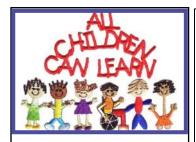


### SPRINGVALE PARK SPECIAL DEVELOPMENTAL SCHOOL

13-15 Sandown Road, Springvale 3171

Issue 9





## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Last Day Term 3 20th September

## Parent Pick Up 1.30pm

(no staff available after this time)

## Bus Pick Up 1 hour earlier

(at your usual stop)



## FROM THE Principa Dear Parents and families,

### Whooping Cough

Whooping cough cases are continuing to increase across Victoria, particularly among school-age students.

Whooping cough is a very contagious infection, mostly spread through coughing or sneezing. Symptoms include:

- Blocked or runny nose
- Tiredness
- Mild fever
- Severe bouts of coughing, often followed by a 'whooping' sound or breathing.

Whooping cough can lead to life threatening infections in babies.



If your child is unwell, they should not attend school. Please see a doctor if you or your child develops whooping cough symptoms.

Students with diagnosed whooping cough must not attend school. Your child should not attend school for 14 days after they were last exposed to a

person diagnosed with whooping cough, or until they have taken a five-day course of antibiotic treatment if they are:

- Aged less than 7 years; and
- Not fully vaccinated with 3 doses of whooping cough (pertussis) vaccine.

If your child is diagnosed with whooping cough, please contact the office to let us know.

Vaccination is the best way to reduce the risk of whooping cough. The Department of Health recommends staying up to date with immunisations, including booster doses.

I appreciate your support in keeping our students safe and well.

#### Science Incursion

On Tuesday and Wednesday the students engaged in a science incursion about Chemical Science. Lab coat science wowed them with popping bags, dry ice, bubbles and slime. Everyone had a lot of fun.



#### **Last Day Term Three**

It is hard to believe that term three has almost come to an end.

We have had a busy and productive term with excursions, some incursions, camps as well as the regular school program.

I hope that everyone has a safe and happy holiday, and I look forward to seeing the students back on the 7th of October.

Just a reminder that the buses will leave at 2 pm on Friday 20th September so please ensure that someone is in attendance when your son/daughter comes home and if you pick your child up from school you must be here by 1:30 pm. There will be no staff available to supervise students after this time.



### Principal's Award

This week my Principal's Award goes to Lina T, Rm 33. Lina has shown exceptional initiative in cleaning up her personal space and keeping the classroom tidy. She always practises good hygiene by washing her hands, wiping down tables, drying the dishes, clearing up clutter and efficiently putting items away. Lina you are a superstar.

We are proud of your consistent efforts in maintaining a safe, clean and tidy classroom. Well done Lina.



#### **Jackie Lowther**

**Principal** 

Term 3 Ends 20th September 2024

Term 4 Begins 7th October 2024



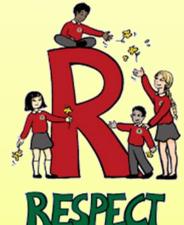
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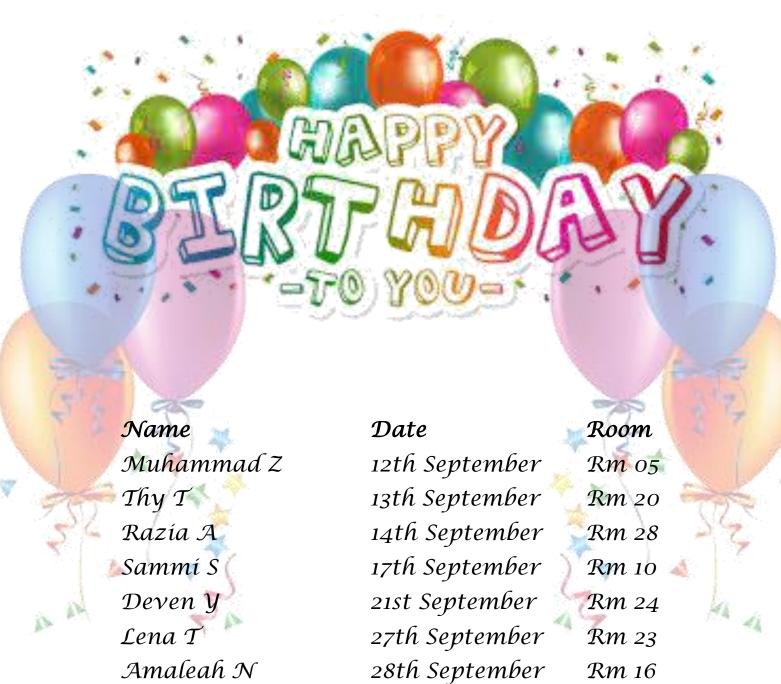
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## SPSDS VJSJON

Our vision at SPSDS is to empower our students by building independence through functional life skills, communication and to equip them for the world in which they live.





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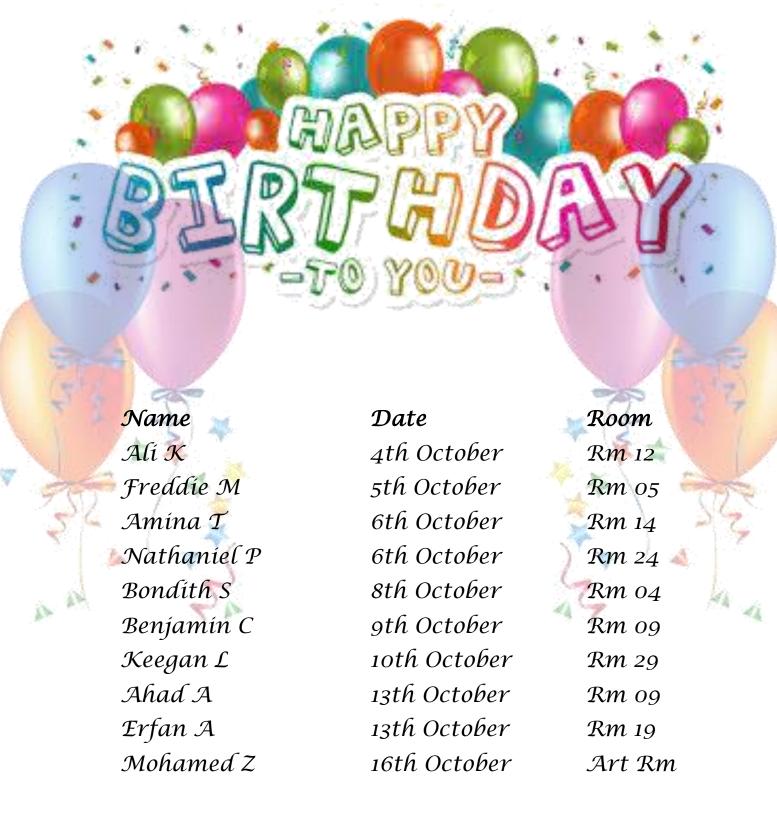
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memories this term!





## **Puffing Billy Excursion**











Term 3
Highlights
in
Juniors Rm 12











## **BOOK WEEK PARADE**















Room 15 has been very busy this year. We have enjoyed swimming, bike riding, science, respectful relationships, art and many more engaging learning activities.





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We have all had a fabulous Term 3! We have had so many new experiences, and we have all learnt so much! We loved our excursion to the Puffing Billy and we really enjoyed our incursion with the Polyglot Theatre company – "When the World Turns". We all enjoyed the "Wonderbox" Theatre Show at Bunjil Place and we loved our regular community access outings to Ross Reserve and the various train trips during our travel training sessions. Thank you to Abi, Amach, Arijan, Jamieson, Jiraiya, Keegan, Pat and Sajida for sharing all our wonderful adventures together!





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ROOM 30





OUR ROOM HAD FUN ON COMMUNITY ACCESS USING TRAINS, TRAMS AND BUSES, VISITING THE CITY AND SHOPPING CENTRES.

WE ENJOYED THE PUFFING BILLY TRAIN RIDE.













WE CELEBRATED DANIEL'S 17" BIRTHDAY!

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## KITCHEN GARDEN

Our winter veggies have been slowly growing and we have harvested carrots, broccoli and silverbeet. In the next few weeks we'll pick some beetroot and cabbages.

Students have enjoyed cooking pizza, lemon slice, garlic bread, sausage rolls and pancakes. They even made edible Olympic torches to celebrate the Olympics.















## MINI WOOLIES

















Our new Mini Woolies supermarket continues to meet the needs of classes whilst providing valuable life skills for our students. Older students are developing their supermarket skills such as scanning items, taking money, stocktaking, filling shelves and maintaining a clean and safe store. Others are learning about going shopping, finding products, making food choices and using money.

## Lemon Slice

#### **INGREDIENTS**

#### Base

1/2 cup of sweetened condensed milk
100 g butter

200 g granita biscuits

1 cup desiccated coconut

2 teaspoons grated lemon rind

### **Icing**

2 cups pure icing sugar20 g butter2 1/2 tablespoons lemon juice



#### **METHOD**

- 1. Grease a 3 cm deep, 16 cm  $\times$  25 cm slice tray. Line with baking paper that extends 2 cm above the edges.
- 2. Place condensed milk and butter in a plastic bowl and microwave until warm.
- 3. Stir to combine with a spoon.
- 4. Crush the biscuits until they are fine crumbs. (Use either a food processer of place biscuits in a bag and crush with a rolling pin). Place the crumbs in a mixing bowl.
- 5. Add coconut, lemon rind and milk/butter mixture to crumbs. Mix well with wooden spoon.
- 6. Press crumb mixture firmly into the slice tray and refrigerate until cold.

#### **Icing**

- 6. Place icing sugar, butter and lemon juice in a bowl.
- 7. Beat with a wooden spoon until smooth. If too runny add more icing sugar.
- 8. Spread over the base and leave to set.

#### To serve

Remove entire slice from tray by lifting the baking paper.

Place on a chopping board and cut into pieces.



### Did I like making this recipe?





# Wellbeing

## **Siblings Program**

Term 3 saw the return of our Siblings Program. Siblings Program is a free support group for the siblings of the students at our school. It gives them a chance to connect with peers who have similar or shared experiences. Our activity this term was cupcake decorating and it was a big hit. Thank you to all of the staff who volunteered their time to make this a success.



# Wellbeing

Siblings Program Is Back For 2024!



The Siblings Program is back! In the past we've had fantastic groups of brothers and sisters involved in a great range of different activities. The siblings of our students are again invited to join our fabulous group to make new friends, try some new activities and have heaps of fun!!!

Age range of Brothers and Sisters is from 9 – 14 years.

If this sounds like you, feel free to send us an email for details.

Email us at: wellbeing@springvaleparksds.vic.edu.au



## Water safety tips from Life Saving Victoria

With many family activities happening close to waterways these school holidays now is a great time to refresh and remember what to look out for to keep the kids safe in and around water.

<u>Play it Safe by the Water</u>: has a great range of bite-sized snippets to remind you of what to look for and what to think about before you go to the various environments.

The Beach: There are numerous things to consider when visiting the beach. Where are the patrolled beaches, what is the weather doing, what does a rip current look like and what do you do if you find yourself caught in one?

<u>Inland waterways:</u> Rivers, creeks, lakes and dams are great fun but they also have hidden dangers such as currents and submerged objects. Do you know what to look for?

Rural properties: Dams, wells and tanks may not be so familiar. Have you thought about what to consider?

<u>Home</u>: Pools and spas at home are great fun over the summer but they are not risk free. Remain ever vigilant and always watching.

More information







## Supervision around water

All children require active supervision around water regardless of their swimming ability.

Beaches, pools, ponds, lakes, rivers and bathtubs all present a drowning risk. Twenty seconds is all it takes for a child to drown in as little as a few centimetres of water.

The best way to keep children safe is to keep under-fives within arm's reach, and under 10s within eyesight around water at all times. It's a good idea to make and stick to a supervision plan so there is always an adult actively supervising children around waterways during gatherings or parties, even during the winter months!

Supervise: Actively supervise children around water

Restrict: Restrict children's access to water

Teach: Teach children water safety skills

Respond: Learn how to respond in the

case of an emergency

More information







## Water Safety @ Home

Home-based activities to experience with your child these school holidays.

Life Saving Victoria's Water Safety @ Home is a suite of online and printable water safety resources for you to explore in the comfort of your very own home!

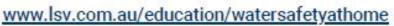
### Activities include:

- Water Safety Watch and Learn videos and activity booklets
- Swimming @ Home videos
- First Aid for Kids @ Home videos and more!



LSV's CPR for Kids @ Home <u>video</u> and resources are perfect for practising the lifesaving competency of the Victorian Water Safety Certificate (VWSC), whereby students need to demonstrate DRSABCD and the recovery position.

To access CPR for Kids @ Home, and all Water Safety @ Home resources, visit:









## **Swim City**

Join Finn, Pod and Splash and their new friend Rocky on an adventure to learn about water safety with Swim City, a fun online game.

Aimed towards children in Years Prep-6, Swim City is a free 30-minute online game that supports students to work towards achieving the knowledge component of the Victorian Water Safety Certificate (VWSC), all while having loads of fun! Students will explore four different aquatic environments and solve challenges along the way like identifying dangers and making areas safe.

To play Swim City, dive into www.lsv.com.au/swimcity











## Government school parent roundtable

You are invited to join one of two online roundtables

In partnership with Parents Victoria, the Department of Education is seeking your feedback on the next phase of education priorities.

This is an opportunity for you to share your ideas in achieving better learning and wellbeing outcomes for Victorian students.

### Date and time

Roundtable 1: Tuesday 24 September 2024, 11:00 – 12:00pm

or

Roundtable 2: Wednesday 25 September 2024, 7:30 – 8:30pm

### Details

Both roundtables will cover the same content. Places are limited; attendees will receive an invitation and link to participate.

#### RSVP

5pm Friday 20 September using the link or QR code below.



RSVP: 5pm Friday 20 September 2024 https://forms.office.com/r/456bDRTAd3





Department of Education



Every year, Springvale Park SDS proudly participates in the Noble Park Art Show. We are excited to invite all students and their parents to be a part of this wonderful celebration of art and imagination.

## CREATE TOGETHER DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

This is the perfect opportunity to spend quality time with your child, creating an artwork that showcases their unique talents and ideas.

Whether your child loves to paint, draw, sculpt, or create with recycled materials, we encourage you to use any medium they enjoy. Let your child's imagination run wild and share in their enthusiasm for making something unique.

## SUBMISSION DETAILS:

Please bring your finished artwork to school during the first week back from the holidays.

7th Oct - 11th Oct 2024 (Monday - Friday)

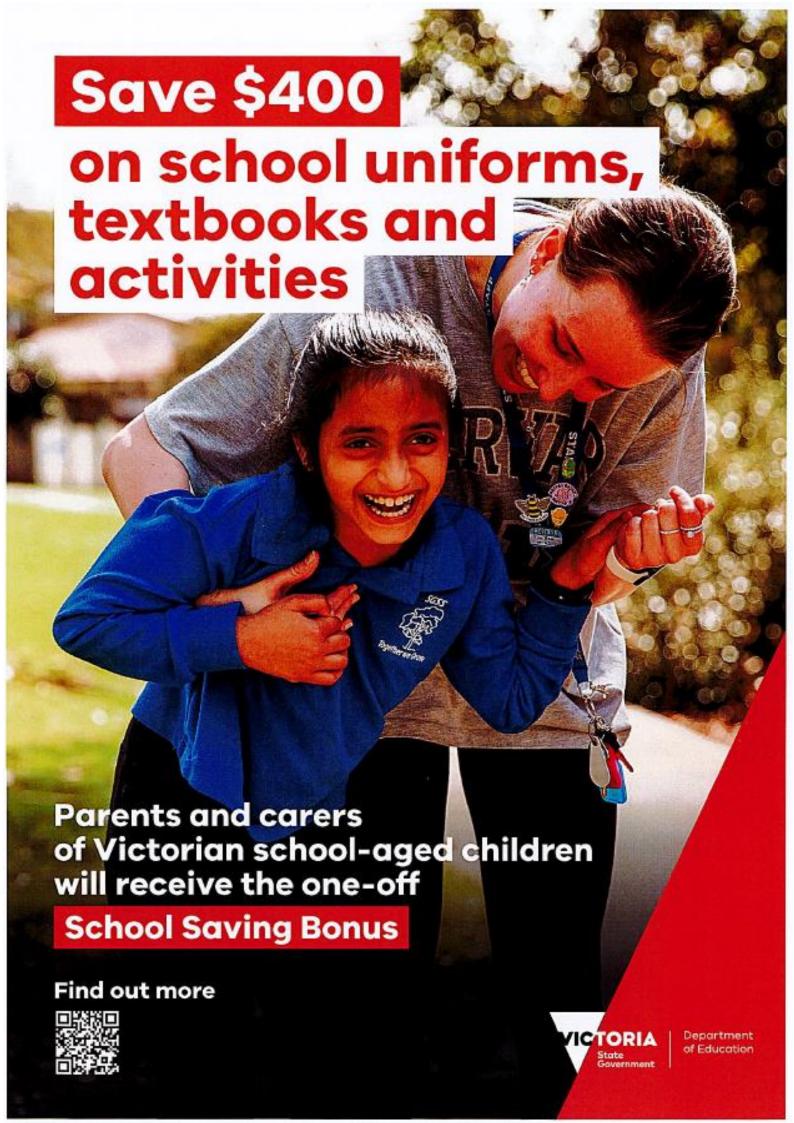
## NEED HELP?

If you need additional art materials or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our Art Therapist, Angie angie\_yang@education.vic.gov.au directly for assistance.



We look forward to seeing your creative contributions and celebrating the amazing talent within our school community at the Noble Park Art Show 2024!







Premier of Victoria

1 Treasury Place Melbourne, Victoria 3002 Australia Telephone: +61 3 9651 5000

Wednesday 28 August, 2024

Dear parents and carers

#### Re: \$400 School Saving Bonus

Families want the absolute best for their kids. But with the current cost of living – uniforms, camps, sports and more – it all adds up.

That's why the Allan Labor Government is making life that little bit easier for families, by providing a one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

Every student enrolled in a Victorian government school for the 2025 school year will receive \$400 support.

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

You don't need to apply.

From November 2024, parents and carers will receive an email from the Department of Education providing details on how they can access the \$400 bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus is available for each child. That means a family with three school-aged children will receive a total of \$1,200.

The School Saving Bonus is available in addition to other financial support including the Affordable School Uniforms program and the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund.

To learn more about what the \$400 can be spent on, and other support available, visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus.

And from our families to yours - best of luck for the 2025 school year.

Sincerely,

Hon. Jacinta Allan Premier of Victoria Mum of two The Hon. Ben Carroll MP Deputy Premier Minister for Education

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## **School Saving Bonus**

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 <a href="Enrolling in School">Enrolling in School</a>.

#### · 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.

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.

## 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. Translated information will also be available on the School Saving Bonus website in the next few weeks.

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# Commence 20th September

Parent Collection: 1.30pm

Staff will not be available to supervise children after this time

**Bus Collection:** 

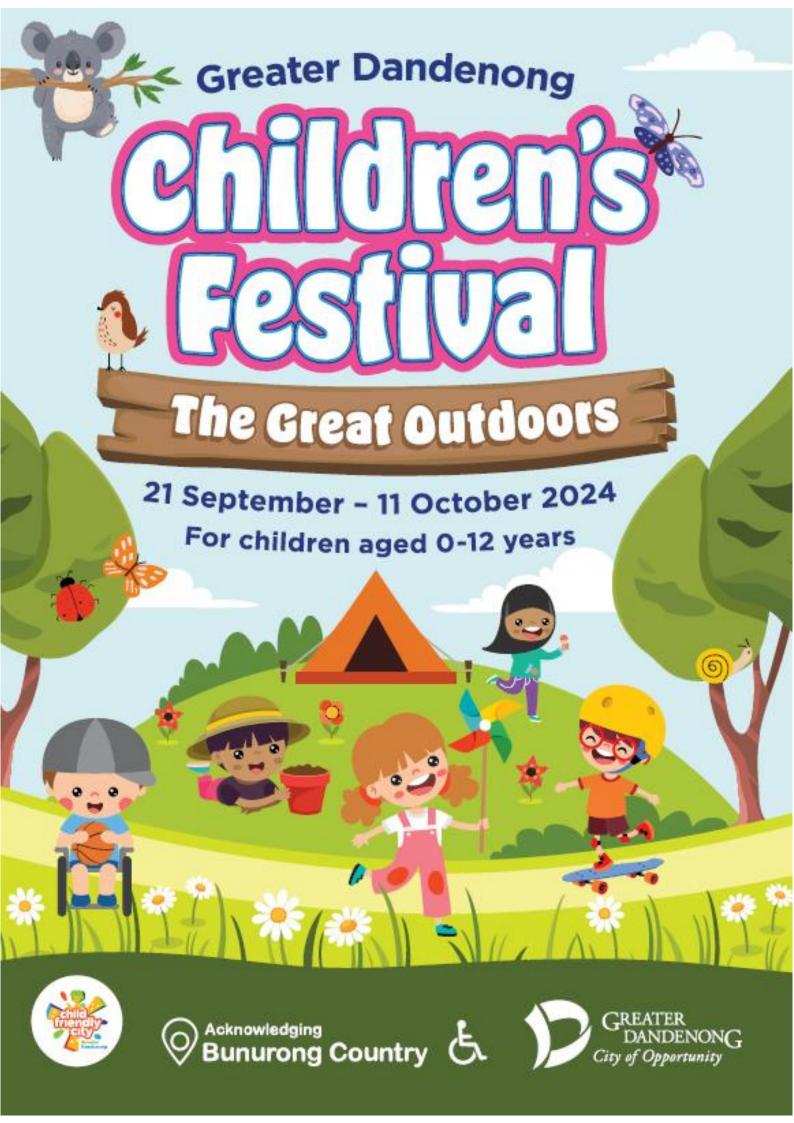
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at your usual stop









**Greater Dandenong** Children's Festival





Enjoy our free family-friendly movies. Bring your own chairs, rugs and picnic. All movies start at 6pm.







Location & dates:

Springvale Community Hub 5 Hillcrest Grove, Springvale 30 September 2,4,7 and 11 October

**Harmony Square** 225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong 23 and 25 September and 9 October



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## Ngày Vui Chơi Tại Trang Trại Myuna!





DÀNH CHO THÀNH VIÊN CỦA NHÓM THAM GIA - CÔNG ĐỒNG HỖ TRƠ NGƯỜI KHUYẾT TÂT

## THỨ BẢY, NGÀY 28 THÁNG 9 NĂM 2024 10:30 SÁNG ĐẾN 2H CHIỀU TRANG TRẠI MYUNA, 182 KIDDS RD DOVETON, PHÒNG RIVER GUM.

\$10 Mỗi gia đình. Vui lòng mang theo thẻ đồng hành của người khuyết tật. Cảm ơn.

Vui lòng RSVP gọi MIA 0449 562 979 (nói tiếng Việt và tiếng Anh) HOẶC Samantha 0406 229 071 HOẶC Quét mã QR.





Hãy tận hưởng phút thư giãn ngắn dành cho phụ huynh của chúng tôi... Trong khi con bạn tham gia các hoạt động vui chơi, hãy dành 5 phút để tiếp thêm năng lượng với massage và thiền đinh...





# FUN ON THE FARM! -COME PET & FEED FARM ANIMALS, ENJOY GAMES & ART & CRAFT, LUNCH PROVIDED

For Participants of the Join In / Tham Gia Disability Support Community

SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2024

10:30AM - 2PM

182 KIDDS RD, DOVETON IN THE RIVER GUM ROOM

\$10 Per FAMILY

Please bring your disability companion card

Thank you

## RSVP:

PLEASE CALL MIA 0449562979
(VIETNAMESE & ENGLISH
SPEAKING)
OR SAMANTHA 0406 229 071
(ENGLISH SPEAKING)
OR SCAN THE QR CODE







ALSO ENJOY OUR....

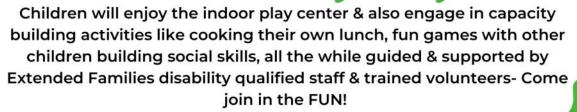
## **Parents Mini Retreat**

While your children are engaged in fun activities, take 5 mins to recharge with a min massage & meditation...









SATURDAY, 21ST SEP 2024 10 AM - 1 PM

<u>6 Elonera Rd, Noble Park North</u>

Please Bring your Disability Companion Card. Thank you

## **RSVP**:

Please call Mia0449562979
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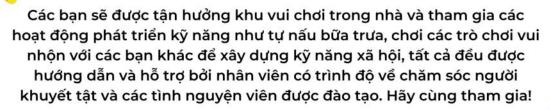


FAMILY

For Participants of the Tham Gia/ Join In Disability Support Community



## KHU VUI CHơi LOLLIPOPS & THỬ SỨC CÙNG NấU ăN!



## THỨ BẢY, 21 THÁNG 9, 10AM-1PM

TAI 6 Elonera Rd Noble Park North.

Vui lòng mang theo thẻ đồng hành dành cho người khuyết tật. Cảm ơn!

Vui lòng RSVP: Gọi cho Mia 0449 562 979 (nói tiếng Việt và tiếng Anh) hoặc Samantha 0406 229 071 (nói tiếng Anh) Hoặc quét mã QR.

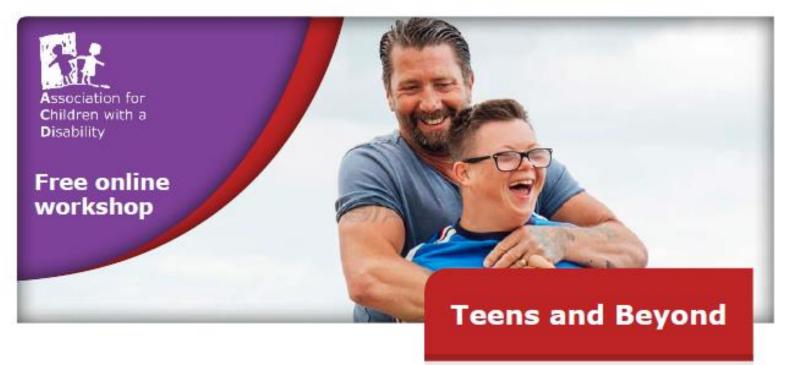


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Sự kiện này dành cho các thành viên của Cộng đồng Hỗ trợ Người khuyết tật
Tham Gia/Join In.



## Do you have a child with disability aged 13+?

### Then this FREE workshop is for you!

This popular series will give you practical information, skills and confidence to navigate the teenage years.

This is the only workshop that covers the full range of information relating to teenagers with disability in one place.

#### More information:

- A three-part workshop. Each session is 2.5 hours.
- Content is intended for families of children with disability in Victoria only
- Bookings are essential
- Professional workshop facilitators are parents of young people with disability

#### Workshop dates:

- Monday 14, 21 & 28 October 7:00 pm
- Tuesday 15, 22 & 29 October 10:00 am
- Wednesday 16, 23 & 30 October 7:00 pm

### Topics include:

- Financial support
- Getting the right NDIS support for your teen
- School and post-school options
- Wellbeing: friendships, communication, behaviour support and good mental health

### Read more and register now



bit.ly/TEENSoct24

#### Contact us



educate@acd.org.au 03 9880 7000 or



1800 654 013 (regional callers)



For the safety of all our students, please close the front gate after yourself. If you prefer, there is a pedestrian gate immediately in front of the School Office. Please drive slowly through the carpark and beware of students and staff.

