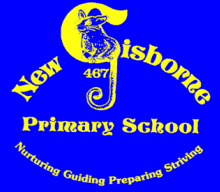


Newsletter

Principal: Shane West
School Council President: Nial Muecke

Ph: 5428 2232



Dear Parents/Guardians

End of Term

What a jam-packed term we have just had. So many fantastic learning experiences across the school that my head spins. We have had camps, PAC, swimming, cross country, photos, BBQs, meet and greets, excursions, Naplan, emergency drills, dress up days and in all of that we have provided a fantastically comprehensive literacy, numeracy and specialist program. Thank you to everyone who donated to our Royal Children's Hospital Appeal. It is amazing how many of our families have needed to access this service. Also a huge thank you to our teachers and students for making Term 1 such a success.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Easter and a safe and happy holiday. I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 20th April.

Canteen

We look forward to the return of our canteen in Term 2. There is already information on our Facebook page and newsletter on how you can support Patti by volunteering your time to help in the canteen. The success of the canteen is reliant on getting a steady stream of helpers to support us.

2027 Foundation Enrolments

Enrolment forms will be available to download from the Department of Education website, our school website or collect at the office from the 20th April, 2026.

2027 Parent Information Sessions will be run at New Gisborne Primary School. A daytime session will take place on **Thursday 30th April from 12pm-1pm** and an evening session on **Tuesday 12th May from 6pm-7pm**. These sessions will also include a brief school tour.

2027 Foundation School Tours will run on Monday mornings at 10am, by appointment only, commencing Monday 27th April. They are led by our student leaders. Foundation School Tour bookings and Parent Information Session bookings can be made via TryBooking. Information and booking details have been posted on the our website: newgisps

Last day of Term

Thursday 2nd of April will be the last day of Term 1 and we will have a **2:30pm dismissal** on this day. School resumes on Monday 20th April.

Shane West
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

April

2nd	Whole School Performing Arts Competition (PAC) Last Day of Term 1, 2:30pm Dismissal
20th	First Day of Term 2
23rd	District Cross Country (Select Students)
27th	Rescheduled District Softball (Select Students)
30th	2027 Foundation Information Session 12pm-1pm

May

1st	Parents' Association Meeting 9am (Staffroom)
6th	Foundation Wacky Wednesday
5th	District AFL 9's (Select Students)
7th	PA Mothers Day Stall
8th	Yr 3-6 House Athletics
12th	2027 Foundation Information Session 6pm-7pm School Council Meeting 7pm (Staffroom)
14th	Yr1- Toys Over Time -Incursion
15th	District Soccer
20th-22th	PA Book Fair
25th	Curriculum Day– Pupil Free

Wellbeing



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Wellbeing at NQPS Term 1 week 10

10 tips for surviving school holidays

While school holidays are a welcome break from the busyness of school routines, there is never a break from parenting. The following tips will help you have fun and connect with your kids so you make the most of the school holidays:

1. Plan

- Get your kids involved in making a list of activities that they would like to do
- Plan for good and bad weather
- Schedule downtime as well as time for one-on-one and family group activities.

2. The best things in life are free

- Make sure the list includes plenty of free activities such as picnics, bike rides, trips to the beach, the local library and the great outdoors.

3. Boredom is good

- Unstructured time and time away from electronic devices is good for young minds.

4. Use opportunities to teach new skills and self-reliance

- Not having the pressure to rush out the door in the morning can allow for kids to develop new skills such as getting their own breakfast and lunch, taking the dog for a walk or going to the shops by themselves.

5. Ask for help

- Don't be afraid to ask for help to share the load. For example, asking friends or family to help care for children or to provide assistance in other ways.

6. Accept that things may not always go to plan

- Even the best made plans may need to be discarded at the last minute due to unforeseen events such as weather, illness or accidents. Whilst stressful, these unforeseen events often teach us and our kids valuable life lessons and may even become the source of family stories down the track.

7. Don't forget self-care

- Look after yourself and take time out to relax, even if it's half an hour whilst you have a cuppa and read a book. Remember, happy and relaxed parents make for happy children.

8. Support and company

- Having a support system can be crucial to any parent. It also gives parents the opportunity to interact with other parents whilst giving the kids a bit of play time.

9. Consider your child's mental health and wellbeing

- Whilst it may be a family tradition to go on an annual family holiday or attend a family dinner, consider if it's really worth maintaining the tradition when it may be at the cost of mental health and wellbeing.

10. Holiday connections help us the rest of the year

- School holidays provide unique opportunities to connect with, listen to and get to know your kids. Use the time to spend one-on-one time with each family member.



Thanks to parentline.org.au

Kerry Morris

Mental Health and
Wellbeing Leader

Performing Arts

Term 2

Music

Term 2 is our music term. Foundations and Year1's will focus on the foundations of music through percussion instruments and the glockenspiel. Years 2-6 will continue to build on those foundations and play the ukulele. We invite students, from Years 2-6, who have a ukulele to bring it to our lessons, however we also have class sets if needed. Students who bring their ukulele to school will learn how to tune and play their instrument. Please ensure that your child's name is clearly visible on the Ukulele so that they can be returned to the owners.

Harmonica Incursion: Wednesday 29th April

As a way to enrich our music program students have the opportunity to participate in a harmonica incursion with Chris from 'Harp's A Breeze'. Students will work on developing their aural and rhythmic skills while reading and playing melodies on the harmonica. They will receive a harmonica and melody booklet to continue playing. The harmonica will be kept at school for the remainder of the term so that students can continue practising alongside our current program.

Choir

We are hoping to run two choir groups next term, depending on numbers. The first Choir group is opened to Foundation – Yr 2 students and will be led by Mrs Anikeev. The second Choir group is open to Years 3-6 and will be led by Ms Préaudet. A meeting for students to sign up will be held in Week 1. Each group will meet at lunchtime on days allocated, early next term. Announcements will be made for each group before lunch. If this is something your child might be interested in, please encourage them to listen out for announcements and attend the meeting.

Music Soiree: Save the Date

As part of music unit, we hold a 'Music Soiree'. This year it will be held on **Thursday 11th June 2026** at **Gisborne Secondary College's Barcham Theatre**.

Our choirs will perform that evening along with students who would like to showcase their singing and musical talents. Students from keyboard and guitar are also invited however, it is not compulsory for them to perform. Students who are interested in showcasing their talent have been asked to choose and practise their item over the holidays. As we want to ensure that everyone has a positive experience, we are encouraging students to be confident and smooth with their item. We will audition our showcase items in Weeks 2-3. Alice and Aaron will audition their students. During this process, we will determine whether their chosen piece is appropriate, achievable, and workable within the limited time we have. This ensures that all students have a positive and successful experience on stage.

As part of the preparation leading up to the evening, we discuss the part that nerves play when performing and how to work with it. We will not place a student on stage if we believe their performance piece is not yet ready. Other performance opportunities will be offered to them when they are. Again, this is to ensure a positive and successful experience on stage.

Help Wanted

School holidays are often a time for families to have a clean-out. If you come across any costumes (of any size) or puppets you no longer need, please consider donating them to the Performing Arts department.

Performing Arts

PAC DAY

What a day! The atmosphere was buzzing from the minute the students walked into the school grounds. Dressed in their colour to show House spirit, teams had some time to rehearse before performing to the other teams and a panel of judges. This year's competition was fierce with House Captains stepping up to the challenge by choosing songs, rewriting lyrics and creating choreography for their item. They led and directed their teams with great enthusiasm. The event had the desired effect of connecting our school community through some friendly fun competition. Special shout to the teachers and leadership team for supporting this event. Congratulations to everyone but especially to our PAC winners ... HURST!!!!!!



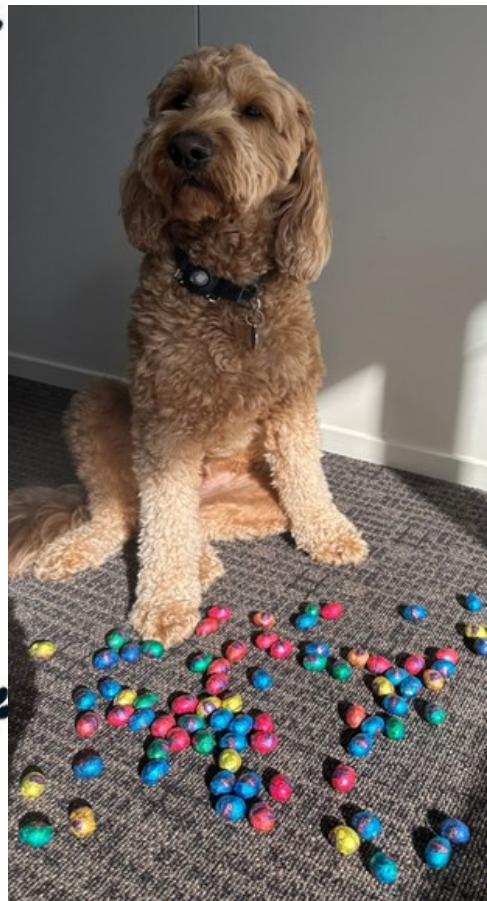
Chester Chatter

Chester was very excited to hear from his friends that everyone was having a great time guessing how many eggs were in the jar. Many classes used clever mathematical thinking to try to estimate the right amount.

“Can I have a turn?” asked Chester.

“You can guess how many eggs are in the jar,” his friends said, “but you definitely **may not eat** the eggs, that would make you very sick.”

So, Chester joined his friends guessing and counting eggs but would like to remind all of his furry friends out there in the New Gisborne Community to be very careful and stay far away from their humans’ chocolate eggs this Easter.



Energy Breakthrough



NGPS will once again be participating in this year's Energy Breakthrough competition held in Maryborough from Wednesday 18th - Sunday 22nd of November 2026.

Briefly

The Energy Breakthrough Challenge is a three-day event held in Maryborough in November each year. Each team comprises of up to 10 members of equal gender.

New Gisborne will participate in the Tryathon event in 2026. Students will maintain and race a recumbent tricycle throughout an obstacle course, sprint race and 8-hour endurance event. Students are also required to present their learning to a panel of judges in a 30-minute presentation.

Teams will meet during school lunches to train and rehearse their play. Interested parents and students are invited to visit <https://www.eb.org.au/> website.

An information evening for interested families will be held on Tuesday 28th April from 6.00pm in the staffroom.

If you have any further questions regarding the event, please contact the event coordinator Mr Ray Bell – ray.bell@education.vic.gov.au



GUESS WHAT...

Canteen is back!

TERM 2
WEEK 1

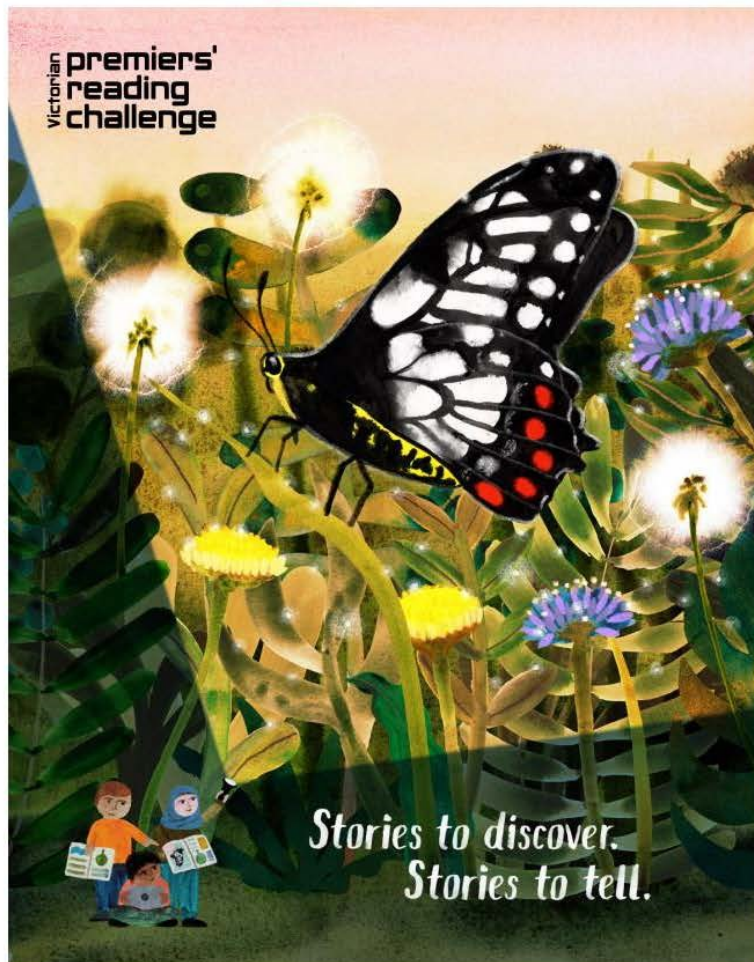
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Premiers' Reading Challenge

2026 Premiers' Reading Challenge



To register, visit
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The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is led by the
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Education
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of Education

Dear Families,

Please keep a look out for your child's username and password for the 2026 Premiers' Reading Challenge. It would be a great idea to take a photo of these details just in case they get lost!

As in the past, students in Years F-2 will need to read 30 books and students in Years 3-6, 15 books, to complete the challenge.

Further information can be found at: [Premiers' Reading Challenge | vic.gov.au](https://vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge)

Please see your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Challenge ends **4th September**





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Community– Rotary Gisborne Easter Hunt



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Community EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday 4th April 2026

Jacksons Creek Reserve (behind Coles)

Check-In opens at 10 am, \$5 per child

*Fun activities from 10am. Egg Hunts start at 11 am sharp,
with each age group in turn after more eggs are scattered.*

4 AGE GROUPS

- 3 years & under, with a parent
- 4, 5 & 6 years
- 7, 8 & 9 years
- 10, 11 & 12 years

*To make it fair for all children, at check-in every child
will be provided with a zip-lock bag of the same size
in which to collect their eggs and will confirm their
registration. Please no BYO bags, baskets, etc.*

SCAN TO GET EXPRESS ENTRY



ENTRIES: At trybooking.com/DJI0G , or ON SITE

*If the event is cancelled due to weather or bushfire, online entries will be refunded.
Inquiries: Tel 0493 870 635*



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New Gisborne Primary School

Address: 239 Station Rd NEW GISBORNE VIC 3438

Phone: 0405449832 **Program Times:** 06:30 am - 06:30 pm



**Tue
07 Apr** **Project: Into the Wild**

Step into the wild to create your very own magical world! Become an honorary forest sprite and create your own beautiful dome terrarium filled with wonder. And best of all, your magical world will come home with you!

Full Fee \$107.27 | After Max. CCS* \$10.73



Project

**Wed
08 Apr** **Big Art Day: Jungle Jamboree**

Welcome to Rocketeers Zool! What will we discover in the wild today? You can create your own animal habitat or go on a wild scavenger hunt. So join our journey into the wild!

Full Fee \$89.11 | After Max. CCS* \$8.91



Base Camp Day

**Thu
09 Apr** **Adventure: Climb & Bounce at AFL Max**

Climb, bounce, dodge and race through rock walls, trampolines, cargo nets, dodgeball, sprint screens and skill zones in one huge action-packed day!

Full Fee \$137.01 | After Max. CCS* \$13.70



Excursion

**Fri
10 Apr** **Project: Pranksters Paradise**

It's time to get your funny on! Get ready for a prank showdown that will leave you in stitches - all with the help of your very own prankster kit.

Full Fee \$107.26 | After Max. CCS* \$10.73



Project

**Mon
13 Apr** **Operation: Starship Explorers**

It's time for Takeoff! Join us for an intergalactic adventure and discover everything that floats in space. From planets to asteroids, your life as an astronaut begins today!

Full Fee \$76.11 | After Max. CCS* \$7.61



Base Camp Day

**Tue
14 Apr** **Big Art Day: Deck Designer**

Today is gonna be GNARLY!! It's time to turn your skateboard deck into a masterpiece. Forget the wheels! Let's switch things up and design, draw, and paint your own deck that will show off your personal style.

Full Fee \$113.19 | After Max. CCS* \$11.32



Project

**Wed
15 Apr** **Operation: Global Groove**

It's time to party and the whole world is invited! Let's turn up the music from around the world and dance to the rhythm of a different drum. Who knows? You might even find your new favourite song!

Full Fee \$76.11 | After Max. CCS* \$7.61



Base Camp Day

**Thu
16 Apr** **Project: Plus Plus Creations**

Build, stack, and create with Plus Plus! Use blocks and booklets for inspiration, then take home your own 100-piece Plus Plus tube to keep the fun going!

Full Fee \$113.13 | After Max. CCS* \$11.31



Project

**Fri
17 Apr** **Operation: Enchanted Explorers**

Calling all magical fairies! We are in need of your skills as the Rocketeers magical forest is filled with magical secrets waiting to be discovered. Adventure awaits!

Full Fee \$76.11 | After Max. CCS* \$7.61



Base Camp Day

Visit campastralia.com.au/rocketeers to join our next mission

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Cooking Competition

Mystery Box Challenge! Ages 9 - 13

When: Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th April
10.30am - 12.30pm

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Where: Macedon Ranges Health, 5 Neal St, Gisborne

Bookings essential



kristen.holding@benetas.com.au



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Get ready to think like a chef!

In this fun, hands-on cooking challenge, kids will open a surprise mystery box filled with fresh, healthy ingredients and create their very own masterpiece.

Participants will work in small teams to design a tasty, colourful snack - just like on MasterChef! There's no right or wrong answer, just plenty of creativity, teamwork and fun.

Our friendly judges will be looking for:

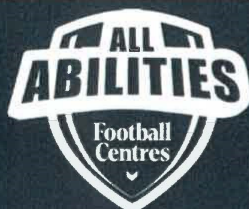
- ✨ Creative ideas
- 🍷 Colourful, nutritious choices
- 🍴 Eye-catching presentation
- 👏 Great teamwork

From rainbow veggie pinwheels to fruit parfaits and crunchy veggie cups, this session is all about building confidence in the kitchen while learning that healthy food can be fun and delicious.
Fast-paced and full of surprises!



HOW TO ENTER: Submit your completed hardcopy entry to Community Bank Lancefield, Community Bank Romsey, or the Woodend Visitor Information Centre by 4pm, 30 April 2026. Entries will be placed on public display. Each entry should have written on the back, child's first name, child's age, town/suburb, plus parent/guardian's first name and contact number. See 'Competitions' at visitmacedonranges.com/autumn-festival for Ts & Cs.

Community



MELBOURNE VICTORY HOLIDAY PROGRAM

In partnership with Special Olympics Australia, the All Abilities Football Centre will deliver a one-day holiday program for young people with disabilities, focused on skill development, friendship and inclusive, fun football experiences.

WHO

2 GROUPS:
Grade 1 - 6
Grade 7 - 12

WHEN

Wednesday
8th April
10am - 1pm

WHERE

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e-scooter riders cannot

- Ride on the footpath
- Use a mobile phone while riding
- Ride while under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- Carry passengers or animals or ride in tandem
- Ride a high-speed e-scooter, one capable of more than 25 km/h
- Ride on roads that have a speed limit over 60 km/h

e-scooter riders must

- Be aged 16 years and over
- Not exceed the maximum speed of 20 km/h
- Ride only on shared paths and roads that have a speed limit up to 60 km/h
- Wear a helmet at all times
- Follow traffic rules
- Use lights and reflectors



Scan the QR code to learn more

For more information (including community language translations)
transport.vic.gov.au/Road-rules-and-safety/E-scooter-road-rules



Department of Transport and Planning

Youth Road Safety Fact Sheet

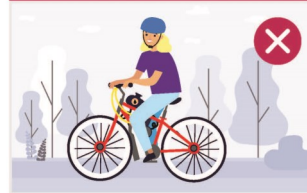


VICTORIA POLICE

Whether you're biking or riding an e-scooter, follow these simple road safety tips to stay safe and have fun on the move!

MODIFIED OR PETROL POWERED BICYCLES

- Illegal.



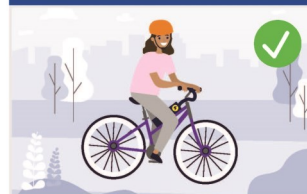
MOTORBIKES

- To ride on or off-road it must be registered with a full or recreation registration
- Helmet must be worn at all times.



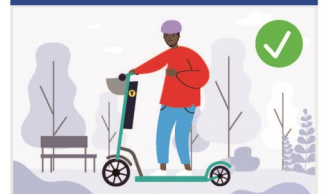
E-BIKES

- 25 km/h MAX speed
- Motor cannot provide power at speeds higher than 25km/h
- Helmet must be worn at all times
- No passengers
- Cannot be ridden on footpaths.



E-SCOOTER

- Be aged 16 yrs or over
- Max speed 20 kmph
- Helmet must be worn at all times
- No passengers
- Cannot be ridden on footpaths.



For more information, visit police.vic.gov.au/road-safety

Prospective Parent Evening

This event is aimed at families of current Grade 5 & 6 students



Thursday 30th April 2026



6.30pm start



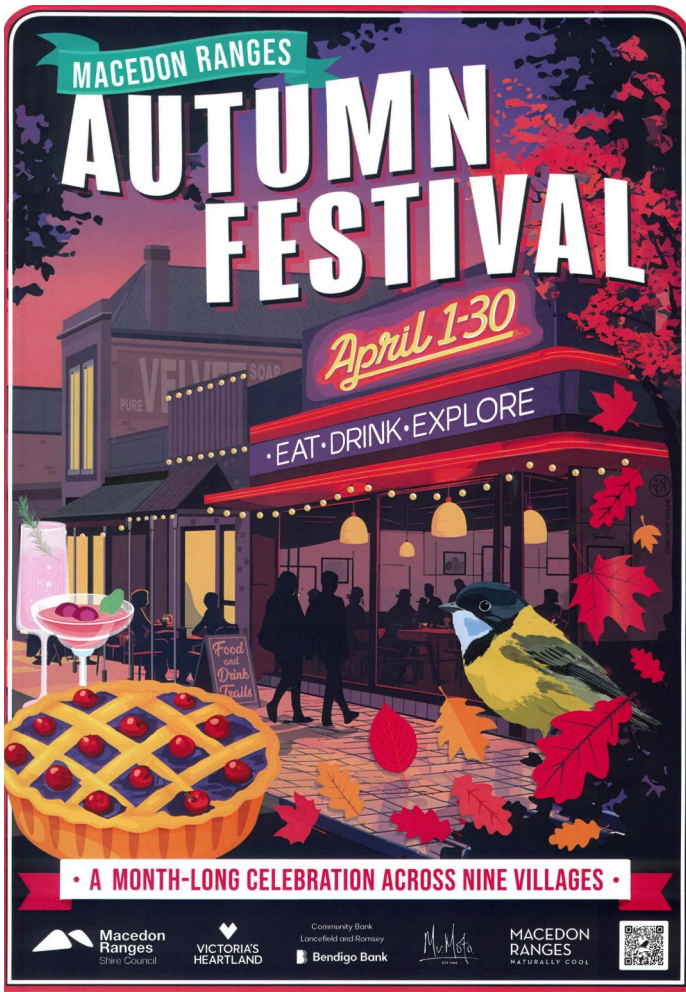
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 - ALL GIRLS SESSION -
 SATURDAY - 8:30AM - 9:15AM

WOODEND - BUFFALO
 FRIDAY - 4:45PM - 5:30PM
 SATURDAY - 8:30AM - 9:15AM

FOR MORE INFORMATION - AUSSIEHOOPS@MRBA.ORG.AU



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WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL - JUNIOR PRIMARY (GRADE 1/2) @ MRR SPORTS PRECINCT

THURSDAY 9 APRIL - INTERMEDIATE PRIMARY (GRADE 3/4) @ MRR SPORTS PRECINCT

FRIDAY 10 APRIL - SENIOR PRIMARY (GRADE 5/6) @ MRR SPORTS PRECINCT

COST - \$55

For more info contact: mrfskiz@gmail.com

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FRIDAYS 4:30 - 5:30PM

Starts 1st May 2026



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