

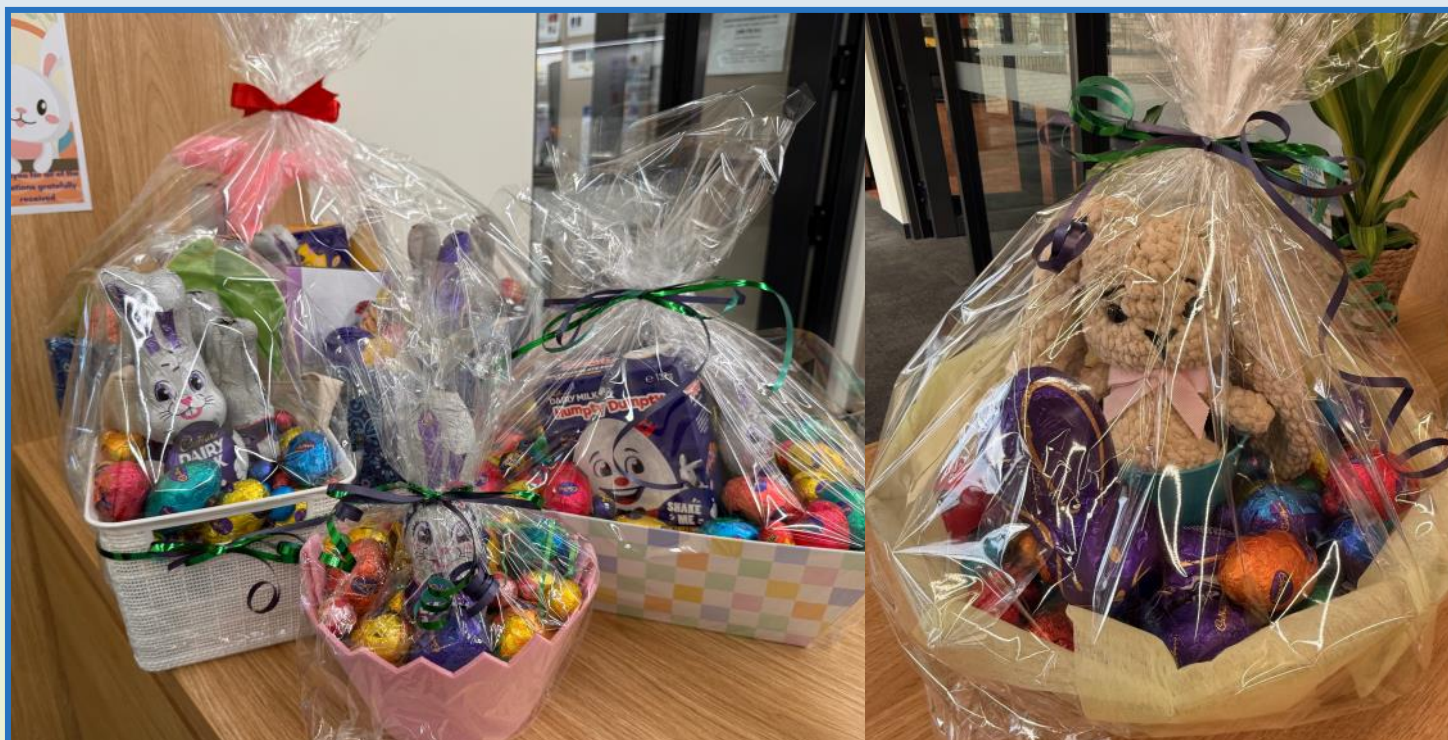


Clifton Springs Primary School

A PLACE TO SHINE

Newsletter No. 7

Tuesday March 18th 2025



Easter Raffle

Tickets on Sale from the Office Now!

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

KINDNESS

Our School Vision

To develop outstanding citizens and life long learners who believe that effort and persistence leads to success. Through our core values of Respect, Responsibility, Empathy, Innovation and Excellence we strive to make a difference in our community and environment.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Curriculum Update

Homework at CSPS

Years 3-6

In years 3-6 there is an opt in approach to Homework. This was based on a consultation with school community a few years back. Many parents said their children were already busy with after school activities which included sport, dance, drama, music, scouts, etc. and it was too difficult for their child to do homework at home.

For those families who have their child opt into homework they:-

- **Nightly reading** (20min minimum) – We ask that one of the parents/carers/older siblings note this with a signature in student diaries.
- **Home Learning Matrix**- students choose one activity from one subject area per night. Example: Monday-Writing (One grid)
- **NumBots and Rockstars Timetables**
Motivational Maths program to help build automaticity of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

We encourage students to practice these at home.

There will be hard copy activities for those who do not have internet access at home. Home Learning Grid will be posted on Google Classroom for students.

In Yrs 1 – 2

Nightly Reading

- We encourage our Year 1/2 students to read to (or with) an adult or older sibling for approximately 10 minutes each day.
- Home reading books are selected from the levelled books in the classroom.
- *Reading a wide variety books is important* - Many families like to supplement home readers with sharing and reading books from home.
- Reading can be to, with or by the student. It is important to engage in all three at different times regardless of the age or reading level of your child.
- **NumBots**
Motivational Maths program to help build automaticity of addition and subtraction.

We encourage students to practice these at home.

If you have any questions about homework for your child or want something extra, please contact your child's teacher directly.

Term finish dates and start dates for Term 2

School for term 1 will finish at 2.30 pm on Friday 4th April and students will return for term 2 on Tuesday 22nd April.

Curriculum Days for remainder of the year will be:-

- Friday 9th May
- Friday 6th June
- Monday 9th December

Management Update

Parent Engagement

Thankyou to all that participated in the Parent Information Evenings/Meet and Greet and 3 conferences. We will be wanting parent volunteers to help with the Colour Fun Run.

Principal's report continued over the page...

There will be a large number of opportunities for parents to engage with the school including volunteer work for events, working bees and fundraising.

May

- Wonderful Women in Our Lives Day (Mother's Day) Stall
- Yr 3-6 Athletics

August

- Book week and Book fair

September

- Magnificent Men in Our Lives (Father's Day) Stall
- STEM Expo

October

- Learning Expo

We will be calling out for your help with each event before the event and let you know ways in which you can help.

3 Way Conferences – 11th March

The 3 way conferences with your child's classroom teacher was on Tuesday 12th March (after the long weekend). If you missed the 3 way conference you are welcome to contact your teachers to make another time.

Meg Parker
Principal



Wacky Hair Day this Friday 21st March

to help our wonderful student Eve Raco who will be shaving her hair to raise money for Peace of Mind Foundation Limited supporting those affected by brain cancer.

**Please bring along a gold coin donation
with all proceeds being donated to this great cause.**

**Come in your wackiest hair-do,
hat or wig and help find a cure**

"I would love there to be a cure so no one else has to go through such tough times" - Eve



COLOUR FUN RUN

Friday March 28th

\$10 Entry Fee Paid via Compass

(includes an icy pole and contributes towards the cost of running the event)

This year we are starting to fund raise to update and improve our Junior Playground – gaining ideas from the Ninja Playground!

We are aiming for \$10,000

HOW TO RAISE MONEY

MAKING ONLINE DONATIONS

Online donations this year will be made directly to the school bank account via Bpay.

1. You should have received an email with a copy of your school statement.
2. On the bottom of the statement are your BPay details including the **Biller Code** and your unique **Ref. No.** Along with the **school's bank details**.
3. *Please ensure all donations (Not ENTRY FEE) towards the Colour Fun Run are made through Bpay*
4. The Reference Number is specific to your family not individual children, so any deposits made will be evenly divided among your children towards the class totals.
5. *Please forward your BPay details to any family members who would like to donate too!*

COLLECT CASH DONATIONS

Use the sponsorship form that will be sent home with your child, to collect cash donations - please don't walk the streets by yourself, go with an adult.





CLIFTON SPRINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Easter Colouring Competition

Collect your colouring in sheet from the front
office and return it no later than Monday 31st
March.



Winners will be announced at the assembly
on Friday 4th April



CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)

If you hold a [Health Care Card](#), [Pension Card](#) or are a [Foster Parent](#), you may be eligible for the CSEF.

You can receive \$154 per child which can go towards the cost of your child participating in any sports, camps or excursions.

Any unspent money will be carried over to the following year.

If you were successful in receiving CSEF at CSPS in 2024, you DO NOT have to re-apply in 2025.

If you have

- recently qualified for a [Health Care Card](#),
- are a new [Foster parent](#) or
- didn't apply last year at CSPS, [please contact the office for an application form](#).

TISSUES FOR CLASSROOMS

We are asking for donations of boxes of tissues for our classrooms please.



Any donations gratefully accepted and can be delivered to your child's classroom or the office.

Thank you in anticipation!

LUNCH ORDERS

If your child doesn't receive any or all of their lunch order, PLEASE ask them to go back to the canteen to see Jordan (canteen lady).

She will replace items or check to see if an order has actually been placed, and can communicate any error and let us know so we can ensure your child does not go hungry.



Available from the Office

- Badges \$2 & \$5
- Wristbands for \$3

ANAPHYLAXIS AND ALLERGIES

We have a number of students with severe and life threatening allergies to peanuts, tree nuts, eggs and seafood. We strongly request that students don't bring food to school that contains these foods.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW CHAPLAINS

Welcome Donna and Baillie to the Welfare Team!



Donna works Tuesday & Thursday



Baillie works Tuesday & Thursday



SENIOR ASSEMBLY—Friday March 21st from 3pm

Year 3-6 Art & PE Awards to be presented—parents welcome



Congratulations to the following students on receiving the **ART AWARD** for Term 1.

34B—Lilly J. 34C—Charlotte F.
 34D—Frank B. 34G—Summer H.
 34R—Harvey H. 34W—Violet W.
 56G—Logan W. 56M—Peyton C-S.
 56P—Jace R. 56R—Alex P.
 56S—Amelia J. 56W—Ruby H.



Congratulations to the following students on receiving the **PE AWARD** for Term 1.

34B—Cade G. 34C—Charlotte F.
 34D—Madden B. 34G—Thewis P.
 34R—Phoenix P. 34W—Arleeyah T.
 56G—Abbey S. 56M—Tarkyn H.
 56P—Jax H. 56R—Andreas T.
 56S—Arya F. 56W—Asher A.



DATES TO REMEMBER– PLEASE CHECK FOR UPDATES

March 12 th – 24 th	NAPLAN for Year 3 & Year 5 students	Tuesday 6 th May	Wonderful Women's Stall \$10 limit
Tuesday 18 th March	School Council AGM & Meeting for March 6pm	Wednesday 7 th May	Bunjil X-Country \$7.50
Thursday 20 th March	Scholastic Book Club Due	Thursday 8 th May	Prep Wonderful Women's afternoon
Friday 21 st March	Crazy Hair Day Gold Coin Donation	Friday 9 th May	Curriculum Day
Friday 28 th March	Colour Fun Run \$10 entry	May 12-16	Education Week Running tours for 2026 preps
Tuesday 1 st April	Responsible Pet Incursion -Prep	May 14 th -16 th	Yr 5 - Camp Cooriemungle
Friday 4 th April	Last Day Term 1 2:30pm dismissal Whole school assembly at 2:00pm	May 19 th – 23 rd	Book Fair all week in the Library
Monday 21 st April	Easter Monday	Friday 23 rd May	Houses Athletics Yr. 3-6 Landy Field
Tuesday 22 nd April	First Day Term 2 School Nurse on site for Preps	Thursday 29 th May	Winter Lightning Prems -Yr 5/6
Friday 25 th April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday	Friday 6 th June	Curriculum Day
Friday May 2 nd	Music Incursion for Yr 3-6 \$20	June 23 rd -27 th	Yr 3-6 Swimming & Water Safety \$30

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Each month your child has the opportunity to bring home the Scholastic Book Club magazine to order books from.



Issue 2 has been sent home and orders are due THURSDAY March 20th

Please send your order with correct payment, or order ONLINE with credit card via
www.scholastic.com.au



EASTER BONNET CHALLENGE

STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO ENTER THE CLIFTON SPRINGS
EASTER BONNET COMPETITION.

STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO DESIGN AND CREATE
AN EASTER INSPIRED HAT.

ALL ENTRIES WILL RECEIVE 50 POINTS FOR THEIR HOUSE.

THE TOP 3 ENTRIES FOR EACH YEAR LEVEL RECEIVE
ADDITIONAL POINTS:

1ST PLACE – 300 POINTS

2ND PLACE – 200 POINTS

3RD PLACE – 100 POINTS

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MONDAY 31ST
MARCH AND WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE
ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY 4TH APRIL .

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR NAME, CLASS AND HOUSE IS
CLEARLY WRITTEN ON YOUR HAT.





C.S.P.S EASTER RAFFLE

*Drawn at the final
assembly for the Term*

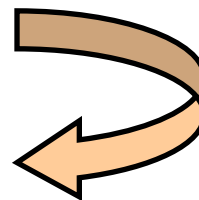
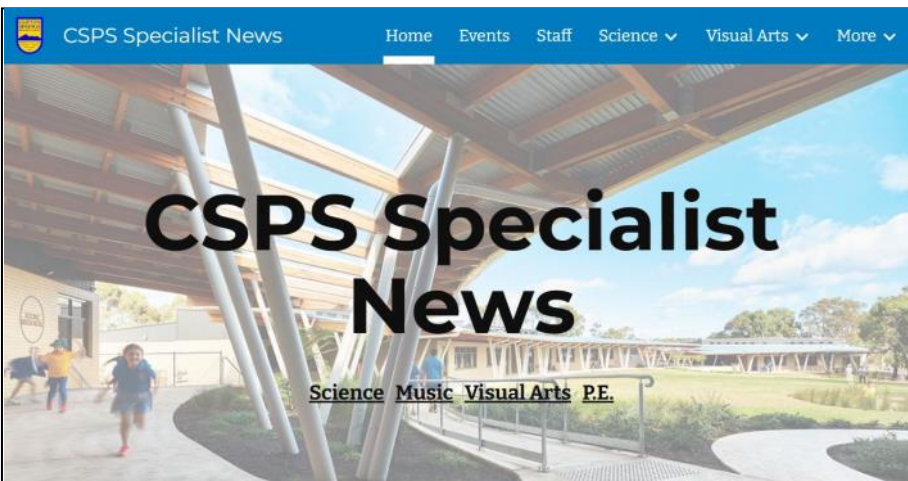
TICKET SALES FROM THE OFFICE

\$2 per Ticket

\$5 for 3 tickets OR

\$10 for 7 tickets

**Thankyou for all of the
donations gratefully
received**



Click here to see what's happening in Specialist Classes

International Women's Day

A small group of Year Six girls and staff were invited to Coriyule Mansion on Friday, March 7th, to celebrate International Women's Day.

Coriyule Mansion was built by two pioneering women, Caroline Newcomb and Anne Drysdale. During the visit, the girls received a guided tour and a short presentation about the lives of these remarkable women and the restoration of the mansion.

Isobel Williamson, the current owner, kindly hosted the visit and provided a small morning tea. The spread included fresh fruit and sandwiches made with beautiful produce from the property. Each of the girls also enjoyed a hot chocolate with marshmallows.

During the tour, we explored the mansion's bedrooms, bathrooms, upstairs area, and basement. After morning tea, we went outside to explore the grounds, where we discovered a large vegetable garden, vibrant plants and flowers, a chicken coop filled with chickens, and a tennis court.

Written by Layla and Gloria





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25**



STEM ACADEMY FORMULA 1 2025

THE 2025 STEM ACADEMY MADE THEIR ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE MELBOURNE GRAND PRIX LAST THURSDAY.

STUDENTS WERE TREATED TO THE FAST PACED SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF THE PORSCHE CARRERA CUP, THE V8 SUPERCARS AND THE F2 RACE CARS.

WHILE NOT WATCHING THE CARS THEY HAD A GREAT TIME EXPLORING THE TECH HUB AND ALL THE ATTRACTIONS.

WE RACED HAND POWERED SLOT CARS, GOT TO SEE DRIVING SIMULATORS IN ACTION AND EVEN A FULL SIZED HELICOPTER SIMULATOR MADE BY RMIT.



SUMMER LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIPS

CRICKET



On Thursday March 6th at Ocean Grove CC, our boys and girls teams competed in Summer Lightning Premiership playing cricket. Both squads played against St Thomas, Barwon Heads and Surfside Primary Schools.

In the first round the boys played Surfside and they batted first making 60 runs. After their innings we went into bat, Ryder and Campbell made the runs in two overs with Ryder making 42 runs and Campbell making 39.

In our second round we played St Thomas, and they batted first making 127. We batted and made our way to 102.

On to the third round against Barwon Heads, who comprehensively beat us.

Moving across to the girls squad and a vibrant team took the field against Surfside in our first game. Batting first, we managed to score 55. In reply, Surfside was able to chase down our score in their 8 overs.

In our second game against Barwon Heads we kept them to around 60 runs batting first off their 8 overs. Unfortunately, we were unable to chase their score down.

In the final game against St Thomas the scores were tight. They were able to get their way to 52 batting first. We managed 50 in reply, just falling short.

T-BALL

We played three games on the day against St Thomas, Barwon Heads and Surfside Primary schools, unfortunately we were unable to win any games this time around. However, in our third game we played really well, and it was our best game for the day.

We managed to hit a few home runs, and made some good outs, we had an enjoyable day regardless and look forward to the next opportunity - *by Tristan Muscat*

The Girls team in T-Ball did not manage to win any games, but we played amazing, and it came really close. The teams we played were St Thomas, Barwon Heads and Surfside Primary. Shaylah took a great catch during a game, Alaska, Caitlin, and Lila had some awesome hits throughout the day. Jade and Lulu both had a great day getting lots of hits and some excellent fielding to keep us in the games -

by Shaylah and Alaska

Hot Shots Tennis Team

Our Hot Shots Tennis team had a fantastic day competing in the Summer Lightning Premiership, facing off against Barwon Heads Primary, St Thomas Primary, and Surfside Primary.

It was a day filled with great sportsmanship, teamwork, and new friendships. Our mixed team finished as runners-up, showcasing incredible effort and determination, while our girls' team gave it their all, representing our school with pride.

Well done to all players for their enthusiasm and perseverance—what a great way to spend the day on the court! Also, a massive thank you to Jasper H. and Violet H. for stepping up last minute to help ensure we had a team to compete with.



SUMMER LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIPS

SOCCER



Both soccer teams had a terrific day playing and supporting each other at the SLP in Ocean Grove. The Girls team which included many participants that have not played soccer before, combined extremely well and showed amazing effort and teamwork to come through the competition undefeated!

The girls won 2 of their 3 games against St Thomas and Surfside as well as drew a highly competitive game against Barwon Heads 2-2.

The boys team also demonstrated the school values by respecting each other and the opposition they played, highlighted by their team first mentality with great passing and encouragement.

They went through undefeated and are very much looking forward to competing in the next stage of the competition.

Well done CSPS!



Grade 5/6 Elective Kinder Visit

We are excited to launch our electives program in 5/6. The program is designed to connect our students with the wider community through meaningful engagement. As part of this initiative, a small group of year 5/6 students will visit a kinder every second Friday. This program aims to foster connection, empathy and a sense of belonging while providing students with a valuable experience.



PIC COLLAGE

CONGRATULATIONS ART ACADEMY

Congratulations to
Georgia R., Emily G., Ivy M.,
Jaiden L, Lilly J., Mia B.,
Skye E., Shaylah T., Zoe B.,
Kaleah E. & Zoe M.



Vote for your favourite wool bale, [Here](#) to decide the winner of the People's Choice Award!



KIDS' PROGRAMS

Boronggook Drysdale Library

Term 1 at Boronggook Drysdale Library

Calling all families in the Northern Bellarine!

Looking for fun, free activities to enjoy with your little one or school-aged child? Explore the exciting range of programs available at Boronggook Drysdale Library in Term 1.



The Junior Mix

Mix it up with after-school activities including art, craft, games, tech activities, LEGO and more. Ages 5+

- Every Tue, 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Bookings not required.

Construction Club

Join us once a month for an adventure of engineering and creating as we use a range of recycled materials. What will you make? The opportunities are endless! Ages 5+

- Sat 22 February, 10:30 – 11:30 am
- Sat 22 March, 10:30 – 11:30 am

Bookings Recommended.



STEAM into the Library

Where does the time go? Come along and read, play and create as we explore the flow of time. This is part of the Geelong Regional Libraries STEAM into the Library program. Age: 3-5

- TIME Fri 7 March, 2:00 – 3:00 pm
- BALANCES Fri 14 March, 2:00 – 3:00 pm
- MAPS Fri 21 March, 2:00 – 3:00 pm
- BUILDING Fri 28 March, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Bookings Essential.

Home-school – Black Out Poetry

Anyone can be a poet! Come try blackout poetry, also known as found poetry, a technique that uses existing words to make a new text. Ages 5+

- Thu 20 March, 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Bookings Recommended.

Sprout Time

Talk-Sing-Read-Play with your child every day to help grow minds, learn words and bond together. An interactive session for caregivers of children aged 0-3 years including playtime.

- Thu 27 March, 10:30 – 11:30 am

Bookings Recommended.

Teddy Bears Sleepover & Bedtime Tales

Join us for an enchanting evening at the library for our Teddy Bears sleepover, filled with stories and fun. Bring a teddy who will stay the night and don't forget to wear your PJs! Ages: Pre-school

- Thu 17 April, 10:30 – 11:30 am

Bookings Essential.

Children must be supervised by a responsible person (adult or carer) in our libraries and our programs.



**In 2024 the Fresh Lunch Fairy
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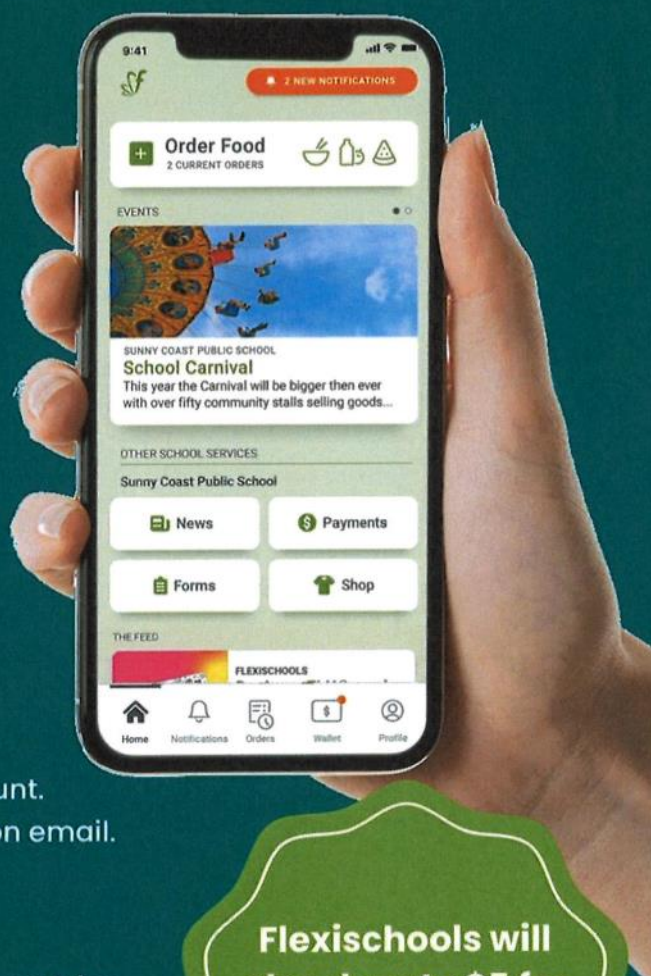
**Register for
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- Download the Flexischools App
- Submit your email address to create an account.
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Every family that registers a new account by
9th February will receive \$5 from Flexischools.

This will be deposited into your Flexischools
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**Flexischools will
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every registration
directly to your
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**Scan to download the app
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Geelong Variety Abilities Unleashed Kids

A free, fun and inclusive day of activities connecting children with disabilities to local sport and active recreation opportunities.

Wednesday 21 May, 2025
10 AM - 1 PM
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Contact: abilitiesunleashed@sports.org.au

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EASTER
FAMILY FUN
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Join Gateways Support Services for a fun filled day the whole family will love at the Gateways Easter Family Fun Festival!

Details

Date: Sunday 6th April 2025

Time: 10am – 3pm (quiet hour 10am – 11am) <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1340802>

Location: Gateways Support Services, 12-14 Thompson Road, North Geelong, Victoria

[Get your FREE tickets here!](#)

The day offers many FREE activities for everyone to enjoy!

Live music & performances

Sit back, relax, and enjoy music and performances on our community stage.

Plenty of hands-on fun

Get crafty, meet the animals in the petting zoo, try the rock-climbing wall, or have a go at mini golf.

All the family favourites

Face painting, balloon animals, and you can even get a fun cartoon sketch of yourself!

A quiet hour from 10am - 11am

A chance to enjoy the festival in a low-sensory environment.

A FREE ice cream and coffee for all attendees!

We are thrilled to once again host this inclusive and accessible event for everyone to enjoy. Bring along your family and friends and enjoy a fun-filled day you won't want to miss!

Under-14 Country Skills Days Registrations Open!



The Under-14 Country Skills Days are back!

Held on **Saturday, 22 March** and **Sunday, 23 March 2025**, at ten regional centres across Victoria, the 2025 Under-14 Country Skills Days are part of a development program for players of all abilities and standards born in either 2012 or 2013 from all associations located in regional Victoria.

The program concentrates on the individual and team skills necessary for players to excel in the Under-14 age group and beyond.

Each Under-14 Skills Day participant will receive:

- Coaching and development
- Official Skills Day T-Shirt
- Official Skills Day Drink Bottle
- Official Skills Day Basketball

Under-14 Skills Days events run from 10 am to 4 pm each day, and your child must attend the Skills Day in their local academy region. We ask that all participants please bring their lunch.

Participants registered before **Tuesday, 12 March, at 9 am** will receive our **Early Registration Rate of \$105** (including GST), so make sure you register quickly! Registrations made after that time will be \$125 (including GST), with all registrations closing on **Thursday 18 March at 9 am**.

For further information on Basketball Victoria's Under-14 Skills Days, please contact **Craig Hockley** – craig.hockley@basketballvictoria.com.au.

South Central

Bellarine, Camperdown, Cobden, Colac, Corio Bay, Geelong, Lorne, Mortlake, Lara, Surfcoast

Location: Bellarine Sports Centre, Peninsula Dr, Drysdale

Boys: Saturday, 22 March

Girls: Sunday, 23 March

Link to register: [U14 Skills Day registration](#)

Administrator: Cate Johnson: c8tejohnson@gmail.com



INDOOR CRICKET

**NEW SEASON
STARTING SOON**



**VISIT GEEELONGINDOORSports.COM.AU
to register a team or individual player**

Monday Night: Mens 8-a-side cricket
Tuesday Night: Mixed 6-a-side cricket
Wednesday Night: Mens 6-a-side cricket
Friday Night: Juniors 6-a-side cricket

For more information call 5222 1822 or
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ES RELIEF PROGRAM 2025

*Supporting Victorian State Schools with
Qualified Relief Staff*

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- ✓ Introduction to CASES21, Finance & Student Insight
- ✓ Managing Receipts, Creditor & Debtor Payments
- ✓ Student Administration Skills
- ✓ Tax Insights
- ✓ NEW for 2025: Student First Aid Training & Certification

ELIGIBILITY

- ✓ Individuals interested in working Education Support staff in administration and finance
- ✓ Have **not previously worked** in a school office
- ✓ Are **not currently employed** by a school
- ✓ Are **not seeking permanent work**. This program is specifically for individuals interested in working in **casual relief roles** within a school office
- ✓ Ideally have a referral from an employee currently working within a Victorian school



Ballarat Graduates 2024

MORE INFO



<https://bmv.org.au/es-relief-program/>



businessmanagersvictoria@gmail.com



EASTER EGG HUNT

SUNDAY 30TH MARCH | 10.30AM

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2 separate sections
'the Little Tackers Section' 0-5 years,
and the 'General Hunt Area' 5 years +



All profits going towards student resources at the College



Tickets are available via the below link
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Thanks to the Parents and Friends Association for this 'eggsellent' event.



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