

Hallam Primary School's learning and teaching programs support and promote the principles and practice of Australian democracy, including a commitment to elected government, the rule of law, equal rights for all before the law, freedom of religion, freedom of speech and association and the values of openness and tolerance.

Hallam Primary School has a zero tolerance approach to child abuse.

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land where we work and live, the Bunurong People of the Kulin nation, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.



Welcome Back for 2024

We are now almost finished our second week of Term 1 2024. Students have settled quickly, including most of our Prep students.

Parents and students are advised that until our Prep students are fully into the expectations and routines of school life, we need to secure our school site. As has always been the case, while Gate 2 may be closed, it is unlocked so that there is access to the school and the Administration Office. This gate can be easily opened by unlatching it. We request that if you or your child comes in late and opens Gate 2, that they close it again to ensure the safety of our youngest students.

Reminders

Uniform: Parents and students are reminded of the School Council's dress code requirements. Please ensure students are coming to school in the approved school uniform items in the basic green and gold colours.

Student Behaviour: Parents and students are reminded of the high expectations of students' behaviour at Hallam PS. The most basic expectations is that students "keep their hands and feet to themselves" and treat others with courtesy. Some of our more senior students have recently been disregarding these requirements so have found themselves with consequences already. Please discuss and reinforce these basic requirements at home.

COVID-19 Update

There is at present an increase in community transmission of COVID-19 in Victoria due to a new variant.

In line with DE advice, Hallam PS

- Is ensuring good ventilation through the use of the supplied air purifiers and opening doors and windows
- Encourages good hand hygiene through regular washing and access to hand sanitiser
- Encourage staff and students to stay home if they have any symptoms, and to get tested and isolate for at least 5 days and until they no longer have symptoms.
- Encourages all school community members to ensure COVID-19 vaccinations are up to date

Protecting against mosquito-borne diseases

Warm and wet weather can result in greater numbers of mosquitoes and increased risk of illnesses from mosquito bites. While the overall risk is low, some mosquitoes carry diseases that make people sick.

The best protection against mosquito-borne illness is to avoid mosquito bites. Families can protect against mosquito bites by:

- covering up as much as possible with long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing
- applying insect repellent that contains picaridin or DEET on exposed skin when leaving home
- limiting outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are active.

Families with any health concerns should see their doctor or phone NURSE-ON-CALL: 1300 606 024 (available 24 hours).

Free Japanese encephalitis vaccines

Japanese encephalitis virus is spread to humans through bites from infected mosquitoes and can cause a rare but potentially serious infection of the brain.

Free Japanese encephalitis vaccines are available to protect Victorians at higher risk of the virus.

The Victorian Department of Health encourages eligible people who live or work in high-risk local government areas to get vaccinated.

For more information, including what is considered a high-risk area and eligibility for a free vaccine, refer to the Department of Health's [Japanese encephalitis - Better Health Channel](#) .

For more information on protecting against mosquito-borne diseases, families can refer to the following Better Health Channel pages:

[Mosquitoes can carry diseases - Better Health Channel](#)
[Protect yourself from mosquito-borne disease - Better Health Channel](#)

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy and the Schools' Privacy Collection Notice. Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy [Photographing-Filming-and-Recording-Students-2023-2027-002.pdf \(hallam-ps.vic.edu.au\)](#) describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn. We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Google Workspace for Education resources safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school. For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy-information for parents. This information is also available in ten community languages:* Amharic * Arabic * Dari * Gujarati * Mandarin * Somali * Sudanese * Turkish * Urdu * Vietnamese

2024 Hallam PS Structure

The staffing structure for Hallam PS in 2024 is included on the following pages. Parents are requested to familiarise the name of their child's class teacher. We frequently encounter parents who do not know their child's class teacher or room number when asked. This is particularly challenging when we are trying to pass a message to the class teacher.

School Council Elections

The next meeting for the current School Council membership will be at 7:00pm on Thursday 15 February 2024. Following this meeting, there will be a call for nominations for vacancies on School Council. Information about the roles and responsibilities of School Council membership will be distributed with the call for nominations .

The School Council election process must be completed by 31 March 2024. Following the election process and co-option process, a new Executive will be elected.

NAPLAN 2024

The NAPLAN assessments will be undertaken between **13-25 March 2024**. At Hallam PS, NAPLAN involves students in Years 3 and 5 sitting various assessment requirements. Most assessments are online however Year 3 students will continue to complete the Writing assessment with pen/pencil and paper.

Ms Jackie Lee, Mr King Tangso and Ms Annie Chhen are coordinating the NAPLAN requirements this year. If you have any queries about NAPLAN, please don't hesitate to contact Ms Lee.

Hallam PS Review

The review process for Hallam PS is into the next phase this term. Following submission of policy and procedures compliance requirements for assessment, we are now finalising the Pre-Review Self-Evaluation process before opening the information up to the School Reviewer and Challenge Partners. Challenge Partners are experienced local principals who will participate in the process.

The process requires the participation of the School Council President, on site visits and discussions and analysis of our performance data. A final report will be provided by the Reviewer at the end of the review process.

Based on the Review discussion, new goals and targets will be established and incorporated into the school's new 2024-2027 School Strategic Plan. The report will also be presented to School Council.

Assemblies

Assemblies will be held each **Friday afternoon**. We are inviting parents who would like to attend their child's assembly to come to the hall at 2:30pm or 3:00pm.

Pre-Year 2 Assembly 2:30-2:50pm

Years 3-6 Assembly 3:00-3:20pm

Assemblies have been structured to ensure the hall is not overcrowded. Seating will be placed near the hall entry for parents. Students will sit on the floor in their class groups with their teachers supervising. Students will return to their classes following assembly and will be dismissed from classes at 3:30pm.

We look forward to seeing parents at assemblies again in 2024.

Riding and Scooting to/from School

Just a quick reminder that anyone riding or scooting to Hallam PS needs to be wearing a helmet. Helmets help to reduce head injury or trauma from a fall or collision. For your child's safety, please ensure they are wearing an approved safety helmet if they are riding or scooting to school.

Julie Macfarlane
Principal

2024 HALLAM PRIMARY SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Principal	Mrs Julie Macfarlane
Assistant Principal (Wellbeing)	Mrs Shirley Fletcher
Business Manager	Ms Penny Moores
Administration Assistant	Mrs Kerry Fenton
Administration Assistant	Ms Jessica Robinson T/W/Th
TSS/Technician	Mr Vaughn Bascombe
Support Teacher	Ms Meg Kingwell M

Team	Program	Room	Name
Wellbeing & Inclusion	LS-Inclusion	C1	Ms Deb Nield
	MH Leader		Ms Robyn Unthank Th
	Speech	C2	Mrs Majella Booker M/T/W
	Psychology	C3	Mrs Nicole Sanders M/F
	Psychology	C2	Mr Jonathan Parker F
	OT		Mrs Joyce Chan
	Art Therapy	Creative Space	Mrs Melissa Cussen T (Fortnightly)
	Breakfast Club	Hall	Mrs Charlotte Cox 8:00-9:30am M-F

Team	Class	Room	Staff Member
Prep-Year 2	Learning Specialist	06	Ms Louisa Carey
Prep	00A	07	Mrs Jessica Farrar (TL) M/T/W
	00B	08	Ms Biljana Vanovac
	00C	09	Ms Sara Ong
	Prep Support		Mrs Jade Way (Term 1 2024)
	Prep Support		Mrs Celeste Mui (Semester 2 2024)
	ES-Student Learning Needs		Mrs Zaheda Ebrahim / Playgroup
	ES-Student Learning Needs		Mrs Denise Sharp
	ES-Student Learning Needs		Mrs Charlotte Cox

Team	Class	Room	Staff Member
Prep-Year 2	Learning Specialist	06	Ms Louisa Carey
1-2	12A	01	Ms Junlei Chen
	12B	04	Ms Channiel Winter
	12C	05	Mrs Nadine White (TL) M/T/W/Th
			Mrs Dianne Burns F
	12D	Mod5 18	Mr Jordan Jameson
	12E	Mod5 19	Ms Robyn Unthank
			Mrs Dianne Burns Th
	Support Teacher		Ms Meg Kingwell M
	Multi-cultural Education Aide		Mrs Razia Mouradi /Playgroup
	ES-Student Learning Needs		Mrs Ashani Rodrigo
	ES-Student Learning Needs		Ms Kathryn Sands
	ES-Student Learning Needs		Ms Mikayla Morgan

Team	Class	Room	Staff Member
3-6	Learning Specialist	Admin	Mrs Jackie Lee
	34A	14	Ms Emily Noney
	34B	15	Ms Annie Chhen (TL)
	34C	17	Ms Claire Teo
	34D	16	Mrs Rekha Sunkhara Chandan
	34E	16	Ms Jasmine Hibbert
	Support Teacher		Ms Meg Kingwell M
	ES-Student Learning Needs		Mrs Deanne Ashton Smith

Team	Class	Room	Staff Member
3-6	Learning Specialist	Admin	Mrs Jackie Lee
	56A	10	Mr King Tangso (TL)
	56B	12	Mr Wayne Jiang
	56C	11	Ms Paige Dang
	56D	13	Ms Sarah Pearce-Edwards
	ES-Student Learning Needs		Ms Carmelita Gomes
	ES-Student Learning Needs		Mrs Donna Hamilton

Team	Class	Room	Staff Member
Programs	Arts (Visual)	STEAM	Mrs Cheryl King
	Arts (Perform)	Mod4	Mrs Amanda Conder M/T/W/Th
	Phys. Ed.	Hall	Mr Rob Coxon (TL)
	STEM	STEAM	Ms Amy Kong
SAKG	Learning Specialist		Ms Louisa Carey
	SAKG	Kitchen	Mrs Kathy Van Eck T/W/Th
	SAKG	Garden	Mrs Deanne Ashton-Smith T

Team	Class	Room	Staff Member
Interventions	Learning Specialist		Ms Louisa Carey
	Learning Specialist		Mrs Jackie Lee
	3-4 Interventions		Ms Eliza Britten
	TLI Teacher (Literacy)	03	Ms Amanda Biemans M/T/W
	F&P LLI	BER	Mrs Suzanne Carmody (M/T/W)
	MacqLit	BER	Mrs Sarah Calderwood
	MiniLit	STEAM	Mrs Lynda Morgan

Team	Class	Room	Provider
Playgroup	Playgroup	Hall	Yasaman Rezaei/Jo Longo (Leave) 54 Reasons/Save the Children
	ES-Student Learning Needs		Zaheda Ebrahim T
	Multi-cultural Education Aide		Razia Mouradi T



Wonderful to see the Prep Team with big smiles on their faces as they welcome the 2024 Preps. Preps are settling in well and enjoying visiting their Specialist programs for the first time this week.

The students have all been incredibly excited to see the colourful line marking that has been added to our school over the Christmas break.

We have hopscotch, a map of Australia, four square courts, a huge compass and a few other games dotted around the grounds... and a few more surprises around the school.





Meet our sneaky snail ... ready for number games with our students...

And...

We have two street pianos available in the undercover area and performing arts room..... just waiting for our many talented (!!!) pianists to tap out a tune....

Baby shark doo doo doo doo doo... baby shark doo doo doo doo...!!!!





Hallam Primary School's

Annual Colour Run

Friday 23rd February

It's time for our annual colour run!!

In 2024, there will be no cost to participate.

Each student will get sunglasses, rainbow headband,
icy pole and awesome colour powder!!

Permission to participate in the 2024 HPS Annual Colour Run

Please complete the details below and return to the school with no later than

9:30AM Thursday 22nd February

Student name:..... Class:.....

I give permission for my child (named above) to participate in the Hallam primary school annual colour run on Friday 23rd February

Parent name.....

Parent signature.....

Parents are welcome to come and watch from the top oval behind the BER building on the day. This event will start at 2:15PM

The event consent form is now available for parents on the Compass App. Please login using your username and password to view the event details, give permission.



Hallam Primary School

Annual Colour Run

Friday 23rd February

- If it RAINS on the day, we will NOT run the event
- We will reschedule the event to a later date

Questions?

- Can we wear any coloured tshirt, plain or printed? **YES**
- The best colour to wear is a plain black or white tshirt
- Can I wear just my UNIFORM? **YES** (if your parent is happy for you to do so)
- Is it a FREE DRESS DAY? **NO**
- Can I wear different shorts/pants? **YES**
- Do I wear my School Hat? **YES**

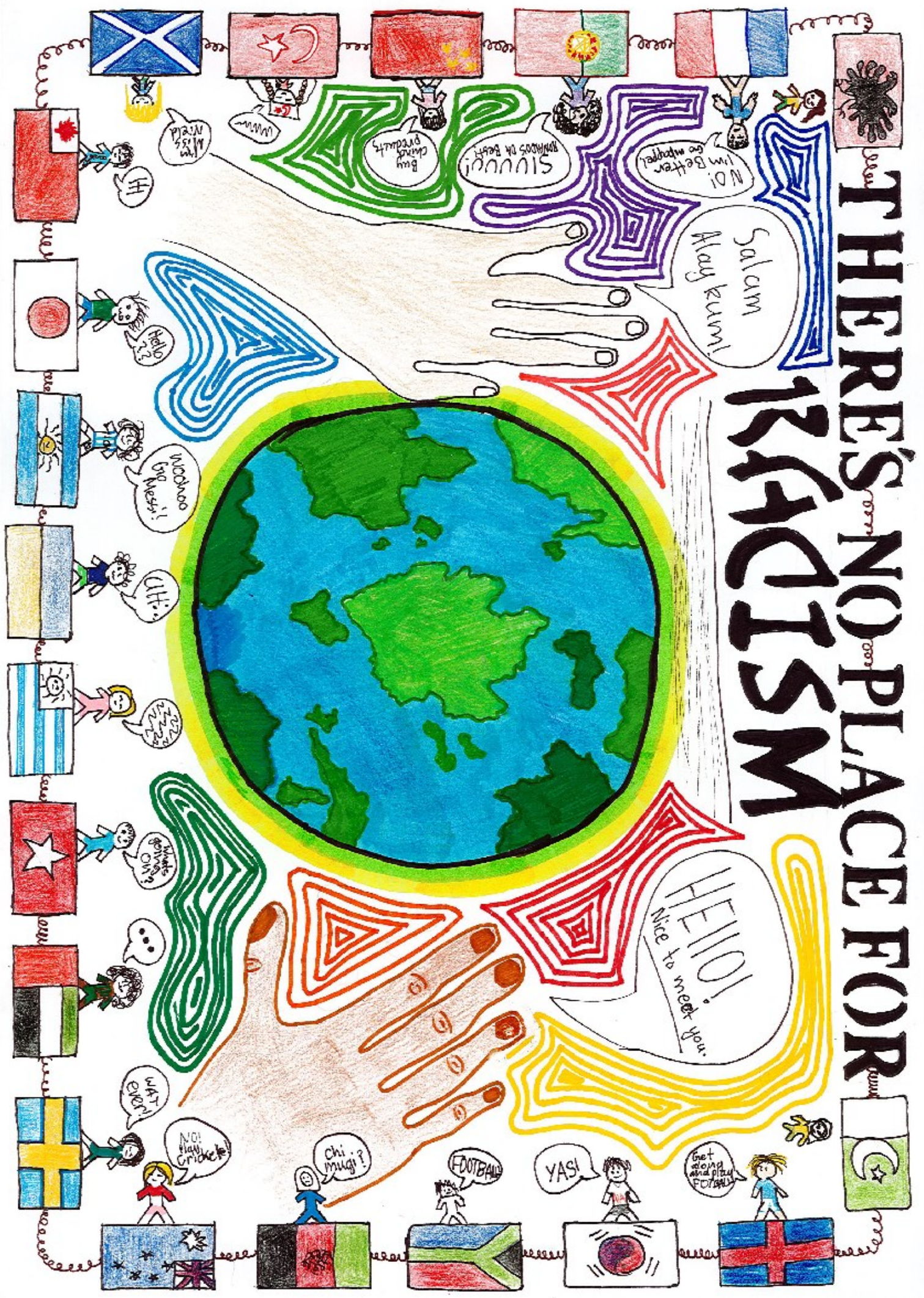
Other stuff!

- Please pack your 'Colour Run' clothes in your bag or wear under your uniform and you can change into them before the event.
- If you Do Not want to be 'powdered' we will pop a sticker on your shirt so that you don't get 'powdered'!

We just want everyone to have a FUN afternoon to celebrate being back at school for 2024!

Kerry Fenton - Event Co ordinator

THERE'S NO PLACE FOR RACISM



PRIN MRS M

WMM

Buy cheap products

SILUCCI

NO! I'm Better

NO! I'm Better

Salam
Alay kumi!

Wachoo
big messi!

Uhi!

Uhi!

Waste getting on?

WAST CRICKET?

NO! I play cricket!

Chi mugy?

FOOTBALL

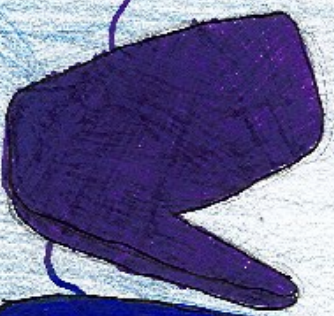
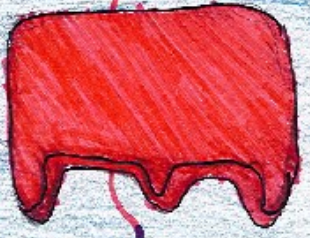
YAS!

Get along and play football

HELLO!
Nice to meet you.

Try your
Best

You are
Beautiful



motives



Stand
up!

Be
yourself!



INTRODUCING

Butterfly Body Bright

Our school is excited to have registered with Butterfly Body Bright, an Australian first, whole of primary school program of the Butterfly Foundation that aims to promote positive body image and a healthy relationship with eating and physical activity in all students, so they can thrive at school and in life.

CURRENT RESEARCH TELLS US:



Around
50%
of 8-to-11-year-old girls
report body dissatisfaction,
often wanting to be thinner



Having a **negative body image as a child** can lead to unhelpful dieting behaviours, disordered eating, depression, social and academic challenges, and eating disorders



Boys are often wanting to be more muscular, which is starting from the early primary school years



YOU PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE TOO!

Access Body Bright Families for information to support body image and healthy eating and physical activity patterns in your home.

www.butterflybodybright.org.au/families



RESOURCES AND DOWNLOADS

Tips for how to start creating a Body Bright home

30 days of being a Body Bright family

Tip sheets for families (including translations in 5 languages)

Body Bright family poster

Body Bright blog

Access at www.butterflybodybright.org.au/resources



Are you concerned about your child's relationship with their body, eating and physical activity, or their physical development?

Visit www.butterflybodybright.org.au/concerned for information on warning signs and what do if you are concerned



For more information about Butterfly Body Bright, please visit www.butterflybodybright.org.au
FAQs www.butterflybodybright.org.au/faq

GET ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER PROGRAM ROUND 7 IS NOW OPEN.

Hello
GET ACTIVE KIDS IS excited to announce that **Round 7 of the Get Active Kids Voucher Program** is now open!

In this round, applications for a voucher or a reimbursement will close when the allocation has been exhausted. Vouchers expire 30 April 2024 so members of your community can use their voucher for a summer sport, winter sport or term-based activity.

IMPORTANT DATES

Round 7 opens for applications for a voucher or reimbursement: 10:00 am Tuesday 10 October 2023 until allocation exhausted

Reimbursement expenditure dates: from 8 May 2023 until allocation is exhausted

Vouchers expiry date: Tuesday 30 April 2024

Portal open for Activity Providers to redeem vouchers: Tuesday 10 October 2023 to Tuesday 21 May 2024.

Eligible families can apply for \$200 vouchers and use them at a registered Get Active Kids Voucher Activity Provider without having to worry about upfront costs.

The vouchers can help pay for sporting equipment, uniforms and memberships in a range of activities from club cricket to dance. There's also an opportunity to enrol toddlers in a range of activities including important learn to swim classes.

To be eligible, kids need to be aged 0 to 18 years, a Victorian resident, named on a valid Commonwealth Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and on a valid Medicare Card at the time of application.

A special consideration stream is also available to support children residing in Victorian Care Services, temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants and international students up to 18 years at the time of application. More information on the special consideration stream is available on the website.

For more information about the program visit getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers

or email us at getactivekids@sport.vic.gov.au

Kind Regards

Get Active Kids Voucher Program Team
Sport and Recreation Victoria

121 Exhibition Street, Melbourne, Victoria Australia 3000
www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/





TERM 1 2024:
Administration Office Opens 25 & 29 January 2024
Australia Day Public Holiday 26 January 2024
Pupil Free Teacher Induction Day 29 January 2024
Pupil Free Professional Practice Day 30 January 2024
YEARS 1-6 Commence/PREPS DO NOT ATTEND
PREPS Commence
Preps do not attend on Wednesdays in February
Labour Day Holiday Monday 11 March
End Term 1 Thursday 28 March

Enrolments/parent payments
Hallam PS closed
Students do not attend
Students do not attend
Wednesday 31 January 2024
Thursday 1 February 2024

Hallam PS closed
Dismissal 2:30pm

February 2024						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
February 05	06 Playgroup 9:00am-Hall 	07 Preps do not attend	08	09	10 	11
12	13 Playgroup 9:00am-Hall 	14 Preps do not attend	15 School Council 7:00pm	16 SC Elections- Call for Nominations	17	18
19	20 Playgroup 9:00am-Hall 	21 Preps do not attend	22	23 Colour Run! District Swimming	24	25
26	27 Playgroup 9:00am-Hall 	28 Preps do not attend	29			