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<i>Wednesday 23 June 2021</i>	Breakfast Club at 08:30am
<i>Thursday 24 June 2021</i>	P&F Baker's Delight Food Day
<i>Friday 25 June 2021</i>	Last Day of Term 2 – Early Finish at 1:30pm
<i>Monday 12 July 2021</i>	First Day of Term 3
<i>Tuesday 20 July 2021</i>	MSP School Photos
<i>Tuesday 20 July 2021</i>	Parent Teacher Interviews

Principal's Report

We were very pleased to welcome our students back onsite last Friday after two weeks of Remote Learning and they are to be congratulated on how well they settled back into their class and school programs. Thank you to parents and carers for assisting your children with their Home Learning Program. We've said it before, but I think it bears repeating, that we appreciate that it's challenging for many families to assist your children to log on to digital platforms and complete their Remote Learning lessons and also complete your own tasks, whether you're working from home or trying to complete your normal daily responsibilities. The mental health and wellbeing of families is a priority for us, as well as improving student learning outcomes, and this is also mandated by DET for 2021. It's a credit to families and your children's resilience that most returned to school ready to pick up where they left off.

When planning for a possible/probable return to Remote Learning, we used our experience from our lockdown earlier this year, that the government preference seemed to be for shorter circuit-breaker periods if possible, rather than a return to long term Remote Learning. We referred to important feedback from families in 2020, regarding the challenges and stress for parents and carers of working from home, caring for younger siblings or other family members, whilst trying to assist with their children's Home Learning tasks, including logging on to watch instructional videos online or attend meetings. This feedback was factored into the tasks for Weeks One and Two of our Home Learning Plan, allowing families to reacquaint themselves with establishing routines and using digital platforms. If the lockdown had continued for longer than two weeks, we had plans in place to scaffold the inclusion of more online teaching groups and meetings for students, whilst still monitoring families' wellbeing and engagement levels, and offering support where necessary. Pleasingly, feedback from families when contacted during Remote Learning over the last two weeks was positive, with the majority of families indicating they were coping with the Home Learning regime. If any Parents and Carers have further feedback, apart from that given to class teachers, please email myself or Margaret.

We're looking forward to welcoming our family members and volunteers back on site in Term Three, if allowed. Guidelines may change over the weekend, however rather than 'chop and change' for the last week of term, we are keeping current practices in place, so we have consistent routines for our community for the

last week. In anticipation that restrictions will ease for Term Three and parents, carers and volunteers will be onsite, whether for outdoor assemblies or at drop and pickup times, we have a QR code that we will display near entry gates. As part of our COVID safe plan, parents and carers will be required to sign in with the QR code when you enter the school grounds. Any family members, volunteers or contractors who are inside the building for 15 minutes or more will also be required to sign in at the office with our COMPASS system as part of our Emergency Management procedures. We thank everyone in advance for adhering to our COVIDsafe protocols.

On a different note, we've had some wild and wintry weather over the last week. I sincerely hope that our GPS community or your extended families weren't adversely affected by last Wednesday night's storm. We had some damage at school to our water tank outside the Grade 1/2 classrooms, however this has since been repaired. Fortunately, we are able to have contractors onsite for essential work, especially OH&S safety maintenance. Over the term holidays we plan to have the spoon drain outside the Grade 5/6 classrooms replaced so that water will flow into the drain, rather than collect in a large puddle.

We also have a willing band of helpers who are knitting and crocheting a new 'sleeve' for our Friendship Tree and the tree on the corner of the circuit. When the sleeves were created last year, they greatly enhanced the trees and drew a great deal of positive feedback from the wider community. Exposure to the weather has taken its toll and the sleeves are now needing to be restored to their former glory. We thank our volunteers for donating their time and expertise to this project to enhance our school grounds. If any family members would like to assist with the knitting and crocheting, please contact Ros R. on 0406 526 637.



Assessment, Reporting and Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thank you to the staff for their diligence and hard work in evaluating student results and writing reports. Staff spend many hours on this process and whilst it is a normal part of their role as teachers, they have demonstrated their deep knowledge of the students they teach and reported accurately to parents so that our students' social and academic progress can be celebrated. Areas for improvement and future learning were also identified and these will be the focus for future learning in Semester Two.

Reports for students will be sent to parents and carers via COMPASS tomorrow afternoon, Friday 18th June at 4pm. Under current DET operational guidelines, we are unable to have face to face Parent/Teacher interviews this term to discuss your child's progress. We are therefore rescheduling P/T interviews on the second Tuesday in Term 3, Tuesday 20th July. Bookings for interview times will once again be via our COMPASS platform and will go live next Monday 21st June at 5pm. If any families need assistance with your logon details for COMPASS, please contact the office. If any parents/carers require a hard copy of your child's report to be sent home, please contact your child's class teacher.



We have a very caring and inclusive culture at GPS, and this was highlighted recently when one of our Grade 3/4 students, Tyler, noticed that two of our Prep students, Alex and Mary, were having difficulty mastering a new game. Tyler patiently explained how to play the game and stayed to coach and encourage their efforts. Well done, Tyler!

As I informed families via COMPASS at the beginning of the week, I am currently on Long Service Leave, returning next Tuesday 21st June. I am very appreciative that NSW opened its border to Victoria in time for me to attend my granddaughter's birthday. In the meantime, it's business as usual at school, with Margaret taking the role of Acting Principal in my absence. This newsletter was finalised Tuesday 15th June, so if any of there are any updates, Margaret will send information home via COMPASS.

Angela Morrìtt

Principal

Go Girl - Virtual Event held 26th August 2021

Go Girl, Go for IT is a fun, virtual and free 1-day technology conference for girls in years 5 - 12 across Australia. It will be loaded with workshops, presentations and discussions - to inspire and excite girls for further studies and a career in IT. After a successful virtual event last year, they're back in 2021 to continue to inspire girls.

It's absolutely free! Please express interest by completing the form on the website and securing your spot! Official registrations open 18th June 2021. A common perception is that 'IT' means coding. Go Girl, Go for IT challenges that view and aims to excite and engage female school students by introducing them to this world.

The one-day event focuses on inspiring students with fantastic role model speakers, showcasing technology of the future and challenging any preconceptions of what a career in IT might look like. It opens up the possibilities of following careers in everything from analysis to user design to development to data science (just to name a few!). Dozens of hands-on workshops, presentations and discussions provide girls with the right kinds of information to help them discover what a career in IT could mean for them.

Link to Go Girl:

<https://www.gogirl.org.au/>

Link to EOI:

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=gFDebDm3Z0WeKPME7ZxY9jerSszhK-hDvcXKS3Q-zNhUN1UxMUFIMEpUUk4zSTdYQjFFR0dTVzNUQi4u>

Get Active Kids-Free voucher up to \$200

Do your children love sport and getting active? Does your family have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card? You may be eligible for up to \$200 to support your child's sport and active recreation activities. Find out more at www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers

Round 2 of the Get Active Kids Voucher Program is now open and closes on 9 July! The \$21 million Get Active Kids Voucher Program is a Victorian first and supports children to get involved in organised sport and physical activities by providing vouchers valued up to \$200 each, to help eligible families with the cost of memberships or registration fees, equipment or uniforms. The Program will support 100,000 vouchers and help Victorian children to get back on the pitch, court, the nets, field or in the pool – to have fun with their friends. The Program is part of Get Active Victoria, which is helping families to move more, every day.

Round 2 is NOW OPEN, visit www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers for more information.

\$250 Power Saving Bonus

The \$250 Power Saving Bonus for Pensioner Concession recipients and some Health Care Card holders (including JobSeeker, Youth Allowance, Austudy and Abstudy recipients) is now available. Before submitting an application for the bonus, please read the eligibility requirements.

Eligibility Requirements:

- ✚ You must be a Victorian residential energy consumer (i.e. have a residential electricity account).
- ✚ You must be receiving payments under one of the following concession programs:
 - Centrelink Pensioner Concession
 - JobSeeker, Youth Allowance, Austudy or Abstudy
 - Department of Veterans Affairs Pensioner Concession
 - Or hold a Department of Veterans Affairs Gold Card
- ✚ Pension Concession Card holders who are not receiving payments, and Health Care Cards holders who are not receiving Youth Allowance, JobSeeker, Austudy or Abstudy payments, are not eligible.

For more information, please log on to <https://compare.energy.vic.gov.au/>

2022 Prep Enrolments

If any families have siblings of current students who are starting school next year, please contact Mehgan at the office and lodge an enrolment form. If families know anyone who is coming to Greensborough Primary next year, please encourage them to register their details as soon as possible. We have already had a number of enquiries and school tours for places in 2022 and the sooner we get a sense of our intake for next year, the sooner we can start planning for grade structures.

The new improved Compass App is here!

Compass have listened to customer feedback and have added new features to the Compass App to help with school-to-home communications. Available on the App Stores today.



Let's take a look at what's new.

Newsfeed Sort Function

Parent/carers can now sort their newsfeed by 'most important' or 'most recent.' The default view will place important school posts first, but users can now toggle the feed view to ensure they don't miss a post.

Important News

NewsFeed posts that are marked as a priority by the school will be highlighted with an 'important news' banner so they can't be missed by parents/carers.

Save Posts

To make posts easy to find we've added a handy bookmark. Parent/carers can now bookmark any Newsfeed posts they want to keep for reference, such as upcoming event information that they may need after they have consented. When they no longer need the post, they can simply 'unsave'.

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Premiers' Reading Challenge

It has been wonderful to see so many students continuing to read during the recent Remote Learning. The following students have begun the Premiers' Reading Challenge:

- Prep:** Alex, Mary, Billie G, Shyamala, Lily and Victor.
1/2A: Lachie G, Jay, Rohan, Tomas R, Lizzie and Evelyn H.
1/2B: Stirling, Anjali and Jacob B.
3/4A: Charlotte, Maisie, Joel L and Hunter.
3/4B: Patrick, Bella, Hugo, Riley M, Liam and Thomas H.
5/6A: Sienna N.
5/6B: Aiden L, Will, Sofia, Daniel, Reece W, Alysha and Sienna W.

The Premiers' Reading Challenge is open until September 17th and we would love to see as many students participate as possible. If you would like to select Premiers' Reading Challenge Books as part of library borrowing, Mrs Farley is happy to help.

Happy reading everybody!

Claire Storey

PRC Coordinator



Library News

This week it's lovely to be able to welcome the children back to the library. We are nearly at the end of Term Two and in Term Three we will celebrate Book Week at Greensborough Primary School. During the week of August 23rd - 27th we will hold our annual Book Week festivities, including our Book Fair and Book Parade. Keep your eyes peeled next term for our Book Week flyer.

As the holidays are fast approaching can those children who have overdue books, please return them to the library. Children are allowed to borrow for the holidays but if you would prefer them not to please let them know.

In Term Three the children in Grades 3 - 6 will attend Library lessons. The children in the junior grades will visit the library with their class teacher. The library will be open before and after school on Wednesdays if children would like to borrow or select books for the Premiers Reading challenge.

Happy Reading,

Jen Farley

Teacher Librarian



Audiences Left Stunned



Audiences were left *stunned* on Friday morning (11th June) when puppeteers visited G.P.S. Jaws dropped as audiences laughed, gasped and sobbed their way through the acts!

"I cannot believe they were puppets", echoed audiences as they left the theatre.

Unconfirmed reports of an audience member *'fainting in delight'* echoed around the room. Believed to be the teacher from 3/4A, reports at this time remain unconfirmed.

Critics are calling it the *best thing* to happen to modern theatre since theatre was made! Though this journalist is no expert, if the reports from critics are to be believed, this is something that will be spoken about long after the curtains have been drawn.

'Breathtaking'

- *The Daily Times*

'One For The Ages'

- *The Times*

'A Must See.'

- *3/4 Teachers*

'Shakespearianesc'

- *W. Shakespeare*

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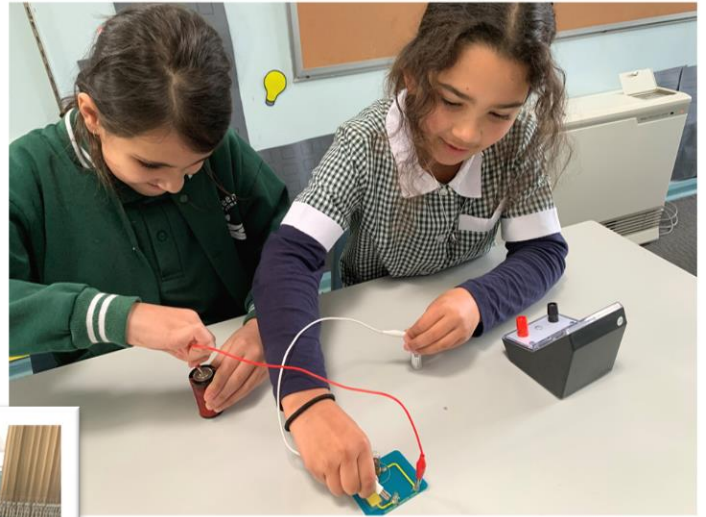
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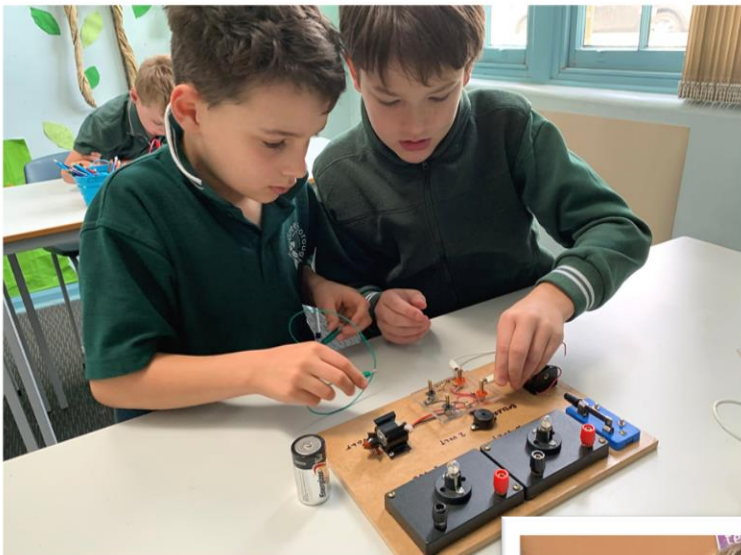


It's been so fantastic having the students back on site this week and we have certainly been making the most of it!

Our grade 5/6s continued their City Robots program and (via a zoom lesson) began coding the robots they built before remote learning. The 5/6s did a fantastic job and they all coded their robots to be able to do their own excited cheer when they kicked a goal.

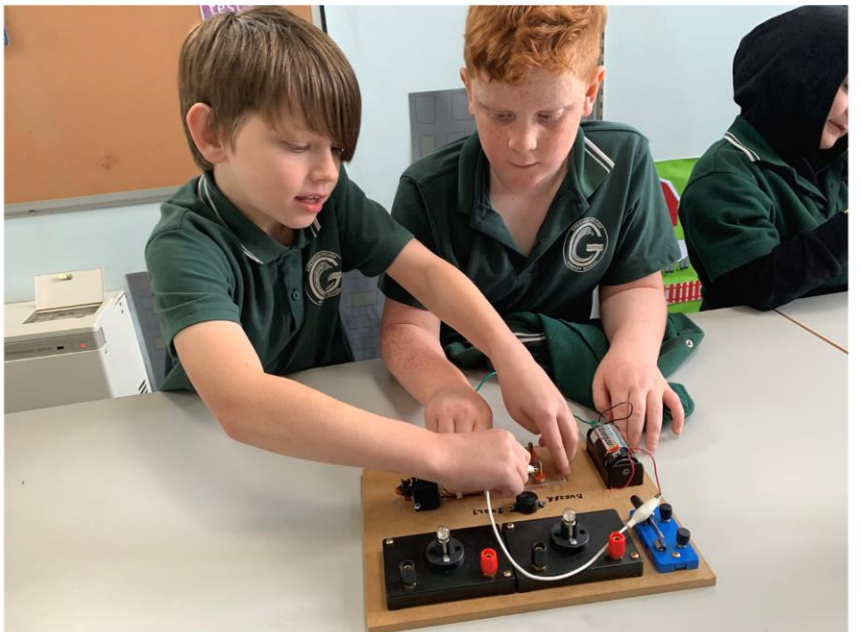


Our 3/4s this week began exploring electrical currents and circuits. We had heaps of fun exploring voltmeters, batteries, torches, light globes and how circuits can be connected together to incorporate lots of different objects.



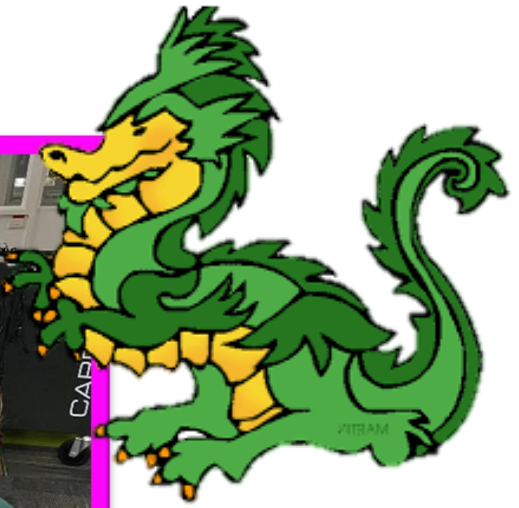
We are looking forward to next week for our final week of STEM for the year!

Mrs Samantha Steer
STEM Specialist Teacher



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Victorian Challenge and Enrichment Series- History Challenge – Investigating Ancient China



On the 16th June, nine students from 5/6 participated in an online meeting about Ancient China. We all learned about historical artefacts and how they were found. Our personal experience learning about the National Gallery of Victoria was excellent as we played lots of fun games. We did four activities which included sketching mysterious items, a guessing game, 'I see, I think, I wonder' activity and we wrote our perspective of an artist who destroyed historical items. Thank you to Mrs Darling for organising this event.

By Sienna N, Holly and Evelyn B.

Daniela Darling
High-Ability Practice Leader

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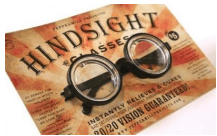
STUDENT WELL-BEING

WELCOME BACK



Hi Everyone,

As I am typing this newsletter article, I am mindful that some of you may be tackling the aftermath of Wednesday night's storm. I trust and pray that you are all safe and well.



We often discover things about ourselves and others in **HINDSIGHT**. Looking back and noting all the ways you, your family and community have found ways to cope and new thoughts on what is important throughout 2020 and the lockdowns of 2021, plus other life events, is an important step in developing and growing in **RESILIENCE**.

Also focusing on the **GOOD AND IMPORTANT** things and **REACHING OUT** develops **GRATITUDE** and **EMPATHY**.

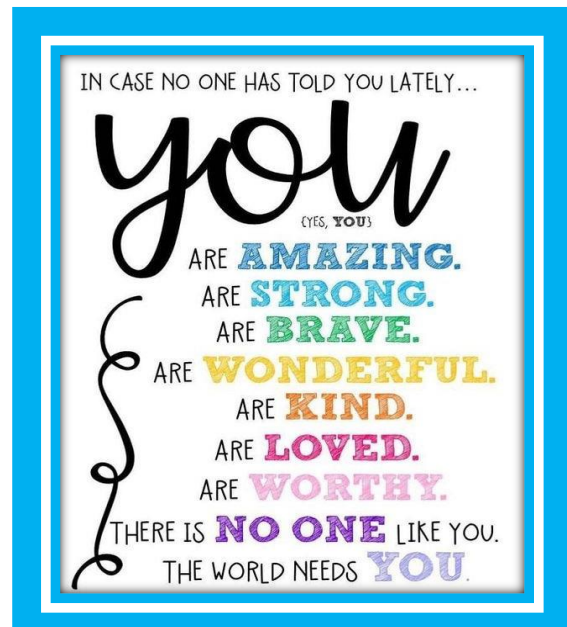
This, in turn, helps to reduce **ANXIETY** – along with mindfulness exercises such as deep breathing, and physical exercise.

A great activity for your family would be to make a couple of posters which can be displayed at home:

A Resilience poster:

- ❖ Listing or drawing all the ways you, both individually and as a family, have coped over the last 18 months and at other difficult times – activities, communication, ways of reaching out, etc...
- ❖ A Gratitude poster: Each person lists/draws what they are thankful for

Very soon you should discover –



TAKE CARE and enjoy the upcoming term break!!

Robyn Mulholland

Student Wellbeing

Mondays 10:00am to 3:00pm & Wednesdays 8:30am to 1:30pm

robyn.mulholland@education.vic.gov.au

WATTLE GLEN

Breakers

BASKETBALL CLUB



REGISTRATIONS

OPEN

JULY - DEC

COME AND JOIN US!

We are a small club who welcome new player's and families. Our passion is basketball at any level! We believe that friendship & fun is a major part of junior domestic basketball. Through fun the children learn how to play the game we love.

We play in the Diamond Valley Basketball Association Domestic league. The new season will start in July when school is back & run through to December. No games in school holidays or long weekends.

Please contact the club
wattleglenbball@gmail.com
 or call Victoria 0439 132 746











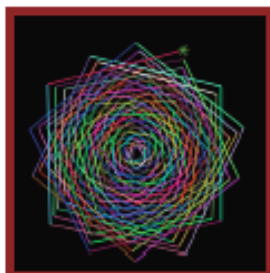


In a world where technology touches every aspect of our lives, it is crucial that our children understand how it works. To accomplish this objective, there is an exciting coding club running at the school.



DEVELOP SKILLS

- Creativity
- Logical thinking
- Problem solving

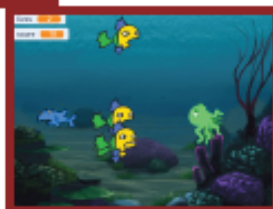


LEARN

- Computer Science Concepts
- Fundamentals of programming
Loops, Events, Randomness and more

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

- Scratch
- Python
- Javascript
- ... and many more



MAKE

- Games
- Web pages
- Apps

The club will run for 8 to 10 weeks each term (depending on the length of the term) and is charged on a per-term basis. Students will use school computer during the lesson.

9 WEEK TERM PROGRAM

Program for **Term 3 2021** is as follows:

Year levels: 3 to 6

Term Fee: \$135 + GST

LUNCH TIME

1:40pm – 2:25pm

BATCH

Friday's 16th Jul to 10th Sep 2021

Fill out the form online by
Thursday 24th June 2021



www.digimaker.com.au/enrol

Digimaker will confirm your child's spot via email**

** All important emails from Digimaker will be sent from info@digimaker.com.au. Please ensure this address is whitelisted in your Junk Email filters or added as a Trusted contact.

HOLIDAY E-LEARNING PROGRAM

**2 HOURS OF FUN FILLED CODING
FULLY SUPERVISED OVER ZOOM
(5 DAYS A WEEK!)**

<https://www.digimaker.com.au/events/school-holiday-coding-program/>

Newsletter



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

OSHClub Newsletter – Term 2 Edition 4

Hello everyone hope you are all doing well and that everyone is healthy and safe!

Another lockdown and once more we are so sad that we could not have all our children attending our service. It has been a quiet 2 weeks but we have managed to stay busy and the children attending the service have had lots of fun.

We have been taking every advantage of the good days and have been practicing our physical skills outdoors with lots of playground and netball court play.

We have been participating in our Moov games but because of the low attendance they are now moved to term 3! So we are all looking forward to it!

We have been preparing for our Vacation care program and we are very excited to say that we have some pre awesome events happening.

We have already sent out our holiday program to all of you and we hope you are excited as much as us! Make sure you book in advance so that your child/children can enjoy the vacation care program with us!



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Vacation Care Program. Come join us for lots of fun and games!!!!



25th June school early finish. Make sure you ensure your bookings.



We are kindly requesting if you could please provide us with any recycled materials as we are promoting sustainable practices in our service.



Newsletter



RECIPE

Yoghurt Bowls

Ingredients:

- Yoghurt (Vanilla, Strawberry or Peach and Mango)
- Muesli (nut free option)
- Frozen berries, or frozen mango, or frozen banana

1. Add yoghurt, Fruit and Muesli to a bowl.
2. Optionally add sliced fresh fruit.
3. Enjoy !



COMING UP

21st
June

World Music Day

25th
June

Red Nose Day

26th
June

Last day of term 2. School Early Finish at 13:30 pm

News update!

We have decided to delay the MOOV games to the first week of Term 3 to ensure the opportunity for all children to participate, support each other to succeed and be recognized and rewarded for their participation. This was not possible with the current restrictions on the number children being able to attend our services due to lockdown.

Vacation Care is fast approaching and brochures are available for our families highlighting our fantastic programs including excursions and incursions. Please feel free to come chat with us as we can provide much more information about our day to day activities. Also if you all really like us and what we provide on our daily basis to your children please refer us to your friends and their children it will be much appreciated.

Kind reminder as Term 2 is almost here please remember to book in for your child's/children's early finish session. We are going to have a End of term party with lots of fun activities and yummy treats!

