



NEWSLETTER – TERM 1 – No 3 – 7th March 2024

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear families of the Yarra Glen Primary School Community,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and you are all looking forward to the Labour Day long weekend; I hope you all have the opportunity to do something special with the family. As mentioned at last Friday's assembly I will on leave from 6th – 13th March. Mrs Jessica Amey will be Acting Principal in the stead, Mr Brendan Fitzpatrick providing additional leadership support. In Performing Arts last week, it was wonderful to see Grade 5/6 engaged and reviewing the Term 2 production script. Production preparations are already underway and it will be wonderful to see whole school involvement in the upcoming weeks.

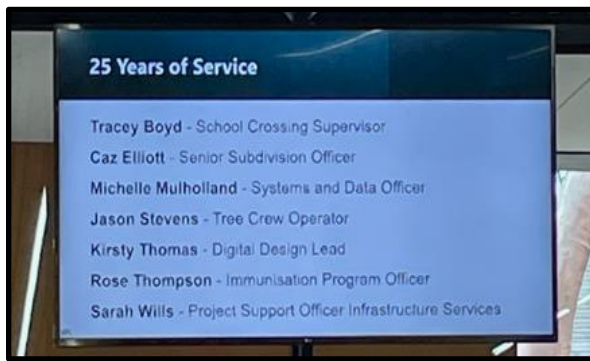
Aussie of the Month

Well done to Lachlan Schembri from Grade 1/2 for receiving the first Aussie of the Month of 2024. Each month, one student from one age groups, Prep-2, 3-4 and 5-6 will receive this special award. This award recognises and celebrates personal endeavour, achievement, contribution to the community and reflects the universal values we share as Australians, such as fair go, mateship, respect and inclusion. A big thank you to Deb and Nicki from the Yarra Glen Bakehouse for presenting the award. Every month we aim to have a local community member to present the Aussie of the Month.

Tracey Boyd

As we celebrate the importance of Aussie and community values, on Thursday 29th February Tracey Boyd, our YGPS school crossing supervisor, was officially awarded the Yarra Ranges Council Service

Award for her 25 years of service. We are grateful for Tracey's service to the community and congratulate her on her momentous achievement.



School Council Fundraising

Through fundraising efforts of the school community, another thank you to School Council for the purchase of new sandpit equipment and storage for safe keeping which will be available for students to use very soon. We have already seen a big improvement with the use of our audiovisual equipment at assemblies. Thank you to the school community for your continued support.

Student Acknowledgements

Another acknowledgment to students who participated at the annual School Sport Victoria Swimming Carnival. Tremendous effort to Carter Taylor, Tayah Davis and Lucy Waters for their participation. Well done to Reid and Lincoln Agnew who came first in their events; Reid - 9/10 Year Boys - Freestyle and Breaststroke and Lincoln - 12/13 Year Boys – Breaststroke and Butterfly.



Further to Reid and Lincoln's success at District Swimming, more success came their way at Division Swimming held on Wednesday, 6th March. Lincoln placed second in both Breaststroke and Butterfly and Reid placed second in Breaststroke and third in Freestyle. Both boys will now head to Regionals which will be held on the 22nd March. Good luck and an amazing effort by them both.



Positive Student Engagement

There has been a lot of positive student engagement throughout the school. Students have been really keen to participate in downball games during lunch and recess. It is wonderful to see students having a go and their skills improving over the last few weeks. There are plans of a school network downball tournament where students are selected to represent the school. More information to come.



We are still looking for more student whole school song ideas. We hope to develop a school song for students to share and foster school spirit of community at assemblies.

We are starting PERRI Story Time Fridays! At recess, PERRI the Platypus and Belinda will be reading stories to students under the tree at the front of the wellbeing office (weather permitting). We are looking forward to many students joining us.

Our resident guinea pigs, Jett and Oreo, are making themselves at home and are enjoying their new cage and living arrangements. Three of our amazing students, Mackenzie, Abbi and Alisha have been spending their break times taking wonderful care of both of them including cleaning the cages and ensuring they have sufficient food and water.



Grounds and Facilities Update



Due to water damage over the summer holidays, we are anticipating the completion of drainage works. Rooms 3 and 4 re-carpeting is underway and we anticipate that Grade 1/2 will move be able to move into Room 3 by Term 2. Room 4 will be used as a multi-purpose room.



Furthermore, for Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S), our front of school flood light has been repaired to provide added security and safety for evening and after hours. We are planning several facility upgrades this year with more information to come.

Grant News

Yarra Glen Primary School is delighted that the Minister for Veterans' Affairs/Minister for Defence Personnel ~ Hon Matt Keogh ~ has approved a grant of \$2000 for us to install new flagpoles, to proudly fly the Aboriginal Flag and Torres Strait Islander Flag.

While we do currently have these flags on display in the PERRI Centre, the addition of two new flagpoles will allow us to also display the flags in the outdoor assembly area alongside the Australian National Flag.

Did You Know?

- Over 1000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people served in WWI
- At least 3000 Aboriginal and 850 Torres Strait Islander people served in WWII
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have participated in all military conflicts since the World Wars, including Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Yarra Glen Primary School appreciates the Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program, for providing us the funds to display the Aboriginal Flag and Torres Strait Islander Flag daily, including days of commemoration.



Emergency Management Drill – Off-site to Mackenzie Reserve

On 14th March (after lunch) we will be actioning our annual off-site Emergency Management (EM) drill to Mackenzie Reserve. Generally, EM drills need to be unprompted, however, given the nature of the drill, requires planning and to ensure all students are emotionally prepared.

Leading up to the off-site EM drill, staff will speak to their students about the importance of following instructions, safety and being prepared. If needed, please have a conversation with your child/ren to discuss the importance of an EM drill.

2024 School Council AGM 20th March

All nominations are now closed. Thank you to all nominations and self-nominations. If there are more nominations than positions, elections will go to ballot. As a result, parent nominations will be required to complete selection criteria or reason why and how they will contribute to School Council – Annual General Meeting Week 8, Wednesday 20th March 6.30pm.

2024 NAPLAN

In the next few weeks, students in Grade 3 and Grade 5 will preparing and will complete NAPLAN testing. The testing schedule is:

- Wednesday 13th March – 9.00 am – 11.00 am (Writing)
- Thursday 14th March – 9.00 am – 11.00 am (Reading)
- Friday 15th March – 9.00 am – 11.00 am (Conventions of Language)
- Tuesday 19th March – 9.00 am – 11.00 am (Numeracy) & 11.45 am-1.45 pm (catch-up testing)

NAPLAN stands for National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy and there is no doubt that if you follow the media, you will read, see and hear lots of different opinions around the positives and/or negatives of NAPLAN.

At Yarra Glen Primary School, we believe that NAPLAN tests are important in that they complement our existing range of school-based assessments. NAPLAN tests provide point-in-time information in relation to student performance in literacy and numeracy only. They are NOT intended to be pass/fail type tests.

As always, it is important that students come prepared to try their best, but they should not be overwhelmed by the experience. Whilst we have spent some time this term familiarising students with the formats of the tests, we believe that an excellent, engaging and rigorous teaching and learning program provides the best opportunity for success. If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please come and see me or contact your child's classroom teacher.

If you have any issues with your child taking NAPLAN to please advise and email the school at: yarra.glen.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

Communication

As a school we strive to have timely communication so please refer to our Compass dashboard, push notifications, newsletter, Facebook and school website (currently being updated) for all news, notifications, updates, reminders and events.

Curriculum and Professional Practice Days

Our Curriculum and Professional Practice Days (no students onsite) save the dates:

- Friday 3rd May
- Friday 7th June
- Monday 4th November
- Monday 2nd December (Week 10 TBC)

Policies

Policies reviewed at School Council will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

Available publicly on school website

Discussed at parent information nights/sessions.

Annual reference in school newsletter

Hard copy available from school administration upon request

Policies to reviewed at our next S.C meeting 20th March:

- *School Uniform*
- *Child Safe related policies*
- *First Aid related policies e.g. Asthma and Anaphylaxis*

Thank you,

Jeff de Villa

Principal, Yarra Glen Primary School

State School Spectacular – Tayah Davis

At the first School Spectacular session we had to line up in our school groups and the people who were showing the dances to us were standing on top of the seats in the basketball/gym area.



The experience was stunning and the music was loud and the song choices were really good. The songs were Rappers Delight, Don't Stop Me Now, Joy and finally Happiness.

The dances were really fun. We got heaps of people committed to join at our school and these people did it – Tayah (me), Kaylee, Summer, Indi, Milla, Amity, Remmy, Shaye J and Izzy.

It was at The Basin Primary School. It was almost the most fun thing ever!

SRC News - by Cherry Stewart (on behalf of SRC)

In our SRC meetings we have talked about making a SRC suggestions box for each class and we are working on a solution on how to get the SWPBS reward cart to every classroom on time.



There have been words about boys and girls looking in the wrong bathrooms and that in the boy's bathroom there is a broken tile which we will fix as soon as possible.

There is a down ball competition going on at play times which is great. It has been brought to our attention that it is getting very crowded and we might need a new matrix to remind players of the rules and code of conduct when playing.

Remember there are eight down ball courts in the basketball court area ready for use. Using these courts will stop the crowding.

A meeting has been had regarding bases and now there is a matrix based on student voice, this will help everyone to respect each other and the bases.

And lastly, the last thing is we are trying to get is food scrap bins and recycles bins in every classroom to help the environment.

And we are discussing what needs to happen to get composting happening again.

It's great to see lots of kids playing with the guinea pigs and enjoying having our chickens back.

SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

Congratulations to the following students for achieving the most acknowledgment this week in the whole school for:

Be Respectful
Be Safe
Be a Learner

We are so proud of all of your achievements.



Well done to class 5/6 for having the most positive acknowledgements in the whole school this week and receiving the prize of Big Bud as their special guest for the week and a Zooper Dooper. Well done to you all.

Our favourite voucher seems to be having a hot chocolate with a teacher. We have so many students achieving positive acknowledgments that we are having around 10 students a day enjoying this treat.

ABORIGINAL SEASONS CALENDAR

Did You Know?

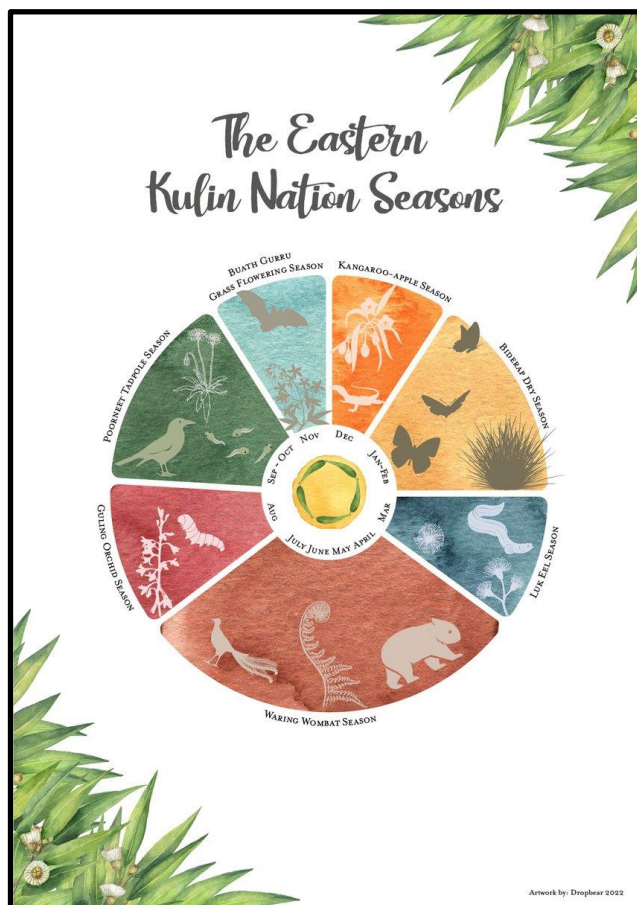
There are seven seasons of the Kulin people. We have entered the luk (Eel) Season in March. The hot winds have ended and the temperature starts to get cooler. The days and nights are at equal length.

Seasons in the Sky

As the eels migrate, Canopus, Lo-an-tukka, the second brightest star in the sky is seen at its highest position at due South.

The land and animals

During this season plants such as Binap (Manna Gum) are flowering and the luk (eels) are getting fat and ready to catch.



Voluntary Contributions 2024

Contributions can still be made directly to the office.

School Photos

School photos have been booked in for Friday, 19th April 2024.

Uniforms

Uniform items are available to be purchased from the office each day.

If you would like a current copy of the uniform price list, please see either Lara or Sue.

Eftpos facilities are available.

Lost Property

Please check the lost property basket should you have any items missing.

Conveyance Allowance Program

The conveyance allowance is a form of financial assistance for parents/carers to transport children to and from school in rural and regional Victoria. In some locations, students are unable to access free school buses. In these instances, students may receive a conveyance allowance to assist with travel costs. Allowances are available for public transport, private car and private bus.

Eligibility for students attending a non-government school

The eligibility criteria include the requirement that a student attending a non-government school is attending the nearest appropriate school (that is 4.8km or more from the student's residence). Parents who feel they may qualify for this financial support are encouraged to click on the links below or contact the office to obtain further information regarding Conveyance Allowance.

[Conveyance Allowance Policy](#)

[Conveyance Allowance FAQ's](#)

Closing date for Term 1 conveyance allowance is the 8th of March 2024.

CSEF – Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

Please see flyer for more information.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is 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. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

TERM 1

12 th March	Melbourne Parliament Excursion – Grade 5 and 6
13 th , 14 th , 15 th & 19 th	NAPLAN – Grades 3 and 5
20 th March	Flexi Van Library – Preps and Grade 1
20 th March	House colour sports activities – whole school – house colours to be worn
21 st March	Twilight Sports
21 st March	Lilydale High School Sports and Activities Day – Grade 6 only
28 th March	Last day of term – 2.30 pm dismissal

TERM 2

19 th April	School photos
22 nd April	State School Spectacular Rehearsal – The Basin Primary School
23 rd April	Grade 3-6 Wandin Athletics
24 th April – 1 st May	Book Fair
3 rd May	Curriculum Day – no students at school
17 th May	Grade 3-6 Cross Country
27 th May	State School Spectacular Rehearsal – The Basin Primary School
7 th June	Curriculum Day – no students at school
28 th June	Last day of term – 2.30 pm dismissal

TERM DATES 2024

Term 1	29 th January 2024 – 28 th March 2024
Term 2	15 th April 2024 – 28 th June 2024
Term 3	15 th July 2024 – 20 th September 2024
Term 4	7 th October 2024 – 20 th December 2024

Updated April 2023

UNIFORM

The Yarra Glen Primary School Uniform reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing pride in representing their school. A list of approved school uniform is attached.



School Council policy is that the school uniform is compulsory. All children from Years Foundation - 6 are required to wear only the official school uniform as per the following list. Parents need to be aware that failure by children to wear the school uniform may result in a uniform infringement note being given to the child or parents being contacted.

A copy of our Uniform Policy is available. Please see the school for further details.

Garment	Sizes	Price	Qty	Size	Total \$
Short Sleeve Polo Shirt {Red} with YGPS Logo	4-16	\$27.00			
Netball Skirts {Black} - <i>Limited Supply</i>	4-16	\$20.00			
½ Zip Polar Fleece Top {Red} with YGPS Logo - <i>Limited Supply</i>	4-16	\$30.00			
Bomber Jacket {Black} with YGPS Logo	4 - 16	\$42.00			
Hoodie {Black} with YGPS Logo	6 - 14	\$44.00			
Hoodie {Black} with YGPS Logo (Adult)	16	\$50.00			
Slouch Hat {Red} with YGPS Logo	Small (55) Medium (57) Large (59) X Large (61)	\$12.00			
Bucket Hat {Red} with YGPS Logo	Small (55) Medium (57) Large (59) X Large (61)	\$10.00			
School Back-Pack with YGPS Logo		\$55.00			
House T Shirt - Royal Blue (Bell House) - <i>Limited Supply</i>	4 - 16	\$5.00			
House T Shirt - Gold (Armstrong House) - <i>Limited Supply</i>	4 - 16	\$5.00			
House T Shirt - Purple (Melba House) - <i>Limited Supply</i>	4 - 16	\$5.00			
House T Shirt - Red (Symonds House) - <i>Limited Supply</i>	4 - 16	\$5.00			
TOTALS:					\$

PARENT NAME:..... TELEPHONE:.....

STUDENT NAME:..... CLASS:.....

Please email orders to yarra.glen.ps@education.vic.gov.au or drop into the school office.

CREDIT CARD AUTHORITY - Mastercard or Visa ONLY Total: \$ _____

Card Number: ___ / ___ / ___ / ___ Expiry: ___ / ___

Card Holder's Signature: _____ Date: _____



THEIRCARE



NEWSLETTER

WEEK 6

08.03.2024

Update From Grace

Happy Friday! Things have been buzzing here at TheirCare as we've been diving into a whirlwind of creative activities. From crafting imaginative friendship crafts and exploring the art of wool weaving to letting our imaginations run wild with pastel play, there's been no shortage of excitement. We've also journeyed into the heart of the Australian landscape, where we've channeled our inner artists through Uluru craft, kangaroo painting and personalised boomerang designs. Our creativity didn't stop there – we've taken on Lego building challenges, engaged in colorful coloring competitions, lots of downball and gaga ball and even crafted cozy nature huts. The last couple of weeks have been a blast!



Important information!

- Holiday Program is now LIVE on the Website
- 11th | Labour Day *TheirCare CLOSED
- 21st | School Twilight Picnic
- 29th | Good Friday *TheirCare CLOSED

Pancake Morning!

Hey OSH kids! Wednesday 13th March we will be serving up lots of yummy pancakes! Get ready for a morning filled with flipping fun and delicious delights. We'll be serving up stacks of fluffy pancakes just the way you like them – whether you're a fan of different flavoured syrup, fruit toppings, chocolate chips or 1000s & 1000s, there's something for everyone. Join us for a special Pancake Morning at TheirCare. Don't miss out on this tasty treat!



The place to be
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**HOLIDAY
PROGRAM**



Kung Fu Panda 4



Art Experience



School of Rock



Colour Run

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There are 2 types of Child Care Payments.

1. Child Care Subsidy

The amount you can get depends on:

- 1 your family's income
- 2 the type of childcare you use
- 3 the age of your child
- 4 the hours of recognised activities you and your partner do

Up to **90%** of Child Care costs can be covered by Child Care Subsidy!



2. Additional Child Care Subsidy

This is extra support for some families including:

- 1 grandparents / great grandparents
- 2 families moving from an income support payment to work
- 3 those experiencing temporary hardship

Claim these subsidies via **myGov**

For more information, call TheirCare on 1300 072 410

Extension & Super Education days: Before the service by 9:30 am. Pick-up after 1:30pm. New returns & waits

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>1 APR</p> <p>Public Holiday!</p>	<p>2 APR</p> <p>Make it Merry!</p> <p>Entire year long and makes what happens with the holiday time. Parents challenge to create a memory album that is meaningful and meaningful. Our Super Photo, Learning, Play, Story, Book, Reading and to participate in a Fun School Day!</p> <p>Price as low as \$147 Full Fee \$187**</p>	<p>3 APR</p> <p>Spotlight Spectacular</p> <p>Big day for spotlight with the children spotlight for you and your family. The day is for the fun stage game. The day for the fun stage game. The day for the fun stage game. The day for the fun stage game.</p> <p>Price as low as \$147 Full Fee \$187**</p>	<p>4 APR</p> <p>Fizztastic Adventure</p> <p>Get ready for a day of fun with the Fizztastic Adventure. The day for the fun stage game. The day for the fun stage game. The day for the fun stage game. The day for the fun stage game.</p> <p>Price as low as \$147 Full Fee \$187**</p>	<p>5 APR</p> <p>Movie Magic</p> <p>The day for the fun stage game. The day for the fun stage game. The day for the fun stage game. The day for the fun stage game.</p> <p>Price as low as \$147 Full Fee \$187**</p>
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>8 APR</p> <p>Artist Gallery</p> <p>We are ready to go! We'll create your own art gallery with the day for the fun stage game. The day for the fun stage game. The day for the fun stage game. The day for the fun stage game.</p> <p>Price as low as \$147 Full Fee \$187**</p>	<p>9 APR</p> <p>Neon Canvas Doodle</p> <p>Get ready for a day of fun with the Neon Canvas Doodle. The day for the fun stage game. The day for the fun stage game. The day for the fun stage game. The day for the fun stage game.</p> <p>Price as low as \$147 Full Fee \$187**</p>	<p>10 APR</p> <p>Herbied Pencil Case</p> <p>Get ready for a day of fun with the Herbied Pencil Case. The day for the fun stage game. The day for the fun stage game. The day for the fun stage game. The day for the fun stage game.</p> <p>Price as low as \$147 Full Fee \$187**</p>	<p>11 APR</p> <p>Culinary Canvas</p> <p>We are ready to go! We'll create your own culinary canvas with the day for the fun stage game. The day for the fun stage game. The day for the fun stage game. The day for the fun stage game.</p> <p>Price as low as \$147 Full Fee \$187**</p>	<p>12 APR</p> <p>Puff-Tastic Adventure</p> <p>We are ready to go! We'll create your own puff-tastic adventure with the day for the fun stage game. The day for the fun stage game. The day for the fun stage game. The day for the fun stage game.</p> <p>Price as low as \$147 Full Fee \$187**</p>

TheirCare Service Hours

BSC: 6:30am - 8:45:am
ASC: 9:30pm - 6:30pm

Pupil Free Days/Vacation Care
6:30am - 6:30pm

TheirCare Yarra Glen Contact Details

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TheirCare Contact Details

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1900 072 410

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Discover Lilydale Heights College

2024 OPEN NIGHT



LILYDALE HEIGHTS
COLLEGE

Tuesday
19th
March

College Tours from 5pm
Presentation at 6.30pm

Book your Open Night tour via the College Website. Daytime tours available during Terms 1 and 2. Participate in our Open Night for your chance to win a Gift Voucher.



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BUKIDO KIDS KARATE

Open Day *Sat* *16th March*

Join us at our open day to experience our classes, explore our training area, meet our instructors, have a chance to win prizes, and indulge in a complimentary sausage sizzle.

1:30pm - 5:00pm

About us:

Full time professional martial arts school.

Rubber safety mats on all training areas.

In the area for over 30 years.

Separate classes for every age group

Fully airconditioned

Experienced Instructors



OUR DETAILS:

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TIMES AND MORE INFORMATION

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