



# **.Greensborough Primary School - 2062**

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## **Borough Bulletin ~ 11 November 2021**

<i>Friday 19 November 2021</i>	<b>2022 Prep Orientation Session 3 – 9:30am to 10:30am</b>
<i>Tuesday 23 November 2021</i>	<b>Book Fair</b>
<i>Wednesday 24 November 2021</i>	<b>Book Fair Special Activity Day</b>
<i>Thursday 25 November 2021</i>	<b>Book Fair Book Parade</b>
<i>Friday 26 November 2021</i>	<b>2022 Prep Orientation Session 4 – 9:30am to 10:30am</b>
<i>Monday 29 November 2021</i>	<b>School Council Meeting – 6:30pm</b>
<i>Thursday 02 December 2021</i>	<b>Grade 2 Sleepover</b>
<i>Friday 03 December 2021</i>	<b>Prep &amp; Grade 1 Breakfast</b>
<i>Monday 06 December 2021</i>	<b>School Assembly – celebrating Jen Farley's Retirement 3:00pm</b>
<i>Tuesday 07 December 2021</i>	<b>Year 7 Orientation Day – TBC</b>
<i>Thursday 09 December 2021</i>	<b>Grade 6 Graduation</b>
<i>Monday 13 December 2021</i>	<b>Xmas Picnic – TBC</b>
<i>Tuesday 14 December 2021</i>	<b>2022 Meet &amp; Greet Teachers/Grades – 9:00am to 11:00am Class Picnics &amp; Student Kris Kringle</b>
<i>Wednesday 15 December 2021</i>	<b>Grade 6 Big Day Out – TBC</b>
<i>Friday 17 December 2021</i>	<b>Last Day of Term 4 – Early Dismissal – 1:30pm Tabloid Games &amp; Ice Cream Truck</b>

## **Principal's Report**

We are always proud to share the achievements of our students, and this includes our alumni. We were delighted this week to learn that one of our past students, Callista N. will be receiving an award for outstanding academic and leadership achievements at the 2021 Annual Awards Ceremony at Loyola College. Callista was an exceptional Greensborough Primary School Vice-Captain and it's no surprise that she has continued her leadership journey and academic success. We congratulate Callista and wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.



We're also very proud of our current School Captains, Sienna and Aiden, who have had their leadership skills recognised by Watsonia RSL and have been awarded a scholarship to assist with their Year 7 tuition. Unfortunately, an awards ceremony was unable to be held this year due to COVID restrictions, however Bill Wyndham from Watsonia RSL will visit the school to make a presentation to Sienna and Aiden. Bill rang the school to pass on his praise for the excellent manner that Aiden and Sienna represented GPS on Remembrance Day, as they attended the RSL service and laid a wreath on behalf of our GPS community.

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We are very proud that our School Captain's leadership qualities have been recognised and rewarded by the RSL and wish them all the best as they continue their leadership journey in Secondary School. Congratulations Sienna and Aiden!



Back at school our School Vice-Captains, Starr, Taegan, Adrian and Shanon, led our Remembrance Day service on the netball court. Our Leaders did an excellent job as they explained that our service was to commemorate the men and women who have served Australia in all wars and armed conflicts and read the Ode of Remembrance. The students in Grade Prep – Six observed a minute's silence and were very respectful of the occasions as our Student Leaders lay a wreath at the base of our flagpole.

### **Jen Farley's Retirement**

It is with mixed feelings that I announce the retirement of Jen Farley at the end of this year. Jen has had an outstanding teaching career and we have been very fortunate that she has shared her skills, expertise and love of literature with us at GPS since 2010. Jen's passion has ignited and inspired our students' engagement and curiosity and whilst she will be sorely missed at GPS, we wish her all the best as she embarks on this new stage in her life and spends more time with her wonderful family, friends and hobbies.

We invite our community to a special assembly on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm so that we can join together to acknowledge and celebrate Jen's career.

### **Book Week**

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone's Book Week costumes next Thursday as we all dress as a Book Character for our annual Book Parade. This is always a highlight of our year and, as it will be Jen's last parade, we're crossing our fingers for magnificent weather so we can be outdoors and have family members join us. The Book Fair will be in the Library and entry will be via the external door. Thank you to Jen for organising our Special Activities day on Wednesday, based on the short-listed books from the Australian Book Council.

### **Junior School Council**

Now that we're back onsite, our JSC members are working hard to raise funds for school projects. Friday icy-pole sales are booming, and we thank families for supporting JSC fund-raising efforts. I congratulate them on the \$133 they raised last week and look forward to them utilising their Student Voice to decide what projects they'll support.

### **Student Leaders 2022**

We are now well into the process of appointing our student leadership team for 2022. Last week our Grade Four and Five students were invited to nominate for our 2022 Student Wellbeing Leadership positions. At next Monday's assembly we will congratulate our successful candidates and present them with a certificate to acknowledge their new roles. Lynette Taylor, one of our Educational Support staff coordinates the Student Wellbeing leaders Program and she has met with our new leaders to begin training for their new positions. Over the next few weeks we'll work together to develop students' skills in: Active Listening, Asking Open-Ended Questions, Referring on to Teachers and Protocols at the Friendship Tree, in readiness for next year.

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November students will give their speeches for School Captain and in the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> December, students will give speeches to respective House members for House Captain and Vice-Captain positions. Our students put a great deal of thought into their speeches as they reflect on how they will make a positive contribution to our school and I wish them all the best as they strive for leadership positions.

## **Prep Transition**

Each Friday morning in November we host transition sessions for our 2022 Prep students and we're enjoying the opportunity to get to know each student and begin to build relationships with our new families. Darhian has made contact with kindergartens our students are currently at and has begun to visit the kinders and complete the handover of information to ensure a successful transition from kindergarten to school for our 2022 Preps. Our current Prep students are enjoying working hard with Mrs Mac to continue their learning program whilst Darhian engages with our new students.

## **Buildings and Grounds**

To encourage the use of outdoor learning spaces, grants of \$25,000 were available to schools to erect shade sails. We applied for a shade sail over the amphitheatre and were advised recently that we were successful. We're in the process of collecting quotes and we hope to have the installation completed as soon as possible. The sail will not only provide shade so classes can use the amphitheatre for outdoor lessons but will provide great sun protection during school assemblies.

Thank you to Wayne and Geoff for donating their time and expertise to complete essential maintenance tasks around the school and also improve our facilities. The seating they've built outside the Grade 5/6 classrooms is another valuable outdoor space for our senior classes to use. Les has also been diligently working in our garden beds and tidying our school grounds and we're grateful for his continued support of our school.

If any parents would like to donate some time to assist with weeding or laying mulch on garden beds near the amphitheatre, please contact the office.

The restumping of the heritage building is well underway and I thank families for using the other gates for entry and exits. Funding for the restumping is provided through our Planned Maintenance Grant, which will also be used for roofing repairs and resurfacing of the netball court.

## **Save The Date: End Of Year Twilight Picnic!**

We're all looking forward to our end of year picnic on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December. This family evening is one of the highlights of our school year and we're grateful that we are able to hold this outdoor event and celebrate together as a community. Teachers have organised activities for the evening and each grade will sing a Christmas Carol at the picnic. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner and we sincerely hope everyone can join us.

## **COVID Operational Guidelines Update – Vaccination requirements for parents and carers attending schools**

As stated in the weekend's COMPASS post, DET has updated our Operation Guidelines and parents are required to be vaccinated or have an exemption in order to enter school buildings or attend **indoor** school events. (Full details below).

Under the current guidelines, *parents do not have to be vaccinated to be outdoors onsite* and are able to enter the school grounds at drop off and pick up times. Our Christmas Picnic is an outdoor event, and, if the weather permits, our annual Book Week Dress-up Parade will also be held outdoors and all parents/carers may attend if they observe COVID-safe protocols, including social distancing.

Parents/Carers attending Student Support Groups meetings (SSGs) will have the option of an outdoor or online meeting, if they are unable to attend an indoor meeting.

Prep Transition will proceed with outdoor tea/coffee setup and parents will have the option to drop off and collect our 2022 Preps from the usual classroom door near the Friendship Tree.



## DET Vaccination requirements for parents and carers attending schools:

All parents and carers attending schools, including for drop off and pick up must adhere to physical distancing, density limits, face mask requirements and practise respiratory etiquette and good hand hygiene.

Parents and carers who enter school buildings must check in using the QR code.

Parents and carers who enter school buildings must also have had at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and must have had two doses of COVID-19 vaccine by 29 November 2021 or have a valid medical exception with the following limited exceptions:

- When attending to administer medical treatment to their own child when the treatment cannot be administered by the school
- When attending to collect their child who is unwell and cannot leave the school building unaccompanied by their parent/carer.
- When attending for a momentary period that does not involve any sustained contact with staff or students, for example, to collect a completed art project or similar.

Parents and carers attending any event or activity inside a school building including, but not limited to tours, graduations, kindergarten transition, whole of school events are required to show evidence of vaccination.

Meetings and other discussions (such as Student Support Group meetings) with parents and carers who do not meet vaccination requirements should be held virtually.

Parents and carers attending school sites for drop off and pick up who do not enter school buildings do not need to comply with vaccination requirements.

If any parents or carers have any queries about our COVID safe protocols, please don't hesitate to contact us.

*Angela Morrìtt*

Principal

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## Active Kids: Support For Families

Does your child love sport and being active? Does your family have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card? You may be eligible for up to \$200 to put towards the cost of your child's participation in physical activities. As children return to sport over the coming months, the Get Active Kids Voucher Program helps eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and active recreation activities.

Under the program, children may be eligible to **receive up to \$200** to help with the cost of membership and registration fees, uniforms, and equipment. The program also provides a special consideration stream to support children residing in care services as well as temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants or international students.



Applications for vouchers in round three of the program close at 5pm Tuesday 30 November. For eligibility requirements and to apply, visit the Get Active Victoria website.

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## 2022 Prep Enrolments

We are finalising enrolments for our Prep 2022 class so if you know anyone who is coming to Greensborough Primary next year, please advise them to register their details as soon as possible (this includes siblings of current students).

### JSC & ICY-POLES

The JSC is selling icy-poles every Friday lunchtime for the remainder of Term 4 to continue our fundraising efforts for this year! So, brush off your \$1 coins as icy-poles will be available at lunchtime this Friday 19 November 2021.

See you then!

From the *Junior School Councillors & Mrs Grima*



## Library News

### Book Week 2021

Next week we are able to run our annual Greensborough **Book Week**. This is exciting news and I look forward to seeing some of you at the Book Fair and/or Book Parade.

Our school **Book Fair** will be delivered on Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. This year, parents and other family members will be able to attend under the latest guidelines. ***'Parents and carers who enter school buildings must also have had at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine or have a valid medical exception.'*** Masks must also be worn.

If you would like to attend the Book Fair, parents and guardians will be entering and exiting via the **outside door**.

The students will all visit the Book Fair during the day of Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and complete a **'Wish List'**, which is a list of items that your child likes. There is no compulsion to buy any of the items on the list, but if you would like to, then there are three alternatives for payment.

1. You can go **online** and purchase items that your child would like. Once you place your order a receipt number will be generated which you will record and return to school with the Wish List. The web address is [www.scholastic.com.au/payment](http://www.scholastic.com.au/payment). Be sure to choose **Book Fairs** payments, not Book Club.
2. You can also send **cash** with your child for the amount on their Wish List or to purchase as they wish from the Book Fair.
3. Or can attend the Book Fair in person and pay via card or with cash.

The Book Fair is an exciting time for our students and in the past it has been lovely to see so many of our families attend and support our library. The school benefits financially from the Book Fair as we receive a percentage of sales. All money raised is used towards library purchases.

If you want more information about the Book Fair please feel free to contact me at school. I am very happy to help children with selection of books and if you would like a purchase to put away for Christmas that can be organised. Some families often purchase a book/s for a donation towards our library.

I am going to place some photos of some of the books available on our school Facebook page. This might help in giving you an idea of some of the available items for purchase.

Thanks again for your support. I am looking forward to the buzz in the library as the children select books or items. It will be lovely to have the parents back in the library.

The Book Fair will be open:

- Tuesday 23 November 2021 – 3:30pm – 4:15pm
- Wednesday 24 November 2021 – 8:30am – 9:00am & 3:30pm – 4:15pm
- Thursday 25 November 2021 – 8:30am – 9:00am & 3:30pm – 4:15pm.

## Book Parade

Our annual Book Parade will be held on Thursday morning 25<sup>th</sup> November on the Netball court at 9:15am. Under current guidelines parents/carers can attend if they observe COVID safe protocols. You do not need to be vaccinated. We are looking forward to seeing all the children dressed up as a favourite book character.



Happy Reading

*Jen Farley*

Teacher Librarian

## Competition Competition Competition

**Capture a wacky, weird or wonderful reading position**

### What do I do?

Take a photo of your own unique way of reading. In a pool, with a pet, upside down... the only limit is your imagination, your **safety** and **COVID restrictions**. Upload a photo of your Reading Spot to Library Seesaw. Deadline for all entries by Monday November 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you would like to supply a hard copy of your photo that is perfectly acceptable.

**Winners will be announced on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November.**



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# History Box Incursion



On Wednesday the 17th of November, students in the 3/4 cohort welcomed *Cinda* and *Baz* from 'The History Box Incursion Company' to present and bring



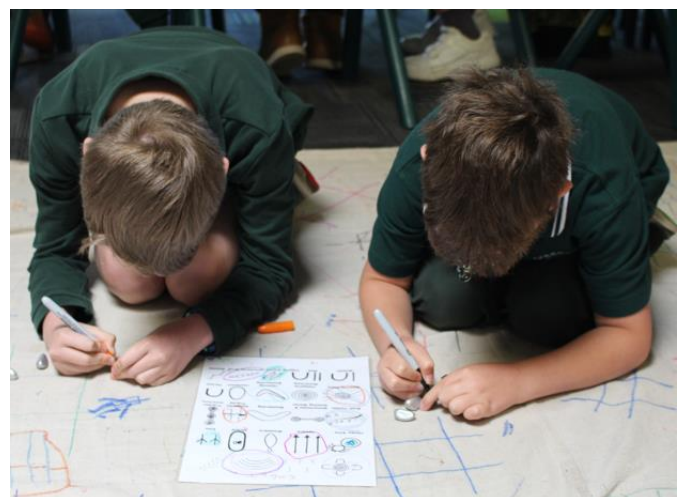
history to life in our classrooms. All students were enthralled and captivated by the stories, artefacts and hands-on experiences leaving them with knowledge of life in our past.



Students had the opportunity to create convict love tokens, Australian animal clay puppets, play Aboriginal games and make a secret spice by grounding a pestle into mortar. Some students dressed up as notables from our past to



delve deeper into their stories. It was experience that all the students will never forget!! –  
*3/4 Team*



# STUDENT WELL-BEING

Hi Everyone,

**WE ARE ONE, BUT WE ARE MANY  
AND FROM ALL THE LANDS ON EARTH WE COME**

Having grown up in a predominately Italian community, I have a real soft spot for the Italian community and some very happy childhood memories of being loved and included, almost 'family', including 'Nonna' watching on her front verandah sitting in her chair, waving as I passed each day on my way to and from school!



What a great contribution this culture group has made to the Australian way of life, especially since post WW2 when many immigrated to work on our renowned HYDRO ELECTRICAL SCHEME in the Snowy Mountains, which is still providing hydroelectricity and is still diverting irrigation water to our farmers.

Let's not forget GELATO, PIZZA, PASTA, LASAGNA, SPAGHETTI BOLOGNAISE, ETC..... BELISSIMO!



Are your children aware of their cultural heritage? I encourage you and your families to immerse yourselves in our diverse cultures when the opportunities arise as festivals are allowed to resume throughout Melbourne. Near my home there was a house lit up like Christmas last week as an Indian family celebrated DIWALI, 'THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS'.

All of us can trace our heritage back to at least one other culture group. My father came from Northern Ireland and my Great Grandparents on my mother's side were Scottish, English and Māori! Many people are surprised by my children's olive complexion which can only be traced back to this Māori heritage – my mother has an olive complexion. My in-laws are Irish and English and Aussie.



There are so many values we can teach ourselves and our children through embracing cultural diversity – compassion, understanding, empathy, respect, tolerance, to name a few!

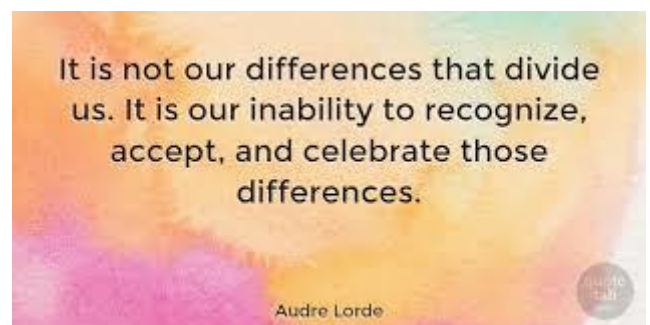
So, let's open ourselves to all the wonderful people, cultural delights, flora and fauna Australia and the world has to offer.

And let's not forget to continue to reach out and take care of each other! An attitude of gratitude for each other and making someone else's life just that little bit better, actually makes our own life better too!!

Take Care!

*Robyn Mulholland*

Student Wellbeing – Mondays 10:00am to 3:00pm & Wednesdays 8:30am to 1:30pm  
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# Pupil of the Week



## Term 4 ~ Week 5

<b>Prep</b>	<i>Laura</i>	For working beautifully during cooperative learning activities. Well done!
<b>Grade 1/2A</b>	<i>Heidi</i>	For the amazing writing you completed during 'Big Write'. You're a Superstar!
<b>Grade 1/2 B</b>	<i>Stephanie</i>	For her immaculate bookwork. Keep it up!
<b>Grade 3/4 A</b>	<i>Kashton</i>	For his growth mindset during Applied Maths when he kept persisting at a challenge.
<b>Grade 3/4 B</b>	<i>Bella</i>	For your terrific 'Maths Reasoning' during our Applied Maths session. Great work!
<b>Grade 5/6 A</b>	<i>Lola</i>	For performing a wonderful song on the on the piano to the whole class.
<b>Grade 5/6 B</b>	<i>Viviarna</i>	For her outstanding efforts this week in Writing.

## Term 4 ~ Week 6

<b>Prep</b>	<i>Shelbie</i>	For an amazing effort in Reading Groups this week. Keep up the great work!
<b>Grade 1/2A</b>	<i>Bethany</i>	For the excellent effort you put into your learning this week! Keep it up!
<b>Grade 1/2 B</b>	<i>Stephanie</i>	For her brilliant Persuasive Writing piece, 'Children Should Play Outside'.
<b>Grade 3/4 A</b>	<i>Adam</i>	For his performance and reflection of his 'Straw Through The Arm, Magic Trick'. Amazing Adam!
<b>Grade 3/4 B</b>	<i>Olivia W</i>	For her excellent review of her non-fiction text during Reading.
<b>Grade 5/6 A</b>	<i>Lolita</i>	For her phenomenal philosophical understanding showing deeper thinking during our lesson. Exceptional work!
<b>Grade 5/6 B</b>	<i>Dalton</i>	For an outstanding effort during VCOP and Writing Sessions. Keep it up!
<b>Chinese</b>	<i>Olivia M Prep</i>	For a sensational start back to face to face Mandarin Learning and colouring her Number Sheet beautifully.
<b>Library</b>	<i>Ayris 56A</i>	For her excellent contribution during our discussions on Greek Myths.

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# Newsletter

November-December 2021 Edition

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## What's been happening...

Amazing fortnight!

Hello everyone hope you are all doing amazingly well!

It has been an amazing fortnight with lots of amazing activities!

We celebrated Diwali by making some firework art which the children found fun and interesting!

Remembrance Day was celebrated by our children by making poppy flowers to honour those who have lost their lives so that we can be



safe today!

In our attempt to raise environmental awareness we organized a nature scavenger hunt which the children found very interesting and challenging as there were some tricky things that they had to find but by using their imagination and cooperative skills they managed to complete the hunt!

Slime, slime and slime! Yes we are all going through a slime faze and we are full on, on making batch after batch! I do apologize as some children have literally been covered in it! Hot water and patience will get it off! They have been enjoying playing with it so much that it is totally worth it!

Kind regards Aspa



Prep Orientation Day was a great success as we had some very happy preps receiving an Oreo cake pop which was made for the occasion!

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## Coming Up

Nov  
20

Universal Children's Day

Nov  
25

White Ribbon Day

Dec 3

International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

## Special Announcements

### SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM!

As our summer holidays are fast approaching make sure you make your bookings! You have already received our 4 Week program and we are very excited to have so many amazing things happening! We will shortly be sending you all our daily program with all the activities that will take place!

## Quality Area Reflection

### Focusing on.....

In our attempt to support children become environmentally responsible (QA 3.2.3) the children are encouraged to appreciate and care for the natural environment with the implementation of a vast variety of activities. We as educator's use different ways to incorporate animals and plants into our program to support children's understanding of ecology and the environment. The children are encouraged to participate in environmentally sustainable practices that increases their awareness of the impact of human activity.

## Club News

Our Mini Bake-off Club and Fit kidz Club have been a great success so we decided as of the 15.11.21 to add Project FOMO to our Club!

We will now be running:

Every Monday Sporting Super Stars .

Every Tuesday Cooking Club

Every Wednesday Science Squad

Every Thursday Fit Kitz/Moovosity!





## Coordinator's Corner

The children have been enjoying participating in our Clubs so after having a conversation with them we all decided to implement two more Clubs! So, from this week we are implementing Project Fomo Clubs:

**Mondays- Sporting Super Stars Club**

**Wednesdays- Science Squad Club.**

I would also like to kindly ask you all If you can please provide us with some recycled resources as the children are being creative and are having lots of fun using up all our recycled resources!

## Photos talk for themselves!



## Recipe

### Rice Paper Wraps

#### Ingredients

- 50g rice vermicelli noodles
- 1 carrot, peeled
- 1 avocado, peeled and destoned
- 1/4 cucumber
- 8 rice paper wraps
- 8 mint leaves
- Sweet chilli sauce, to serve

-Put the noodles in a pan of water and bring to the boil, simmer for 3 min, then cool under running water. Drain thoroughly.

-Cut the carrot into matchsticks. Cut the avocado into strips and the cucumber into strips. Soak 2 of the rice paper wraps in cold water for 1-2 mins until floppy.

-Lift 1 sheet of rice paper out of the water then lay it carefully on a board. Place the veggies in the centre and fold into a roll. Repeat with the rest of the rice paper.

-Serve the rolls with the sweet chilli sauce for dipping.

-Enjoy!





**BUNDOORA PARK**  
**ThunderBolts**  
 Junior Football Club

# 2022 SEASON PLAYERS WANTED

**only \$100 REGISTRATION FEE\***

\* PLUS \$25 REGISTRATION FEE TO BE PAID TO THE NFNL

A huge thanks to Barry Plant, who are paying the other half of registration fees, to get our kids back into footy after COVID!

**BarryPlant**  
Bundoora

All age groups from U/9 to U/17s

**REGISTER NOW!!!**




Girls teams Under 14s, 16s, 18s

**"Bring your friends!"**

For more information contact:  
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[www.bundooraparkthunderboltsjfc.com.au](http://www.bundooraparkthunderboltsjfc.com.au)

**Bundoora Park Thunderbolts Junior Football Club**  
 Bundoora Park Oval - Snake Gully Drive, Bundoora



**JUNIORS**  
**SUMMER PROGRAM**

2021/22



**Baseball is Back - Come & Play!**

**TBall (ages 5-8) & Baseball (ages 9-13)**  
 Friday nights over Summer starting this week

"Come & Try" Session this Wednesday  
 5:30pm-7:00pm Glenauburn Park, Lower Plenty

**Register at [join.juniorbaseball.com.au](http://join.juniorbaseball.com.au)**




# Due to popular demand.

**Additional College  
Tour dates added.**

**Bookings online**  
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