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# The Oak Observer

Drouin West Primary School

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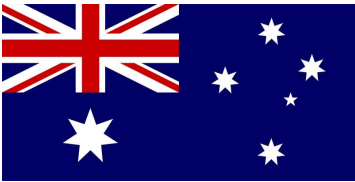


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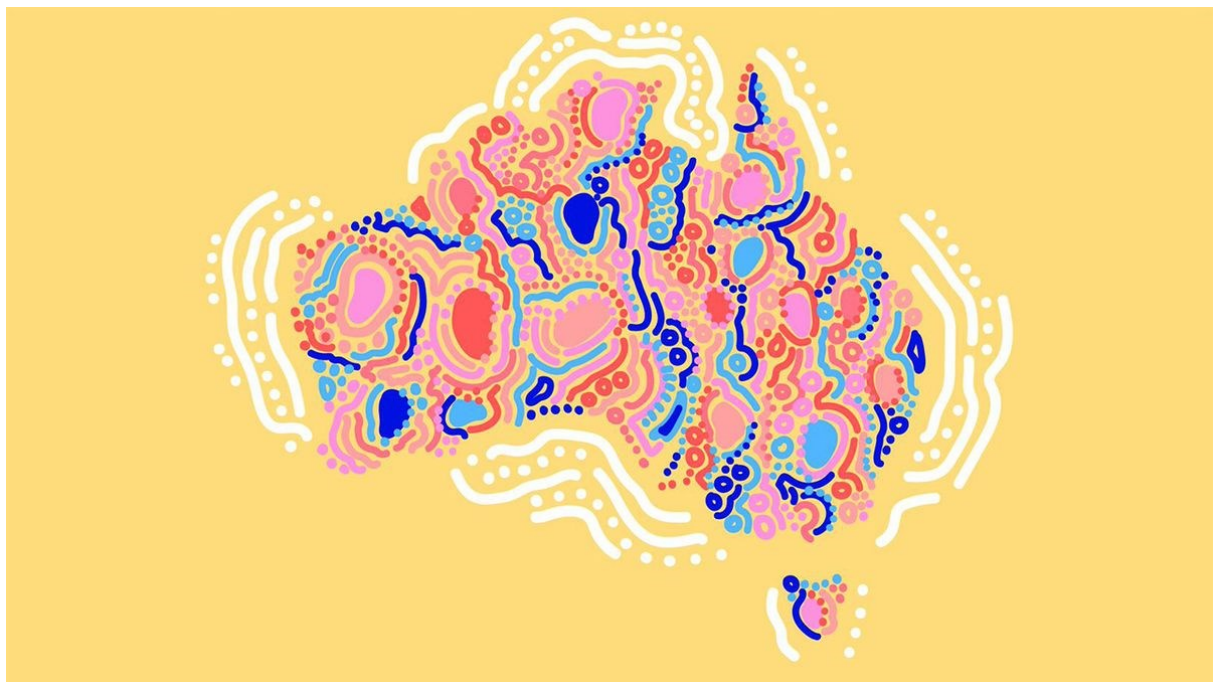


# Acknowledgement of Country



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country and recognise the continuing connection to lands, water and communities.

We pay our respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures' and to Elders past and present.



# IMPORTANT DATES



## Mondays

Lunch Orders via Flexi Schools

Lunch Time Club: Outdoor games with James

## Tuesdays

Lunch Time Club: Garden Club with Miss Gooding

## Wednesdays

Lunch Time Club: Art Club with Ms Height & James

## Thursdays

Lunch Orders via Flexi Schools

Lunch Time Club: Technology Club

## Friday

Assembly (Undercover Area) @ 2:50pm

Lunch Time Club: Craft in the Art Room

## TERM 4

Mon 20th NOV

Year 2 & 3 excursion – Cranbourne Botanic Gardens

Wed 22nd NOV

Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30pm – 6:00pm

Fri 24th NOV

SRC Pyjama Day – gold coin donation

Mon 27th NOV – Fri 1st DEC

Swimming in School Program (Year 4/5 A&B)

Tues 28th NOV

Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30pm – 5:30pm

Fri 1st DEC

Prep 2024 Transition Day #3

Thurs 7th DEC

End of Year Concert @ 6:30pm – 8pm

Fri 8th DEC

Year 6 Gumbuya World

Mon 11th DEC

Year 6 Graduation Ceremony – 6:30pm

Tue 12th DEC

State-Wide Transition

Mon 18th DEC

Professional Practice Day (No Students)

Wed 20th Dec

Last Day of Term 4 – 1:15pm Early Dismissal

Fri 22nd Dec

Last day to order book packs

Attendance reminder: If your child is absent, please let us know by phoning the school or adding an attendance note directly into Compass.



# From the Principal

*'Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Respectful, Be a Learner'*

Hello Families,

2024 planning is well under way. We had our 2024 Prep information last night, which was well attended. We are excited to welcome a new cohort to DWPS. All students will transition into their new year level on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December for the 'State-wide Step Up Day'.

If your circumstances are changing in 2024, please let the office know as soon as possible. Our school is experiencing enrolment pressures, with many families on a wait list.

We work hard to provide a rich learning program and strive for success for all. As children develop, they discover themselves and make friendships throughout their primary school journey. We really want our students to be inclusive citizens of society, seeking to work with different people, getting to know others and learning together. We do understand that sometimes people can struggle to connect or have disagreements, these are learnable times and opportunities for growth and development. If you have concerns around your child, please contact me so we can discuss this further and be solution focused.

At DWPS staff work in PLC's (Professional Learning Communities) where we use a team approach to all students. All teachers in that team work together on learning sequences and student growth. We have a rich understanding of collective responsibility for success for all. This year, the Department of Education recognised us as a PLC 'LINK' school for other schools to learn from our practices. We have been asked to continue this into 2024. It is a credit to our staff at DWPS and I am very proud of how we work together.

Coming to the end of year, we are noticing the fatigue kicking in, this can sometimes result in our tolerances reducing. We will continue to work with our students on how we can manage these emotions. Unfortunately, we are also noticing a lot of illness, hopefully that sunshine can come back and knock out a few germs. Please continue to take care of yourselves and look out for each other.

We're looking forward to our end of year celebrations concert on the deck (weather permitting) on Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> of December starting at 6:30pm and commencing at roughly 8pm. Each year level will do a small performance. Can we have children arrive at 6:15pm to get organised with their class. If weather allows, we will arrange parking on the oval for ease. A Coffee Van to be onsite for the concert.

Take care and have a great weekend.

Kelly Halliday

# SUPER BEE AWARDS

*'A big congratulations and well done!'*

## **Term 4 - Week 7**

Prep A Mrs Bull  
- Harvey V

4/5A Miss Jessiman  
- Tyson W

Prep B Miss Thomson  
- Blair L

4/5B Miss Baudinette  
- Bailey P

1A Miss Balfour  
- Bridget C

5/6A Ms Ambrose  
- Olivia S

1B Miss McKay  
- Zac S

5/6B Mr Gilcrist  
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2/3A Miss Viotto  
- Allie W

2/3B Mrs Hudgell &  
Mr Barrett  
- Jensen C

2/3C Miss Winter &  
Mrs Heath  
- Skye H



# Term 4 Electives—4/5 Students

Students in 4/5A and 4/5B have participated in their elected class activity this week. This is a time for students to practice their time management skills, team collaboration, sharing and turn taking (patience) whilst enjoying something of interest to them. Here are some of the students participating in the Art and Technology elective. It was fantastic to see some students use this time as an opportunity to work on their 2024 Leadership applications which are due by next Friday! (24th November).



# SRC PYJAMA DAY

Wear your favourite pyjamas to school!  
School fundraiser by gold coin donation.  
All donations will go to The Smith Family.



FRI  
**24th**  
NOV



**The Smith  
Family**

Learn today, change tomorrow.



**DROUIN WEST**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
EST. 1874

# DWPS Christmas Raffle '23

TICKETS \$1.00 EACH

AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE

## Donations

We are calling on our school community for help, with donations for our annual Christmas Raffle.

Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

Donations could include:

- . Kids toys & games, sports items, his/her toiletries, car items, candles etc.
- . Christmas decorations/non-perishable food items.
- . Garden items.
- . Gift voucher from a local business (or your own).

# DROUIN WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

THURSDAY 7th DECEMBER

Invites all Grades and  
Families to the



## END OF CONCERT!

Starts at 6:30PM, finishing roughly by 8:00PM

Under the shade sail/deck area  
BYO chairs, picnic blankets and  
picnic dinner of your choice.

24<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Drouin West Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

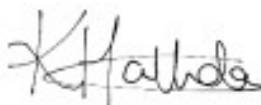
Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students.

We want to thank you for all your support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to organise and coordinate the best possible programs outside of the traditional teaching and learning classroom structure. These financial contributions assist us with the purchasing of Art, STEM, AUSLAN, Library and Physical Education equipment and resources, which in turn, supports them to be exemplary programs coinciding with our elite classroom teaching of the established subjects such as Reading, Writing and Maths. These programs run alongside the traditional classroom teaching and learning programs and are imperative to provide an effectively balanced and rigorous overall education for your children.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

Yours sincerely,



Kelly Halliday  
Principal



Rhiannon Trimble  
School Council President

## PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY OVERVIEW



### FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



### PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

#### Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

#### Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

#### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



### FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



### SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Year Prep to 6 classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, car, wool, material, wood, beading, clay, oil pastels, cardboard.</li> <li>• Science – PVA glue, vinegar, bi-carb soda, food dye, straws, sticky tape, cups, perishable items for experiments.</li> <li>• English/Literacy – Class Sets, Novels, Readers</li> <li>• Sports – Equipment, ribbons, materials</li> <li>• Library – Books, subscriptions</li> <li>• Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</li> </ul>	\$ 90.00
<i>Year Prep to 6 ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i>	\$ 20.00
<i>Years Prep to 6 Whole school events</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Athletics carnival - entry and transport (Approx. Cost \$10.00 per student)</li> <li>• Swimming carnival – entry and transport (Approx. Cost \$10.00 per student)</li> </ul>	\$TBA
<b>Total Curriculum Contributions</b>	<b>\$110.00</b>
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>School Sports Victoria affiliation &amp; Tarago District Association Levy</i>	\$ 5.00
<i>Student and parent communication tools – Compass and SMS communications</i>	\$ 5.00
<i>First aid equipment – Band-Aids, bandages, ice packs, saline, alcohol wipes, Ventolin, EpiPen, and vomit bags.</i>	\$ 5.00
<b>Total Other Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 15.00</b>

#### **Educational items for students to own**

Attached is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from Maxim Office Group for your child to individually own and use.

### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Drouin West Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum.

The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
Camps – (Estimated cost for camps will be between \$275.00 to \$375.00 per student)	\$TBA	
Interschool Sports programs – (Estimated cost between \$10.00 to \$25.00 per student)	\$TBA	
Grade 6 Graduation – Day Excursion TBC, Ceremony, Photo Book, DWPS Souvenir Pen, Gr 6 Class Photo (Estimated Cost \$100.00)	\$TBA	
Grade 5/6 Winter Sports – (Approx. Cost \$15.00 per student)	\$TBA	
Grade Prep to 6 excursions to be scheduled (Parents should allow approx. 2 excursions per student for 2024 @ approx. \$30.00 each)	\$TBA	
<b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>		<b>\$TBA</b>

### Financial Support for Families

Drouin West Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund to eligible Health Care Card Holders to attend camps, sports and excursions
- State Schools' Relief provides financial support for eligible families to purchase clothing/uniforms/stationery at a reduced rate
- Payment Plans for Extra-Curricular items and activities

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements please contact:

Emma Wiesenekker *Drouin West Primary School Business Manager*

Ph: (03) 5625 1971 or Email: [drouin.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:drouin.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE OFFICE**

<b>Students Name:</b>	<b>Grade:</b>
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#### Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$110.00
Other Contributions	\$ 15.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$TBA
<b>2024 - Total Curriculum and Other Contributions (EXCLUDES STATIONERY)</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>

#### Payment methods

Parent contributions towards the requested payments is essential to maintain the quality of education that we provide at Drouin West Primary School. Payment can be made as per the options below:-

- CompassPay
- Cash
- EFTPOS
- Bpay



Biller Code: 87361

Ref:

I authorise \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be charged to my Visa / MasterCard.

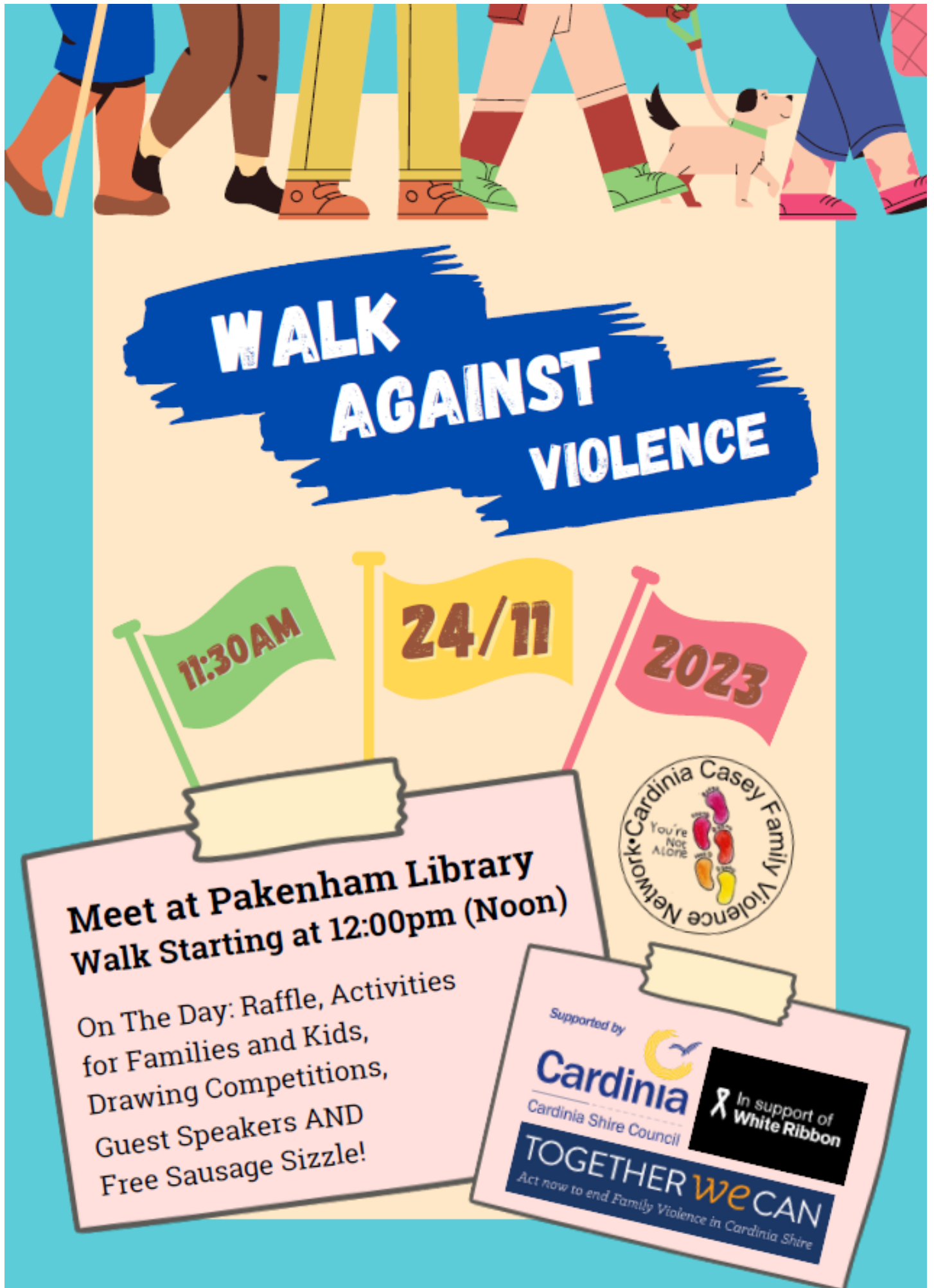
Details as follows:

<b>NAME (as on card)</b>																			
<b>CARD NO:</b>					-					-					-				
<b>SIGNATURE</b>																			
		<b>VISA</b>		<b>MASTERCARD</b>		<b>EXPIRY DATE</b>	____Month____Year												

#### Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the school deems it is reasonable and fair to do so, taking into consideration whether a cost has been incurred, the Department's Parent Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information.

# Outside Communication



# Baw Baw Autism Carers Community



**Are you a parent or carer for someone who is autistic? Autism is part of the neurodivergent community and may encompass other conditions such as ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder), Dyslexia, Dyscalculia , Tourette's Syndrome and others.**

**Would you like to connect with other families like yours?**

**Come along and connect and share ideas as we develop our calendar of events, morning tea provided by Uniting for carers and children who attend.**

**Dates: Every second WEDNESDAY of the month. November 15, 29 and December 13, 2023.**

**Place: Uniting, 37 Mason street, Warragul**

**Time: 10.00-12.00**

**RSVP: For catering purposes please text 0407 795 661 or email:**

**[aimi.johnson@vt.uniting.org](mailto:aimi.johnson@vt.uniting.org)**



**Uniting**

## Why reading books in a series is so much fun!

- **Endless Adventures** - Series books offer non-stop adventures. The fun doesn't end with just one book!
- **Connect with the Characters** - Go on a journey and get to understand your favourite characters. With each book, you can see them grow, learn, and face challenges.
- **Unleash your Imagination** - Each book in a series adds a new and exciting chapter to the story, where you can imagine yourself as part of another world.

Here are some fun examples of books in a series in Issue 8...

### AGES 6+

**TOY TIME! (HOT DOG #15)**  
ITEM 010

**Hotdog and his friends are entering a Toy-Making Contest!** The winners score a trip to Doc Spot's Toy Factory! Toy-Tally Awesome! Can they turn their trash into treasure and snatch the prize?



### AGES 7+

**UNDERWATER HEIST**  
(DIARY OF A MINECRAFT WOLF #2) ITEM 015

**Winston is a Minecraft wolf on a mission:** to be the best secret agent the Overworld has ever seen! So when a distress signal from the Drowned requests urgent help, he jumps at the chance to prove his skills. Can Winston recover the stolen item before anything more happens?



### AGES 8+

**BABY-SITTERS SUMMER VACATION**  
(THE BABY-SITTERS CLUB: SUPER SPECIAL #2) ITEM 035

**This summer, the Baby-sitters and a bunch of the kids they sit for are going to camp.** With the girls as Counselors-in-Training, it'll be just like baby-sitting—in the woods! Anything can happen at camp. Dawn gets lost in the wilderness. Stacey spends two weeks with poison ivy ... and Claudia falls in LUV with a boy CIT. This is one summer vacation the Baby-sitters will never forget!



### AGES 10+

**NO BRAINER (DIARY OF A WIMPY KID #18)**  
ITEM 009

**Up until now, middle school hasn't exactly been a joyride for Greg Heffley.** So when the town threatens to close the crumbling building, he's not too broken up about it. But when Greg realizes this means he's going to be sent to a different school than his best friend, Rowley Jefferson, he changes his tune. Can Greg and his classmates save their school before it's shuttered for good?

