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From the Principal Team

Natalie Shanahan, Sam Fleming, Claire Johnston

This week's newsletter celebrates how amazing our Banyule Primary School community is, which has very much been on display during a fortnight filled with great community events.

Election Day BBQ and Bake Sale

With over 40 families volunteering to help cook and serve democracy sausages and sell cakes, and even more taking the time to prepare and donate delicious baked goods, the broader local community saw Banyule Primary at its best while visiting to vote. Thank you to our Community Engagement Community and all involved for making the day such a success.









Family Maths Afternoon

The mission was to have fun with maths. MISSION: ACCOMPLISHED! It was great seeing our students, our teachers and a huge number of families engaging with our hands-on maths incursion last week.











Special Visitors Morning

It's always a lovely time when our special visitors come and visit our classrooms. And it was no different on Monday when our classrooms were again filled with proud family members, celebrating learning with some games and sharing the experience of being a Banyule Primary Student. Trying to determine who had the biggest smile, the child whose special visitor walked through the door, or the special visitor, proud as punch of their little learner.









Education Minister Visit

A visit from Education Minister, Ben Carroll was another highlight of the fortnight. Coming to see our capital works project, it was great to show Ben around with our school captains and share the great things we do. The Minister and his entourage spent time watching a Prep literacy lesson during which he was impressed hearing our history of teaching phonics in all P-2 classrooms, something only recently mandated for all schools. A trip to our S.T.E.A.M room had the Minister dodging flying rockets, launched by Year 1 mini-rocket scientists. The visit also allowed the opportunity to discuss a number of Department initiatives. We talked about the implementation of the new Victorian Teaching and Learning Model 2.0 and our plans for ongoing professional learning with staff. We were also given the opportunity to discuss some challenges for schools such as the roll out of the School Savings Bonus and also highlighted some programs we are not able to be part of, such as the Glasses in Schools program for schools in disadvantaged areas.





Hidden Heroes...

Today we celebrated the often unsung heroes of BPS, our Educational Support staff. With the theme 'Hidden Heroes', it was a chance to acknowledge and show gratitude for the amazing things we know our Education Support team do. From supporting our most vulnerable children, to answering calls, tending to the sick and injured, managing finances, keeping computer systems running and keeping the place looking amazing, it is nearly impossible to create a job description that accurately describes what our Education Support team do. Quite simply, it's a fair bit of everything! And we definitely couldn't do it without these heroes!!











Playtime! ...almost.

This week saw an exciting development in our new play space with our playground being installed. Staff watched on from the vantage point of the staffroom, like excited children as the playground took shape. After a day of elbow grease it was up and we're another step closer to its completion. Our school community can now look proudly at that playground and say "We fund-raised for that!".

Next week sees the installation of our climbing tower.



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....



@Banyule Primary School



@banyuleps

Fight MND Awareness Day



On Monday the 19th of May, Banyule Primary School will be hosting an event to raise awareness of Motor Neurone Disease for the FightMND organisation.

This event is being organised by one of our students, Ameera in Year 5 and her family with the help from our Junior School Council.

Ameera's family have already successfully fundraised and will provide all BPS students with their own Big Freeze beanie on the day!

We are asking that students wear their school uniform with an extra splash of blue, e.g. face paint, hair ribbon, blue socks etc. and bring a gold coin donation, which will be donated to the Fight MND organisation.

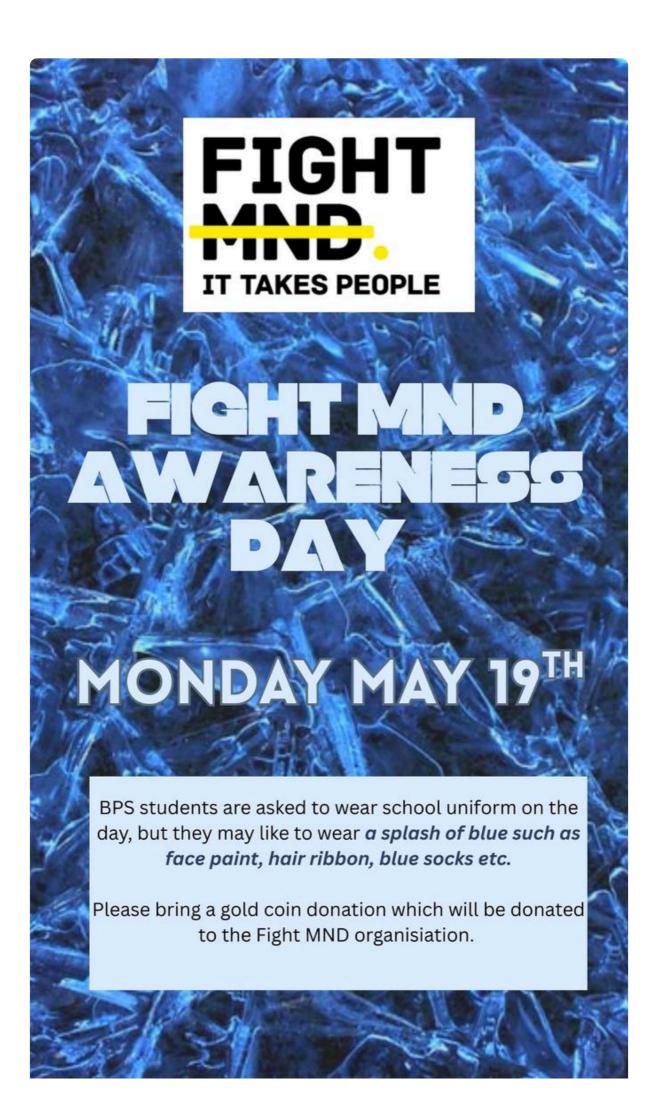
We will be hosting a community event from 10am-11am on the new basketball court. There will be speeches on the day by Ameera and representatives from Fight MND. There will also be ice bucket challenges and games.

Ameera's family are currently being filmed by MND Victoria for a documentary of their story so there will be a camera crew and photographers filming the proceedings.

The school has worked closely with MND Victoria and Fight MND to ensure footage will only be taken from behind, so that students faces are not visible. Consent will be gained from parents of any students involved in the formal proceedings and whose faces may be included in any photographs/footage.

We are encouraging as many parents and community members to attend as possible to show our support. Additional beanies will be available for \$25 on the day for parents and siblings. Cash and EFTPOS available.

We hope to see you there!





School Saving Bonus update

The SSB can be used for uniforms and textbooks until Monday 30 June 2025.

Any funds remaining after 30 June 2025, including online voucher amounts that have not been redeemed, will become a credit to use on school activities. However, the credit will not be available on your family account at our school until late July.

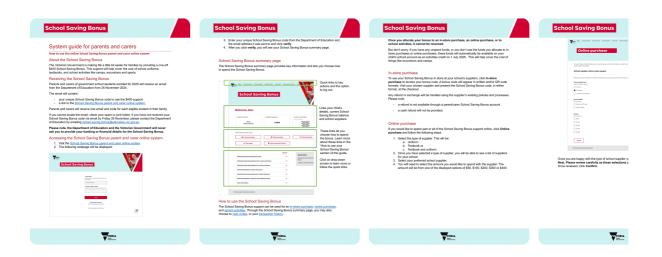
To use any remaining SSB funds to cover the cost of school activities in July, please refer to the SSB online system and allocate the funds to school activities before 30 June 2025.

To learn more about the SSB online system, download the step-by-step System guide for parents and carers or watch this School Saving Bonus video. System guide translations are also available in 14 languages.

The Department of Education's SSB contact centre will remain available until 30 June 2025. The contact centre can be reached by:

- · completing the School Saving Bonus enquiry form
- · calling 1800 338 663, between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm on weekdays.

After this date, please contact our administration team for any SSB related questions.





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	Science Works 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- 5KB, 5NT
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



CEC

Election Day Wrap Up



A HUGE 💍 🥎 THANK YOU!!! 💍





Just wanted to send another huge thank you to everyone for their contributions to our fundraiser BBQ & Bake Sale - volunteering; baking; purchasing baked goods, cooking the sausages, and drinks; and spreading the word and the goodwill of BPS within our local community.

The bake sale sold out and we sold over 1,300 sausages!! Overall we raised \$6,400! All of these funds will go towards creating beautiful nature spaces for the kids of Banyule Primary to play, learn and grow within, so

Special thanks

to the following businesses for their generous in-kind donations for our BBO fundraiser!







Please show your thanks by shopping local and supporting our local businesses!



another huge thank you to this awesome BPS school community, thank you for coming together

We want to hear from YOU! (Quick 3-5 min Survey)

The Banyule Community Engagement Committee (CEC) has a mission to bring the school community together as a whole through organisation of events and activities.

Some of the events organised by the CEC so far have included; The Kids Disco, Special Lunches, Kids First Aid Course, Colour Run, Easter Raffles, Trivia Night, Election Day BBQ. 2nd hand uniforms, Sustainable initiatives (Container Deposit & Oral Care recycling), etc.

We value your feedback and would love to hear your thoughts on previous events and fundraising organised by our committee. We have kept it short, so please click the link now & share your feedback to help us improve and plan future events that you and your children value and continue to work together building our fantastic Banyule community.

SURVEY LINK HERE: https://forms.gle/MxYJuxPHZhQZP8f86

School Disco - 20th June

We are sure your BPS student/s can't wait for the next Glow Disco & tickets will be on sale soon via Compass.

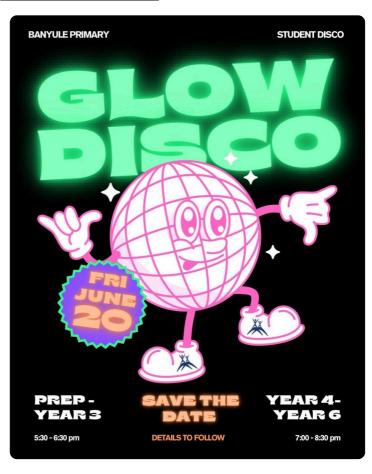
This will be held in the school gym:

Prep to Year 3 5.30 to 6.30pm

Years 4 to 6 7.00 to 8.30pm

We are bringing the same GLOW fun as last year, with even more fun & streamlining the pick up and drop off.

For what to expect at the event please find a step by step guide



created to help ease any concerns or ready your excited BPS student for this event.

Sustainability Reminders

CDS: Don't forget to keep collecting you cans, bottles & juice boxes and dropping those off to the Container Deposit (CDS) Vending Machines or to Four Leaves cafe on Greville Road. A great way to do a little school fundraising and teach the kids about recycling, & the kids have fun popping the drinks on the conveyor belt.

Oral Care Recycling: Also don't forget to drop off those Oral Care items to the school front office - old toothbrushes, empty floss containers and floss brushes, and toothpaste tubes welcome. We can't take the handles but heads off electric brushes and bamboo brushes also welcome.



Banyule Awards

Celebrating Our Achievements

Term 2 Week 4

Class	Student Name	Class	Student Name
PNA	Charlie B	3DJ	Pia K
PMA	Ruby P	3MT	Eva L, Gus R
PAM		34C	
PBB	Larissa C	4NS	Archie D
PZP	Elise S	4CG	
1NB	Ethan R	4SD	Jarvis C
1TY	Harry D	5KB	
1BS	Jesse S	5CN	Evie K
1TM	Aki K	5AS	
2MF	Abigail H	5NT	Eva R
2WG	Logan L	56M	Riley C
2BK	Cuba M	6LH	Callum D
2LP	Billie S	6DG	Leo G
3RB	Oliver S	6SN	Scarlett A

SPECIALISTS AWARDS

LOTE P-1:	STEAM P-2:
LOTE 2-6: Emma S 6DG	Visual Arts 3-6: Lucas T 6LH & Nathan G 4NS
PE P-2:	Performing Arts P-2:



Fork-in-the-Road Moments in Friendship

Is your child's Friendship Group full of drama? Is your child being negatively influenced by others?

Key Outcome

Your child will reflect on the influence of their Friendship Group, especially during fork-in-theroad moments, and consider what aligns with their values.

Objective

There is no doubt that tweens and teens are highly influenced by their friends. As we teach in our Friendology curriculum, sometimes the influence is positive – they encourage a friend to join a team, they help a friend with their homework, they introduce a friend to something new. However, as we know, sometimes this influence is negative, maybe even toxic, and we see **kids going down the wrong path with the wrong group of friends.**

Friendship Groups are among the most complicated, challenging aspects of tween and teen friendships. These groups can sometimes develop reputations and teachers might even start to paint all the students with the same brush. Students are sometimes "guilty by association" when their friends mess up, which can be very frustrating and upsetting. And, as Friendship Fact #4 reminds us, sometimes these Friendship Groups do not feel good anymore. Empowering your child to make healthy choices about who they spend their time with is an essential life skill – even when it means choosing a different path than their friends.

This powerful lesson will help your child reflect on the influence of their Friendship

Group, especially during those hard, fork-in-the-road moments. Do they continue down

the path with their friends or do they go a different direction? What aligns most with their

values? Do they want to be a leader or a follower? Are they fitting-in or belonging? Is this the

right Friendship Group for them?

Materials

• Print out: Fork-in-the-Road Moments

Instructions

Step 1: Introduction to Fork-in-the-Road Moments

• Ask the Question: Start by asking your child, "Have you ever heard of a Fork-in-the-

Road Moment?" Allow them to share any thoughts or ideas they have about this

term.

• Explain the Concept: Share with them that a fork-in-the-road refers to moments in

life when you have to make a decision that can change the direction of your life. It's

similar to reaching the end of a path that splits into two. You must choose whether to

go left or right, and sometimes these small decisions can have a big impact on your

future.

Step 2: Share Personal Stories

• Story Time: Share a personal story about a time when you faced a fork-in-the-road.

Explain the decision you made and why. Reflect on what might have happened if you

had chosen the other option. Ask your child how they feel about the decision you

made and whether they think it was the right one.

Step 3: Understanding Values

• Introduce the Concept of Values: Write the word "VALUES" on a piece of paper.

Explain that values are like a moral compass; they help us make decisions that align

with what is important to us. Discuss how it feels when decisions don't match our values.

• Explore Core Values: Introduce <u>James Clear's list of 50 Core Values</u> or brainstorm a list together. Alternatively, use our <u>12 Wellbeing Themes at URSTRONG</u> as a starting point.

 Fork-in-the-Road Activity: Print out the handout for your child (in the Materials section) to list their top values. Encourage them to think deeply about what matters most to them.

Step 5: Tie it all Together!

Using Values as a Compass: Have your child consider a recent decision or dilemma
they faced. Ask them to reflect on which path makes the most sense based on their
identified values. Discuss the potential outcomes of each choice and how those align
with their values.

Next Steps

Talk About Decisions: After completing the activity, discuss how understanding their values can help them navigate future fork-in-the-road moments. Encourage them to keep their values in mind when making decisions.

Source: https://urstrong.com/resource/new-fork-in-the-road-moments-in-friendship/



Prep Community

PREPLAND!

(with our Year 6 buddies!)









HIGHLIGHTS FROM PREPLAND!

Fun with Maths:

Last week our school was fortunate enough to receive a visit from Fun with Maths. Preps had two opportunities to visit the incursion and try participate in Maths problem solving. The first was last Wednesday afternoon, with our Banyule community. The second was during school with their buddies. The preps were very grateful to spend time with their buddies and problem solve with hands-on learning.



Earlier this week on Monday, 9-10am, Preps loved sharing their classroom space with family.













From the Prep Team!



Year 2 Community

Grade 2s Dive into Hands-On Maths Fun!



On Wednesday,
7th May, our
Grade 2 students
enjoyed an
exciting and
interactive Maths
incursion in the
school gym. The
space was
transformed into
a vibrant learning
hub, filled with
engaging stations

that challenged students to think critically and work collaboratively.

Throughout the session, students rotated through a variety of

hands-on activities designed to reinforce key mathematical concepts such as measurement, shapes, patterns, and problemsolving. The incursion encouraged teamwork, communication, and a growth mindset as students tackled each task with enthusiasm and curiosity.



Teachers were impressed by the students' focus, creativity, and willingness to take on new challenges. It was wonderful to see the joy on their faces as they made connections between classroom learning and real-world applications.

Well done to all the Grade 2s for their amazing participation!

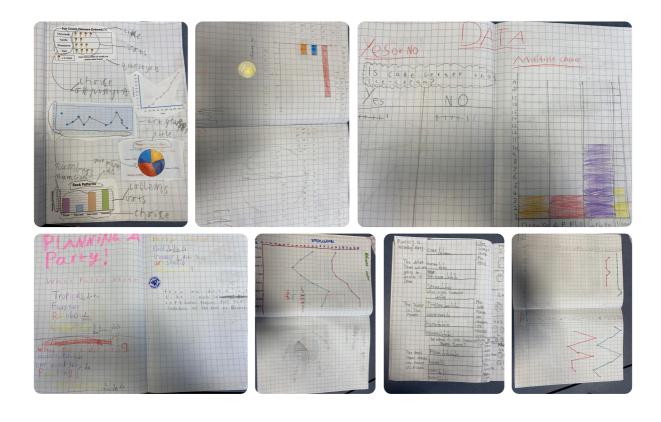


Year 3 Community

Data

This term the Year 3 students have been exploring the numeracy concept of data. Students have been formulating questions, collecting data in appropriate ways, and finding out ways to present their data in different ways.

Students have been using their data to draw conclusions and to create a range of graphs on paper and with digital technology. Have a look at some of the incredible work our Year 3 effort generators have completed!





Year 4 Community

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN YEAR 4



learning!



Year 5 Community

We're off to District Cross Country!

I was hoping that I would come in the Top 10 and I did! Hope I can do it again at District-Kiran. while I was running I kept thinking 'I've got this'. I am going to try my hardest to get into the Top 10 at District too!-Tanner.

when I was running Cross
Country I felt tired but when I
found out I came 8th I was
super happy! Looking
forward to the next runCharlotte.

It was super tough but I tried really hard. At the end I came 9th and I was so proud of myself! It was my first Cross Country and I made the Top 10!Ella



CROSS COUNTRY

On Thursday 1st of May we went to Cross country. I enjoyed running, cheering my friends on and hanging out with my friends. I came 6th in the 9\10 boys age group which means I go to district, and my friends did well aswell. There are 6 races all together 9\10 boys, 9\10 girls, 11s boys, 11s girls, 12\13 boys, 12\13 girls.
Ryan 5AS

I RAN IN THE U11 BPS CROSS COUNTRY. AT
THE START I WAS IN A BIG PACK BUT THEN I
STARTED TO OVERTAKE PEOPLE AND I WAS
ABOUT 21ST UNTIL PEOPLE STARTED TO
OVERTAKE ME. BUT OVERALL I FINISHED 30TH
I AM SO PROUD OF MYSELF FOR TRYING!
ZACHARY 5AS



WHEN WE HAD CROSS COUNTRY EVERYONE WAS REALLY EXCITED TO RUN. I LIKED RUNNING AND MAKING DISTRICTS. IT WAS FUN. I LIKED CHEERING ON MY FRIENDS WATCHING THEM MAKE DISTRICT.IT WAS AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE. THE ATMOSPHERE WAS INCREDIBLE. IT WAS JUST AMAZING OVERALL.

BEN 5AS

TODAY AT CROSS COUNTRY, I RAN
WITH THE YEAR 6S, IT WAS ALRIGHT I
GOT 7TH. I THINK I DID GOOD FOR ME.
MY FRIENDS WHERE ALL TOGETHER
SITTING ON A RUG. IT WAS SO MUCH
FUN!
EVIE 5AS









Year 6 Community

Rad Rubrics



Writing and creating rubrics for feedback

Recently, our amazing students have been working through a writing Inquiry. They have developed their own rubrics based on editing and revising along with providing and receiving feedback.

As part of this process the students composed an information text on the cassowary.

They then worked in groups to devise a rubric. They used prior knowledge and resources relating to the Victorian Curriculum.

This is what Larissa had to say.

"Alex and I were writing a rubric to help the writer know what they did well and where they had to improve.



Alex and I worked well together. This is because Alex is not too chatty.

When giving each other feedback, it was helpful and Alex gave me some suggestions for upleveling. I helped Alex with his vocabulary."

This is what Alyssa had to say.

"Elliott and I worked together really well on the rubric. We listened carefully to each other's ideas, and I provided each other with both positive and constructive feedback for our writing."

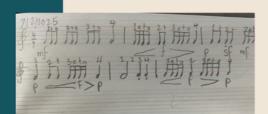


Specialist Programs



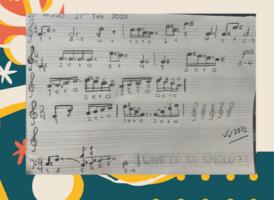
STUDENTS ARE LEARNING ALL ABOUT MUSIC NOTES AND THEIR VALUES, PITCH, THE MUSIC STAVE, COMPOSING THEIR OWN RHYTHMS, AND APPLYING ALL OF THIS KNOWELDGE TO PLAYING OUR CLASS MINI PIANOS.

SUCH MUSICIANS THESE STUDENTS ARE :)











What's on a the Steam lab...

This term, the P-2 Students are exploring the topic 'Colour and Light'. We have been experimenting with these concepts,

looking at how rainbows are formed and how colour and light can interact in weird and wonderful ways!













Community Advertising



Official Chess Victoria Zonal Primary Interschool Tournament



Tuesday 24 June 2025

Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School

(Junior Boys Campus)

9.30 - 2.30

49-59 Raleigh Street, Essendon, Vic, 3040

Entries \$25.00/student. Please submit entries at least 5 days before the tournament by email to

ppower@powerassociates.com.au

Enquiries 0408 387 978

Payment Please pre-pay by EFT to BSB: 633-000 A/C: 155 395 486, with

Reference: student name & school Invoices provided on request

Transport Parents / school staff are responsible for transport to and from the venue.

Lunch Please bring plenty to eat and drink.

(School 'tuck shop' facilities unavailable)

Supervision Please provide a school staff member.

Prizes Medals will be awarded to the top four players from the first three schools, and to the top

two individuals in the other schools.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three players in the competition. Trophies will be awarded to the top three girls in the competition. Parents should arrive by 2pm if they wish to see the prize giving.

Format 7 round Swiss. Each player has 13 minutes plus 2 seconds per move from move 1.

Rules based on FIDE Laws of Chess for Rapid Play.

Medical If the student has a medical condition we should know about, please contact us by phone

BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT and provide us with details 0408 387 978.

Qualifying This zonal tournament is a qualifying event for both Primary Open and

Primary Girls Only State (Semi-)finals.

Chief Arbiter International Arbiter Peter Tsai

Organiser Paul Power, 0408 387 978

School Name	Student Name
Year Level	Parent's / Care Giver's approval (print)
Contact Ph#	Email



Banyule Primary School



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.

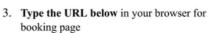
Format:

- 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

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