

## Our School Values:

**RESPECT, RESILIENCE, TEAMWORK & COLLABORATION and COMMUNITY**



Dear Parents,

**CURRICULUM DAY - FRIDAY 8TH MARCH:** *Students do not attend school on this day.*

Outside School Hours Care will run a full program on this day. Please see booking information in today's newsletter.

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

School Councils have three main responsibilities:

- **Finance** – *overseeing the development of the school's annual budget and ensuring proper records are kept of the school's financial operation.*
- **Strategic Planning** – *participating in the development and monitoring of the school strategic plan.*
- **Policy Development and Review** – *developing, reviewing and updating policies that reflect a school's values and support the school's broad direction outlined in its strategic plan.*

In 2024 school council elections **must be completed by March 31<sup>st</sup>**.

This year there will be THREE parent and TWO DET employee (Department of Education and Training) vacancies. Retiring Councillors are:

Parent Members - *Alycia McDonald, Amy Lawry and Ann Archer*

DET Members - *Matt Lehane and Marijke Harrison*

I would like to express our gratitude and thanks to the above listed School Council members for their valuable contributions to our school. Their work and commitment has been greatly appreciated.

### **School Council Nominations**

The following timetable outlines our school election procedure. Nomination forms can be collected at the school office from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February

<b><u>SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION PROCESS AND TIMETABLE</u></b>	
a) Notice of election and call for nominations	Monday 12th February, 2024
b) Closing date for nominations & deciding if a ballot is required.	Monday 19th February, 2024
c) Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Wednesday 21st February, 2024
d) Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed.	Monday 26th February, 2024
e) Close of ballot	Monday 4th March, 2024
f) March School Council Meeting First council meeting to elect office bearers	Monday 18th March, 2024

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**9TH FEBRUARY, 2023**

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Email: [huntly.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:huntly.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)

PRINCIPAL **MR JASON LEE**

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**CHANGE  
OF DATE**

## **'WELCOME TO 2024 PICNIC NIGHT' TUESDAY THE 20<sup>TH</sup> OF FEBRUARY**

Families are invited to come along and share in a byo picnic tea school from 5.00pm-6.15pm

*Please see flyer attached to this week's newsletter.*



### **FAMILY LAW COURTS & INTERVENTION ORDERS**

Families that have Family Law Court Orders or Intervention Orders are requested to provide a copy to the school so that the school can act in accordance with any orders. Family Law Court Orders stipulate the rights of both parties and enable us to act appropriately and lawfully. It is also appropriate that the school is in possession of the most recent Family Law Court Orders or Intervention Orders.

### **STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE**

As a school we do as much as we can to protect and care for injured students including first aid, notifying parents and emergency contacts if students are injured or hurt, and if necessary, an ambulance is called. Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Most medical costs will be refunded by Medicare. If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other expenses from that fund. The Department of Education and Training does not hold accident insurance for school students. Reasonably low-cost accident insurance policies are available from the commercial insurance sector and these can be obtained by parents for their children.

### **PROCESS FOR LATE ARRIVAL OR EARLY DEPARTURE: IT'S A SAFETY ISSUE**

If a student arrives late to school, or departs early (for a valid reason), they must be signed in or out by an approved adult at the school office. Parents must NOT collect a child directly from the school yard or classroom. This is a parental duty of care and child safety issue. Latecomers are NOT to go directly to their classroom, but must pass through the office and collect a 'late pass'. Your support with this process is appreciated.

*Jason Lee, PRINCIPAL*

### **WELLBEING NEWS**

#### **SMALL GROUPS**

As part of our wellbeing program we will be running small groups with various students throughout the year on an as needs basis.

These will be run by Dianne Kaplan, one of our wellbeing team staff members.

Not all children will participate. If you **DO NOT** want your child to participate for any reason, please contact the school and advise.

Topics that may be covered, will be around, worried, friendships and emotional regulation.

*Please contact the school if you like further information.*

#### **TPR. THE RESILIENCE PROJECT. (GEM)**

This year we are excited to be taking part in the Resilience Project to teach positive mental health strategies and build capacity to deal with adversity.

Students will engage in weekly lessons around the key principles of Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness (GEM) and Emotional Literacy to build resilience. The program will commence in the next few weeks.

*Please see flyer attached to today's newsletter for further information.*

### **OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE**

#### **BOOKING INFORMATION**

Due to the overwhelming number of children who are enrolling in our OSHC program we have put together an information sheet to help you with your bookings. Please information flyer (3 pages) attached to today's newsletter.

### **SMILE SQUAD IS COMING**

The Smile Squad team from Bendigo Health are coming to our school in March 2024. Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program. This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

All students should have received their free dental pack today.

#### **How to access free dental care**

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

Or collect a hard copy of consent form from the school office.







# *Picnic Tea and Games Night*

PLEASE NOTE  
CHANGE OF  
DATE

TUESDAY 20TH OF  
FEB 5:00-6:15PM  
AT HUNTLY PRIMARY SCHOOL

BRING ALONG YOUR  
PICNIC TEA AND JOIN IN  
GAMES AND  
ACTIVITIES FOR  
EVERYONE!



## DIARY DATES

Tuesday	13th	February	<b>Breakfast Program</b> - 8.10am to 8.30am. All students welcome. <i>(see newsletter article)</i>
Wednesday	14th	February	<b>No School for Foundation Students</b> - on Wednesday's for the month on February
Wednesday	14th	February	<b>Food Share Program</b> - every Wednesday
Wednesday	14th	February	<b>AFL Community Camp Program</b> . Grades 3 to 6 at school. <i>(see newsletter article)</i>
Thursday	15th	February	<b>Breakfast Program</b> - 8.10am to 8.30am. All students welcome.
Friday	16th	February	<b>School Lunch Order Day</b> <i>(orders close 10am on Thursday 15th February)</i>
Friday	16th	February	<b>Book Club Orders Close 3.30pm</b>
Monday	19th	February	<b>School Council Meeting</b>
Tuesday	20th	February	<b>"Welcome to 2024 Picnic Night"</b> from 5.00pm BYO picnic tea
Wednesday	21st	February	<b>No School for Foundation Students</b> - on Wednesday's for the month on February
Friday	1st	March	<b>Conveyancing Allowance</b> applications close <i>(see newsletter article)</i>
Friday	1st	March	<b>Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund</b> Application Forms due back <i>(see article)</i>
Friday	8th	March	<b>Curriculum Day</b> - <i>students do not attend school on this day.</i>
Monday	11th	March	<b>Labor Day Public Holiday</b> - School Closed
Wednesday	20th	March	<b>School Photos</b> - whole school

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

#### SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

Today we had a number of students not receiving their lunch orders on time due to being sent to wrong classroom. Families are reminded to update their child's details (as system is still using room number from last year) with their 2024 classroom number on the ordering system so lunch orders can be sent to the correct room. Please see list of classroom numbers below.



**Orders for Friday 16th February.**  
**can be placed via the website <http://www.schoolonline.com.au/> and close at 10.00am Thursday 15th February. Please note no late orders can be accepted.**

LC1 - Mr Lehane  
LC2 - Mr Dunstan  
LC3 - Mrs Trahair  
LC4 - Mr Lord  
LC5 - Miss Bennet & Mrs Monteath  
LC6 - Mrs Clohesy  
LC7 - Miss Bibby  
LC8 - Mrs McGrath  
LC9 - Mrs Murdoch & Mrs Bowles  
LC10 - Mrs Harrison  
LC11 - Miss Russell  
LC12 - Mr Gillies & Ms Tresize  
LC13 - Miss Phegan  
LC14 - Miss Dolphin

### ALLERGIES

**We have a number of children attending the school who have food allergies, particularly to nuts. Please make sure your child's lunch box is free of peanuts/nut products. We ask for your support in this due to the serious nature of anaphylaxis. All staff will be retrained in Anaphylaxis this year. Thank you for your support in making our school a safe environment for everyone.**

### SPORTS NEWS

#### **AFL COMMUNITY CAMP— WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY**

The AFL Community Camp Program is coming to Huntly PS on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Students in grade 3-6 have a unique opportunity to meet AFL players from the Carlton Football Club. Session will go for 45 minutes, with 30 minutes of Q&A and 15 minutes to allow the teachers and students to have photos and sign autographs. Please note we ask students to have appropriate football apparel, balls, or similar items available to have signed.

#### **GYMNASTICS - IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Unfortunately, we need to postpone our gym program at this stage. Increased cost of the program (which has just been confirmed), the short turnaround to when payment is required and other school commitments make it not viable at this time.

**Jess Monteath**  
**Physical Education and Sports Coordinator**

### NOTES SENT HOME

When notes are sent home from school we have a coloured paper system to help parents to work out what is important, of course everything we send home is important but some require immediate attention.

*Notes that need to be read, filled in and returned to school are printed on PINK paper.*

*Notes that have important information or an urgent message for families are printed on YELLOW paper.*

### **SUN SMART HATS MUST BE WORN WHEN OUTSIDE.**

**PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD  
HAS THEIR SUN SMART HAT AT  
SCHOOL.**



## WEEKLY STUDENT AWARDS

*These awards reflect our school values of: **Respect, Resilience, Community and Collaboration.***

Congratulations to the following students, Mr Lee will present them with their Student Recognition Award at assembly on Friday mornings at 9.10am.

F/1C - **Harrison M:** *for being an excellent role model to his mates.*

F/1B - **Mason I:** *for settling into foundation with a positive attitude and being a friendly helpful classmate.*

F/1M - **Layla A:** *for making a positive start to her first year of school, by independently getting herself "Ready to Learn"*

F/1A - **Lilah G:** *for independently getting ready to learn in the mornings.*

F/1D - **Jakoby B:** *for being a great friend and helping our new Foundation students in the yard.*

2H - **Katie A:** *for making valuable contributions to classroom discussions.*

2R - **Harper P:** *for being a responsible member of our classroom, coming to school ready to learn.*

3/4L - **Lachlan W:** *for concentrating in class and his application to his work.*

3/4BM - **Helen S:** *for her friendly and welcoming attitude.*

3/4GT - **Ivy A:** *for looking after her classmates and being kind.*

3/4P - **Heidi C:** *for her great input during learning discussions.*

5/6L - **Sahri A:** *for displaying outstanding leadership skills.*

5/6D - **Jaxon T:** *for having a really positive start to the school year.*

5/6T - **Lesley A:** *for using her time well in class to produce an excellent leadership application letter.*

### BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club will be running again this year. The first Breakfast Club for the year will be held next Tuesday, 13th February.

**Breakfast Club is held every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8:10am to 8:30am.** Where

possible (weather permitting) students will eat outside, with breaky being collected from the canteen windows. There will be a selection of goodies to choose from. ***All students welcome to attend.***

*Please contact the school should you require any further information.*



### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

#### CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

**IF YOU HAVE A HEALTH CARE CARD YOU CAN APPLY.... DON'T MISS OUT**

CSEF is again this year provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. Please note the CSEF payments cannot be used towards voluntary school charges, nor towards books, stationery, school uniforms, before/after school care, music lessons, etc.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- \$150 for primary school students.

#### How to Apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef).

**Please note: If you successfully applied in 2023 you will have an automatic application for 2024.**

**New applications must be returned to school by Friday 1st March, 2024.**

### ABSENCE LETTER



Student Absence Letters are sent home regularly. Only those children who have an unexplained absence will receive a letter.

We ask families to please complete this form, sign and return to the school office as soon as possible.

If you have any queries regarding your child's absence letter please contact the school office.

Unexplained absences are reported to the Department of Education and Training.

### KEYBOARD LESSONS

Private Piano lessons will be available at Huntly P.S. again this year. These lessons take place during or after school at reasonable rates. For more information, please contact Tricia McNaulty on 0418 595 990



### CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE



Applications for Conveyance Allowance should be lodged at the school no later than the Friday 1st March, 2024. To be eligible for this allowance, a student must live more than 4.8 km, by the shortest practicable route, from Huntly Primary School (being the closest government school) or their nearest bus stop be more than 4.8 km from their home. Parents who applied last year will not need to apply again, unless claiming for extra students. Further information can be found on the [Victorian Education Website](http://www.education.vic.gov.au). Application forms are available from the school office.



## As easy as 1,2,3 (well, 1,2,3,4 really)

1. Go to [www.schoollunchonline.com.au](http://www.schoollunchonline.com.au) to register your family
2. Choose from your school supplier's healthy lunch selection
3. Order your kids' lunches ahead or on the day
4. Pay as you go or top up your account regularly

Please make sure you choose your child's correct Learning Centre

Relax knowing your kids will receive the lunch they want with the ingredients you want.

## How to end the school morning kitchen chaos

Mums and Dads,

Hands up if you're often running late on school mornings before you've even got the kids' lunches started. Then you dig through the fridge for something remotely fresh and edible, and find nothing. Finally, you decide to order lunch instead, then scramble around to find that elusive paper bag and the right change to put inside?

**Now there's a hassle-free way to feed the hungry hordes at school - School Lunch Online.**

A flexible and secure web based service that makes planning, tracking and placing lunch orders as quick as a click of a button.

Not only do kids eat well, but it gives time-poor parents a bit of breathing space in the mornings and lets hard-working teachers focus on doing what they do best - teaching.

**Bliss!**



## Why you'll be a happy parent

- No more paper bags or finding the correct change ever again
- Relax knowing your kids will receive the lunch they want with the ingredients you want
- Have input into the menu via an initial online survey, so your school can get options right from the outset
- Cost-effective healthy meals
- Order online in advance, anywhere, anytime
- No minimum order or long term commitment
- Order ahead up to any time within the current term
- Pay per order or keep account topped up

[schoollunchonline.com.au](http://schoollunchonline.com.au)

The easy way to order school lunch

# **Huntly Primary School Outside School Hours Care Service.**

## **Booking Information**

Due to the overwhelming number of children who are enrolling in our OSHC program we have put together an information sheet to help you with your bookings. Please see below to help with your bookings.

### **Huntly OSHC uses the Xplor Home app for bookings.**

Parents/ Carers are required to submit an enrolment form for each child. The enrolment form can be found on the Huntly Primary School Website in the Outside School Hours Care tab.

<http://www.huntly-ps.vic.edu.au/wordpress/>

**Please remember to include you and your child's CRN number as without this information you will not receive Child Care Subsidy and will be charged full price.**

Once the enrolment has been received a staff member will need to activate the enrolment and you will receive an email outlining how to set up the Xplor Home app to link your child with our service. Once linked you will be able to use the app to make casual bookings, check your child's bookings, notify absences and to see your account information.

Permanent bookings can be requested via email [oshc@huntly-ps.vic.edu.au](mailto:oshc@huntly-ps.vic.edu.au) .Permanent booking requests do not guarantee a place on your preferred days.

When using the app available spaces can be booked immediately, however if a session is full your request will be placed on a waitlist. The waitlist is activated once a space becomes available and children are placed in order of receiving the requested booking.

If you have a booking that you no longer need you **must** submit an absence request via the Xplor app as soon as possible so that we can activate the waitlist if required. Permanent booking changes need to be requested via the email above.

If your booking is sent to the waitlist, you will be placed in order of the request being received. This is the same order they will be processed in. If you have submitted a request but will no longer require that space on the waitlist, please notify via email [oshc@huntly-ps.vic.edu.au](mailto:oshc@huntly-ps.vic.edu.au) and staff will remove the request by rejecting it.

If you send a booking request for a public holiday or school holidays your request will be rejected because this service only runs on School Days and School Council approved pupil free days.

We ask that you regularly check your bookings in the app to confirm your bookings and check if your waitlist request has been accepted.

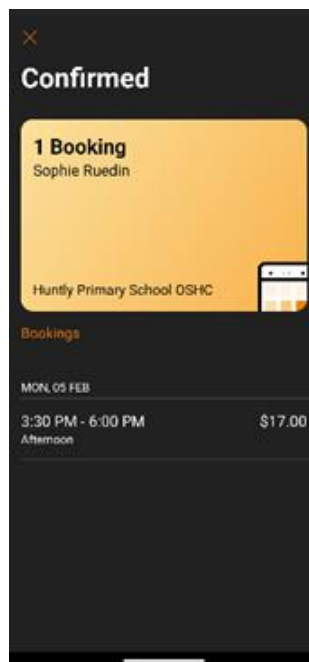
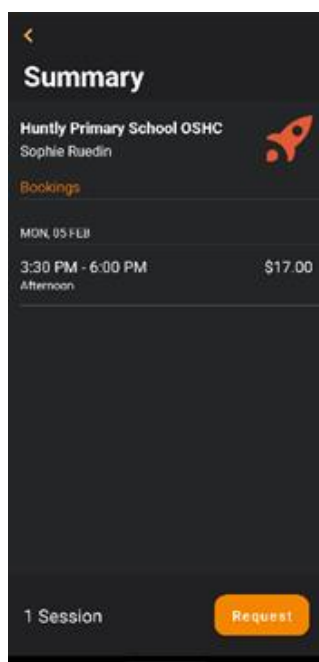
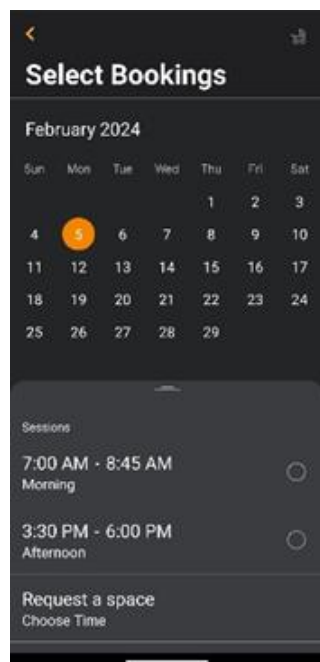


How to create a booking or notify an absence in the Xplor Home App.

## Bookings Request

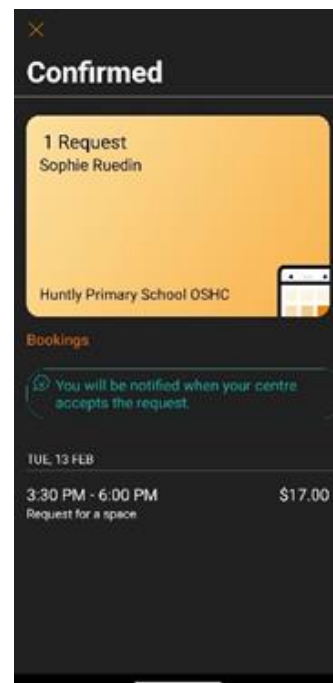
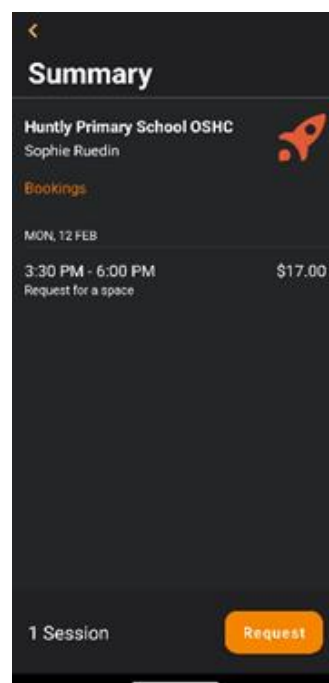
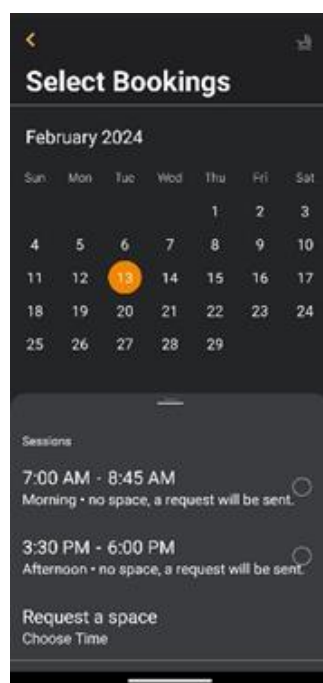
When requesting a booking, Parent/Guardians will navigate as follows:

1. **Bookings**
2. **+New** to the top right corner of the screen
3. **Bookings**
4. Select the **child** the request is being placed for
5. Select the **date**
6. Input **time range** or select **all day/anytime**
7. Place a **comment** for the administrators at the centre to view
8. Select **Save** (*Note: Repeat process for each additional request*)
9. Once completed, navigate to the **cart** to the top right of the screen
10. Select **Request**
11. Done

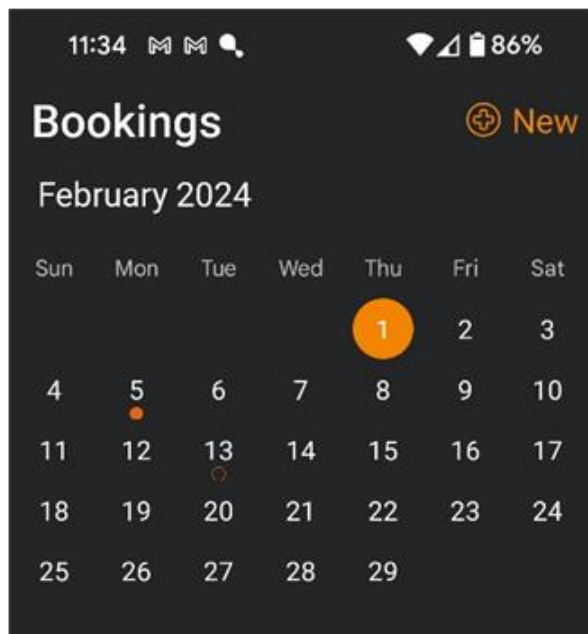


These pictures show that a space is available in both sessions on that date. One the session is picked the cart will look like picture 2. Once you press request your screen will look like picture 3 and say Booking.

These pictures show that the session is fully booked and that a request for a space will be sent. The centre will receive a booking request, once actioned the Parent/Guardians will receive a notification that the booking has been made.







This picture shows the calendar after the booking and the request have been made. The booking is indicated with the solid orange dot under the date. While the request is indicated by the dull orange incomplete circle.

Parent/Guardians can click on the date and the menu will populate to the bottom of the screen. This menu will outline:

- Child/ Children's names
- The Room the session is booked for
- The Centre they are booked in
- The session start and end time

## Notification– Absence or Holiday

To notify of an absence or holiday.

1. Through the bookings calendar, select the **day/date**
2. From the menu at the bottom, select the **session**
3. Select **Absent**
4. In the menu, select **Absence or Holiday** and pop in a comment if needed
5. Select **Request**
6. Done

# Welcome to The Resilience Project

## PARENTS & CARERS

This year, we are excited to bring The Resilience Project (TRP) into our school community!

### WHY?

Current research tells us...

Why mental health matters

RESILIENCE PROJECT



One in four Australian adolescents will experience mental health problems this year

Nearly two thirds of them will not seek help.



One in seven primary school students are also likely to experience mental health problems this year.

Source: National Survey of Mental Health and Wellbeing, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Australia's Youth: Mental Illness

### EVIDENCE-BASED

The Resilience Project's School Partnership Program has been independently evaluated by both The [University of Adelaide](#) and The [University of Melbourne](#). Click the links or scan the QR code to find out more about the impact the program has on emotional wellbeing and behavioral changes.



### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

**The Resilience Project** is committed to teaching positive mental health strategies to prevent mental ill-health and build young people's capacity to deal with adversity.

We will be implementing their evidence-based **Teaching and Learning Program** throughout our classrooms, staffroom and school community.

Teachers and students will engage in weekly lessons and activities around the key principles of **Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness (GEM)** and **Emotional Literacy** to build resilience.

### WHAT CAN BE DONE AT HOME?



To learn more about The Resilience Project and get involved from home, you can start exploring the ideas, activities and resources which bring **Gratitude, Empathy** and **Mindfulness (GEM)** to life on [TRP@HOME](#).

**The Imperfects** podcast, led by Hugh van Cuylenburg, Ryan Shelton and Josh van Cuylenburg, is all about how perfectly imperfect we all are. Hugh, Josh and Ryan chat to a variety of interesting people who bravely share their struggles and imperfections, and we all learn some valuable take-aways we can apply to our own imperfect lives.





# PLAY FOR KICKS



Superkick is next level fun for 7 to 12 year olds who are new to footy, or want to continue to grow their skill levels.

**BENDIGO ALL GIRLS**

**SUPERKICK CENTRE**

**MONDAY'S STARTING 26TH FEB**

**4 WEEKS**

**4:30PM - 5:30PM**

**SHADFORTH PARK, NORTH BENDIGO**



# HUNTLY FAMILY FUN DAY



Proudly sponsored by Agnico Eagle Fosterville

**FREE ENTRY**

**SUNDAY  
FEB 25, 2024**

**10AM  
TO 1PM**

## FREE ACTIVITIES:

THE ZONE JUMPING CASTLE AND INFLATABLE WATER SLIDE  
WATER FUN WITH HUNTLY CFA • ART AND CRAFT  
SPORTING ACTIVITIES • FACE PAINTING • FREE GIVEAWAYS!  
RENEGADES FAN VAN - INFLATABLE CATCH MAT

Don't forget a towel!

## FOOD/DRINKS:

BBQ (MEAT AND VEGETARIAN OPTIONS) AND DRINKS  
- ALL \$2 EACH • FREE FRESH FRUIT • COLIBAN WATER  
REFILL UNIT (BYO DRINK BOTTLE)

Limited shade - bring along your hat and chair.

**STRAUCH RESERVE  
14 GUNGURRU ROAD, HUNTLY**



# GIANT Tennis

## COACHING PROGRAMS

**HOT SHOTS 3-12YRS  
JUNIORS & ADULTS  
GROUPS & PRIVATE LESSONS  
HOLIDAY PROGRAMS  
CARDIO TENNIS  
SQUADS  
MATCH PLAY**



BENDIGO • MAIDEN GULLY • MARONG • SOUTH BENDIGO

## PLAY PARK

**5 YRS & UNDER  
10-11AM SUNDAY'S  
STARTING 18 FEB  
REGISTER ONLINE:**



[gianttennis.com.au](http://gianttennis.com.au)

## BECOME A FOSTER CARER

**BE THE SAFE HAVEN KIDS  
NEED AFTER SCHOOL**

Visit our website  
[www.anglicarevic.org.au/fostering](http://www.anglicarevic.org.au/fostering)

