



Dinjerra Primary School Newsletter

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Ms. Catherine & Mr Catterson's Acting Principal Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all new families and staff who have joined Dinjerra Primary School this year.

We are confident that you will find our school to be a supportive and inclusive environment, where students and staff alike can thrive, learn, and **SOAR** together.



A Warm Welcome to Our 2025 Prep Students.

What an exciting start to the year! This week, we welcomed our newest and youngest learners to Dinjerra Primary School, and we are so proud of how well they have settled in. From the moment they walked through the gates, our Prep students have shown enthusiasm, curiosity, and resilience as they explore their new learning environment.

A huge thank you to our dedicated staff and supportive families for making the transition so smooth. It's been fantastic to see our Preps making new friends, embracing new routines, and already demonstrating a love of learning. We can't wait to see all the amazing growth and achievements ahead! Here's to a fantastic first year of school!



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Mrs. Vulic's Finnish Adventure

Mrs. Vulic is currently enjoying her long service leave in Finland with her family. Their travels have taken them to London to visit relatives before heading to the Arctic Circle, where they had the unforgettable experience of meeting Santa Claus and his reindeer. Embracing the winter wonderland, they have spent their days ice skating, playing ice hockey, and having snowball fights. We wish Mrs. Vulic a wonderful holiday and look forward to hearing more about her adventures when she returns in week 5.



Mr. Catterson's European Adventure

During the holidays, I enjoyed spending time with my family in Ireland and traveling across Europe. A highlight of my trip was staying in a historic castle/hotel in Kildare, owned by a friend. I also had the opportunity to visit several incredible cities, including Lisbon, Kraków, Istanbul, Rome, Vienna, and various parts of the UK. While in Paris, I climbed the Eiffel Tower and explored the recently reopened Notre Dame Cathedral. Despite the chilly European weather, it was an unforgettable experience. Now that the jet lag has worn off, I'm happy to be back and settling into the school routine.



Ms. Catherine: I enjoyed a wonderful summer break in Anglesea amongst the surf and sand with her family. With the amazing warm weather we had this summer we managed to have many beach days and very little days stuck indoors. My son Hendrix had a wonderful time learning to surf on his body board and now thinks he is a surfer. I really felt like I had a proper summer holiday this year and I'm looking forward to another successful year at Dinjerra.





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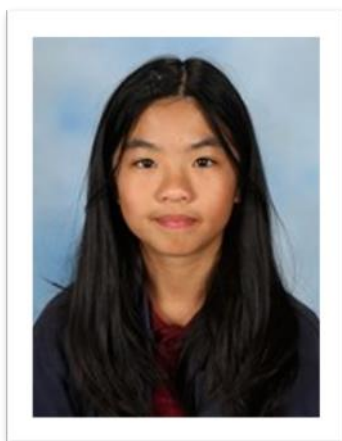
Celebrating Our 2025 Student Leaders!

At Dinjerra Primary School, we take pride in fostering leadership, responsibility, and excellence in our students. We are thrilled to announce and congratulate our four outstanding Student Leaders for 2025! These students have demonstrated exceptional commitment to our SOAR values—Success, Optimism, Adventure and Responsibility - and will play a vital role in shaping our school community this year.

Meet Our 2025 Student Leaders



Ceyone



Alanna



Bailee



Laetitia

School Communication

Keeping parents informed about school events is very important to us, as we believe it strengthens the partnership between home and school. We use multiple communication platforms to ensure all parents and carers can access important information:



Compass: Our primary system for communication, where we send announcements and notifications for up and coming events



Facebook: Used to post messages, reminders, and event updates.

For complex issues, a phone call or face-to-face meeting with your child's teacher is the best way to ensure prompt resolution. Please call the office to schedule an appointment.

Fundraising Committee

Hello Families,

Welcome to 2025!

We are looking for new parents and carers to join our Fundraising Committee. You don't need to attend every meeting - just be available to help with special lunch days, raffles, and other events that support our students.

Our first meeting will be:

Monday, 10th February 9:15 AM / Conference Room

Come along for a chat and a coffee to see if you'd like to get involved. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Thanks,

Sue & Kylie



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School Council Elections

Thank you to the families who voted in our School Council Parent Ballot for electing our Parent Members. We are fortunate that we have interested parents who nominated for a role. Congratulations to the following parents who will join our School Council for either a one or two year term:

- Hamish Doake - father of Harry in Prep H
- Megan McNally - mother of Daniel in 1/2O
- Michael Palmer - father of Anouk in 1/2P

Congratulations to staff member Nazlia Edwards, who has been re elected into the staff position.

Our School Council is now made up of the following members:
Parents Members DET Staff members

- Hamish Doake - father of Harry in Prep H
- Megan McNally - mother of Daniel in 1/2O
- Michael Palmer - father of Anouk in 1/2P
- Kylie Kirk - mother of Jordan in 3/4M and Zoe is Prep H
- Connie Tarei - mother of Ellie-May in 1/2M
- Vanessa Tout - mother of Jasmine in 1/2P
- Nazlia Edwards
- Mark Catterson
- Catherine Robertson
- Natalie Vulic

Our first meeting as the new configuration will be on Tuesday 19th March at 6:00pm.



GARDENING HELP NEEDED

As you walk past and enjoy our beautiful gardens, would you be able to spare **30min** to help with weeding, pruning, or assisting with **Garden Club on Fridays at lunchtime**. If you would like to lend a hand in keeping our gardens looking great, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the office.

Thank you for your support!
Kylie kirk—Garden Leader

Staff Car Park Reminder

Just a reminder that staff carpark is only available for staff and parents of before and after school care children. This is due to safety etc.





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School Council Elections and Nominations for 2025

School Council elections are held at the beginning of each school year and the process must be completed by the end of March.

The School Council has three main responsibilities. They are:

1. Finance—overseeing the development of the school's annual budget and ensuring proper records are kept of the school's financial arrangements
2. Strategic Planning—participating in the development and monitoring of the school's Strategic Plan
3. Policy development and review—developing, reviewing and updating policies that reflects a school's values support the school's broad direction outlined in the Strategic Plan.

Other key functions of School Council include:

- Raising funds for school related purposes
- Maintaining school grounds and facilities
- Entering into contracts i.e. school cleaning
- Reporting annually to the school community and the Department.
- Representing and taking the views of the community into account
- Regulating and facilitating after-hours use of school premises and grounds
- Operating Out of School Hours Care.

Dinjerra's School Council currently meet on the third Tuesday of each month. Our configuration of School Council is 10 members, made up of:

- 6 parents members
- 4 DET(Department of Education) members

We have 3 parent positions whose tenures are coming to an end in March 2025:

These members are:

- Kylie Kirk
- Vanessa Tout
- Connie Tarei

Thank you to Kylie, Vanessa and Connie for your valuable contributions to our School Council. These members are welcome to renominate. We will therefore hold an election for available School Council positions. If you would like to nominate yourself for a position, please see below. We encourage the parent community to take part in the voting process, (if the process reaches that stage), so please see below for the Election Process and Timeline:

STAGE 1: Setting the election framework and calling for nominations.	Monday 3rd February 2025
Closing of Nominations.	Monday 17th February 2025
STAGE 2: Closing and assessing nominations and deciding if ballot is required: Posting of	Monday 17th February 2025
*If number of candidates exceeds the number of vacancies:	Monday 17th February 2025
STAGE 3:	Monday 24th February 2025
Close Ballot	Monday 24th February 2025
STAGE 4: Vote count	Monday 24th February 2025
Declaration of Poll	Monday 24th February 2025
STAGE 5: Special and first council meetings after the poll	Tuesday 18th March 2025

If you wish to nominate for a school council position, School Council Nomination forms can be collected from the office. Please return your completed nomination form to the office by 4:00pm on Monday 17th February 2025.



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Meet and Greet Parent/Teacher

Parent-teacher interviews are an important way to strengthen communication between school and home. These have been scheduled for:

- Tuesday, 25th February & Wednesday, 26th February from 3:45 pm - 6:00 pm.
- Years 3 - 6 interviews will begin earlier from 2:30 pm - 6:00 pm.

Information on how to book an appointment will be sent home shortly and posted on all our communication platforms.

SunSmart Policy



As part of our SunSmart policy, students are required to wear a broad-brimmed hat during **Terms 1 and 4** when UV levels are highest.

Children without a hat will be directed to stay in shaded areas, such as the rotunda on the quadrangle.

- Parents and carers are encouraged to apply sunscreen before school, as UV levels can be extreme even on overcast days.
- Please ensure your child's hat is clearly named so it can be returned if lost.

Before and After School Supervision

Student safety is our highest priority, and we have clear supervision arrangements:

- **Before School:** Gates open at **8:45 am**. Please do not drop your child off before this time unless you can wait with them, as there is no supervision outside the gates. Students can enter buildings from **8:50 am** when the music plays.
- **After School:** Gates open at **3:00 pm**. Parents are asked to wait outside the school grounds. Yard supervision finishes at **3:45 pm**, so please ensure you collect your child before then. Students remaining on school grounds beyond these times will not be supervised unless they are attending a before/after-school care program or a supervised extracurricular activity.

Upcoming Events

Meet and Greet Parent/Teacher Interview	25th & 26th February 2024
Labour Day Public Holiday - no school	10th March
Celebration of Learning: Who We Are Harmony Day Celebration	23rd March 2025
Last day of Term 1 - Dismissal at 2:30pm (Easter Raffle)	4th April 2025



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General Information



Compass login details

Compass is our main school communication system, where we post general information for families, school reports, attendance information and excursion consent forms and payments. Please see Hong in the office to generate your Compass login details as soon as possible, so that you can begin to see important events and messages re Prep Transition and end of year events.

Bell Times

8:45am Gate opens - Students place bags outside classroom and play in quadrangle (supervised by staff)

8:55am Music Plays - Students to line up outside classrooms. Classroom teacher greets students and walk inside, and put bags in bag lockers and begin their morning routine

9:00am Session 1

**between 9:55am -10:05am Students have fruit break while sitting on the floor and listening to the Session 2 mini lesson*

10am Session 2

11am Students eat morning snack inside classrooms

11:10am -11:40am Recess Break outdoors

11:40am Session 3

**between 12:35-12:45 Students have fruit break while sitting on the floor and listening to the Session 4 mini lesson*

12:40am Session 4

1:40pm Students eat lunch inside classrooms

1:50pm -2:30pm Session 5

3:30pm Dismissal - Prep classroom teachers will ensure teacher to parent handover

3:45pm Gate closes



'SCHOOL BELL



Out of School Hours Care - Kelly Club is operational from 7am to 8:55am for morning care, and 3:30 to 6:00pm for afternoon care. Bookings can be made by contacting Brian on 0466 665 941. Families will need to provide both student and parent Centrelink Customer Reference Numbers (CRNs) in order to claim the Childcare Subsidy.



The Lunchbox - School Canteen is operational on Fridays only.

Lunches can be ordered through the Munch Monitor app.



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Important Dates Term 1

Monday 10th February	Tuesday 11th February	Wednesday 12th February	Thursday 13th February	Friday 14th February
WK3		No School for Prep students		
Monday 17th February	Tuesday 18th February	Wednesday 19th February	Thursday 20th February	Friday 21st February
WK4		No School for Prep students	Grade Prep Parent Info Session 3:45-4:30pm	
Monday 24th February	Tuesday 25th February	Wednesday 26th February	Thursday 27th February	Friday 28th February
WK5	Meet and Greet Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30 - 6:00pm	No School for Prep students Meet and Greet Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30 - 6:00pm		
Monday 3rd March	Tuesday 4th March	Wednesday 5th March	Thursday 6th March	Friday 7th March
WK6 Full 5 day week commences from this date forward				
Monday 10th March	Tuesday 11th March	Wednesday 12th March	Thursday 13th March	Friday 14th March
WK7 Labour Day Public Holiday				
Monday 17th March	Tuesday 18th March	Wednesday 19th March	Thursday 20th March	Friday 21st March
WK8				Harmony Day Celebration (evening)
Monday 24th March	Tuesday 25th March	Wednesday 26th March	Thursday 27th March	Friday 28th March
WK9				
Monday 31st March	Tuesday 1st April	Wednesday 2nd April	Thursday 3rd April	Friday 4th April
WK10			9:05am: 'Who We Are' Celebration of Learning	Last Day of Term 1: -Assembly: 2pm -Dismissal for end of Term 1: 2:30pm School Holiday period begins

***Please note: There will be no school for Prep students on Wednesdays for the month of February. Last day of Term 1: - Friday 4th April:**
 2:00pm Whole School Assembly and Easter Raffle 2:30pm dismissal
 Term 1 Break from Saturday 5th April to Monday 21st April (Easter Monday)
Term 2 resumes on Tuesday 22nd April



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Welcome to Our New Staff

Welcome Vicki Hajisava to Dinjerra Primary School



We are excited to welcome Vicki Hajisava to the Dinjerra Primary School community in 2025. Vicki will be teaching 1/2H and brings an impressive 30 years of experience in primary education. Throughout her career, she has worked as a Leading Teacher, Team Leader, Year 1 - 6 Generalist Classroom Teacher, and F-6 Classroom Music Specialist. Vicki is dedicated to supporting student wellbeing, fostering a love of learning, and ensuring all students achieve success through differentiated teaching. She believes in creating a positive and engaging classroom environment where learning is both meaningful and enjoyable. Outside of school, Vicki enjoys spending time with her husband, 90-year-old mother, extended family, and friends. She has a passion for singing and also enjoys making candles. We look forward to the knowledge, enthusiasm, and warmth Vicki will bring to our school and warmly welcome her to the Dinjerra community.

Welcome Verity Dester to Dinjerra Primary School



We are delighted to welcome Verity Dester to the Dinjerra Primary School community in 2025. Verity will be teaching in 1/2DR on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays alongside Marta Rodrigues. With over 20 years of teaching experience across a range of roles and year levels, Verity brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to our team. She is passionate about fostering strong relationships with students, believing that a supportive and engaging learning environment is key to student success. Outside of the classroom, Verity enjoys spending time with her husband and two daughters, who are currently in Year 2 and Year 6. She also has a creative side, loves being in nature, and enjoys a good coffee. We look forward to the contributions

Verity will make to our school and warmly welcome her to the Dinjerra community.

Welcome, Celia lao, to the Prep Team!



We are thrilled to welcome Celia lao to the Prep team at Dinjerra Primary School in 2025! Celia is passionate about inspiring young minds and fostering a love of learning in her students. Outside the classroom, she enjoys staying active at her local CrossFit gym, exploring farmers markets and bakeries on weekends, and embracing the outdoors - whether it's soaking up the sun at the beach in summer or skiing down the slopes in winter. Always up for an adventure and a challenge, Celia brings enthusiasm and energy to everything she does. We're excited to have her on board and can't wait to see the positive impact she will have on our students!

Welcome, Cameron Beatty – Our New PE Teacher for 2025!



We are excited to welcome Cameron Beatty to Dinjerra Primary School as our new PE teacher in 2025! Cameron has a strong background in physical activity, exercise, and competitive sports. He is passionate about promoting fitness, health, and an active lifestyle among students. Cameron has spent his life staying active and competing in a variety of sports. He loves sharing his enthusiasm for movement with students, encouraging them to enjoy being fit, healthy, and engaged in physical activity. We look forward to seeing the energy and expertise Cameron will bring to our PE program. Welcome to the Dinjerra community, Cameron!



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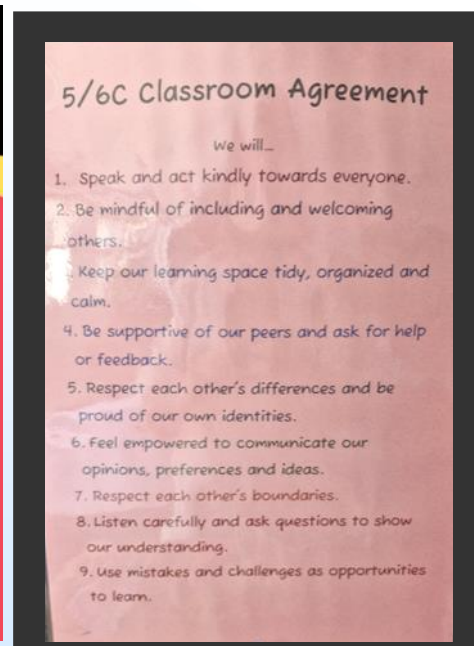
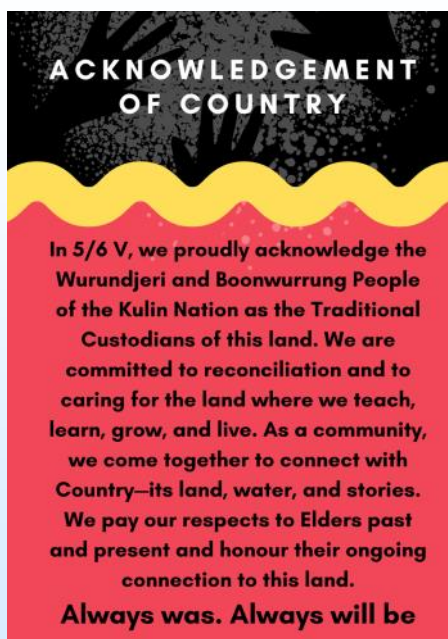
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Year 5 /6's News

We've had a wonderful start to the school year in the 5/6 area! Students have been engaged in our **Creating the Environment for Learning** unit, where we establish our class expectations, routines, and strengthen our learning community. As part of this, we have worked together to develop our **classroom expectations** and our **class Acknowledgement of Country**, ensuring our classroom is a respectful and inclusive space for all.

There's also a buzz of excitement as our students begin training for **Semester 1 Inter-School Sports**! This term, our teams will be training to compete in **Netball, Soccer, and T-Ball**, and we can't wait to see their teamwork and camaraderie in action.

It has been a positive and productive start to the year, and **Mr. V and Ms. Rebecca** are looking forward to an exciting year of learning, growth, and achievements with the 5/6 students!



Tips For Parents Starting Preps



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Canteen - The Lunch Box

Our school canteen, **The Lunch Box**, will be back in service from **Friday, 7th February**. Please find attached information on how to order online. We hope you had a wonderful summer break and are ready for another exciting school year! The Lunch Box team can't wait to provide your children with fresh and delicious lunches.



Welcome to a new school year!

We hope you've had a wonderful summer break and are all ready for another exciting school year! The Lunchbox team can't wait to get back into the kitchen and help lighten your load a little by providing your children with fresh and delicious lunches.

Our first day of service will be **Friday 7 February**.

Please make sure you have updated your child/ren's 2025 classroom before you place an order. Simply go to your Munchmonitor account and go to:

- Profile
- Edit (on the student account you wish to change)
- School details
- Then click on the drop box to find your child's classroom:

If you need to open a new account, please follow the instructions below, making sure to use the correct school ID and password:

1. Go to www.munchmonitor.com
2. Click REGISTER
3. Enter
 - School ID: **dinjerraps**
 - Password: **munch3019**
4. Enter your email address
5. Enter the password you want. Make sure you can remember your password
6. Review and tick on the Privacy Policy
7. Click Register
8. Click on the Activation Link in the email we sent
9. Follow the steps to create your Parent Profile (please fill in all fields)
10. Add Students to your account (No Photo is required for your school)
11. Click on Account Top-up to transfer money into your account
12. You are now ready to order online!





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SUNSHINE CRICKET BLAST PROGRAM

**STARTS SATURDAY 1ST FEBRUARY,
9:30AM @ JR PARSONS RESERVE,
SUNSHINE**

4 WEEK PROGRAM

BOYS & GIRLS AGED 4 TO 9 YEARS OLD

- ✓ TEST YOUR SKILLS AFTER AN EXCITING SUMMER OR TEST CRICKET & BIG BASH LEAGUE CRICKET
- ✓ JUST \$25 - INCLUDES 4 SESSIONS, DRINK BOTTLE, TOTE BAG AND MASCOT BALL
- ✓ FUN HOUR OF CRICKET ACTIVITIES EACH SATURDAY MORNING GUARANTEED!!
- ✓ CONTACT JACK HALE ON 0421 526 500 FOR MORE DETAILS



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WHATS ON FEBRUARY 2025

Monday



- Free weekly bread pick up available from 9.00 am until all gone.
- Playgroup restarts on Monday the 10th of February from 10.00 AM - 12.00 PM and will run weekly.

Tuesday

- Free weekly Tuesday fruit and vegetable box collection from 12.30 PM until 3.15 PM - pick up by bookings only ring for bookings (03) 9317 5610.



Wednesday

- Weekly Wednesday mosaics and crafts class restarts on Wednesday the 12th of February, from 10.00 AM - 12.00 PM with a \$3.00 cost for materials.

Thursday

- Every Thursday - Spiritual Growth and Development with Diane Langdon 10.30 AM until 12.30 PM recommencing Thursday the 6th.
- Volunteers are welcome to help out with gardening maintenance.



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AND SUPERKICK CENTRE
STARTS FEBRUARY 20TH, 5PM
FOOTSCRAY PARK

nab AFL Auskick
4-12 year olds

Come find your awesome at NAB AFL Auskick. An introductory program to Australian rules football, teaching skills through fun activities and mini games.

AFL Superkick
7-12 year olds

Level up your footy with skills and modified match play in weekly sessions. NAB AFL Superkick is tackle-free and great for Auskick grads and newbies alike.

VISIT PLAY.AFL



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Maribyrnong

Maidstone Community Centre Newsletter Term 1, 2025

Maribyrnong

Message from the Centre Facilitator

Welcome to 2025 and happy New Year to all! We hope you had a lovely, well deserved break over January and are feeling ready for another fun year of social events and interesting workshops. We have two wonderful tours, one along the Maribyrnong River, the other in central Footscray for all those foodie lovers. There are lots of other great workshops for adults and children, so take a quick peek and we hope to see you soon.

The Maidstone Community Centre

New foodie workshops and more...

Country Women's Association high tea
Come along and celebrate International Women's Day with a fab cooking class and a scrumptious high tea with the wonderful folk from the Country Women's Association. Sausage rolls, curried egg sandwiches, scones with jam and cream, and custard fruit tarts are on the menu!

New York Jewish temptations with a vegan twist

This unique workshop will not disappoint! Think soft, warm challah bread, golden crispy potato latkes, melt in your mouth delicate jackfruit brisket, flavourful seitan hot dogs, and a die for lemon cheesecake!

A taste of Malaysia

Learn how to make curry chicken kapitan, a fragrant Malaysian-style dish with Portuguese influences, served with roti jala, a soft savoury crepe. To finish off indulge in bubur cha cha, a coconut milk based dessert made with a medley of sweet potatoes, sago and lychees.

Greece, Turkey and Lebanon

Join Rachel on a culinary journey through Greece, Turkey and Lebanon. This is food to make you weak at the knees, including stuffed tomatoes with a perfect rice filling – the taste of summer. We will also make fatted, the Lebanese dish of fried pita, chickpeas, yoghurt and pine nuts, Turkish zucchini and a surprise dessert.

Asian street food

In this hands-on class with Rachel, we'll whip up Thailand's famous stir-fried noodle dish, pad Thai. Also on the menu is Chinese stir-fried beef with vegetable fillings, and tapaca pearls for homemade bubble tea!

Check us out on Facebook!

Search for Maidstone Community Centre and like page for updates on programs and events

Maidstone Community Centre

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Office opening hours

Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm

Closed on weekends and public holidays



Saturday yoga for men and women

Come and increase your physical health and wellbeing. This class will help improve your flexibility, increase muscle tone and help you unwind and de-stress. Tailored to suit all levels.

Time: 9-10am
Date: Sat, 8 Feb-29 Mar
Cost: \$7 (session)

Tablet and devices class (YCC)*

Learn to use your device, whether it's a tablet, smartphone or iPad, to reconnect with family and friends, connect with your community and interests through online group activities, or to watch documentaries and movies.

Time: 1-4pm
Date: Tues, 4 Feb-1 April
Cost: Free

Learn, connect and grow with AI

Curious about AI? Discover how tools like ChatGPT, Google Assistant, and Siri shape our world. Learn how these tech-nologies simplify daily tasks and boost productivity. Enjoy hands-on activities, practical tips, and expert guidance in a friendly session. Join us to unlock AI's potential and transform your everyday life.

Time: 10am-12pm
Date: Wed, 12 March
Cost: Free

Latin American women's group

This Spanish speaking social group comes together to enjoy a friendly chat, light lunch and a cuppa.

Time: 10am-1pm
Date: Thurs, 6 Feb-3 April
Cost: Free

The Quarry Book Club

A small group of people discussing literature with like minded bookish types. Meeting monthly. There will also be book-out for more information please email Olivia Sinclair-Thomson

olivia@quarrybookclub@gmail.com
Time: 7-8.30pm
Date: Thurs, 27 Feb, 27 March
Cost: Free

Children's activities

6 months preschool

Come on a rollicking ride through dance and percussion and rock out with Sarah in this nine-week course. Suitable for 6 months-4 years.

Time: 9-9.5am
Date: Mon, 3 Feb-31 Mar
Thurs, 6 Feb-3 April
Cost: Mon \$40 (8 weeks)
Thurs \$45 (9 weeks)

Little Wombats indigenous program

Join Andrea and Cameron, the creative duo of Little Wombats, an Aboriginal cultural program for pre-schoolers between the ages of 3-5 years. These sessions incorporate music, art, games and storytelling to help children learn about Aboriginal culture. Every month different themes will be explored such as bush tucker, tools, animals and art.

Time: Mon 11.30-12.30, Fri 10.30-11.30
Date: Mon 24 Feb, Fri 28 March
Cost: Free

Spanish speaking playgroup

This wonderful new group is for Spanish speaking families. Children will have the opportunity to practice language through songs, games and general conversation. Only Spanish will be spoken.

Time: 10.30am-1pm
Date: Mon, 3 Feb-31 Mar
(exc 10/3 Pub Hol)
Cost: \$1 per family

Vietnamese playgroup

This Vietnamese playgroup offers art and craft activities, and bilingual story time to support children's fine motor skills and language development. Please contact the facilitator, Lien, via email

lien.pham@victoria.vic.gov.au for more information or call 0499 410 595.
Time: 10am-12pm
Date: Tues, 4 Feb-1 April
Cost: Free

Primary school programs

Martial arts (beginner level to 12s)

This fun and energetic class is a Vietnamese martial art aimed to enhance fitness, self confidence and a strong mind.

Time: 5-5.30pm (kids 6-12yrs)
Date: Fri, 7 Feb-4 April
Cost: \$54 (9 weeks)

Maidstone reading club

Come along for one-to-one group reading and literacy based activities. The club is aimed at primary school aged children who may not be able to read at home, can't afford tuition or find reading challenging.

Time: 3.45-5pm
Date: Thurs, 6 Feb-3 April
Cost: Free

School holiday program

Global flavours kids can cook classes
These fun-filled cooking classes will get kids making Italian pizza, Middle Eastern dips, Vietnamese rice paper rolls, smoothies and more!

Age 6-12yrs. Book in week 3 or 2 or both
Time: 10am-12pm
Date: Wed 9 and Thurs 10 April (week 1)
Wed 16 and Thurs 17 April (week 2)
Cost: \$20 (for week 1) \$40 (for week 1 and 2)

Girl power mural making project

These fabulous sessions for girls will focus on creating a series of playful play board murals to adorn the centre. The students will choose a number of themes to work with and learn about the art of mural making with the well known Justine McAllister Suitable for 8-15yrs.

Time: 10am-12pm
Date: 7, 8, 11 April
Cost: \$20 (3 sessions)

Art and craft

These fabulous sessions for girls will focus on creating a series of playful play board murals to adorn the centre. The students will choose a number of themes to work with and learn about the art of mural making with the well known Justine McAllister Suitable for 8-15yrs.

Time: 10am-12pm
Date: 7, 8, 11 April
Cost: \$20 (3 sessions)

Responsive, inclusive, relevant, accessible.

Maidstone Community Centre is part of the Maribyrnong City Council's Community Centre network. Along with Braybrook Community Centre and Maribyrnong Community Centre we provide a range of programs and activities for the community. To see all the programs and activities offered by the Community Centres please visit www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au

Maidstone Community Centre Courses & Workshops

MONDAY

Digital essentials 1 (YCC)*

Designed specifically for people with little or no computer knowledge. Learn how to use computer hardware and software, internet safety and Google search for information. You will also learn how to create simple documents using Microsoft Word and Excel.

Time: 9.30am-12.30pm
Date: 3 Feb-31 Mar (except 10/3 Pub Hol)
Cost: Free

English as an additional language (YCC)*

Improve everyday English skills through reading, writing, speaking and listening.

This class also runs on Thursdays 9.30am-12.30pm
Date: 3 Feb-31 Mar (except 10/3 Pub Hol)
Cost: Concession rates apply

Crochet club

Come and learn how to read a pattern and wield a hook and a ball of wool without getting tangled. You can work on your own mini project too. Bring your own wool. Time: 9.30-11.00am (tues 3 Feb, 3 Mar, 7 April)
Cost: Free

Lets learn to cook

Learn how to create a simple breakfast, lunch and dinner. This program is designed for adults and their support worker, and suitable for people with a mild to moderate intellectual/learning disability.

Time: 10am-12pm
Date: 3 Feb-3 March
Cost: \$60 (5 sessions)

Tailored life skills and memory

A focus on increasing both fitness and concentration with Mni to create calm and wellbeing.

Time: 3-4pm
Date: 8 Feb-31 Mar (except 10/3 Pub Hol)
Cost: Free

Line dancing

MUSIC, much needed exercise, laughter and lots of fun-you'll enjoy all of these at our line dancing classes and it's a great way to make friends. Visit the link below to book: <https://www.maribyrnong.org.au/courses/line-dancing>

Also runs on a Thurs 2-3pm

Time: 2-3pm
Date: 20 Jan-31 Mar (except 10/3 Pub Hol)
Cost: \$60 (4 hrs) for all classes

Monday evening slow flow yoga for men and women

Let Hannah guide you through a relaxing, slow-flowing yoga class to unwind after your day. Enjoy gentle meditation and breathing to finish the class.

Time: 6-7pm
Date: 3 Feb-31 Mar (except 10/3 Pub Hol)
Cost: \$7 per session

TUESDAY

Multi form arts

Weekly arts sessions specifically for deaf and disabled artists, people with mental health lived experience, who do not have access to NDIS funding. Great space to explore different art forms and connect with other artists in a welcoming environment.

Facilitated by Arts Access Victoria, basic materials supplied. For more information and bookings, please contact AAV

artaccess@artsaccess.com.au
Ph: 03 9699 8299 (voice only)
Time: 9.30am-12.30pm
Date: 4 Feb-1 April
Cost: Free (workshop)

Drop in table tennis

If you love playing table tennis in an informal and fun setting, pop over on Tuesday and have a bash. Invite your friends and enjoy a great afternoon while meeting new people. All are welcome!

Time: 12-2pm
Date: 14 Jan-1 April
Cost: Free

Digital essentials 1 (YCC)*

Designed for people who have some knowledge of computers, this class introduces students to the basics of how a computer works, Microsoft Word and the internet. Also runs on a Fri 1-4pm.

Time: 9.30am-12.30pm
Date: 4 Feb-1 April
Cost: Free

Beeeswax wrap workshop

Come and learn how to make environmentally friendly beeswax wraps. They are reusable, washable, sustainable. Alternative to single use plastics like cling wrap. They can be used to cover left overs in a bowl, wrap sandwiches, cheese, bread etc.

Time: 1-3pm
Date: 14 Jan-18 March
Cost: Free

No Lights No Lyrics

This wonderful partnership with No Lights No Lyrics is a casual free-form dance class in the dark for the pure joy of dancing! Just show up when you're in the mood for a dance! Bring water bottle and comfortable clothes to dance in. Booking link <https://www.maribyrnong.org.au/courses/no-lights-no-lyrics>

Time: 6.30-7.30pm
Date: 4 Feb-1 April
Cost: \$10 per session

WEDNESDAY

Maidstone community playgroup

Run by an experienced facilitator, children will explore the delights of painting, play dough, dress ups, water play and planting in our gorgeous garden. There's a special pampering session for parents too!

Time: 9.30-11.30am
Date: 5 Feb-2 April
Cost: \$3 per family

Positive steps walking group

Walking is a great way to boost your strength, fitness and general wellbeing. On your return enjoy a cuppa and a chat.

Time: 10am-12pm
Date: 13 Jan-2 April
Cost: Gold coin donation

International Women's Day High Tea

Come along and celebrate International Women's Day with a fab cooking class and a scrumptious high tea with the wonderful folk from the Country Women's Association.

Sausage rolls, curried egg sandwiches, scones with jam and cream, and custard fruit tarts are on the menu! There will also be an inspiring female guest speaker.

Time: 10am-1pm
Date: 5 March
Cost: \$18 (workshop)

Card playing

This friendly card group meets every Wednesday and loves playing 500. They are also open to playing new suggested games like Euchre. All beginners welcome! Also runs Thursdays 1-3pm.

Time: 1-3pm
Date: 15 Jan-2 April
Cost: Free

WFO singers

Join this community choir, rehearse a range of music and enjoy meeting other localists! Email wfo@singers.com.au to get in touch with Jennifer the choir leader. New members will only be accepted at the beginning of each term.

Time: 7.30-9pm
Every second Wed from 5 February
Cost: Free

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THURSDAY

Women's only yoga

Come and increase your wellbeing by joining Kate's class. Build up strength to feel confident that your spine, spine and breath are supported and thriving. This class will also improve your flexibility, muscle tone and help you unwind.

Time: 9.30-10.30am
Date: 6 Feb-3 April
Cost: \$7 (session)

Greece, Turkey and Lebanon

Join Rachel on a culinary journey through Greece, Turkey and Lebanon. This is food to make you weak at the knees, including stuffed tomatoes with a perfect rice filling – the taste of summer. We will also make fatted, the Lebanese dish of fried pita, chickpeas, yoghurt and pine nuts, Turkish zucchini and a surprise dessert.

Time: 10am-1pm
Date: 27 February
Cost: \$18 (workshop)

Asian street food

In this hands-on class with Rachel, we'll whip up Thailand's famous stir-fried noodle dish, pad Thai. Also on the menu are Chinese steamed buns with interesting vegetable fillings, and tapaca pearls for homemade bubble tea!

Time: 10am-1pm
Date: 20 March
Cost: \$18 (workshop)

New York Jewish temptations with a vegan twist

Think soft, warm challah bread, golden crispy potato latkes, melt in your mouth delicate jackfruit brisket, flavourful seitan hot dogs, and a die for New York lemon cheesecake!

Time: 10am-1pm
Date: 27 March
Cost: \$18 (workshop)

A taste of Malaysia

Learn how to make curry chicken kapitan, a fragrant Malaysian-style dish with Portuguese influences, served with roti jala, a soft savoury crepe. To finish off indulge in bubur cha cha, a coconut milk based dessert made with a medley of sweet potatoes, sago and lychees.

Time: 10am-1pm
Date: 3 April
Cost: \$18 (workshop)

FRIDAY

Toddler art and craft

These fun, drop in sessions will keep your toddlers and pre-schoolers happily painting, cutting and pasting to create individual works of art! The garden will also be open to attendees with a sketch, wiggie plots and lots of outside toys to keep them entertained. Family-Sys.

Time: 9.30-12am
Date: 7 Feb-4 April
Cost: \$3 per family

Digital essentials 2 (YCC)*

Learn to produce well-designed documents in Excel and Word, download and back-up your photos; use a photo editing program; and create a slideshow with PowerPoint. This class also runs on Monday 1-4pm.

Time: 9.30am-12.30pm
Date: 7 Feb-4 April
Cost: Free

Mahjong

Mahjong is a tile based game derived in China involving strategy, skill and luck! Great for memory and a fun way to socially connect. Beginners welcome.

Time: 9.30am-12.30pm
Date: 7 Feb ongoing
Cost: Free

English conversation (YCC)*

Come and join our friendly beginners conversation class and talk about things you love to do, family, hobbies, travel and food! This class will also include a little bit of reading and writing too!

Time: 1-4pm
Date: 7 Feb-4 April
Cost: Free

Home maintenance for women

In these two hands-on sessions you'll learn how to hang pictures and curtain rails, change washers, fix door handles, attach door stoppers, apply grout, and basic electrical skills. Join a great, supportive teacher that let's you get your hands dirty!

Time: 9.30am-12.30pm
Date: 21 and 28 March
Cost: \$30 (2 sessions)

AND MORE...

Writing workshop

Discover new ways to tell your stories in this engaging four-week writing workshop series. Explore a variety of genres including short stories, poetry, memoirs, and screenwriting. These workshops will provide the opportunity to share your work and receive constructive feedback. Perfect for writers of all skill levels looking to develop their writing.

Time: 1-3pm
Date: Mon, 17, 24, 31 March
Cost: \$20 (4 sessions)

Car maintenance workshop for guys, gals and non-binary pals

Ever wondered about the basic maintenance of your car? Come and learn how to change your tyres, spark plugs, oil filters and other handy tips! Jane will make you feel comfortable taking you through the steps.

Time: 1-4pm
Date: Sat, 29 March
Cost: \$20 (workshop)

Indigenous waterways Blackbird tour

Join traditional owner Robert Ogden, as we tour down the Maribyrnong River on the Blackbird boat to learn about the significance of the waterways to indigenous people. Important historical and cultural sites will be discussed along the way. Starting at Pipemakers Park jetty travelling north to Cannings Reserve and back.

Time: 11am-12pm
Date: Sat, 1 March
Cost: \$20

Bicycle maintenance workshop

Learn how to tune twerk and maintain bicycles. Whatever style or bike you have, we'll have you tuning and indexing it like a pro. Learn how to adjust and tune brakes, clean and clean chains, change a tyre, check and adjust headsets, and other things!

Time: 1-4pm
Date: Sat, 15 March
Cost: \$15 (workshop)

Traditional lands of the Kulin Nation

We offer our respect to the Elders of these traditional lands, and through them to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples past, present and emerging. Cossens with an asterisk* means the program is funded by Yarraville Community Centre and criteria applies.

For further information or to book please

scan QR code or call 9688 0543 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm) or visit www.mairbyrnong.vic.gov.au

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WINNI WIZARD AND THE DITZY DIZZARD

(Comedy for the whole family, April school holidays)

The Wacky Wizard is back again!

In her third instalment of the Winni Wizard chronicles, Winni is joined by her good friend Ditzzy for even more magical mayhem for ages 4 – 400.

When Winni needs help from the most successful Ditzzy, she finds out things may not all be as it seems. Can Ditzzy follow Winni's lead and learn to be his true self? A show for the whole family filled with songs, dances and jokes funnier than your Dad's.

★★★★★ (4.5 stars) "Wonderful interactive and high energy entertainment from start to finish" - **Kids in Adelaide**

"Her antics and mishaps will have everyone in stitches" - **Kiddo Mag**

"Kids were laughing within seconds" - **Weekend Notes**

Written and performed by Lisa Gatenby and Jacob Sacher; Comedians for all ages.

5-11th April, 2pm: Ivanhoe Library, Ivanhoe.

12-17th April, 2pm: Kindred Studios, Footscray.

Tix: www.comedyfestival.com.au or scan QR code.

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