



YARRAVILLE

Special Developmental School

YSDS NEWSLETTER

16.10.2026



Important Dates

Halloween Celebration
Friday 30th October

World Teachers' Day
Friday 30th October

Student Free Day
Monday 2nd November

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Tuesday 3rd November

School Council
Tuesday 10th November

Graduation
Thursday 26th November

International Day for Persons with Disabilities
Thursday 3rd December

Step-up Day (2027 classes)
Tuesday 8th December

YSDS Christmas BBQ
Thursday 10th December

SSG Meeting Week
14th December

Last Day of Term
2pm Assembly, 2:30pm finish
Thursday 17th December

EDITION 31



Dear families

We are delighted to get Term 4 underway and what a start we have made. Our whole school Art Show was held this week and what an amazing event. Student work filled the hallways, there was wonderful music from the amazing Helen and Hannah, and we had yummy treats and a jam packed shop for our visitors to visit. Thank you to our whole school community for attending and making this such a successful event. We are delighted to share our students work and success with our whole school.

Our senior students have been enjoying their new outdoor space which was completed over the school holidays. They have set the area up as a very chic and grown-up area to hang out in and have been enjoying some outdoor lessons as the weather has slowly improved.

As it is Term 4 we remind families and students of our sun smart rules. Nurse Gill has included some key information in the newsletter this week.

A final note regarding school attendance this week. We encourage families to utilise Compass if your child will be absent from school on any day. Alternatively, you can call the office where our admin staff will be able to help you log your child's absence and will alert the teacher. We understand that many of our students may have appointments during the school week and miss some of their time in school. It is very helpful to discuss absences with your child's teacher so that routines and daily schedules can support transitions to school and student learning programs.

Have a lovely weekend.

Principal
Caitriona Toland



SAFE

RESPONSIBLE

RESPECTFUL

Y505 ART SHOW 2026







PROJECTS WITH PURPOSE



Projects with Purpose has had the privilege of creating a range of handmade crafts to sell at the Yarraville Special Developmental School Art Show! We are so incredibly grateful for the support and generosity of our wonderful school community, who continue to encourage and celebrate the creativity and achievements of our students. We've had an absolute blast bringing these projects to life, and we couldn't be more proud of the amazing work our students have created. Thank you for being part of something so special!





YSDS HEALTH CORNER

SUN SMART

AS WE ARE NOW ENTERING INTO WARMER WEATHER, THIS IS JUST A KIND REMINDER TO KEEP YOUR CHILD SUN SAFE AT HOME, AND HELP US TO IMPLEMENT IT AT SCHOOL.

WHAT IS UV, AND WHY MUST WE BE MINDFUL OF IT?

- UV (ULTRAVIOLET RADIATION) IS A TYPE OF ENERGY FROM THE SUN.
- EXPOSURE TO UV RADIATION CAN CAUSE SUNBURN, SKIN DAMAGE, EYE DAMAGE AND SKIN CANCER.
- IF THE UV INDEX FORECAST IS 3 OR MORE, YOUR CHILD NEEDS SUN PROTECTION.
- CHILDREN CAN GET BURNT IN AS LITTLE AS 10 MINUTES.



HOW DO I KEEP MY CHILD SUNSAFE?

- HELP YOUR CHILD BE SUNSMART: SLIP ON CLOTHES, SLOP ON SUNSCREEN, SLAP ON A HAT, SEEK SHADE AND SLIDE ON SUNGLASSES
- PLEASE SEND A HAT INTO SCHOOL FOR YOUR CHILD
- IF YOU WOULD PREFER OUR STAFF TO USE SPECIALISED SUNSCREEN, PARTICULARLY IF THEY HAVE SENSITIVE SKIN, PLEASE SEND THIS INTO SCHOOL AND INFORM YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER.

PLEASE UTILISE THIS THE FOLLOWING LINK TO FIND OUT MORE SUN SMART ADVICE!

[HTTPS://WWW.RCH.ORG.AU/KIDSINFO/FACT_SHEETS/SAFETY_SUN_PROTECTION](https://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact_sheets/safety_sun_protection)

THANK YOU,
NURSE GILL 😊



MARIBYRNONG GIRLS CAN

Celebrate women and girls through movement, connection and wellbeing

Join us from 26 October to 1 November 2026 | Registrations are required

A Adults **T** Teens

MON 26 OCT	TUE 27 OCT	WED 28 OCT	THU 29 OCT	FRI 30 OCT	SAT 31 OCT	SUN 1 NOV
Health Assessment A T 9.30am and 7pm Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre Muay Thai for Women A 10am 23 Ann Street Footscray VIC 3011 Post Natal Yoga A 10am Beaton Reserve Junior Program (U12 Girls Basketball) T 4pm Recwest Braybrook HER HIIT & RUN A T 5.30pm Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre Get into Golf A T 6-7pm Coulson Gardens Introduction to Disc Golf A T 6.30-8pm Cruikshank Park	Senior Womens Fitness A 9am Recwest Braybrook Muay Thai for Women A 12-12.45pm 23 Ann Street Footscray Mums & Bubs A 12.30pm Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre Aqua Gold A 1.45pm Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre Cardio Tennis and Nibbles A 6-7pm Maidstone Tennis Club Yoga in the Park A 6-7pm Beaton Reserve Yoga for Supporting Safety in the Body A T 6.30-7.45pm Borderlands Co-operative Bollywood Dance Fitness A T 7.30-8.15pm Braybrook Community Hub	Strength Class for Women A 7-7.45am 23 Ann Street Footscray Boxfit A 9.30am Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre Pre natal Yoga A 10-11am Beaton Reserve Aqua Dance A 11.30am Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre Chair Pilates A 1.45pm Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre Hot Mat Pilates A 6.30-7.15pm Kalea Fitness Women of Maribyrnong A 7pm Recwest Braybrook	Les Mills GRIT - 30 mins A 7am Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre Senior Womens Fitness A 9am Recwest Braybrook Kangatraining A 11.30am Maribyrnong Community Centre Creative Dance Workshop A T 5.30-6.30pm Yarraville Community Centre Strength workshop A T 6.30pm Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre DS Bounce - Trampoline Fitness A 6.30-7.15pm Yarraville Senior Citizens Club STRONG Starter Class A 6.30-7.15pm STRONG Pilates Deep Water Running A 7.30pm Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre	Boxing A 12-12.45pm 23 Ann Street Footscray VIC 3011 Mid Term Aerial Taster for Teens T 4-5.30pm Women's Circus, The Drill Hall, 39 Barkly Street, Footscray 3011 Zumba A T 7pm Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre	KANGAMIX (outdoors) A 9.30am Cruikshank Park, Yarraville (meet at the Dinosaur Playground) Yin Yoga A 10-11am Coulson Gardens, Maribyrnong Girls and Women on Wheels A T 10am-12pm Recwest Braybrook 39 Lily Street, Braybrook Pickleball A T 10am-12pm Recwest Braybrook 39 Lily Street, Braybrook Zumba Toning A 1.45pm Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre	Health Assessment A T 9.30am and 7pm Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre Dragon Boating - Get Fit & Have Fun! A 10.30-11.30am TBC Fueling Womanhood - Understanding food and fitness through the female lifespan A T 11.30am-1pm Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre Boxing A 12.45pm Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre Indoor Volleyball A T Teens 2-4pm Womens 4-6pm Footscray High, Barkly Campus Pickleball A T 3.30-5pm Recwest Braybrook Women's swim and gym night A T 6.30pm Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre

Maribyrnong Girls Can is an inclusive program and welcomes all who identify as women, from all cultural backgrounds and abilities. Register at maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/active. For further information email active@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au or call 9688 0200.

Find us on   Active Maribyrnong



SPRING INTO SUMMER SERIES



6 November – 6 December 2026

A range of **4-week physical activity and wellbeing programs** delivered around the City of Maribyrnong



Scan to find out more and register for free.
Places are limited, so be quick!

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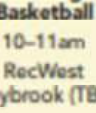
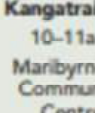
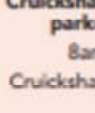
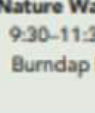
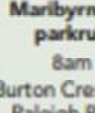
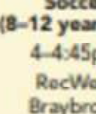
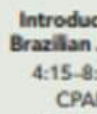
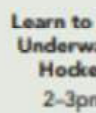
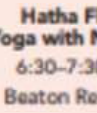
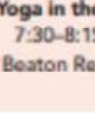
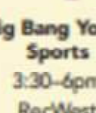
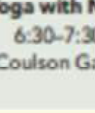
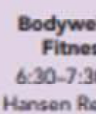
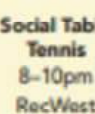
Braybrook

Maribyrnong

West Footscray

Footscray

Yarraville

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 Baby Om 10-11am Johnson Reserve	 Kangatraining 9:30-10:30am Cruickshank Park	 Walking Basketball 10-11am RecWest Braybrook (TBC)	 Kangatraining 10-11am Maribyrnong Community Centre	 Nature Warriors 9:30-11:30am Newell's Paddock	 Cruickshank Park parkrun 8am Cruickshank Park	 Tai Chi with Alfred 7:30-8:30am Maribyrnong Community Centre
 Seniors Group Training 10-11am RecWest Braybrook	 Nature Warriors 9:30-11:30am Burndap Park	 Pram Walking Group 10-11am Angliss Neighbourhood House	 Hop Nation Run Club 6-7pm Hop Nation	 Play Gym (9 months - 5 year olds) 10-11am RecWest Braybrook	 Maribyrnong parkrun 8am Burton Crescent/ Raleigh Road	 Strength Class 9-10am RecWest Braybrook
 Brain Training for Seniors 2-3pm West Footscray Library	 Badminton (8-12 year olds) 4-4:45pm RecWest Braybrook	 Social Pickleball 11am-1pm RecWest Braybrook	 Kettlebell HIIT Class 6-7pm RecWest Braybrook	 Social Pickleball 11am-2pm RecWest Braybrook	 Mat Pilates 9-10am RecWest Braybrook	 Relaxation/ Yoga 10-11am RecWest Braybrook
 Learn to play Trugo 6-7:30pm Footscray Trugo Club	 Pickleball (8-12 year olds) 4:45-5:30pm RecWest Braybrook	 Soccer (8-12 year olds) 4-4:45pm RecWest Braybrook	 Maddern Square Pick-up Basketball 4-6pm Maddern Square	 Stay Active Sessions 2:30-3:30pm MS Plus Centre	 Disc Golf Come & Try Series 9-10:30am Yarraville Gardens / Cruickshank Park	 Learn to Skate with Westside Roller Derby 12-1:30pm RecWest Braybrook
 Bollywood Dance Fitness 6:30-7:15pm Beaton Reserve	 Tai Chi with Alfred 9:30-10:30am Maribyrnong Community Centre	 Introduction to Brazilian Jiu Jitsu 4:15-8:15pm CPABJJ Maribyrnong	 Mat Pilates 7-8pm RecWest Braybrook	 Prenatal Yoga 10-11am Beaton Reserve	 Walking Soccer for All! 12:30-1:30pm RecWest Braybrook	 Learn to play Underwater Hockey 2-3pm MAC
 Hatha Flow Yoga with Natalija 6:30-7:30pm Beaton Reserve	 Yoga in the Park 7:30-8:15pm Beaton Reserve	 Pilates for All 6-7pm Yarraville Community Centre	 Social Table Tennis 8-10pm RecWest Braybrook	 Big Bang Youth Sports 3:30-6pm RecWest Braybrook	 African Drumming 2-4pm Kindred Studios	 Women's Only Group Fitness 6:30-8:30pm MAC
 Social Table Tennis 8-10pm RecWest Braybrook	 Yoga with Natalija 6:30-7:30pm Coulson Gardens	 Bodyweight Fitness 6:30-7:30pm Hansen Reserve	 Friday Knock-off Choir 6-8pm Body Voice Centre	 Boxing in the Park 3-4pm Robert Barrett Reserve		

One-off events

Bicycle Maintenance 101	Saturday 7 November	10-12pm & 12pm-2pm	1 Mills Close, Footscray (Individual 2 hour classes)
Bicycle Maintenance 101	Saturday 14 November	10-12pm & 12pm-2pm	1 Mills Close, Footscray (Individual 2 hour classes)
Park Orienteering	Tuesday 10 November	6.30-8pm	Henry Turner Reserve, Footscray
Park Orienteering	Tuesday 24 November	6.30-8pm	Hansen Reserve, West Footscray
Learn to Fish	Tuesday 17 November	9:30-11:30am	Footscray Wharf, Footscray



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