____

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US: _____

TERM CENTRES (PLEASE TICK)

FERNTREE GULLY NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL 111 FOREST ROAD, FERNTREE GULLY, VIC 3188
 8 week program starting Saturday 2nd May to Saturday 20th June

FAIRHILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL MANUKA DRIVE, FERNTREE GULLY, VIC 3188
 8 week program starting Sunday 3rd May to Sunday 22nd June

PROGRAMS

CLASS TIMES	MITE-E	PINT SIZE	INTRO TO MICRO	MICRO	MICRO PLUS
FERNTREE GULLY - SAT	9:00 - 9:35 AM	9:00 - 9:50 AM	10:00 - 11:00 AM	10:00 - 11:00 AM	10:00 - 11:00 AM
FAIRHILLS - SUN	9:00 - 9:35 AM	9:00 - 9:45 AM	10:00 - 11:00 AM	10:00 - 11:00 AM	10:00 - 11:00 AM
TERM FEE	\$165	\$170	\$180	\$180	\$180

PLEASE TICK YOUR PROGRAM MITE-E (2-3 YRS OLD) PINT SIZE (4-5 YRS OLD) INTRO TO MICRO (5-6 YRS OLD) MICRO (6-8 YRS OLD) MICRO PLUS (8-12 YRS OLD)

PAYMENT

PAYMENT OPTIONS: CASH, BANK TRANSFER OR CREDIT CARD GRASSHOPPER SOCCER HAS A NO REFUND POLICY! PLEASE NOTE: PAYMENTS WITH CC WILL INCUR A 1.5% PROCESSING FEE

NAME: GHS Melb/Eastern BSB: 013 402 ACC: 653733826 REFERENCE: CHILD'S NAME
 CREDIT CARD PAYMENT (PLEASE TICK) VISA MASTERCARD
 CREDIT CARDS PROCESSED AS GRASSHOPPER SOCCER
 CREDIT CARD NUMBER: _____ EXPIRY: ____/____/____ CVV: _____

PARENT'S CONSENT: I HEREBY AUTHORISE GRASSHOPPER SOCCER TO ACT ON MY BEHALF SHOULD MY CHILD REQUIRE MEDICAL ATTENTION AND RELEASE GRASSHOPPER SOCCER FROM ANY LIABILITY INCURRED BY MY CHILD AT GRASSHOPPER SOCCER PROGRAMS. PHOTOS/VIDEOS OF CHILDREN ATTENDING THESE PROGRAMS MAY BE USED FOR REASONABLE PROMOTIONAL PURPOSES BY GRASSHOPPER SOCCER

ADD: GRASSHOPPER SOCCER SHIRT & SHORTS - ENROLMENT SPECIAL - \$65
 SIZE: PLEASE TICK XXS XS S M L

ENROLMENT SPECIAL: \$ _____
 TERM FEE: \$ _____
 TOTAL: \$ _____

DO YOU AGREE: YES NO

SIGNATURE _____

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Tuning in to Kids

Emotionally intelligent parenting
for parents of primary school aged children

Would you like tips and strategies to:

- Better communicate with your child?
- Help your child learn to manage their emotions and deal with conflict?
- Manage challenging behaviours?
- Parent anxious children?

Children with emotional intelligence:

- Have greater success with making and keeping friends
- Show improved concentration at school
- Have increased wellbeing

Please note: this an interactive program via Zoom. Participants are expected to have cameras on and join from an appropriate setting.

When: 6 afternoon sessions
Friday 8th May - 12th June 2026

Time: 12:30 to 2:30pm

Location: Online via Zoom

Cost: Free of charge
(bookings essential)

Enquiries:

sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au

[Click here to book!](#)



PARENTZONE