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# Banyule Bulletin

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### From the Principal Team

Natalie Shanahan, Sam Fleming, Claire Johnston

Welcome back everyone and welcome to the first newsletter of Term 2!

We hope your Easter break was as productive as the numerous trades that were busy making the most of our empty school over the holidays.

Firstly, our new TigerTurfed basketball court appeared over the break, and we're sure you'll agree it has added created quite the wow-factor. Thanks to the NorthEast Link project, dozens of letters of support from our school community and Claire Johnston's outstanding grant-application abilities we have been able to develop another part of our aging school grounds. As you can see in the photos below, it has created a beautiful space for children to play and is getting quite the workout during its first week of operation.







Secondly, the empty school provided the perfect time for our landscapers to move in and help us replace the old retaining wall along Banyule Road and re-open part of our yard that age and erosion had gotten the better of. We are pleased with the finished product and are happy we can provide the students another nice place to spend time with friends through out playtime. These works were entirely school-funded. We look forward to planting out this area later in the term. Stay tuned for information about a working bee coming soon.





Thirdly, we are thrilled that action has ramped up in the final stage landscaping stage of the building program. During the holidays, the building project's landscape team moved in and they've begun reshaping in front of the admin building and begun placing some of the large rocks in the play space. To help you picture what's happening, we'll provide regular updates through photos and landscape plans.



### Prep 2026...

We have commenced the initial stages of the enrollment process for 2026 Preps. If you have a younger child starting Prep in 2026 could you please contact the office to collect and enrollment pack.

We'll see you around,

Natalie, Claire and Sam.

### Want to see more?

Follow us on our 'socials' for a window into what we're up to at Banyule Primary School....



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@banyuleps



### **Important Dates**

Date	Event	
19th May	Fight MND Fundraiser/ Awareness Day	
20th May	District Cross Country	
22nd May	Yr 2 Space Dome incursion	
	Yr 5 Fish and Chip Lunch	
23rd May	Yr 3 Rethink Waste incursion	
29th May	Prep Breakfast	
3rd June	Divisional Cross Country	
4th June	ScienceWorks Excursion - 5AS, 5CN, 56M	
5th June	Graduation and Miscellaneous Photos	

9th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday	
10th June	Pupil free day	
11th June	Science Works Excursion - Year 5	
16th June	Yr 3 CERES excursion	
20th June	Kids Disco	
23rd June	Year 4 camp	
25th June	Yr 2 Performing Arts Performance in Gym- 2.30pm	
30th June	Semester One Reports published	
1st July	Parent /Teacher Interviews	
2nd July	Parent /Teacher Interviews	
3rd July	Prep Milo Monkey Party	
	Yr 6 Puffing Billy excursion	
4th July	Last Day of Term 2 - 2.30pm dismissal	

### Pupil Free Days

Tuesday 10th June (Curriculum Day)

Monday 21st July (Curriculum Day)

Monday 1st September (Professional Practice Day)

Monday 3rd November (Curriculum Day)

### **Camp Dates**

Year 3 Camp- 26th November-28th November

Year 4 Camp- 23rd June- 25th June

Year 5 Camp- 27th August- 29th August

Year 6 Camp- 25th August- 27th August

Year 6 Interschool Sport Dates			
2nd May	RGL VS BANYULE (AWAY)		
9th May	CLT VS BANYULE (AWAY)		
16th May	BANYULE VS MACLEOD (HOME)		
23rd May	BANYULE VS VIEWBANK (HOME)		
30th May	BANYULE VS ST MARTINS (HOME)		
6th June	HEIDELBERG VS BANYULE (AWAY)		
13th June	ROSANNA VS BANYULE (AWAY)		
20th June	ISS CATCH UP ROUND		
27th June	ISS SEMI FINAL AND GRAND FINAL		



### Community Engagement Committee

#### What's On

### **ELECTION DAY DEMOCRACY SAUSAGE & BAKE SALE**

Thank you for everyone who has already started baking or acquiring baked goods to deliver to the office tomorrow or the basketball court this Saturday around 8am.

While at the school to vote if you could help out on the BBQ or Bake Sale reach out & thanks so much for all the parents who already have! There are a few voluntters still needed, particularly in the afternoon, so please pop your name in this link or email <a href="mailto:BanyulePS.CEC@gmail.com">BanyulePS.CEC@gmail.com</a> if you can join in:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vhwmzIHd2brXyqYIsIEs5OSUD3stTRylxQ3mRKf6fW 4/edit?usp=sharing

Student Perfomers are also welcome at the Election Day event to showcase their talents. Sign up in the above link. Whether it's singing, dancing, playing an instrument, or if it's group talent ready to jam – we'd love to have you perform!

Look forward to seeing you Saturday and please share this event with neighbours or local groups (WhatsApp or Facebook). All funds raised will be going towards nature spaces for our kids to play, learn and grow within.



# ELECTION DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE & BAKE SALE

# **Banyule Primary School Saturday 3 May 2025**

Entry via Banyule Road or Lionel Street







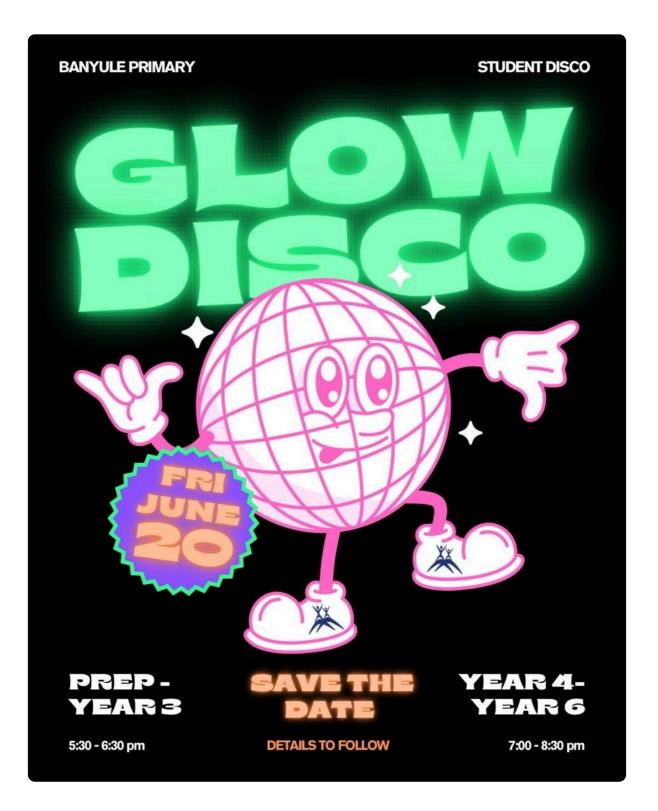


Come vote and grab some tasty treats from our BBQ sausage sizzle, bake sale & coffee van!

Funds raised will be used to purchase plants for the school grounds

### **Coming Soon:**

Save the Date (Friday June 20) for the Glow Disco.





## Banyule Awards

Celebrating Our Achievements

### Term 2 Week 2

Class	Student Name	Class	Student Name
PNA	Alex R	3DJ	Paree S
PMA	Brooklyn H	3MT	
PAM	Leo O	34C	Ormond M & Ruby M
PBB	Evan L	4NS	Ryan P
PZP	Byron L	4CG	
1NB	Caleb D	4SD	
1TY	Joel U	5KB	Eva K
1BS	Emily T	5CN	Aarvin K
1TM	Ayla H	5AS	Hinami Y
2MF	Avelyn Y	5NT	Siya M
2WG	Henry F	56M	Mia D
2BK	Bridget B	6LH	Mel D
2LP	Anthony C	6DG	Emma S & Sudhanshu Y
3RB	Ted H	6SN	Sam O'S

### **SPECIALISTS AWARDS**

LOTE P-1:	STEAM P-2: Olivia V PBB
LOTE 2-6:	Visual Arts 3-6: Harry L 3RB
PE P-2:	Performing Arts P-2:



A Plus Schoolwear



March 2025

Dear School Families,

We hope this message finds you well. We would like to extend our sincere apologies for the delays in the delivery of school uniforms and backorders that some families are experiencing. We understand how important it is for students to have their uniforms, and we truly appreciate your patience during this time.

The unexpected surge in demand, largely driven by the government's "state school bonus," has led to a significant increase in purchases, depleting our stock at a much faster rate than anticipated. As a result, we have faced challenges with our resources, including fabric, trims, and production lines, which have been stretched to their limits. Our dedicated team has been working overtime to keep up with demand and continue to maintain the high quality that A Plus Schoolwear is known for.

To address these issues, we have employed additional staff and are working closely with our suppliers to meet the ongoing needs for uniform production and delivery. We are committed to catching up and getting back on track as quickly as possible. Our goal is to be fully up to date by Term 2, and we are actively working towards that timeline.

We greatly appreciate your understanding and patience as we navigate these challenges. Please rest assured that we will reach out to each family individually to inform you when your order is ready for pickup from the uniform shop. In the meantime, we kindly ask for your continued support in informing the wider school community about the current uniform situation and encourage everyone to show patience and kindness towards our staff at A Plus Schoolwear.

Once again, we apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused and thank you for your understanding as we work diligently to resolve the matter.

Sincerely, Mr. Peter Kisvarda Managing Director A Plus Schoolwear

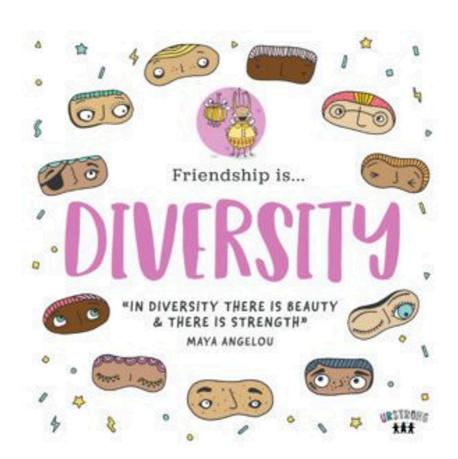


This month, the UR Strong program is shining the light on **DIVERSITY** – a celebration of all the wonderful differences between us that make the world a better place!

## Remind your children of Friendship Fact #2: Every friendship is different!

"You're not the same as your friends & you're not supposed to be!"

It's time to celebrate our differences!





Year 2 Community

# YEAR 2 ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS



Year 2 students spent sometime last Thursday to reflect upon and commemorate ANZAC day. After watching videos on the original ANZAC's, then reading about the history of ANZAC day, all students completed a related art activity.

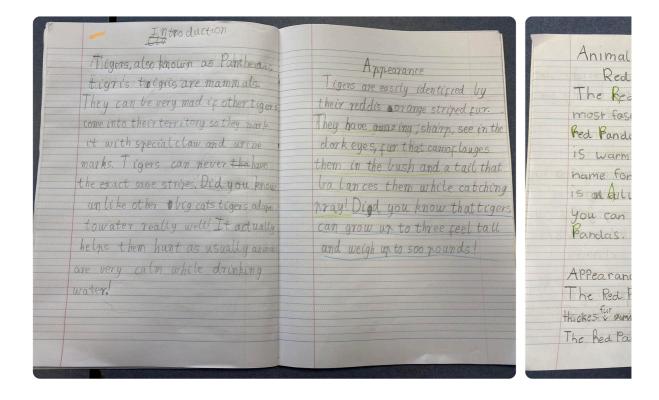






### Year 3 Community

To begin Term 2, the Year 3 students have been learning all about information reports. They have been spending some time researching and writing about an animal of their choice. We have been using a 'Bump it Up' wall to help students identify how they can 'Bump it Up' to their next level. Here are some samples of their work so far:





**Year 4 Community** 

# Multiplication Array Battles!

As part of learning and developing their multiplication knowledge, the Year 4 students recently played Array Battles. After rolling two dice, students would make an array on their game board using those numbers.

Array Battles allowed students to explore the relationship between making arrays and multiplication facts. It also encouraged problem solving and reasoning, with students needing to carefully consider strategies to block their opponents moves.

Students enjoyed this hands-on approach to learning about multiplication!













Year 5 Community



# Thank you!

FROM THE JSC LEADERS

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR BPS SCHOOL

COMMUNITY FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS

ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM 1.

WE RAISED A TOTAL OF \$607, WHICH WAS

DONATED TO THE GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL





**Specialist Programs** 

### P-2 TERM 2 Newsletter

### STEAM with Mrs Nedelkos

This term in STEAM, the Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students will explore the topic 'Colour and Light'. They will participate in a range of science experiments to understand how light works, including investigating how light can be split into different colours to create a rainbow. The students will investigate Primary and Secondary colours through colour mixing activities and will develop an understanding of warm and cool colours. This term, we will spend lots of time creating our own unique artworks that focus on using different colours in effective ways.

### PERFORMING ARTS with Miss Blacker

This term in Performing Arts, the Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students will be focusing on music and its various elements. Prep students will explore Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and how they celebrate through traditional musical instruments such as clapsticks (Bilma). Year 1 students will be introduced to a variety of instruments including the glockenspiel, where they will be able to experiment and practise playing along to a variety of songs and rhymes. Year 2 students will experiment with 'Body Percussion' and will learn to play Boomwhackers. They will also learn, rehearse and perform a song and dance item.

### LOTE with Fang Lǎoshī

This term in LOTE, Prep and Year 1 students will explore the topic 'Colour and My Family.' Year 2 students will be focusing on the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' which includes themes of fruit and weekdays. They will engage in various activities, including songs and actions to help them memorise vocabulary and sentence structures related to the topics. Additionally, they will be introduced to Chinese characters and encouraged to practice them during classwork.

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION with Mrs Christofis

In Term 2, the Prep students will continue to learn the correct technique for performing the Fundamental Movement Skills of underarm throwing and overarm throwing, rolling, bouncing, running, skipping and hopping. In Health, the Preps will learn about community helpers and health symbols in the community. They will also explore feelings and emotions and continue to learn about healthy habits. In Term 2, the Year 1 and 2 students will continue to revise some of the Fundamental Movement Skills they learnt in previous years. The skills covered this Semester are hopping, skipping, jumping, leaping, dodging, running, skipping with a rope. In Health, the Year 1 and 2  $\,$ students will continue to explore the human body. The Year 2s will work towards creating an Information Report about the human body and will learn about the different systems in the body ie. The respiratory, circulatory and the digestive system.

### 3-6 TERM 2 Newsletter

### VISUAL ARTS with Ms Rawlinson

#### Term 2 in the Art Room: Exploring Identity

This term, students will explore the theme of 'Identity' through a series of engaging and creative self-portrait projects. These lessons will not only develop their drawing skills but also encourage them to think outside the box in representing themselves in unique and artistic ways.

Additionally, we will be working on our annual self-portrait project, 'A Sketch in Time.' This cherished tradition, completed by students from Prep to Grade 6, captures their artistic growth over the years. The collection of these beautiful portraits is presented to students at their Grade 6 graduation, making it a meaningful keepsake of their journey.

### LOTE with Xu Lǎoshī

This term, Year 3 and 4 students will systematically learn and apply 'Pinyin' in reading and speaking Chinese words(a phonic system of pronouncing Chinese). They will also be introduced to the topic of 'Nations and Nationalities' in which they will share their identity in Chinese.

Year 5 and 6 students will explore the topic of 'Places and Direction'. They will create a map which includes places we learn and practise writing words in Chinese. Students will conduct simple conversations about describing the directions and locations of places.

### PERFORMING ARTS with Miss Daniel

This term in Performing Arts Year 3 and 4 students will explore music theory. They will learn about different music notes and their values, compose music consisting of different rhythms and pitch, and perform their rhythms using body percussion and classroom instruments.

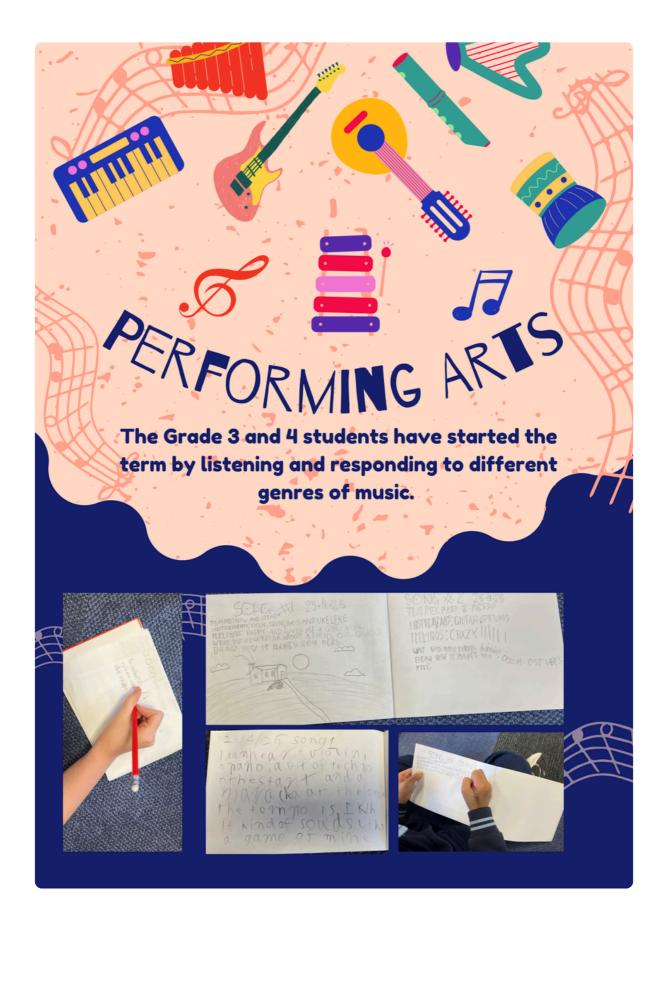
Students will respond to music through various listening activities, and research and compare music from other times and locations.

Year 5 and 6 students will explore music practice. They will study the elements of music and apply their knowledge through listening tasks and rhythm notation.

Students will be introduced to the ukulele and begin to play chords focusing on correct finger placement and strumming pattern. Then students will explore African Drumming practices using class djembe drums and will learn different beats and rhythms using correct hand technique.

#### PHYSICAL EDUCATION with Mr Nedelkos

Early in Term 2, the Year 3-6 students will focus on Cross Country practise to prepare them for our Banyule Cross Country. This will be occurring at Banyule Flats on Thursday May 1st. The students in the 9/10 Y.O age groups will be completing a 2km course and the 11 Y.O and 12/13 Y.O age groups will be completing a 3km course. The top 12 students of each gender and age group will compete at the District Cross Country at Banyule Flats on Tuesday 20th May. For the remainder of Term 2, Students will learn different skills and techniques through a variety of different sports. The aim is for the students to practise many of the game skills acquired for a certain sport, then build up to putting all of those skills in different games with their peers.



# PERFORMING ARTS

We have had a fabulous start to Term 2 in Performing Arts. Students have been having lots of fun dancing, singing and playing games to help develop their drama skills.



They have worked in small groups to play charades, perform simple choreography and discuss their musical preferences.



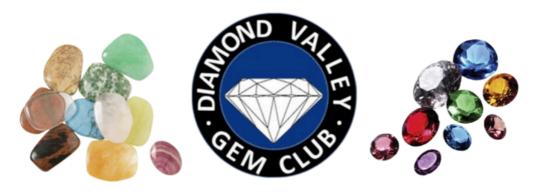
I'm looking forward to having more fun this term!







Community Advertising



# ANNUAL GEM & CRYSTAL EXHIBITION 2025

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### SATURDAY 3RD MAY 9AM - 5PM SUNDAY 4TH MAY 9AM - 4PM







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ENTRY









### **BANYULE AUSKICK CENTRE**

Fridays 5pm-6pm **Beverley Road Reserve** Season Starts May 2 Continue your journey with NAB AFL Auskick & use code **20FDDB19** to receive a \$55 discount!









# Banyule Primary School WEDNEDAY

# 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM Building B

### Weekly classes will help improve:

- Creativity
- Memory
- Concentration
- · Planning Skills
- Independent Decision Making
- General Aptitude for Learning
- Problem Solving
- Teamwork



Learning chess has been shown to improve overall performance at school by nearly 20 % compared with children who have not

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### Northern Star Chess - Interschool Zonal Chess tournament 17 June

Northern Star Chess is proud to be conducting a full program of face to face zonal tournaments this year for Primary and Secondary School students. We would like to invite your child(ren) to participate in the tournament detailed below. Many of our tournaments do fill up, and we recommend early bookings for this or other events

Our Chess tournaments are individual-based events. If your child is not participating with a team from their school, they can still qualify for the state level events. Emphasis is on participation and the opportunity to experience tournament conditions

The top 30% of all students at this tournament qualify to represent your school at the NSC Victorian Schools State Final series, which is conducted by Northern Star Chess in term 4.

#### Tuesday 17 June at Viewbank Primary School - Primary Open Zonal

Address: Nevin Parade, Viewbank

Time: 9:30 am - 2:15 pm (approx)

Cost: The cost per student is \$25.

(Payment by cash at sign in on the day)

Please Note: It is up to the parent to liaise with their child's school regarding taking the day off for the event.

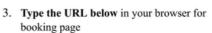
#### Format:

- Individual based tournament
- Every student plays 7 games against players of similar skill, regardless of how many games they win or lose (Swiss pairing method)
- · Students experience proper tournament rules
- Gold/Silver/Bronze medals awarded to various grade/year level categories
- "Star of the tournament" trophy for top scorer of the day
- Table prizes/giveaways.
- Northern Star Chess State Final or Semi-final qualifications announced at the end of tournament based on results for the day.

#### How to register:

Register online for free with Trybooking.com using any of the methods below:

- Scan QR code for booking page
- Click on this link for booking page (if you see a clickable link)



https://www.trybooking.com/CXNVI

Enquiries: info@NorthernStarChess.com

Further information and calendar: www.NorthernStarChess.com/Tourney\_Zonal.html

Northern Star Chess ABN: 11 007 060 504 17 Hartley Rd., Wonga Park 3115 Enquiries: 0407 072250



### NSC Sunday Afternoon Junior Chess Club

► NSC Junior Chess Club (JCC) 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

► NSC Junior Tournament Squad (JTS) 2:30 pm to 4pm (approx)

Venue: Banyule Primary School 50 Banyule Rd, Rosanna

#### Dates:

4th May	JCC/JTS Session 1	1st June	JCC/JTS Session 5
11th May	JCC/JTS Session 2	15th June	JCC/JTS Session 6
18th May	JCC/JTS Session 3	22 <sup>nd</sup> June	JCC/JTS Session 7
25th May	JCC/JTS Session 4	29th June	JCC/JTS Session 8

<sup>\*\*</sup> No session 9th March (Labour Day long weekend)

Cost: Term 2, 2025 (8 sessions)			
Per session rate			
<ul> <li>Junior Chess Club – 1:00pm to 2:30pm</li> </ul>	\$16.00 (GST incl.)		
<ul> <li>Junior Tournament Squad – 2:30pm to 4:00pm</li> </ul>	\$16.00 (GST incl.)		
Tactics workbook for JCC			
- as required, when a student receives a new book.	\$12.00 per book		
Full Term discount deals – sibling discount available			
(please note: no pro-rata refund on any missed sessions)			
Junior Chess Club + Junior Tournament Squad - Full Term	\$192.00		
** 25% off for 2nd and subsequent sibling	\$144.00 for sibling		
Junior Chess Club only - Full Term	\$104.00 (GST incl.)		
** 25% off for 2nd and subsequent sibling	(\$78.00 for sibling)		
Junior Tournament Squad only - Full Term	\$104.00 (GST incl.)		
** 25% off for 2nd and subsequent sibling	(\$78.00 for sibling)		

### How to register:

Registration and payment can be done either at the venue or online. Please select the method for you and follow the instructions below.

### Register at the venue:

Register and pay on site. Fill in the registration form and pay by cash at the venue. (sibling details can be included on the same registration form)

### **Register Online:**

Register online with Trybooking.com using any of the methods below:



- 1. Scan QR code for booking page
- 2. Click on this link for booking page (if you see a clickable link)
- 3. Type the URL below in your browser for booking page

https://www.trybooking.com/DAIBR

### About the programs - general information

### Junior Chess Club (JCC) - 1:00pm to 2:30pm

- Multiple groups catering for Beginners to Advanced students.
- Experienced, Engaging, Fun Expert Coaches
- Training for enjoyment and rapid improvement
- · Focus on tactics training

The Northern Star Chess Sunday program has been specifically designed to develop the 3 most important brain skills for long term chess progress:

- 1. Mental Discipline, the willingness to be patient, careful and thoughtful
- 2. Forward calculation, visualising and assessing positions a few moves ahead
- Pattern recognition, to improve instincts and subconsciously recognise opportunities and the right moment to pause and calculate.

### Junior Tournament Squad (JTS) - 2:30pm to 4pm approx

- This program is conducted exclusively on site. The JTS program is most beneficial to the students when delivered face-to-face.
- Open to NSC Sunday Junior Chess Club participants as an extension program. (external students also welcome)
- Suited to young chess players whose skills are progressing and who wish to learn to play in chess tournaments over longer time limits

#### What:

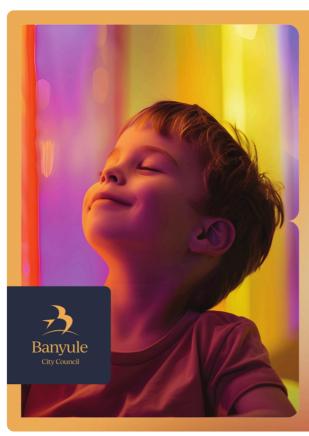
- Expert chess tournament training and advice on chess tournament performance
- A Junior Tournament Squad Event of 9 rounds during the term
- Time control is 25 mins per player plus 10 seconds added each move.
- · Players record their games on a score sheet
- Opportunities to have games analysed with a coach
- Chess puzzle training available as players finish their first games and waiting for the next round.

#### Why?

- Experience full tournament conditions and recording moves
- Get more out of your brain by playing over longer time limits
- Learn Mental Discipline and Impulse Control at the chess board
- Learn to recognise the right time to pause and calculate
- Learn the art of taking calculated risks
- Develop important habits of mind by engaging in chess tournament play.

### NSC Junior Chess Club – Term 2, 2025 Registration Form

Name of participant			
Address			
Parent's name(s) Mobile			
Contact E-mail			
School	Year Level		
Pleas	se tick program to register in: (8 sessions this term)	Cost (GST incl.)	Please tick
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during the time the c	ntact details are provided above will be either staying a hild is attending each event.	at each event or be contactable	
Signature of Par	ent/Guardian		



# **Supporting autistic children through life transitions**

Wednesday 28 May 2025 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Online forum Lead by Mel Spencer OAM, CEO of Different Journeys

Mel Spencer OAM will explore life transitions and how parents can support their autistic children from early primary school through to the teenage years.

Hear from a panel of local parents sharing their lived experience supporting autistic children.

Bookings essential via the QR code or trybooking.com/DAVGT.

Questions for the panel can be submitted with registration.

Please contact Lisa King, Community & Social Planner for more information lisa.king@banyule.vic.gov.au

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