



# Hallam Happenings

31 October 2024

Term 4 /#2

<http://www.hallam-ps.vic.edu.au/>



RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS



CCTV in operation

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.*

## School Saving Bonus-One off \$400 Assistance

The School Saving Bonus is available for parents and carers of all Victorian government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025, except for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

The School Saving Bonus is in addition to existing and continuing means-tested supports for Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) and the Affordable School Uniforms Program.

Parents and carers of children who meet the School Saving Bonus eligibility above are required to do the following by Friday 18 October 2024:

**Next week the school will provide more information about eligibility, accessing the online system and how funds can be spent. If families need additional assistance to clarify the School Saving Bonus information, please contact the Administration Office.**

## Accessing the \$400 School Saving Bonus

The Department of Education will email you in November 2024 with your \$400 School Saving Bonus. You will be able to access it via an online system.

The bonus can be used towards 2025 school costs, which may include: camps, trips, excursions and incursions, swimming and sporting programs, outdoor education programs, graduations, school uniforms, textbooks.

The bonus can be used at your school's approved textbook or uniform suppliers either in-store or online, or through State Schools' Relief. The list of suppliers may include a school uniform or bookshop. Any amount that you choose to allocate to textbooks and uniforms will be valid until 30 June 2025. It will then transfer to your child's school account for future activities. Funds will roll over for use in future years if it is not all spent in 2025.

Visit [vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus](http://vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus). Translated information is available on the School Saving Bonus website.

## Hallam PS 2025 Prep Enrolments

Prep enrolments for 2025 are almost at capacity for Hallam PS. To be eligible for Prep at Hallam PS in 2025, your child will need to turn 5 years old by 30 April 2025.

What you need to do:

- Use [Find My School](#) to locate your designated neighbourhood school (referred to as your local school).
- Contact Hallam PS to book a school tour or to learn more about the school and the enrolment application process.
- Request an Application/Enrolment form from the school.
- Submit your Application/Enrolment for Foundation (Prep) as soon as possible.
- **NOTE:** Hallam PS information and transition sessions have commenced for enrolled students

## 2025 Workforce Planning

Thank you to those parents who have already submitted their transfer information for 2025. If your child/ren will not be at Hallam PS in 2025, please complete the table below and return it to the Administration Office, or contact the school on 9703 1536 as soon as possible. This information assists with structuring classes and planning for staff in 2025.

## Years 5-6 QVM Excursion

Year 5-6 students visited the Queen Victoria Market in Melbourne yesterday. The weather was great and students had a very interesting time exploring the market.

## Term 4 Calendar

Please check the Term 4 Calendar at the end of the newsletter as it is already busy with events and activities.

*Julie Macfarlane*

## IF YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ATTENDING HALLAM PS IN 2025 PLEASE LET US KNOW

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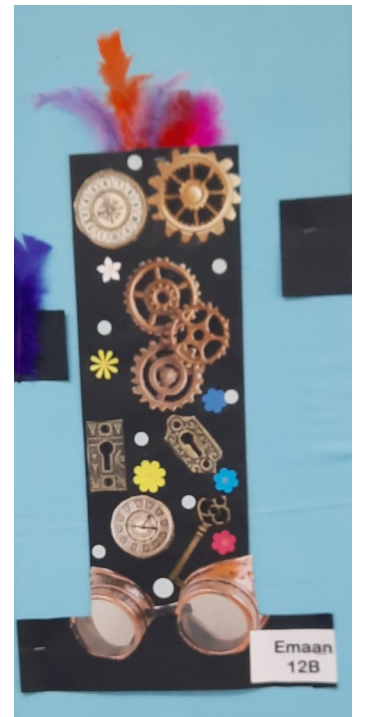
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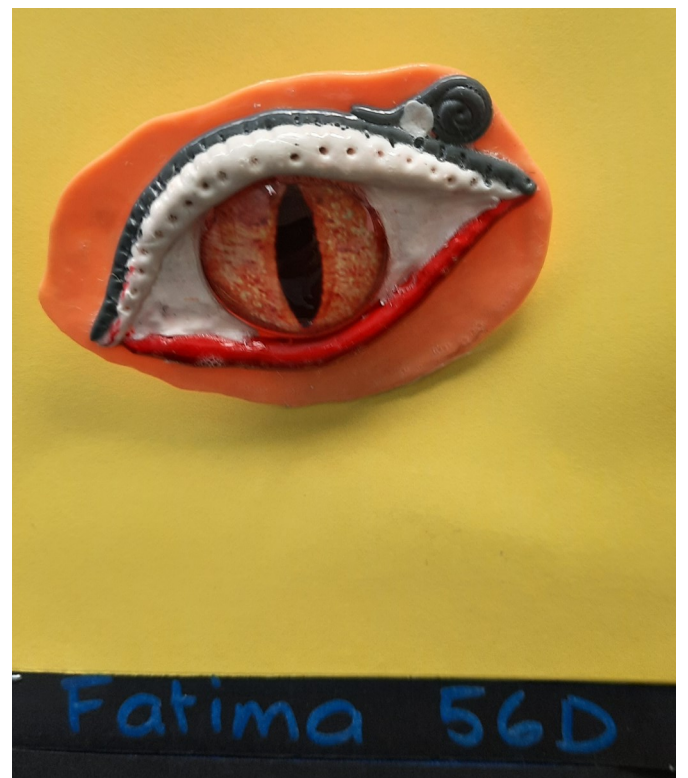
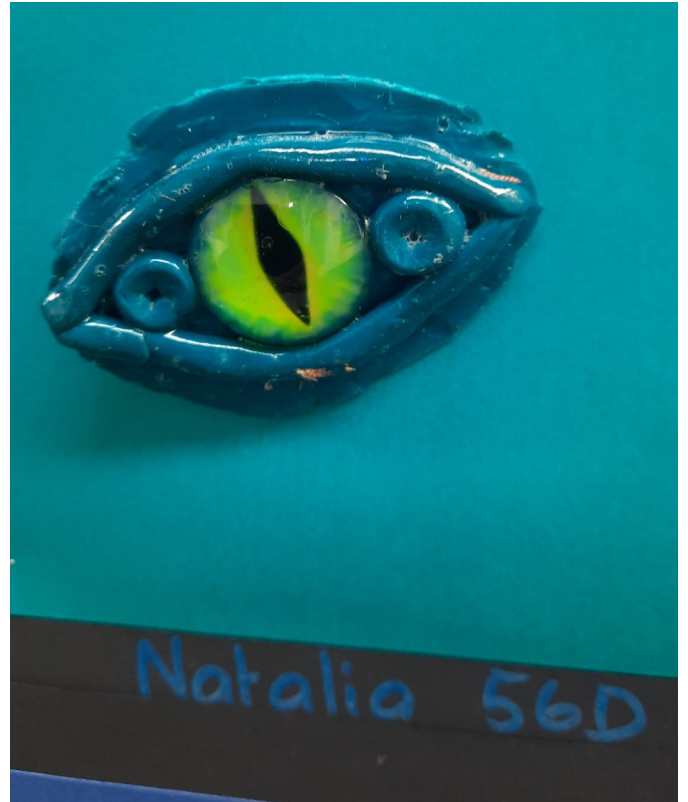
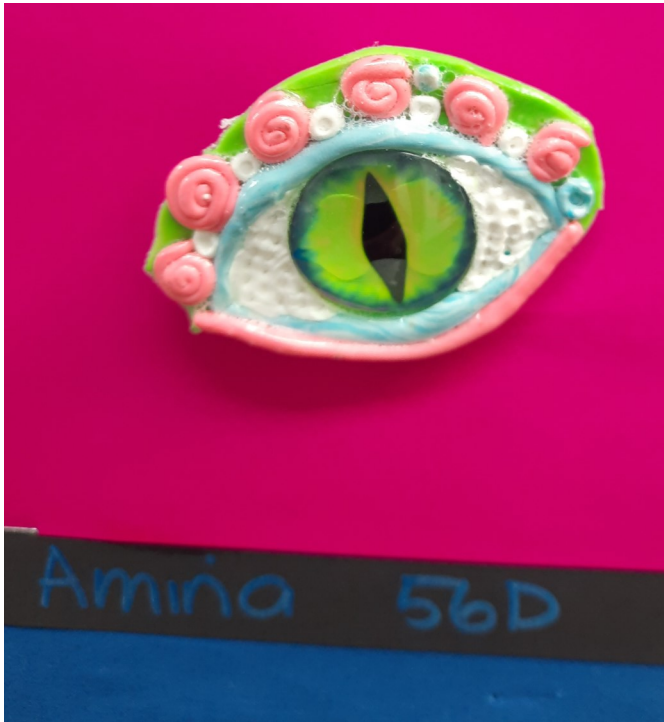
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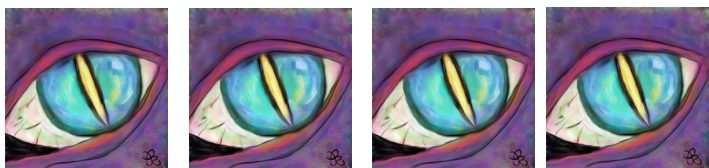
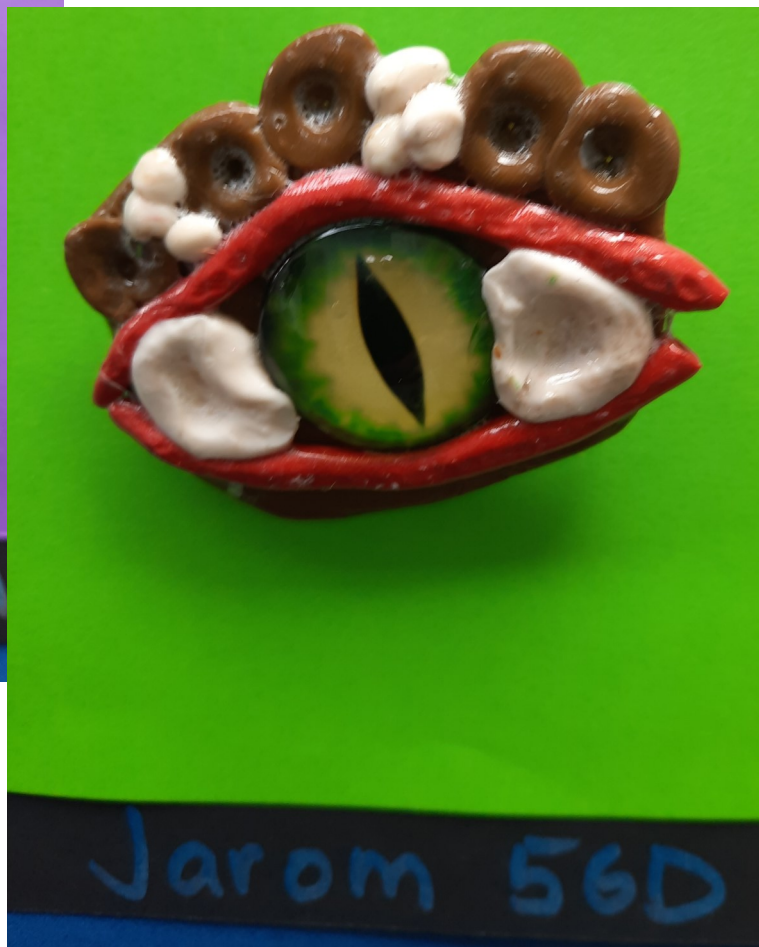
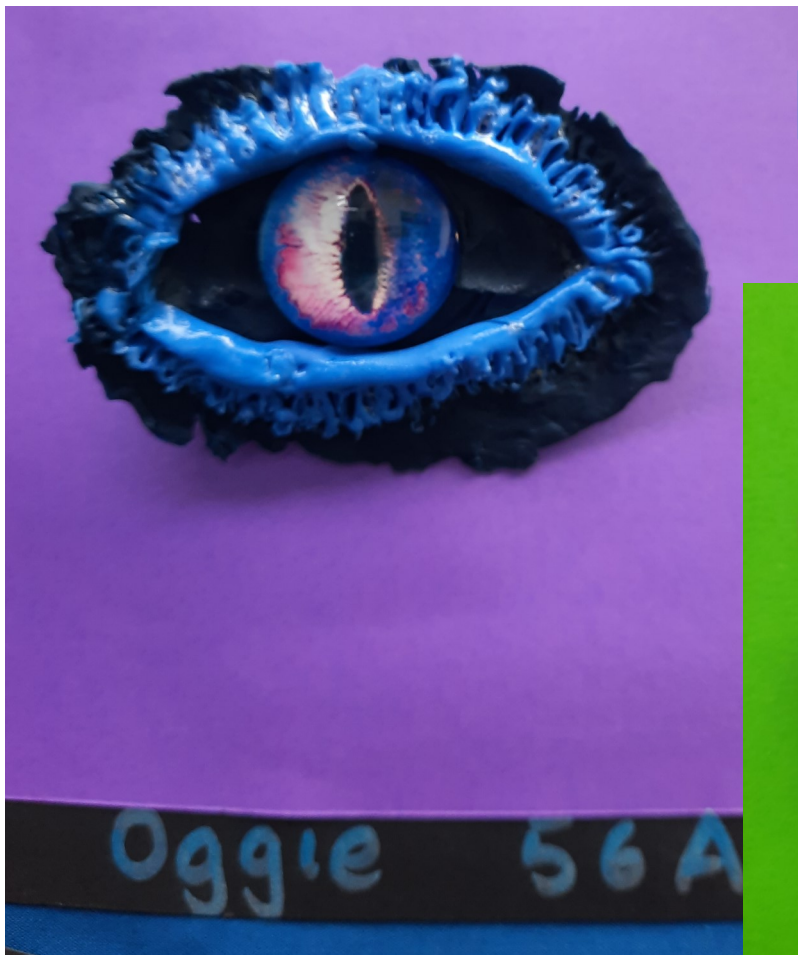
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# eyes!!!



# Dragon eyes



# RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Hallam Primary School is a proud Respectful Relationships school.

Respectful relationships education is part of the Victorian Curriculum and delivered by all Victorian government schools. It supports students to develop the knowledge, attitudes and skills needed for respectful relationships, and helps to build respect and equality across the entire school community.

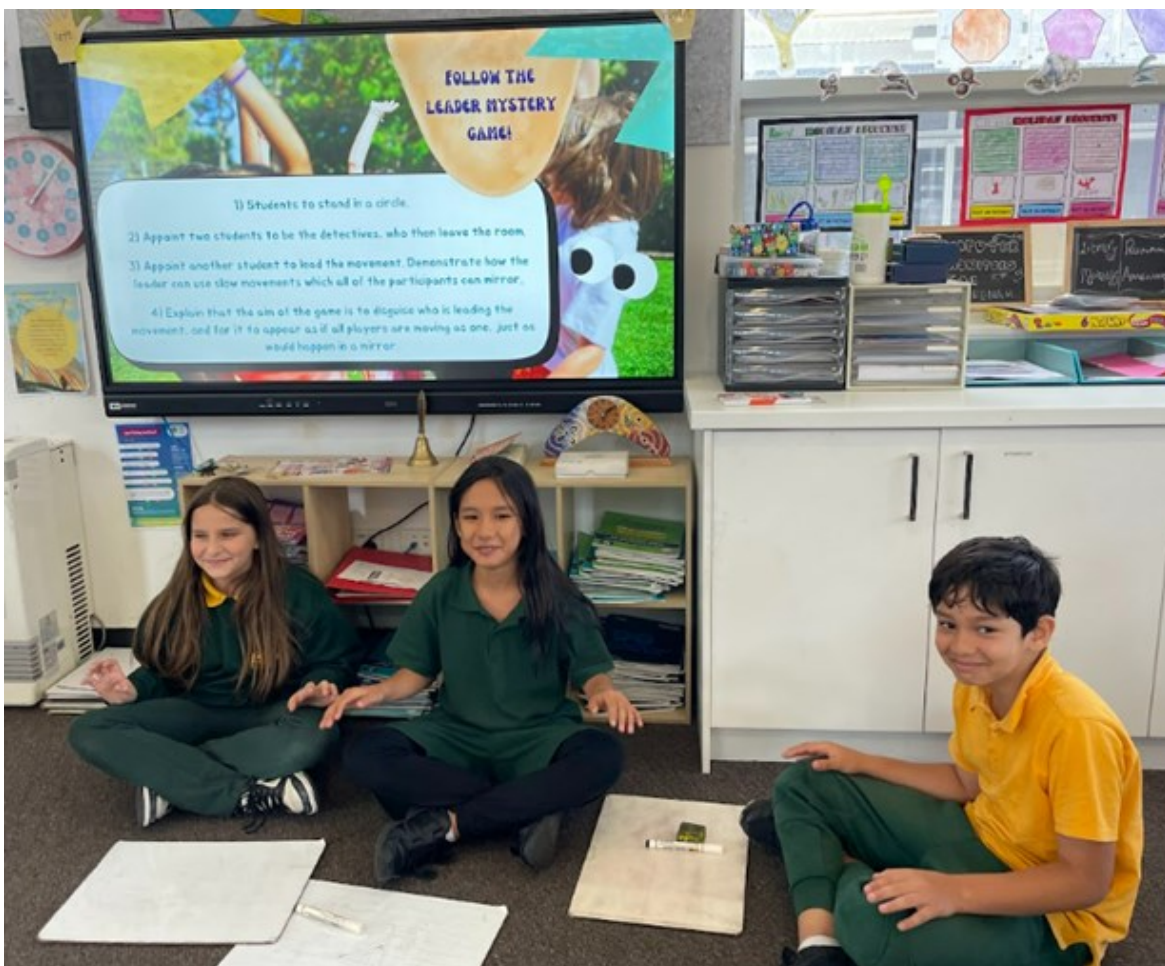
Research tells us that providing respectful relationships education at school can lead to positive impacts on students' academic outcomes, their mental health, classroom behaviour and relationships.

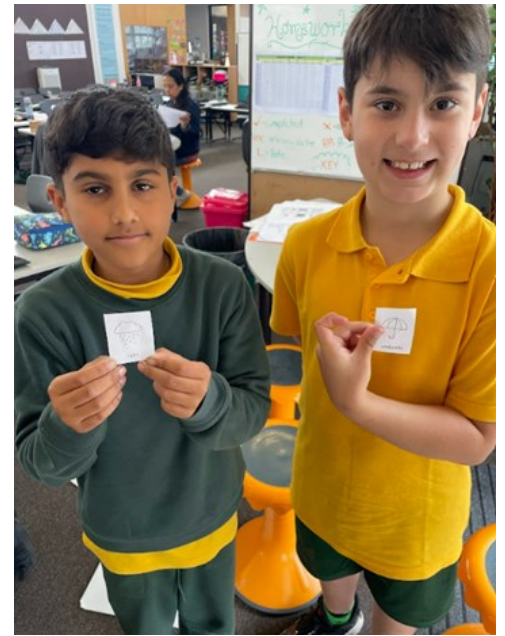
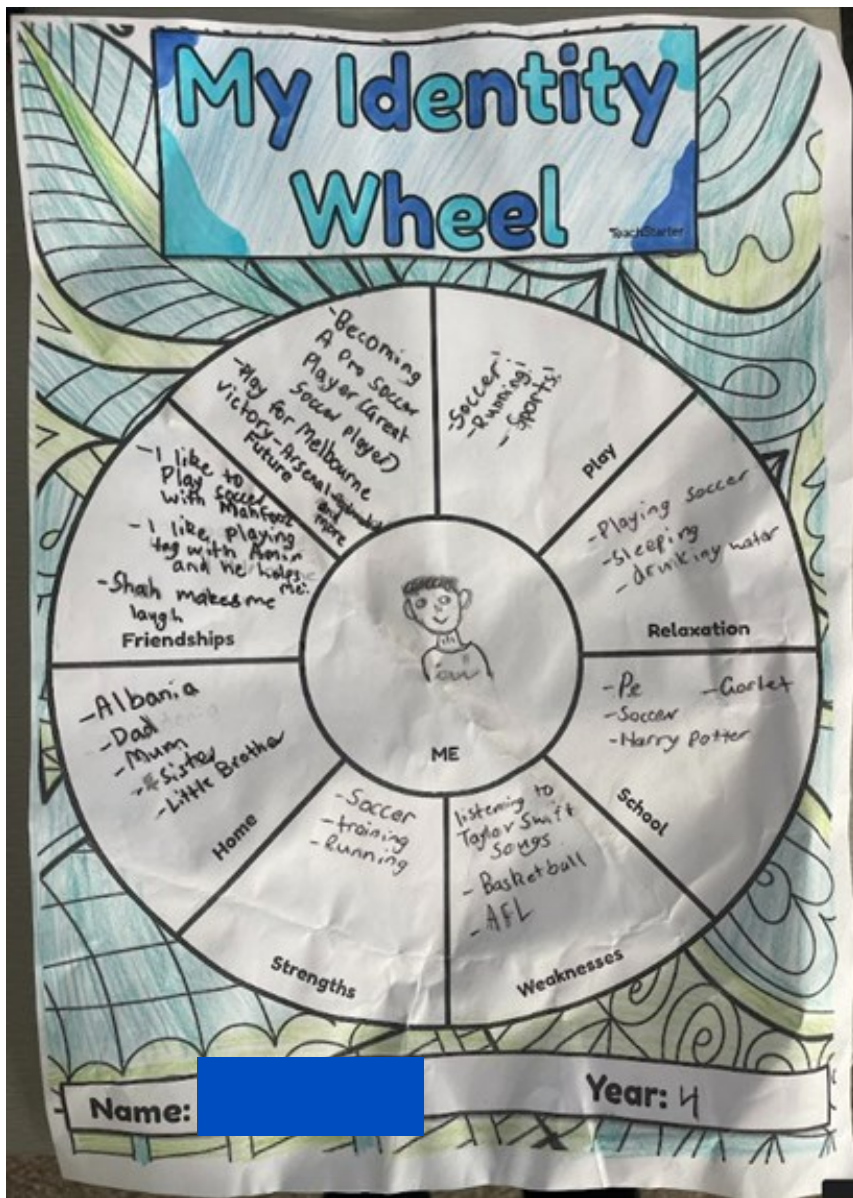
Our school uses the Department of Education's evidence-based teaching and learning resources to teach our students about Respectful Relationships from Foundation to Year 6.

The Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships resources have 8 topics that teach students about emotional literacy, personal and cultural strengths, resilience, problem-solving, stress-management, help-seeking, gender norms and stereotypes and positive gender relations.

This week in class some students are working on Topic 7– Gender and Identity. You can view a sample activity from this topic below and the next page.

If you have any questions about Respectful Relationships education, you can contact Eliza Britten or Shirley Fletcher and visit the Victorian Government's Respectful Relationships page: <https://www.vic.gov.au/respectful-relationships>.

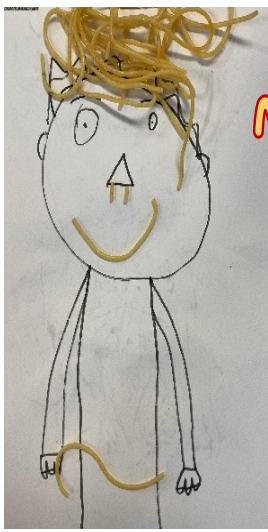




In Term 4, all students in Hallam PS have been completing Topic 7: Gender & Identity from our Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships Wellbeing Program. In the 3/4 Module, students have been exploring their identity and the importance of embracing and respecting the differences and similarities of others. Students have also been exploring the positive and negative effects of gender norms and stereotyping in literature and the media by analysing classic and current fairy tales and kids' toy commercials.



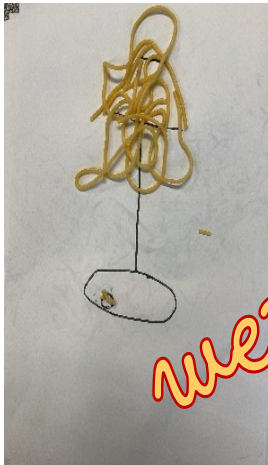




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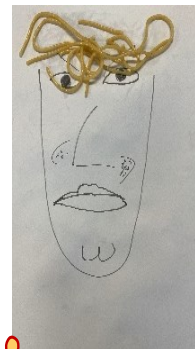
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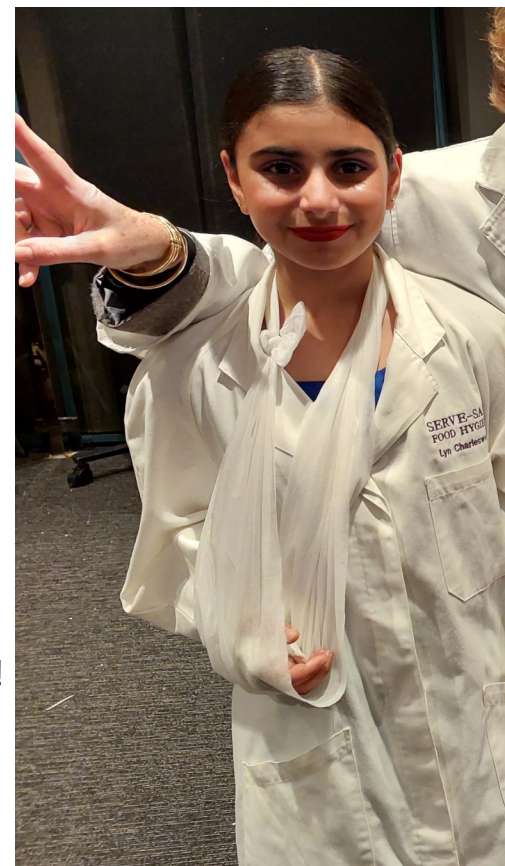
Last week, our Year 1/2 students enjoyed an exciting excursion to Twisted Science, where vibrant exhibits sparked curiosity. In the Science Workshop, we created chemical changes and crafted a dazzling Science Rainbow, followed by bubble-making fun. It was a fantastic day filled with laughter and hands-on learning that highlighted the joy of science! 🌟🌟





# Aussie of the Month

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.



Aussie of the Month recipient for October is Jasmine from Year 5/6 A.

Jas received this award as she has shown persistence and determination even with a broken arm. Jas continued to perform at the Wakakirri Final with her arm in plaster 3 days after she broke it!! She also assisted Miss Charlotte at Brekkie Club every morning after that. Jas was not going to let her team down!

**Amazing!!**

Jas is truly deserving of the AUSSIE OF THE MONTH....

# Congratulations!

# School Saving Bonus

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## Information for government school parents and carers

### About the School Saving Bonus

The Victorian Government is making life that little bit easier for families by providing a one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

This support will help cover the cost of school uniforms, textbooks, and school activities like camps, excursions and sports.

The School Saving Bonus is in addition to existing and continuing means-tested supports for Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) and the Affordable School Uniforms Program.

The School Saving Bonus will be provided to schools and families in Term 4, 2024.

### Who receives the School Saving Bonus

The School Saving Bonus is available for parents and carers of all Victorian government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025, except for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

### Actions for parents and carers

Parents and carers of children who meet the School Saving Bonus eligibility above are required to do the following by **Friday 18 October 2024**:

- **Complete enrolment**

If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025, please complete enrolment. For more information, read about [Enrolling in School](#).

- **Check your contact information**

Ensure your contact information is up to date with your school. You can check this information by contacting your school directly.

### Accessing the \$400 School Saving Bonus

You do not need to apply for the School Saving Bonus.

The Department of Education will email you in November 2024 with your \$400 School Saving Bonus. You will be able to access it via an online system.

You can decide how to best use the School Saving Bonus for your family's needs. You can choose how to allocate the \$400 in the online system.

The bonus can be used towards 2025 school costs, which may include:

camps, trips, excursions and incursions  
swimming and sporting programs  
outdoor education programs  
graduations  
school uniforms  
textbooks.

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Funds will roll over for use in future years if it is not all spent in 2025.

### **Families with more than one eligible child**

Families who have more than one child at the same school can combine their School Saving Bonus payments to use on one child, or for a specific activity. So, for example, a family with 3 children who are all government school students would receive support to the value of \$1,200 and choose how they spend those funds. The School Saving Bonus cannot be combined across different schools.

### **More information**

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus visit [vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus](http://vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus). Translated information will also be available on the School Saving Bonus website in the next few weeks.



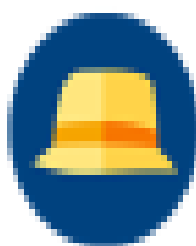
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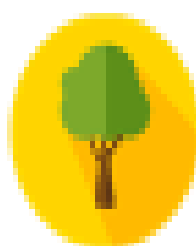
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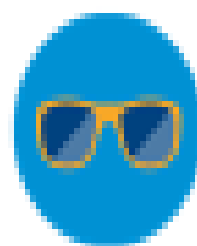
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**HALLAM PS WILL BE COLLECTING DONATIONS IN NOVEMBER.  
PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR FOOD FOR FAMILIES TO THE OFFICE.  
THANK YOU!**



# What is Food For Families?

Food For Families is a great way you can help other people by donating food.

Food For Families collects non-perishable food items like canned soup, packets of pasta and baked beans, as well as household essential items including personal hygiene and cleaning products to support those who need it most.

We connect with local communities through schools, kindergartens, congregations, workplaces, community groups, individuals and families to make a difference to those facing hardship.

Food For Families is a great way to get together and offer practical support to those who have fallen on trying times.

Food, gifts and household essentials are distributed at our emergency relief programs, family services and outreach centres across Victoria and Tasmania.

Families can select food from our food pantry when times get tough and bills stack up. We also provide food that's easy to prepare for people experiencing homelessness or sleeping rough.

With millions of Australians currently living in poverty, the need is greater than ever. We want to support everyone who comes to us for help – but we can't do it alone.



Visit  
[foodforfamilies.org.au](http://foodforfamilies.org.au)



Uniting is the community services organisation of the Uniting Church in Victoria and Tasmania.



# Uniting

# Food For Families. Thanks to you.



## Shopping List.

### Food:

- Pasta, rice and noodles
- Flour, polenta and couscous
- Tinned tomatoes, pasta sauces
- Dried or canned beans, chickpeas and lentils
- Tinned tuna, salmon and ham
- Tinned soups, curries and vegetables
- Baby food, nappies and formula
- Spreads – e.g. Jam, Vegemite
- Long life milk
- Tea, coffee, Milo and sugar
- Stir fry sauces and soy sauce
- Long life coconut milk and coconut cream
- Breakfast cereal and muesli bars

### Household cleaning:

- Laundry powder or liquid
- Multipurpose cleaning products – sprays, toilet cleaner, etc.
- Dishwashing liquid, scrubs/steel wool
- Environment bags
- Bin liners

### Personal hygiene:

- Deodorant (men and women)
- Shaving cream
- Razors (men and women)
- Sanitary items
- Shampoo, conditioner and soap
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes

### Please remember to:

- Give undamaged, packaged, non perishable items
- Check the expiry date
- Make sure food is sealed
- Make sure the label is visible
- Get friends and family involved
- Share on social media
- Check drop off locations

Call us  
**1800 668 426**

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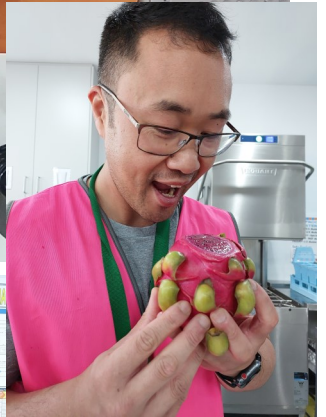
# Queen Vic Market



Gosh... there's a lot of them!







# Making tasty fruit smoothies!



From the fruit bought at the Queen Vic Market on Tuesday.  
Delicious ... Berry nice!! Pinealicious!!

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# Andy Griffiths at Bunjil Place



Let your imagination run wild at this stage show with Andy Griffiths.

Get a photo with Andy and purchase a signed copy of the new book.

**Bunjil Place Theatre**

Sunday 24 November, 2pm

Free

Scan the QR code to book your spot.

All Ages

[connectedlibraries.org.au](http://connectedlibraries.org.au)



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# Sensitive Santa



**Sensitive Santa is visiting Cranbourne West Library Lounge and Endeavour Hills Library!**

**Sensitive Santa allows children with special needs to access Santa in a sensory friendly environment.**

**Cranbourne West Library Lounge:** Monday 25 November and Tuesday 26 November

**Endeavour Hills Library:** Friday 29 November and Saturday 30 November

**Sessions are free and run for 10-15 minutes.**

**Bookings open until Friday 15 November** *(unless booked out prior).*

[connectedlibraries.org.au/sensitivesanta](https://connectedlibraries.org.au/sensitivesanta)  
1800 577 548





Monday 7 October  
 Monday 4 November  
 Tuesday 5 November  
 Thursday 19 December  
 Friday 20 December

Start Term 4  
 Student-free Day  
 Melbourne Cup Day  
 Last day for students  
 Student-Free Day

8:45am  
 Students do not attend  
 Hallam PS Closed  
 3:30 Dismissal  
 Students do not attend

**NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2024**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
28	29 Playgroup/HALL 9:00-11:00  Queen Vic Market Excursion Y5-6	30 Prep Transition Program Session <b>Booking required</b> #1 1:30-2:15pm #2 2:30-3:15pm	31 Free Dress Day: 'Spooky' GOLD COIN DONATION 	01 NOVEMBER	02	03
04 PUPIL FREE DAY Students do not attend	05 MELBOURNE CUP DAY Hallam PS is closed	06 Prep Transition Program Session <b>Booking required</b> #1 1:30-2:15pm #2 2:30-3:15pm	07 Free Dress Day (SLT Fundraiser) 'Teacher-Student Swap' 	08	09	10
11 Prep Transition Program Session <b>Booking required</b> #1 1:30-2:15pm #2 2:30-3:15pm	12 Playgroup/HALL 9:00-11:00 	13	14 MILK & MUFFIN MORNING TEA 	15 YEAR 6 GRADUATION PHOTOS	16	17
18 2025 PREP INTERVIEWS <b>Booking required</b>	19 Playgroup/HALL 9:00-11:00  2025 PREP INTERVIEWS <b>Booking required</b>	20 2025 PREP INTERVIEWS <b>Booking required</b>	21 2025 PREP INTERVIEWS <b>Booking Required</b>  SCHOOL COUNCIL 7:00PM	22 2025 PREP INTERVIEWS <b>Booking required</b>	23	24
25	26 Playgroup/HALL 9:00-11:00 	27	28	29 Prep Transition Half Day Session 9:00am-1:00pm <b>Booking required</b>	30	01 DEC