

The Reservoir VIEW



Thursday 8th February

Reservoir Views Primary School acknowledges the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation as the traditional custodians of the lands where we live, learn, work and play.

Important Dates - Term 1, 2024

Tuesday 13th February	Anniversary of the Apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples
Tuesday 13th February	Welcome Picnic / Mural Opening 3:30pm to 6:30pm
Thursday 29th February	Visible Wellbeing for parents 6.30pm - 7.30pm online
Wednesday 6th March	Whole School Athletics Day - Harold Steven's Athletics Track
Thursday 7th March	School Review - Day 1
Monday 11th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 13th March	NAPLAN Writing - Yrs 3 and 5
Thursday 14th March	School Review - Day 2
Friday 15th March	NAPLAN Reading - Yrs 3 and 5
Monday 18th March	NAPLAN Conventions of Language - Yrs 3 and 5
Tuesday 19th March	School Review - Day 3
Tuesday 19th March	NAPLAN Numeracy - Yrs 3 and 5
Wednesday 27th March	IEP meetings 3:30pm to 7pm
Thursday 28th March	IEP meetings 9am to 2pm - last day of Term 1
Friday 29th March	Good Friday
Monday 15th April	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 16th April	First Day Term 2
Tuesday 16th April	School Photos
17th to 19th April	Grade 4 to 6 Camp @ Angahook

Reservoir Views Primary School is committed to creating and maintaining a child safe and child-friendly organisation, where children and young people are safe and feel safe.

All of our Child Safe policies and all other school policies are available on our website:

<https://www.reservoirviewsp.vic.edu.au/policies>

Dear Reservoir Views students, families and local community members,

I'd like to welcome back all of our returning families and give a very warm welcome to all of our new Reservoir Views families. I hope all of our staff, students and community members had a safe, enjoyable and relaxing break over the summer.

So far it has been an incredibly smooth and settled start to the school year and I'd like to welcome our new and welcome back returning staff at Reservoir Views in 2024.

This year there are quite a few to welcome, which is incredibly exciting.

- Hasse Russell is teaching F/1 - Vicky Kezos is teaching 3/4 - Maddy Jost is teaching 1/2
- Polly Yeats is teaching art in term 1 and then replacing Isabel in 1/2A from the beginning of term 2
- Angela De Lorenzo is working as an integration aide - Annette Depalma is working as an integration aide
- Emily Politidis is an occupational therapist working one day per week
- Nikol Faris is a speech pathologist working one day per week
- Anna Trudzik is an intervention teacher - Daniela Mattielli is working as an integration aide
- Pip McNee is teaching 1/2C - Dandara Reis is working as an integration aide
- Rob Ramacciotti is here one day a week focusing on buildings and grounds



Hasse



Vicky



Angela



Annette



Emily



Nikol



Polly



Maddy



Anna



Pip



Daniela



Dandara



Rob

Below are some photos of our new foundation students having lunch with their 5/6 buddies



WELCOME PICNIC - Next Tuesday the 13th of February 3:30pm to 6:30pm

I'm really looking forward to seeing everyone next Tuesday afternoon. This is such a great opportunity to connect with others within our community. Teaching teams will be sending out a Compass with details on where they will be located in the afternoon.

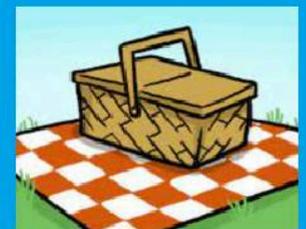
This week our students have been working with Darren from *Footsteps Mentoring* for our special opening of the cultural mural.

Let's celebrate the start of the school year at Reservoir Views!

Next Tuesday the 13th of February from 3:30pm to 6:30pm

Official mural opening at 5pm

- Welcome to Country
- Smoking Ceremony
- Cultural dance and song



**FREE
BBQ**

EXCITING NEWS!

This term we will be having images from our amazing mural transferred onto windows across the school. Below are a few of the designs.

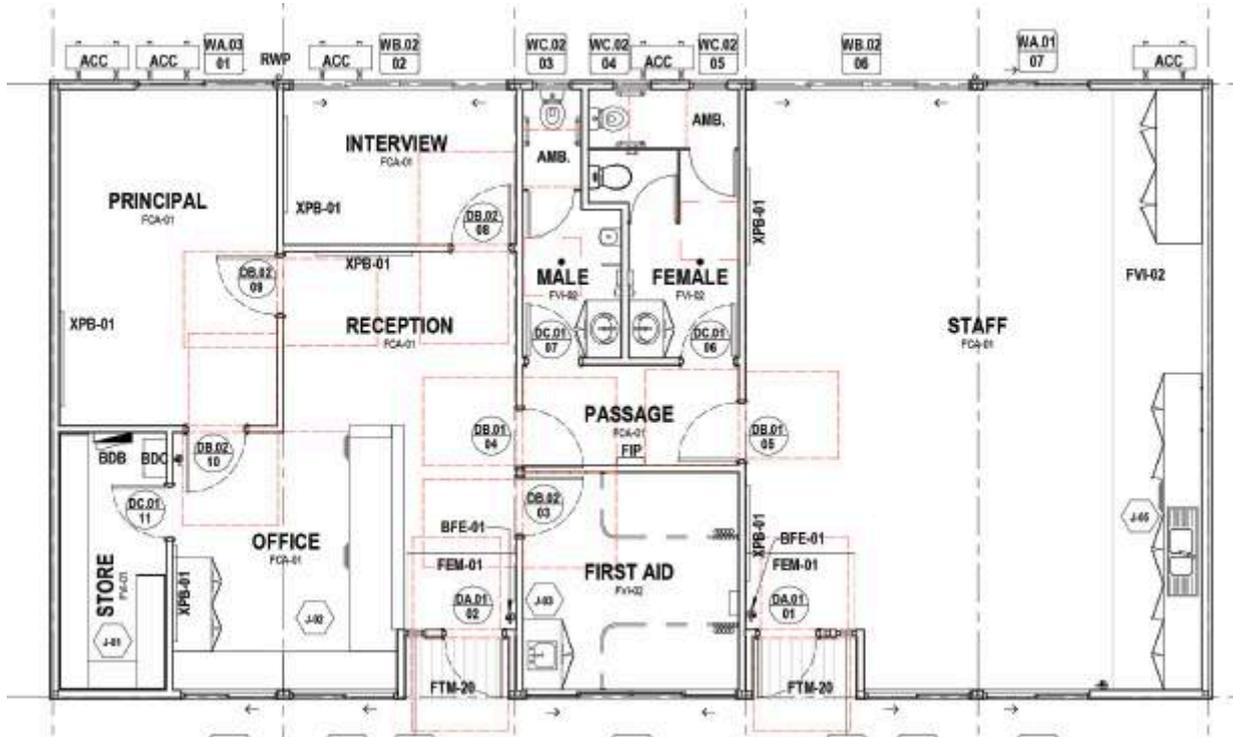


This week our students have been involved in selecting our new 'house' team names and animals. I opened this up to families first last week and over 100 families chose their top 4, thank you! The language is Woi-wurrung and I'm hoping to unveil our new 'houses' at our welcome picnic next Tuesday



I am pleased to announce that Reservoir Views will be receiving an administrative portable. Our school has limited office spaces, meeting spaces and spaces for our staff/visiting staff and professionals to work with our students. The new portable will provide us with so many options that we currently do not have. This will be ready to go at the beginning of Term 2 The design is below:

Note: our main office/reception will remain where it is in building A. This new building will be located next to our existing portable on the St Vigeons side of Building B.



PLAYGROUP



Playgroup is back up and running for 2024.

Thank you to Cassie, one of our school parents. Cassie will be running playgroup every Thursday throughout the school year during the teaching terms.

Playgroup is free and we welcome our community to bring along their pre school aged child/ children for some fun.

VISIBLE WELLBEING

This year we have committed to becoming a Visible Wellbeing school.

What is Visible Wellbeing™ ?



'Teachers are learners too'

Designed by award winning and internationally acclaimed psychology researcher, Professor Leah Waters, AM PhD, Visible Wellbeing™. Visible wellbeing combines the science of wellbeing with the science of learning to achieve the key goals of:

- helping students and staff to more clearly see their own and other's wellbeing using Visible Wellbeing practises
- helping students and staff more systematically build wellbeing using the SEARCH framework
- facilitating learning through the visible wellbeing process, this is not a program, it's a way of doing things

All staff began their Visible Wellbeing learning on the first day of school. This learning journey will continue for the next 18 months where staff will continue to learn and implement this throughout this time in a sustainable way.

There is an online learning webinar for our families to become more familiar with Visible Wellbeing, I encourage everyone to take part and register at <https://tinyurl.com/3R6NA6VX>. 29th February 6.30 - 7.30 via ZOOM webinar, see flyer below.

ONPSYCH

Onpsych is a team of experienced, qualified, registered and accredited psychologists, mental health social workers and counsellors who specialise in child and adolescent services. This is a 'no out of pocket expense' and is bulk billed and provided onsite at the school. We are currently on a waiting list to have a psychologist placed at our school. If you have already handed in a referral form, these are still valid. If you have a child/ren you think would benefit from this service or have any questions, please see Hayriye.

-BREAKFAST CLUB

I am happy to let you know Breakfast Club is back and running again for 2024.

We are adding an extra day this year and have the capacity to run it every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8am. Students will then be able to leave to the yard at 8.45am when there are staff on duty.

All students are welcome, there will be a sign in sheet at the window.

SCHOOL AND HOUSE CAPTAINS FOR 2024

Introducing our 2024 school leader:

School Captains



Lily and Alex

Vice Captains



Lucy and Poppy

House Captains



Angela and Audal



Sienna and Diesel



Mia and Sena



James and Milla

Next Friday our new school leaders will be heading to a leadership conference in the city with Monique.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE / PUNCTUALITY

Student attendance will continue to be a whole school focus this year. We understand absence from school is unavoidable at times with illness etc but attending school on a regular basis is vital for all students in Foundation to Grade 6 so that they can access all they need to learn throughout their 7 years of primary schooling.

Students being present at line up areas prior to 9am is also incredibly important. I will add that staff are on yard duty from 8:45am each morning.

It all adds up as the table below shows.

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but

If your child misses...	That equals ...	Which is ...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child might perform is...
1 Day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years	Equals to finishing in grade 11
1 Day per week	40 Days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years	Equals to finishing in grade 10
2 Days per week	80 Days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years	Equals to finishing in grade 7
3 Days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Over 8 years	Equals to finishing in grade 4

STAFF CAR PARK

For obvious safety reasons, can I please ask all students and families NOT to enter the school through the staff car park, please use the main entrance gate. Thank you.

PARKING / CAR SAFETY AROUND OUR SCHOOL / PLEASE USE SUPERVISED CROSSING AREAS

Could I please ask all of our families to follow the parking restrictions/rules that are in place during school drop-off and pick-up times around our school and please practise safe road crossing and abide by driving laws and common sense. The parking restrictions are there for a reason - to keep school crossing areas free from obstruction and ultimately to keep our community safe.

Can I please urge all families to use the supervised school crossings on Hickford St and St Vigeons Rd and not take a shortcut in between cars. It may save a minute out of your trip but it's just not worth it taking the risk.

SUN SMART

Just a reminder that we are a SunSmart school and from the 1st of September until the end of April, it is compulsory for all students to wear a SunSmart hat (wide brimmed or legionnaire style) for all outdoor activities. Hats are available at the office for \$12. If you would like your child to apply sunscreen, it's easiest for them to have the roll-on applicator. I have included some information for families from SunSmart below.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

A reminder to please complete and send back to school ASAP the medical information form that was sent home last week. Also don't forget to check with us if Ventolin, EpiPen or medication has expired and needs replacing.

CSEF

If you hold a current Health Care Card, please do not forget to apply for the CSEF (Camp, Sports and Excursion Fund).

UNIFORM

Please remember to clearly label students' uniforms, so that it is easily identified, if it ends up in lost property.

OFFICE AS A THOROUGHFARE

If you are not needing to access staff at the front office can I please request that this area is not used as a thoroughfare.

MOBILE PHONES POLICY

Our school, as all Victorian Government schools, have a mobile phones policy. We understand that students may bring a personal mobile phone to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school. Any phone that is brought to school needs to be handed to the office upon arrival and picked up upon departure from school. Please refer to the policy: <https://www.reservoirviewsps.vic.edu.au/policies>

DOGS AT SCHOOL POLICY

Whilst we understand that many families in our school community keep dogs as pets, to ensure that our school remains a safe and inclusive place for everyone, **pet dogs are not permitted on school grounds under any circumstances**. A legitimate 'assistance animal' is allowed. Please refer to the policy: <https://www.reservoirviewsps.vic.edu.au/policies>

PROCESS FOR STUDENT LATENESS

Classroom teachers mark the roll promptly at 9am. Any student who arrives to class after 9am will need to go through the front office and receive a late pass from office staff.

STAFF MEETING AFTERNOONS

Our staff have two professional learning meetings each Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons that begin promptly at 3:45pm. Unfortunately staff will not have time or availability to meet with families on a Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE APOLOGY TO THE STOLEN GENERATIONS



In 2008, then-Prime Minister Kevin Rudd apologised on behalf of the Australian Government to the Stolen Generations – the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who were forcibly removed from their families and communities by successive colonial and Australian governments.

This Tuesday the 13th of February is the 16th anniversary of this significant event and it is an important time to reflect on how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples have been, and will continue to be affected by past policies of the Australian Government. We are committed at Reservoir Views to telling the truth about Australia's history, reflecting on past injustices while acknowledging the strength, resilience and cultural identity of Indigenous Australians.

Below are some upper primary links to *Behind the News* about the apology and the Stolen Generations.

<https://www.abc.net.au/btn/classroom/government-apology/10542168>

<https://www.abc.net.au/btn/classroom/stolen-generations/10542138>

2025 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS AND SCHOOL TOURS

We are currently holding school tours for 2025 Foundation students. Please come and see me, Hayriye, Maryana or Mel to schedule a tour or call the school on 9460-6995. We are incredibly proud of our wonderful school and Hayriye and myself thoroughly enjoy meeting with families individually or in small groups to talk about what makes Reservoir Views amazing and to explore our classrooms and facilities.

ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) and the [Schools' Privacy Collection Notice](#).

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy <https://www.reservoirviewsps.vic.edu.au/policies>, describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Google Workspace for Education](#) safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu

Kind regards,

Steve Stafford
Principal.

F/1 News



This Fortnight In F/1

It has been a fantastic start to the year! Everyone has come in ready to learn with a smile on their face. It has been an exciting start to the year as we have been able to meet our buddies and spend some time playing with them at lunch and recess. It has also been very exciting as we have begun to practice our counting and some of the sounds that different letter make! We are all looking forward to a fabulous year!



Reminders

- Please make sure your child has brought their reader folder, library bag, and art smock.
- The welcome picnic is on Tuesday the 13th right after school finishes. Please come along to meet the teachers and some other families

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1/2 AREA

Welcome back to school!

BACK AT SCHOOL

The grade 1/2 students have had a terrific start to 2024! They have settled in smoothly and started to build some lovely connections with their new classmates and teachers.

START UP PROGRAM

Students have been participating in our Start Up Program. We have been focusing on our classroom routines, expectations, responsibilities and of course, getting to know each other!



REMINDERS

Home readers have been sent home this week. Please read as often as possible and bring this to school daily. Please ensure art smocks, library bags and medical notes are brought in as well. We look forward to meeting many families at our welcome picnic next Tuesday the 13th from 3.30pm.

CONTACT US

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1/2D Maddy maddy.jost@education.vic.gov.au

2/3/4 NEWS



Welcome back!

The 2/3/4 students have settled back into the routines of school life very quickly. They have enjoyed reconnecting with their classmates and getting to know their new teachers. This year we will have a wellbeing focus at school. Students have been recognising their strengths and how they feel when they are connected to their peers and enjoying themselves. They have also practised recognising different emotions and working in teams.



Upcoming Events

Welcome Picnic - Feb 13th

Reminders

- Please sign the student Reading Diary every night.
- Please return the student medical form
- Please return the Acceptable Use Agreement (technology)



Specialist timetable

	MON	TUES	WED
2/3A	Music	PE	AUSLAN Art
3/4A	PE	AUSLAN Art	Music
3/4B	PE	Art AUSLAN	Music

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4/5/6 News

Our 4/5/6 students have had a fantastic start to the school year. They've been busy getting to know each other, building friendships, and diving into our school routines with great enthusiasm. The focus has been on fostering a strong sense of community and collaboration. We also enjoyed meeting our little Foundation buddies and getting to know each other!

Specialists

Class	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4/5A	Music		Art Auslan P.E	Sport
5/6A	Music	Auslan	Art P.E	Sport
5/6B	Music	P.E		Sport



Contact Us!

4/5A – Tegan Veitch

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5/6A – Monique Galpin

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5/6B – Jack Mercuri

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This week we have been lucky to have Billy, a coach from the AFL. Students got the opportunity to practice and develop their kicking and handball skills.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bike Education Grades 3-6 - Starts 16th February
Whole School Athletics Day - Wednesday 6th March

🔔 REMINDERS! 🔔

Students need their hat for every PE lesson.



Music



It's been a busy start to the year!

Music has moved into *The Studio* this year, the same room as Art.

Students across all year levels have been enjoying learning new *songs*, playing musical *games* and revising some *rhythm notation*.



Auslan



Some things we have been doing this week



hello!



fingerspelling



my name is...



facial expressions



games



GOOD MORNING



MY NAME IS



GOODBYE



GOOD AFTERNOON

THIS WEEK...

we have been spending some time revising the signs we learnt last year in preparation for all the new signs we will be learning this year.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin nation as the traditional custodians of the lands where we live, learn, work and play.

A Glimpse of Summer Holidays, week 1 & 2

As we joyfully welcome everyone to the New Year and dive into Term One, we reflect on the wonderful holiday season at Reservoir Views PS TheirCare cherishing the memories created and eagerly embracing new opportunities for growth and enrichment. From festive arts and crafts that showcased our children's creativity to special events that brought the community together, our holiday program was a resounding success. The joy and laughter echoed through each activity, creating a warm and inclusive atmosphere. We appreciate the enthusiastic participation from both children and families, making this past holiday an unforgettable chapter in our journey. We also enjoyed the first two weeks of the term with some amazing activities with "Back to School" and "Little Scientists" themes. We cannot wait to share the rest of our journey with you soon!

What's Next?

Exploring through Outer Space and Jurassic Park!

IMPORTANT

Bookings are essential prior to attendance. We cannot guarantee a place for your children without bookings.

Visit theircare.com.au for bookings.



Contact Service

Phone: 0498 333 501
Email: reservoirviews@theircare.com.au

Contact Head Office

Phone: 1300 072 410
Email: info@theircare.com.au

Sessions:

Before School: 7:00am – 8:45am
After School: 3:30pm – 6:00pm

Visible Wellbeing for Parents

An evening with Professor
Lea Waters AM, PhD

Join Order of Australia recipient,
Professor Lea Waters, as she
showcases the Visible Wellbeing
approach used in your children's
schools.

Learn about the six pathways that
can build mental health in your kids,
and simple techniques you can use
at home.



DATE: 29 February 2024
TIME: 6:30 PM TO 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Webinar (Zoom)

[REGISTER AT HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/3R6NA6VX](https://tinyurl.com/3R6NA6VX)



We are SunSmart - a note for families

Too much of the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer.

UV damage accumulated during childhood and adolescence is associated with an increased risk of skin cancer later in life. Skin cancer is the most common cancer in Australia. It is also one of the most preventable cancers.

You can't see or feel the sun's UV. Whatever the weather, if the UV levels are three or more, it's important to *Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide!*

Sun protection times

Don't just wait for hot and sunny days to use sun protection. Check the sun protection times each day so your family can be protected when they need to be.



Daily local sun protection times and weather details are available from the SunSmart widget on our school website, in the weather section of the newspaper, on the SunSmart website at sunsmart.com.au and as a free SunSmart app. Sun protection times can also be found at the Bureau of Meteorology website and live UV levels are available from ARPANSA.

SunSmart membership

Our school is a registered member of Cancer Council Victoria's SunSmart Schools Program. We aim to protect children and staff from too much UV.

Sun protection and skin cancer prevention is a shared responsibility. Please help support our SunSmart membership and sun protection efforts by ensuring your child follows the SunSmart measures included in our policy at school and at home.

During the daily local sun protection times (usually from mid-August to the end of April), **use these 5 SunSmart steps – even if it's cool and cloudy.**

1. **SLIP** on covering clothing

For free dress days, ensure your child wears clothing that covers as much skin as possible (e.g. elbow length tops with a higher neckline or collar and longer style shorts or skirts). Densely woven fabrics are best.



2. **SLOP** on SPF30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen

Apply a generous amount of sunscreen at the start of the day and make sure children have sunscreen in their bag ready to reapply throughout the day. Sunscreen should be reapplied every two hours. Please ensure children get plenty of sunscreen application practice at home so they'll be all set when they are at school. Under supervision, ask children to put a dot of sunscreen on each cheek, nose and chin and rub it in (avoiding the eye area) and sunscreen squiggles or dots on the back of the neck, arms and legs to cover these areas.

3. **SLAP** on a hat that protects the face, neck and ears

Choose a wide-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket hat. Peak caps and visors do not offer enough UV protection so please leave them at home. Please help your child remember to bring and wear their approved **school hat**. Please keep this at school so they will always be ready for outdoor activities, outdoor learning and play during school days. For the walk to and from school and weekends, please have an extra **home hat** to help keep children protected at home.

4. **SEEK** shade

Choose shady spots for learning and play whenever possible.

5. **SLIDE** on wrap-around AS1067 sunglasses

When appropriate and practical, help protect the eyes with sunglasses.

Need information in another language? Call 13 14 50 and ask to be connected to Cancer Council Victoria in your language



JOIN WITH FRIENDS PLAY TOGETHER

CRICKET VICTORIA ALL GIRLS CRICKET BLAST

JE MOORE PARK NORTH – NORTH OVAL – RESERVOIR

- DATES: FEB 18, FEB 25 & MAR 3 – FROM 10 AM TO 11 AM
- LAST SESSION: MAR 10 – FROM 9 AM TO 10 AM

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER



🔍 Play Cricket

**OFFICIAL KIDS
PROGRAM**



JUNIOR PATHWAY



From Woolworths Cricket Blast through the Junior Cricket stage, all kids can advance their skills and discover how awesome it is to be part of a team through fun game-based activities. The stages have been developed based on academic research, testing and community feedback.

This includes consideration for physical, mental and emotional development. Participation and progression through the stage is based on ability level, therefore the ages are indicative only. Players are encouraged to participate at a stage appropriate for them.

	SKILLS BASED FIRST CRICKET EXPERIENCE	DURATION 60-90MINS	LEARN THE SKILLS THROUGH GAMES UP TO 10 YEARS <i>Age is indicative only</i>
JUNIOR CRICKET 1	7 PLAYERS	40M BOUNDARY	LEARN THROUGH PLAY UNDER 11 <i>Age is indicative only</i>
JUNIOR CRICKET 2	16M PITCH	DURATION 2HRS	PLAYING THE GAME UNDER 13 <i>Age is indicative only</i>
JUNIOR CRICKET 3	9 PLAYERS	45M BOUNDARY	PLAYING AND COMPETING UNDER 14-19 <i>Age is indicative only</i>
20.1M PITCH	20/40 OVERS	DURATION 2.5-4HRS	



Play Cricket

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SEEKING NEW PLAYERS FOR SEASON 2024

JUNIOR FOOTBALL - JUNIOR NETBALL - AUSKICK - NETSETGO



JUNIOR FOOTY

U9 - U10 - U11 - U12 - U14 - U14 GIRLS

TRAINING WED (+ FRI DURING SEASON) 5-6PM AT JC DONATH
GAMES ON SUNDAYS COMMENCING APRIL 14

JUNIOR NETBALL

UNDER 11 AND UNDER 13

TRAINING MON 5:30-6:30PM AT KEON PARK TENNIS CLUB
GAMES ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS COMMENCING APRIL 24



AUSKICK &
NETSETGO

INTRODUCTION FOOTY & NETBALL PROGRAMS FOR KIDS AGED 5-12
SATURDAY MORNINGS 9:30-10:30AM AT JC DONATH RESERVE
13 SESSION SEASON COMMENCING SATURDAY 20TH APRIL



- ★ Affordable fees
- ★ Family friendly environment
- ★ No prior football or netball experience required
- ★ Make new friends
- ★ Have fun in team sport

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