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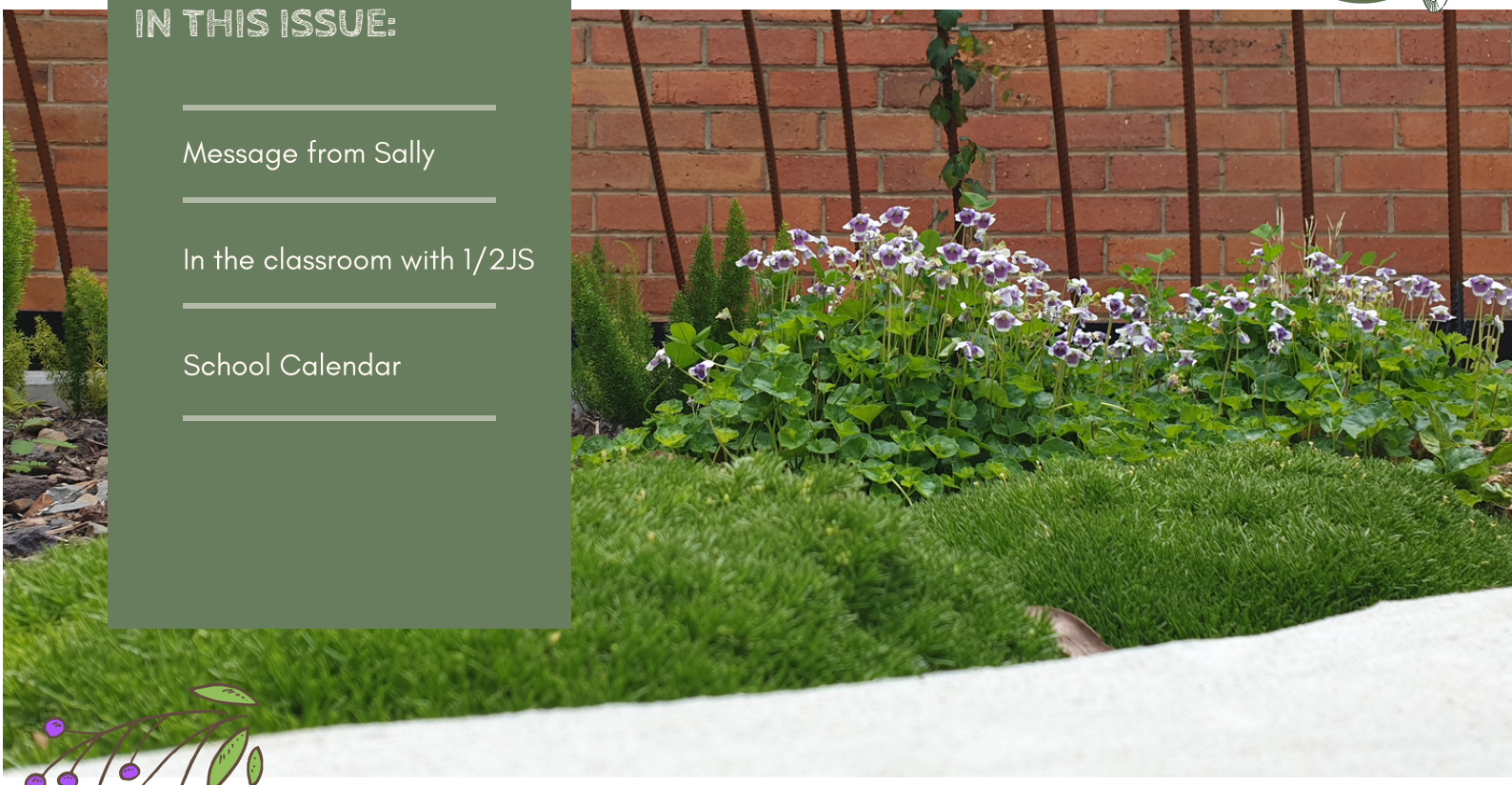

Message from Sally...

I'd like to thank you all for your care and support over the past two weeks. It has been the most challenging of situations but together we have pulled through. The storm coming as it did at the end of the Covid lockdown and remote learning period, has meant that our kids have had to come to terms with so much.

It is so important to give yourselves time to process what has happened; time to be sad, scared, emotional – whatever you feel. This is the same for the kids. We need them to know they have a right to feel what they feel and that is ok. We want to acknowledge their feelings and that they may be wobbly right now.

Having said that, I have been amazed at their resilience in the face of so much change. They were marvellous at Gladesville Primary School, which was a wonderful opportunity for all students involved to learn new things and make some new friends. I'd like to once again express my gratitude to Nicki Wood, her staff and community for all they did for us during our time there.

Thank you to all the amazing community helpers and volunteers who have donated their time, food and help to assist our community. There have been so many acts of kindness and generosity! I hope they all know how much we appreciate their kindness at this difficult time.

SEMESTER ONE STUDENT REPORTS

Due to the disruption caused by remote learning and the storm, we have had to postpone the release of semester one reports further until Thursday 23 July (after the holidays). Reports are delivered electronically via Compass. If you require a hard copy of the report, please inform your child's teacher of this request.

FAREWELL TO LAURA BLAKE

Laura Blake has decided to take extended leave for the remainder of the 2021 school year due to personal reasons. Sadly, this means that the students and staff will be saying goodbye to Laura this Friday. The Grade 3/4 students have loved having Laura as their teacher for the first half of this year; many of them were taught by her in their Prep year and have enjoyed her calm, kind and considered approach to teaching as they have transitioned to Grade 3 and 4.

We thank Laura from the bottom of our hearts for her tremendous impact on our students and wish her all the best for her future endeavours until we see her back with us.

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2022

Tours are able to resume in Term 3. Please let your friends and neighbours know that we would love to show them around our beautiful school. Please contact the office to book in for a tour or to request an enrolment form. If you know your child will be attending our school in 2022, please complete an enrolment form as soon as possible.

END OF TERM

This Friday is the last day of Term 2 and we will finish at 2.30 pm. OshClub is available for any families requiring it. Please enjoy using our school grounds over the holidays, within the safe zones, but if you see anything suspicious, please call the Belgrave Police Station 97546677 or notify the Department of Education's Incident Support and Operations Centre (ISOC) on 1800 126 126.

I hope that you all have a relaxing and blissfully unexceptional winter holiday. I look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 12 July for Term 3.

WARM REGARDS,

Sally.

IN THE CLASSROOM WITH

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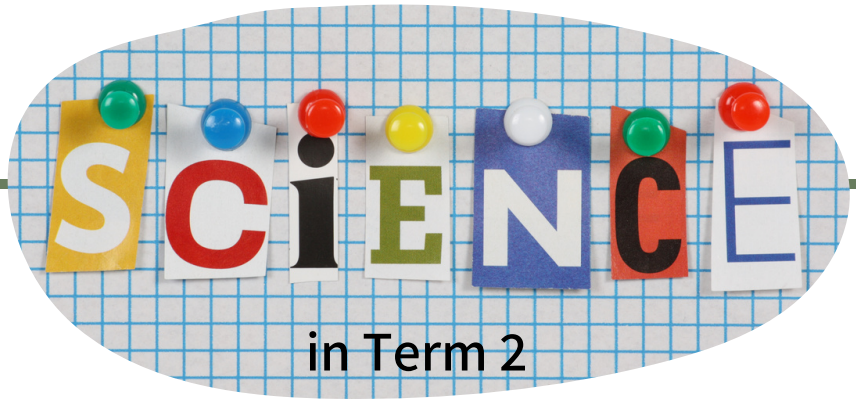
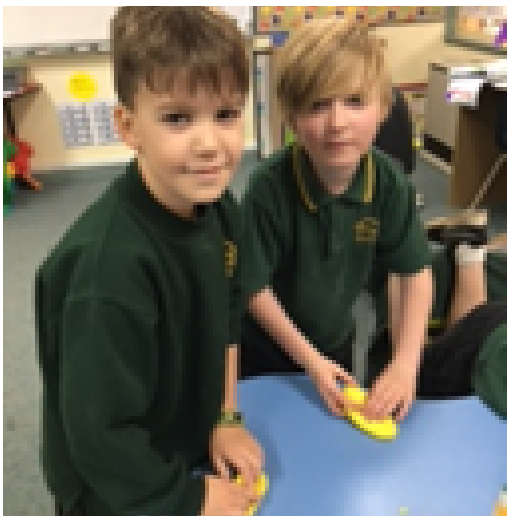


in Term 2

We made Playdoh with our special guest helper, Sally. We explored the properties of playdough.



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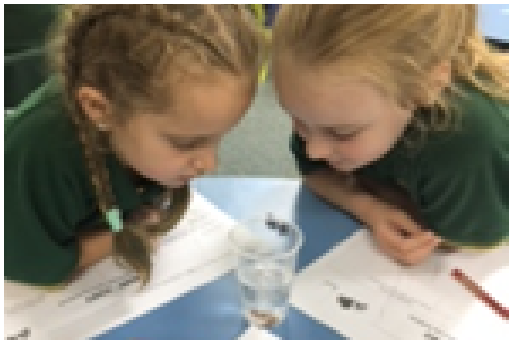
SCIENCE

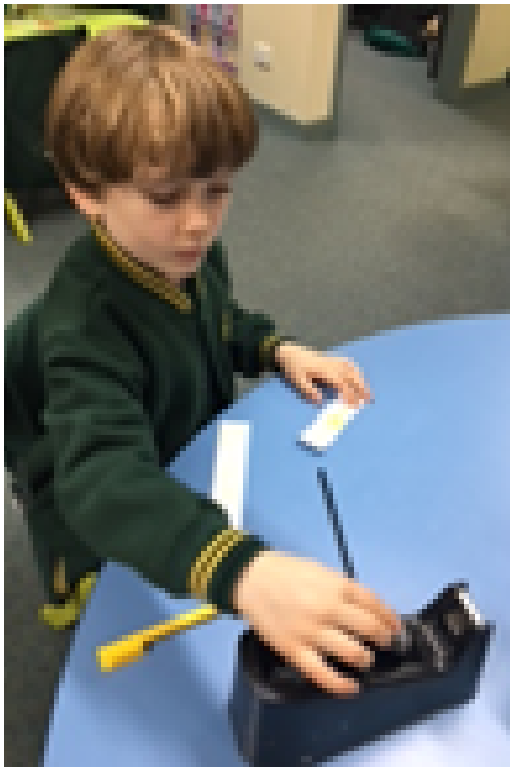
in Term 2

We looked at the reaction that occurs when Mentos lollies are tipped into a bottle of Lemonade.



We did an experiment investigating what happens to the colours in Skittles lollies.

We did an experiment to see if Sultanas can dance in Lemonade.



WE MADE HOOP GLIDERS!

Updated 23/6/21

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

MT DANDENONG PRIMARY SCHOOL
DISCOVER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
21	22	23	24	25 **Last day of Term 2-** **2:30pm Finish**
28	29 **S C**	30 **H O**	1 July **O L**	2
5 **H O L**	6	7 **I D**	8 **A Y**	9 **S**
12 **First day of Term 3**	13	14	15	16
19	20 **Grade 5 Transition Webex with Monbulk College**	21 **School Council**	22	23 **Reports Available via Compass**

-Mt Dandenong Primary School-

STEM ROBO LAB

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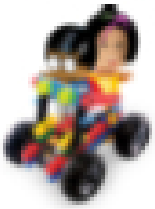

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https://www.trybooking.com/BRYWP

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YARRA RANGES COUNCIL
SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Jam with Paul the Music Man

Online Session
Available 26 June - 11 July

An interactive musical experience with Paul the Music Man for the whole family to jam, dance, rhyme, sing and have fun together.

FREE - for children 2-8 years

Let's All Sing Along

Live Interactive Online Sessions
- 10-10:30am, Thursday 1 July
- 11-11:30am, Wednesday 7 July

Bring your voice for singing, hands for actions and feet for dancing at this family singalong.

FREE - for children 1 year + and families
Registration required

Jungle Journey Yoga

Online Session
Available 26 June - 11 July

Calm the mind, strengthen the body and relax in this fun breath and movement session the whole family.

FREE - for children 2+ years

Healthy Home Made Goodies

Online Session
Available 26 June - 11 July

Murray and Vicki from Peacefarm introduce 2 yummy recipes and a nature creation that you can enjoy making at home.

FREE - for children 5 -12 years.

Mandala Making & Meditation

Online Session
Available 26 June - 11 July

Cat from Peacefarm will inspire you to create a mandala from natural treasures and a beautiful sound bath relaxation meditation.

FREE - for children 5-12 years

Film: Cruella

Yarra Ranges Cinema
Varied session times

Spot a spotty dog while enjoying the great new Disney film, Cruella at The Memo Healesville or Arts Centre Warburton.

Tickets required - Prices from: $9.00 - 14.50

For more information about activities, events and programs for families and children in the Yarra Ranges follow us on Facebook at 'Yarra Ranges Families' or visit our website at www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Community/Family, check out our creative events at www.culturetracks.info or contact us at Yarra Ranges Early Years on 1300 368 333

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To access these online sessions or to book film tickets please visit Yarra Ranges Council's School Holiday Activities page at:
https://www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Community/Family/School-holiday-activities

Yarra Ranges Council
Winter Family Fun Activities

Winter Verse:

Welcoming each season with regular family traditions like reading a seasonal verse at meal time or while out on a nature walk, supports children's connection to the environment and seasons, and provides a sense of belonging and security. Give it a go with your child at a regular time of day.

Winter, Winter cold and ice.
Toasty bright warm fires are nice.
Winter, Winter long dark night.
Walking by the lantern light.

Winter – Let's Do List

A simple activity to do as a family is to create a seasonal activity list. What fun experiences (big or small) can you come up with to try? Your list can be a handy tool to use to plan family activities on weekends and school holidays. Here are a few ideas:

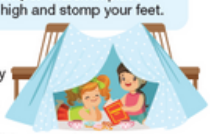
- Build a safe outdoor fire and toast a marshmallow.
- Make and drink a hot chocolate.
- Bake a special treat that reminds you of Winter (make it a yearly Winter tradition).
- Cut out paper snowflakes or raindrops.
- Make a fairy garden with tiny natural treasures found outside.
- Be the leader on an outdoor hike.
- Play with rocks by the riverside (skip, stack, count and search).
- Rug up and head outside to play flashlight tag as a family.
- Go star gazing on a clear night.

Animal Winter Workout

To help give children energy on a cold wintery day - get their bodies moving using this fun animal winter workout. Set a timer and complete each animal movement for 45 seconds, with a 15 second rest in between. Do as many as you can!

- **Frog Hops:** Squat down, hands between knees and bounce up and down.
- **Bear Walks:** Hands and feet on the floor, hold hips high and shuffle forward.
- **Crab Crawl:** Sit on the floor and place your palms flat on the floor behind your hips. Now lift up off the ground and scurry sideways.
- **Starfish Jumps:** Jump high with your arms and legs outstretched.
- **Cheetah Runs:** Run as fast as you can on the spot.
- **Elephant Stomps:** March in place lifting knees high and stomp your feet.

Build A Nest



As the Winter chill arrives, many animals retreat into burrows, tree hollows or dens to protect themselves from the cold.
Winter is the perfect time to build our own indoor nest or cubby, too. Children can make a teddy bear den; a tea party location; or for older children a snug safe spot to read and relax. With just a few pillows, sheets, or blankets they can create their own Winter nest in a quiet corner of your home.

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Yarra Ranges Council Winter Family Fun Activities

Winter Outdoor Fun

LOOK FOR INSECT LIFE:
Take a walk around your backyard or local park. Gently lift up sticks, rocks, dry leaves or small fallen branches to discover what is underneath. Can you see any insects? (hint - try cool damp places). You might like to photograph, draw or research the things you find.

ANIMAL OBSTACLE COURSE:
Using items that you find in your backyard (logs, toys, hula hoops, rope, branches), create your own obstacle course. Can you climb like a koala, balance like a possum, jump like a kangaroo or crawl like a wombat through your course?

ROCK HIDE AND SEEK:
Collect rocks on nature walks to use in outdoor games. With chalk, draw numbers or letters on the rocks, hide them around your yard, and then hunt to find them. Once found children can try sorting them into order.

Winter Window Nature Studies

WEATHER REPORT:
From your window look outside at the weather. Children can write a daily or weekly diary entry or create a chart of things they observe like: sunshine, cloud, wind, rain, snow, high/low temperatures and predictions. You can reflect together on the changes and patterns observed.

BIRD WATCHING:
From your window look outside.. how many birds do you see? Can you identify the different types? Write down the name and information about each bird (size, colouring, beak shape etc). Are there any birds that you don't know? Can you find out their names or more about them?

I SPY: Play 'I Spy' with a family member and choose only things from nature that you can see from your window!

Outdoor Winter Challenge: Twig Raft

The Yarra Ranges has many bubbling creeks and rivers to explore, and building and sailing your own tiny twig raft creations is a fun, nature-based activity the whole family can enjoy..

1. Go on a walk and gather natural materials like twigs, sticks, leaves, grass (for string) and bark.
2. Using only these materials, attempt to build a tiny raft that floats.
3. Once the raft is ready put it into your local creek or river and watch what happens. Does it sink like a submarine or speed away like a sailboat?

For more information about activities and events for children and families please follow us on Facebook at Yarra Ranges Families, visit our website at www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Community/Family or call us on 1300 368 333.

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Being a Dad

- Are you an experienced or new Dad?
- Do you have questions about being a parent?
- Is being a Dad different from what you expected or changed?

Parentzone and CfC are hosting a Dads' Night where your questions about parenting can be answered.

For Dads/ Dad-Carers only

- A light supper will be provided on the day

You are welcome to join us in person or online.

Date: Tuesday 29 June 2021
Time: 6:30 PM-8: 30 PM
Venue: ParentZone Hub
75 Army Road Pakenham

You can submit as many questions as you want. To ask questions and to register use the links below:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mpyiuRfTQb-T8VWoK58rkg

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BETTER TOMORROWS

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PREP 2022

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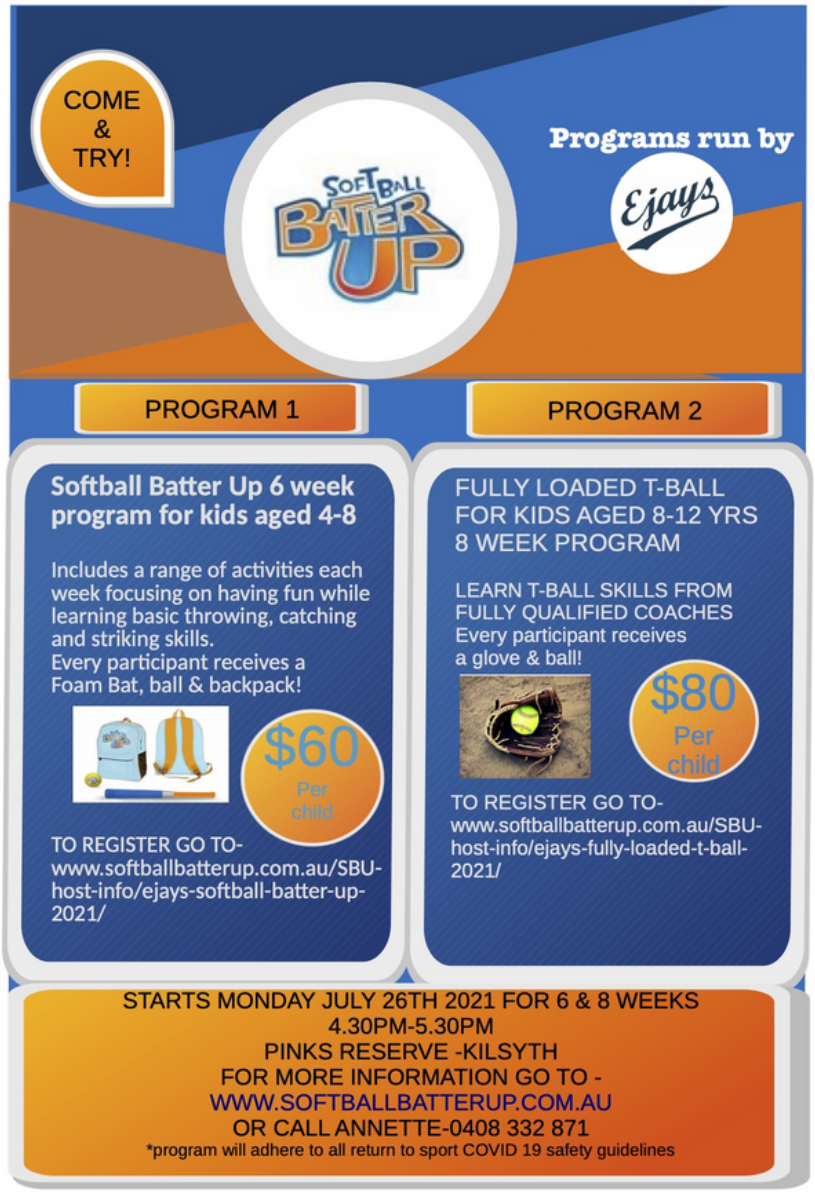

Net Set Go Introduction to netball for 5-9 year olds at Olinda Reserve Netball Courts, Mondays 4:30-5:30

Under 11s train at Olinda Reserve Netball Courts on Tuesdays 4:30-5:30 and play at Knox Regional Netball Centre Saturdays 10-11:00

Under 15s train at Olinda Reserve Netball Courts: Wednesdays 4:45-6:00 and play at Knox Regional Netball Centre Saturdays. We have two teams, a top age experienced team who play at 2pm and a mixed experience combined u13 and u15 team who play at 3:20pm

Open team doesn't train and plays at 2pm on Saturdays at Knox Regional Netball Centre

All details on **www.sfcnc.org.au** or call Janet on 0404 958 619

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Yarra Ranges Council

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