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# Brentwood Park Primary School NEWSLETTER

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TERM DATES 2026 TERM 1 28TH JAN - 2ND APRIL TERM 2 20TH APR - 26TH JUNE
TERM 3 13TH JUL - 18TH SEP TERM 4 5TH OCT - 18TH DEC

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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| 11-13 MAR | NAPLAN-YEAR THREE & YEAR FIVE. |
| 17 MAR | ICE CREAM DAY |
| 19 MAR | CHINA EXCHANGE PROGRAM INFORMATION NIGHT 6:00 P.M. |
| 23-27 MAR | CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK |
| 23-25 MAR | PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS |
| 30-31 MAR | YEAR FOUR RETHINK, RECYCLING INCURSION |

JIM BELL, PRINCIPAL JO-ANNE DORAN, JUDY ANDERSON, JIM NARAYAN - ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

### Chinese Language and Culture

On Tuesday, Brentwood Park Primary School hosted a delegation of sixty-one principals from Jiangsu, CHINA. This cohort of Jiangsu principals was specially selected by the ***Jiangsu Department of Education*** to attend a two week professional development program at the ***University of Melbourne.*** The ***University of Melbourne*** sessions covered topics on the Australian education system which incorporated:

- The Australian/Victorian curriculum
- Educational technology in schools
- The promotion of wellbeing in schools
- Educational leadership
- Teacher professional development
- Student learning and wellbeing outcomes

The ***Brentwood Park Primary School*** visit provided the Jiangsu principals with an opportunity to learn about the above elements as they related to our school context. Our practices and expertise were shared accordingly through a visual presentation and a question and answer forum with relevant questions previously compiled by the delegation.

Feedback received confirmed that professional learning experience provided was invaluable for both primary and secondary school principals. In attendance.

Next Monday 16 March we will again host a delegation of sixteen leading primary school teachers for Jiangsu, CHINA.

**Harmony Day Celebrations 2026**

***Harmony Day celebrations*** has been part of Brentwood Park's identity for a number of years and is one which is enjoyed by our culturally diverse community. It's an opportunity for our students to proudly wear their cultural costumes or in the absence of a cultural costume to wear **ORANGE**, as this is the colour chosen to show support in the representation of **HARMONY**!

The 2026 theme for Harmony Week, running 16–22 March 2026, is **"Culture Connects Us All"**. This theme highlights how shared stories, traditions, and experiences foster understanding, belonging, and connection across Australia's diverse communities. The theme certainly resonates with our school motto **"Stronger Together".**

**Brentwood Park Primary School**
**Stronger together**

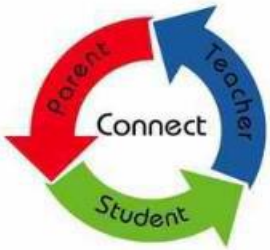
We are once again hopeful of conducting a **Harmony Day** special event and will be seeking support from parents and students to create an itinerary of culturally diverse performers.

If anyone in the family can play a cultural instrument, perform a cultural dance or sing a cultural song we'd appreciate hearing from you. Please contact the school office in person or by email to lodge your interest.

**Parent / Teacher Interviews**

As you are aware, parent/teacher interviews will be held across three afternoons/evenings on Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th March. Accordingly, parents will be provided an opportunity to meet with their child's teacher to discuss progress, achievement and future learning goals.

The interview times have now been uploaded onto the Xuno platform with interviews being conducted from ***3:30 pm until 6:00 pm*** on each of the respective days. Parents are required to book a suitable time but are asked to ensure when doing so, that they allow travelling times between classrooms should they be attending multiple interviews. Do to unforeseen absences, times may vary for specific teachers. Parents impacted will be notified accordingly. *We* hope all families will take ad-vantage of the opportunity provided.




**Ramadan**

For Muslim families, ***Ramadan*** is a month full of social festivities such as communal dinners, group prayers, and other gatherings.

***Ramadan*** will see Muslims abstain from food during daylight hours and pray before breaking their fast at sundown alongside family and friends. This year, Ramadan commenced in Australia on ***Wednesday 18 February, 2026.***

Lasting for 29 or 30 days, ***Ramadan 2026*** will **end around March 21**, with the celebratory days of ***Eid al-Fitr*** estimated to start around ***Saturday 21 March***, again with a possible difference of a couple of days.

During its 29 to 30 days, ***Muslims abstain from food and drink, including water, every day from dawn to sunset.***

***Eid al-Fitr*** or the ***"festival of breaking the fast"*** marks the end of ***Ramadan***. It is likely to take place on the evening of ***Sunday, March 21*** depending on the sighting of the moon. It is celebrated as a time for family and friends to come together with communal prayer, gift-giving and dressing in new clothes.

**Happy Campers**

With pleasant weather prevailing, the Year 6 Camp to ***Phillip Island Resort*** is proving to be a very enjoyable experience for all concerned. Daily phone calls to school from ***Jim Narayan, camp coordinator*** is readily confirming this.

As a school, and as parents, we can be proud of the positive accolades from the resort's staff complimenting our students on the respectful and responsible behaviour displayed by our students!

# Introducing our 2026 Specialist Captains

**Performing Arts**
Maysan and Dhanujan

**Chinese**
Binu and Veronica

**Library**
Moksha and Kate

**Visual Arts**
Jill and Seyan

**Digital Technologies**
Anna and Aadith

# Introducing our 2026 House Captains

**Gardiner**
Irie
and
Caeden

**Casey**
Aarav
and
Mahlia

**Akoonah**
Navya
and
Jayson

**Cardinia**
Rayona
and
Eddie

# Where is the Green Sheep?

## Literacy in FTL

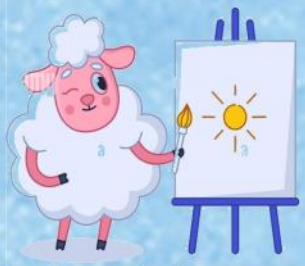
This week FTL read 'Where is the Green Sheep?' by Mem Fox. When we got to the last page the Green Sheep was missing! There was a clue that said to look at the pirate ship playground. The green sheep wasn't there, but the pirate sheep was. We followed the clues all around the school until we found the green sheep.

We found the pirate sheep at the playground.

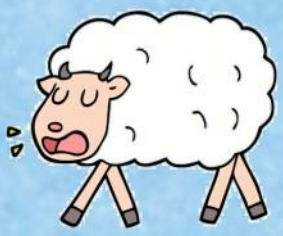
We found the office sheep at the office.

We found the sport sheep at the gym.

We found the book sheep at the library.



We found the art sheep at the art room.



We found the sick sheep at the sick bay.

We found the computer sheep at the computer room.

Here is the Green Sheep!
He is in our classroom!

# Year 1 Police Incursion

Over the past few weeks, our Grade One students have been learning how to write a recount. They have been focusing on writing on the baseline, using capital letters and full stops correctly, and including the key features of recount writing.

As part of this learning, students wrote about a recent and very exciting experience — a visit from Victoria Police. The police officers were from Narre Warren Police Station.

During the visit, students learned many important safety messages, including when to call Triple Zero (000) for an emergency and why it is important to always wear a helmet when riding a bike or scooter. They were also fascinated to learn about the special equipment that police officers carry on their belts.

The highlight of the visit was getting to explore inside the police car. Students were thrilled when the officers turned on the flashing lights and the siren — it was an experience they won't forget!

It was a wonderful learning opportunity, and the students gained valuable knowledge while having lots of fun.

The police incursion-Recount

On Tuesday all of the grade ones went to car park and we wated for the police. First they talked about what they do and then they Showed us the car. Then we got to go into the car. During that I got wear there clothing and I saw my frend at the car park. After we went to the classroom. Finally we came in the classroom to do Some handwriting. I liked the Siren but it was hot!

Written by Sarang, ICM

First the grade ones waited for the police to come to the school. Then we asked some quevations to the police and the police talked about them and we went inside the car. After we got off the police police car an the police talked more about them. Next we took photo with the police and it was fun! Finally the police went back. I felt happy because it was my first time seeing the police

Written by Elijah, ICM

10/3/26 The police incursion

On Tuesday all of the grad ones went to the car parck. Then all of the grade one's sat down. After we saw a police. Next the police talked about what they do. After the police showed us there car's I saw the boot Next we sat down. Finally me Sunayah and Luca had to say some thing. Then we went to are class. I was so hot!

Written by Ishani, ICM

VICTORIA POLICE
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# SPORTS SHORTS

**WEEK 7, TERM 1 2026**

## DISTRICT SWIMMING

Well done to the students who swam at the district carnival on Thursday in Warragul. It was pleasing to see our swimmers giving their very best efforts at the carnival. The conditions were perfect for swimming, and it was pleasing to see our students compete fiercely in each event. It was a great experience for many of our students who were competing for the first time, especially for Ayla, who was the only year 3 student in the team. Jaisshu, Daon, Amelia, Harish and Jerry were terrific in their first appearance at district level. Other experienced swimmers who competed well were Terrance, Anna, Kayla, Kyal, Matilda, Sean and Rayona.

To progress through to the division stage, competitors needed a top 2 place. We had several swimmers narrowly miss out on a top 2 finish, coming in 3rd place.

The following swimmers have progressed through to division swimming on March 18th:

**1st Place swimmers in individual events:**
- Jaisshu x2, Andrew and Daon.

**2nd Place swimmers in individual events:**
- Andrew and Jerry.

**Freestyle relay results:**
- 1st place Andrew, Sean, Kody and Adviek.
- 2nd place: Jaisshu, Daon, Amelia and Ayla.

**Open age medley relay results.**
- 2nd place: Andrew, Terrance, Sean and Kody.
- 3rd place: Daon, Jaisshu, Rayona and Anna.

Our school finished in 3rd place overall, which is a great team result out of 8 schools in total.
A special thanks to the parents and friends who came along and supported the swimming team.

## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

This year, the school athletics carnival will be held over three days in the second week of term 2. We are very fortunate to have secured Kambrya College's back oval for our athletics.

Parents are welcome to come and watch the events. Please note that access to this oval is via Brentwood Park at the rear gate.

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| April 22 | Prep, Year 1 and 2 |
| April 23 | Years 3-6 |

## SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

The school cross country is being held on Wednesday, April 1st. Now is a perfect opportunity to begin some fitness training in preparation for this event, which is in the last week of this term.

Thanking you for your continued support!

*Jim and Dylan*

# 2026 Cross country

## DATE: WEDNESDAY 1st APRIL

9:20am: 11yr and 12yr 3km race

9:45am: 9/10yr 2km race

10:10: 11yr and 12yr 1km FUN RUN

11:15am: Prep race

11:30am: Year 1 race

11:50am: Year 2 race

**Important change for 2026:** This year, 11yr and 12yr old students will have the CHOICE of either competing in the 3km race for a place in the district team OR participate in the 1km FUN RUN. The fun run will also include best dressed awards e.g.: best house spirit, most creative. The aim of school cross country is to promote whole school participation to be physically active and celebrate house spirit! House points are awarded to all students who participate!

# China Exchange Program 2026

## Information Evening
## Thursday 19th March 2026

Dear parents/guardians,

An information night is being held on Thursday 19th March at 6.00p.m in the Performing Arts room for parents and students from year 5 and 6. The evening will provide information pertaining to the planned 2026 exchange. On the night, you can also register your interest for your child to participate in the 2026 exchange.
The information evening will provide parents and students with an insight into the 2026 exchange and there will be an opportunity for questions to be answered at the completion of the presentation.

Thank you,

Jim Narayan
Acting Assistant Principal

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES?
## TERM 1, 2026

**Lisa Lilley** – Digital Technologies specialist teacher/manager (Years F to 4 only)
Email: lisa.lilley@education.vic.gov.au
**Sarah Ierfone** - Digital Technologies specialist teacher (3 x Year 4 classes per semester)
**Daisy He** – Media specialist teacher (Years 5 & 6 only)

### **FOUNDATION:** Creating Digital Solutions – Bee Bot robotics & coding

*Victorian Curriculum (V2) - follow, describe and represent algorithms involving a sequence of steps, branching (decisions) and iteration (repetition) needed to solve simple problems*

### **YEARS 1 & 2:** Digital Systems & Security – internet safety, how a computer works, keyboard skills

Victorian Curriculum (V2) - identify and explore digital systems including hardware and software components for a purpose/ identify some data that is personal and access their school account with a recorded username and password

### **YEAR 3:** Digital Systems & Security – internet safety how a computer works, keyboard skills

Victorian Curriculum (V2) - Explore and describe a range of digital systems and their peripherals for a variety of purposes/access their school account using a memorised password and explain why it should be easy to remember, but hard for others to guess/ explore transmitting different types of data between digital systems

### **YEAR 4:** Data, Information & Privacy – internet safety, MS OneDrive, MS Excel, MS Word MS Outlook

Microsoft 365

*Victorian Curriculum (V2) - recognise different types of data and explore how the same data can be represented differently depending on the purpose/access their school account using a memorised password and explain why it should be easy to remember, but hard for others to guess*

### **YEARS 5 & 6:** Digital Systems & Security – internet safety, how an iPad works

Microsoft 365 showbie

*Victorian Curriculum (V2) investigate the main internal components of common digital systems and their function/examine how digital systems form networks to transmit data/access multiple personal accounts using unique passphrases and explain the risks of password re-use*

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MINECRAFT EDUCATION EDITION

Students in Year 4 are currently attending after school coding classes using Minecraft Education. All students at government schools can access the Minecraft Education free app using their MS 365 school email address and password. Contact your class teacher to obtain these details. This log in can also be used to download MS 365 on any device at home for free for the years your child attends a government school.

**When:** Tuesday and Thursday

**Where:** School Canteen

**Time:** 8:30am – 8:45am

**Who:** Any student of BPPS

**Cost:** Free – just come along

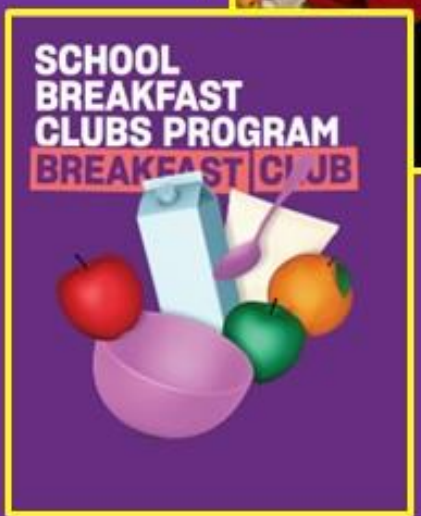
## Can You Help Support our Breakfast Club?

Do you have a business that could provide additional products?

We would greatly appreciate donations of items such as **butter or margarine, disposable gloves, dishwashing liquid, a sandwich press, slice trays, and baking paper**. These items help keep our Breakfast Club running and allow us to offer a greater variety of food for students in the future. Regular donations or even a one-off contribution would be greatly appreciated.

Would you like to volunteer your time on a Tuesday or Thursday morning to help prepare food, serve students, or assist with washing up?

If you answered yes, please see Mel (Wellbeing Leader) to arrange a time to have a chat.



# Term 1

## Week ending 6th March, 26

STAR OF THE WEEK

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| **0MB** | Gurasees | for her outstanding start to school this year. She has been a super role model in FMB |
| **0EP** | Hannah | showing amazing work in the classroom, listening carefully and following instructions. Proud of you! |
| **0LP** | Viyan | always presenting your work beautifully and for being a fabulous listener. You are a superstar! |
| **0RC** | Rebecca | for your hard work this week. It's great to see you trying your best. Keep up the great effort. |
| **0TL** | Ruby | for being a kind and helpful class member. You are an awesome student and friend. |
| **1AU** | Jesse | for consistently putting in his best effort, and taking on feedback to improve his writing. |
| **1CM** | Kedaar | for showing excellence and respect this week! You have followed instructions and put in 100% in all your work. Keep shining! |
| **1NG** | Ayaan | because you did a great job completing a verbal retell after reading to me. Don't forget to always ask yourself "Who was in the story?' and 'What happened?' Super job! |
| **1KM** | Talia | for working hard on your number skills. |
| **1SL** | Sakshi | for writing a wonderful recount using lots of interesting words. Keep shining! |
| **2SM** | Rome | for always trying your best and sharing your ideas during class discussions. |
| **2SY** | Lyriq | for being a superstar student. Always trying his best and for being a kind, considerate student in 2SY. |
| **2LD** | Mai Au | for trying your best with skip counting and completing the addition task with high focus and accuracy. |
| **2LM** | Diya | for working well with your group to design a rollercoaster. You should be very proud of the positive attitude and cooperation you demonstrated during the task! |
| **2AL** | Aaska | for sharing excellent work using the 'jump strategy' in maths. |
| **2CH** | Sasvi | for publishing your recount this week. Keep up the great work. |
| **2JL** | Aarna | for always being prepared to learn and being a great classmate! |
| **3AM** | Saneli | for making valuable contributions to class discussions and always trying her best. |
| **3BC** | Ashmita | for being a kind and helpful member of our class. You are always ready to help others and make sure they are included. |
| **3JR** | Pania | for always being willing to help, for trying her hardest at all the work she does and for showing the school values. Well done, Pania! |
| **3GA** | Ace | for showing school values and taking responsibility with his learning. Keep it up, Ace! |
| **3AJ** | Anaya | for contributing in all lessons and trying your best. Well done! |
| **4SA** | Tristan | for your incredible focus and hard work this week. Keep it up! |
| **4MS** | Tejas | for listening carefully and following instructions. Well done! |
| **4NH** | Louis | for trying his best to complete all tasks to a high standard & ensuring a neat & tidy classroom. |
| **4TC** | Ryan | for contributing thoughtful ideas & using evidence form the text to support your understanding. |
| **4VK** | | |
| **4CR** | Aaryan | on writing a great narrative titled "Going to Space". You used lots of description which help the reader to see, hear and feel the moment. Great work! |
| **5CW** | Olivia | for writing an excellent persuasive text! You used fantastic supporting evidence! |
| **5NR** | Shenarya | for showing consistent focus and strong effort in your learning, you are making excellent progress. Keep up the great work! |
| **5RH** | Jiyaan + Ishika | for consistently demonstrating our four school values of respect, responsibility, teamwork & excellence in the classroom. + |
| **5MT** | Athar | for your amazing work with fractions and your growing confidence in maths. Keep it up! |
| **5BM** | Sean | for being a conscientious and focused student who consistently gives his best effort in class. He is kind and approachable, often offering to help others in ICT and ex plaining things clearly. His thoughtful and worldly perspective adds depth to our class discussions and makes him a valued member of 5BM. |

STAR SOFTHEWEEK

# Term 4

## Week ending 6th March, 26

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| **5KW** | Ethan | for demonstrating the school value of respect in the polite way he says goodbye every afternoon. |
| **6EK** | Bevon | for his amazing thoughts, analysis and predictions on our novel study text, Skellig. Thank you for sharing these during our class discussions. |
| **6MB** | Harry | for demonstrating our school value of excellence during reading and writing tasks this week. Well done! |
| **6ED** | Tavreen | for demonstrating outstanding resilience during mathematics this week. You sought help when you needed it, and took on tricky tasks independently. Keep it up! |
| **6KR** | Juann | for demonstrating our school values of 'Excellence' with two beautifully written reading journal paragraphs. Congratulations! |
| **6LM** | Anay | for his mature and thoughtful contributions in class. |
| **6SM** | Jack | for being an enquirer during our maths session. Well done, Jack! |
| **6LS** | Jay L | for demonstrating the school values of teamwork and excellence when working collaboratively. |

# SPECIALISTS

**PE—DYLAN**

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| 4NH | for a job well done with high jump this week! |

**PE-JIM/KIRSTY/CHANEL**

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| 4VK | for every person in the class striving for personal excellence in the challenging task of 'high jump'! |

**PA-SARAH**

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| 2CH | for confidently creating your own beat boxes to produce engaging rhythms and musical patterns. |

**ART-JESS**

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| 2SL | for their amazing effort you have all put into your artwork and the tidy way you leave the art room! Keep up the great work! |

**ART-BREE**

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| 5KW | for your amazing effort painting your one-point perspective background and great cleanup. Well done! |

**CHINESE-DAISY**

**CHINESE-CHUNYAN**

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| 2LM | for your excellent engagement in learning the simplified and traditional Chinese Hanzi through painting (ma the horse). You are all superstars!. |

**DT-LISA/SARAH**

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| 1NG | fantastic work using Dance mode typing using your fingers on the home keys. Impressive! |
| 4VK | for confidently creating and presenting data in Microsoft Excel - your information was engaging and beautifully presented. |

**PA-KENNETH**

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| 5KW | for a great lesson learning about 'brass' instruments, then reading formal music rotation to play rhythm patterns using drumsticks. |

**MEDIA-DAISY**

**LIBRARY-ANNETTE/JO/VERONICA**

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| 6EK | for being an exemplary class in the library that demonstrated great respect for all the library rules. Well done and keep it up! |

# THE ULTIMATE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

ROCKETEERS
Extraordinary Holiday Adventures

**BOOKINGS NOW OPEN**

## THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT ROCKETEERS

Take the stress out of the school holidays with Rocketeers. Featuring over 200 wonderfully unique experiences that will ensure your child's school break is extraordinary!

From excursions to the cinema to see The Super Mario Galaxy Movie and high-octane fun like ninja courses, inflatables and trampolines, to hands-on projects including building a terrarium and creating a classic jack-in-the-box – and everything in between! There's something for everyone at Rocketeers.

Plus, a Big Art Day double feature – two massive days of creative and social fun!

Build Friendships

Discover Adventure

Create Memories

Have lots of fun!

### DID YOU KNOW?

You don't have to attend the school where we operate to use our awesome holiday programs. Simply book into any of our convenient locations.

**BOOK INTO SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN NOW!**

### SAVE WITH THE 3 DAY CHILD CARE SUBSIDY GUARANTEE!

NEW

Available for eligible families.

Casey North Community Information & Support Service

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# Food and Emergency Assistance

## 🍱 Do you need food or emergency support?

We provide **material aid** for people and families experiencing crisis or emergency situations.

## ✓ What support can we provide?

- 🛒 Food hampers / pantry items when available
- 🟥 Food vouchers
- 💊 Help with some medical prescriptions
- 🚿 Shower passes

## 👥 What to expect when you visit

Our staff and volunteers will:

- 👂 listen to your situation (listen to you about your situation)
- 📝 complete a short assessment
- 🧑‍🤝‍🧑 work with you to find the right best support available

## 🔁 Ongoing support

Our funding is limited, so we will not be able to provide ongoing support. We can help you to **connect with other food relief agencies** if you need continued assistance.

## 🤝 We can also help with

- ➡️ referrals to other community services & organisations
- ➡️ referrals to financial counselling for budgeting and money management
- ➡️ finding better utility providers (electricity and gas)
- ➡️ organising setting up payment plans

**Please note: we cannot pay utility bills**, but we will help you explore your options.

## 🌎 Language support 🗣️

Telephone Interpreter Services are available.

*You don't have to go through this alone - We're here to help.*

# DADS MATTER
## FAMILY CAMPFIRE NIGHT

City of Casey

**Calling all dads, grandfathers and father figures! Bring your children and family along to the Dads Matter campfire for a night of fun and entertainment.**

There will be games, entertainment, drumming, marshmallow toasting, and a free sausage sizzle (vegetarian and halal options available).

**Thursday 19 March 2026 6.30 PM to 8.30 PM**
**Cranbourne West Community Hub**
**4 Flicka Boulevard, Cranbourne West**

**RSVP:** https://www.trybooking.com/DJDNI

Dads Matter (It's a family thing)

Please note this outdoor event may be cancelled in the circumstance of severe weather

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BKs LEARN TO SWIM

# Join BK's Learn to Swim and receive

**50%** off your first months swimming lessons + **50%** off your membership

ENROL TODAY

**bkgymswim.com.au**

Your local BK's centre is

BK's Learn to Swim Clyde North
77 Matterhorn Drive, Clyde North, VIC 3978
Ph 0409 150 280

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An initiative by belgraviagroup

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City of Casey

# Children are watching

## Your behaviour around schools and kindergartens matters!

Take a couple of minutes to watch driving around schools safely

casey.vic.gov.au/safe-around-schools

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Syndromes Without A Name

# SWAN COBBERS*
## FATHER FIGURES GROUP

**PIZZA LUNCH**
**(just for men)**

**Sunday 15 March**

11.00 am - 1.00 pm
Cranbourne Scout Hall

Free and open to all father figures (Dads, Step-parents, Grandfathers, Uncles etc) caring for children with Undiagnosed or Rare Genetic Conditions.

REGISTER HERE:

**swandads@swanaus.org.au**
**0466 122 290**

**www.swanaus.org.au**
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