



*Bell Primary School is a caring community that fosters a love of learning in young people. At school and beyond, students are confident to think critically and empowered to thrive in a rapidly evolving world. We are grounded by our school values of **resilience, creativity, curiosity, collaboration and respect**.*

Bell Primary School is a Child Safe School. We are committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people, and have zero tolerance for child abuse.

Bell Primary School acknowledges the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation as the traditional custodians of the land the school is located upon, and pays respect to Elders past, present and emerging.



From our Principal:

Student Leadership

Grade 6 students and staff have finalised a range of leadership initiatives aimed at building knowledge and motivation to excel in their selected leadership positions here at Bell. All 61 students have been appointed to a position of responsibility and attended an in-house workshop - the GRIP Leadership Conference - earlier this week to learn about leadership and expand their roles as they generate new ideas in their particular areas:

- **School Captains** - Leilani A-C, Lucinda C, Charlie F, Kate F
- **Junior School Councillors (JSC)** – Ilya E-A, Mathis H, Chloe V, Sara S-C, Audrey S, Bella M (Gr6 listed only)
- **Prep Buddy Leaders** - Sylvie C, Findley S, Abbey W, Maggie Q
- **Techno Leaders** – Owen L, Fuyu H, Jesse O, Darci G
- **Library Leaders** – Darcy H, Flynn T, Oscar B-D, Maya T, Jem G
- **Sustainability Leaders** - Abby T, Rosa S
- **Maintenance Leaders** – Ben E, Jack Z, Carlo M, Sergi G
- **Games/Quizzes/Trivia Leaders** – Mathieu E, Liv H, James A, Zafer G, Luca F
- **News Reporter Leaders** - Margot R, Xavier D, Nicolas L, Hamish R, Sam M
- **Flags and Displays Leaders** - Raph N, Peter L-C, Toby H, Josh E
- **Specialist Leaders** - Sarah M, Megan W (Music), Ivy I & Jacques G-S (PE), Art - Eloise P, Finnley J (Art), Maddie C, Noah G (Italian)
- **House Captains** - Eliza M, Joe H (Crocodiles), Amelia G, Atticus V-C (Dingoes), Hana B, Carmen C-C (Platypus), Rosie C, Bella B (Robins)

This work will remain a constant theme within the overall Grade 6 program in 2023 and re-enforces our commitment promoting student voice, agency and leadership starting with our senior students in their final year.

Chocolate Egg Fundraiser

A reminder that the first two fundraisers for the year are happening in the lead up to the end of Term 1:

1. The Easter Guess with 7 different choccy egg containers in the foyer for children to guess and maybe win;
2. Icy-Pole Day next Wednesday that always brings a smile to children's faces.



Look out for more events soon as our re-branded **Community Engagement and FUNdraising (CEF) Team** really hit their straps.

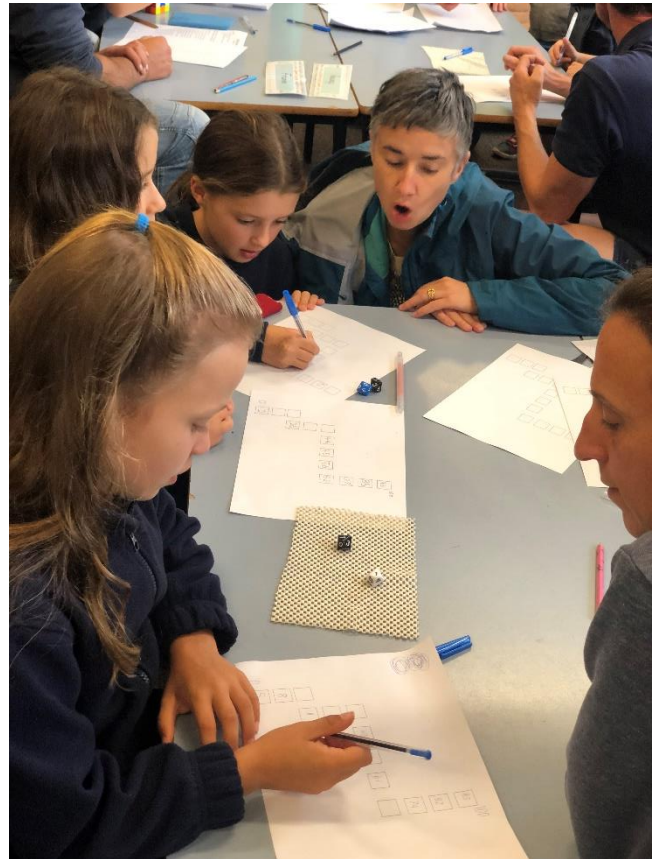
Last Assembly for Term 1

The end of Term 1 Assembly will be held on the last day - Thursday 6 April. Several highlights include the Prep Easter/Holiday Hat Parade where students will proudly show off their decorative creations and - of course - the announcement of the Easter Guess competition winners.

David Twite (Principal)

Family Maths Night

Thank you to all the families who came along to our Maths Night on Monday; it was wonderful to see so many people engaging in maths and finding the fun and the beauty in what we do. Special thanks to Ellen Corovic for sharing her expertise with us all, and to all the staff who helped run the activities.



2023 Bell PS Calendar:

Enter dates to remember in your diary, or take a photo each week for quick reference!



MARCH 2023

- Fri 31: Grade 2 Celebration of Learning
- Fri 31: 2024 Prep Tour

APRIL 2023

- Mon 3: Grade Prep Celebration of Learning
- Mon 3: Grade 4 Celebration of Learning
- Wed 5: Grade 5 Celebration of Learning
- Wed 5: Icy Pole Day
- Thu 6: **Final Day Term 1, 2.30pm dismissal**
- Mon 24: **First Day Term 2**
- Mon 24: **FINAL DAY CONSENT: Yr2 Bundoora Park**
- Tue 25: **ANZAC Day Public Holiday**
- Wed 26: **Grade 2 Bundoora Park Excursion**
- Fri 28: Bell Cross Country Carnival, AH Capp Reserve

MAY 2023

- Tue 9: VSSS Rehearsal #2, Ivanhoe East PS
- Wed 17: **FINAL DAY CONSENT: Gr6 Camp Jungai**
- Mon 22-Thu 25: **Grade 6 Camp Jungai**
- Mon 29: Photo Day

JUNE 2023

- Thu 1: Nthn Div. Cross Country, Bundoora Park
- Tue 6: VSSS Rehearsal #3, Ivanhoe East PS
- Mon 12: **King's Birthday Public Holiday**
- Fri 23: **Final Day Term 2, 2.30pm dismissal**

JULY 2023

- Mon 10: **First Day Term 3**

AUGUST 2023

- Fri 4: VSSS Rehearsal #4, Maroondah Nets, Heathmont
- Wed 30 – Fri 1.9: **Grade 5 Waratah Bay Camp**

SEPTEMBER 2023

- Thu 7: VSSS Rehearsal #5, John Cain Arena
- Fri 8: VSSS Rehearsal #6, John Cain Arena
- Fri 15: **Final Day Term 3, 2.30pm dismissal**

OCTOBER 2023

- Mon 2: **First Day Term 4**

NOVEMBER 2023

- Tue 7: **Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday**
- Wed 29 – Fri 1.12: **Grade 4 Anglesea Camp**

DECEMBER 2023

- Wed 20: **Final Day Term 4, 1.30pm dismissal**

Around the Grounds:

Please take note **and advise your children** that the organisation below has priority use of the designated areas in our School Grounds on the following dates and times, as a formal arrangement has been made with the Principal and School Council. This table will be updated as other bookings are approved.

Just a reminder that UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES are footy or soccer boots to be worn on our ovals.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2023							
Darebin Falcons Women's Soccer Training	South Oval 5.30-7.30pm 20 Feb-31 Mar APPROVED	South Oval 5.30-7.30pm 20 Feb-31 Mar APPROVED	South Oval 5.30-7.30pm 20 Feb-31 Mar APPROVED	South Oval 5.30-7.30pm 20 Feb-31 Mar APPROVED	South Oval 5.30-7.30pm 20 Feb-31 Mar APPROVED		

Student Safety

Our crossing guards do a tremendous job keeping our community safe and really care about everyone's safety. They are currently concerned that children are getting too far ahead of their parents whilst walking to or from school.

Whether your child is walking, riding or skating, please ensure they are in close proximity to you at all times, especially when nearing the side streets. There is ever-increasing traffic in the streets around our school and, with the construction taking place, there are many large heavy vehicles that will struggle to stop quickly. It only takes a split second for an accident to occur and if you are too far away there is no way for you to prevent it. Please help our crossing guards by supervising your children **at all times**.

From the Admin Office:

ADMINISTRATION STAFF:

Lu Paglia: Business Manager (Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri) : Jo Taylor: Finance/Excursions (Mon/Wed/Fri)
Tania Levens: Facilities/OHS/Communication (Tue-Fri) : Jessie Storm: Attendance/Enrolments/Medical (Mon-Fri)
OFFICE HOURS: 8.00am – 4.30pm

LATE ARRIVALS, EARLY DEPARTURES OR STUDENT ABSENCES

1. **Late Arrival:** **ONLY** enter this on the Compass Kiosk at the office on arrival.
2. **Early Departure:** **ONLY** enter this on the Compass Kiosk at the office on arrival.
3. **Whole Day Absence:** **MUST** be entered on your Compass Parent Portal either in advance, or on the day by clicking the absence SMS link.

Please help the Admin Team out by NOT entering medical/dental appointments, etc, through your Compass Parent Portal – simply follow the early departure / late arrival procedure when you come in to drop off or collect your child.

COVID Reminder

A reminder to Bell families to please continue to report your child's positive test result directly to the front office via phone or email. While the isolation guidelines have recently changed, we kindly ask that we are still informed of positive cases to keep track of absences and let your child's teacher know.

Rapid Antigen Tests are still available from the front office.

Thank you for your continued co-operation.

Bell PS Uniforms

1. **NEW** Bell PS uniforms can always be purchased from [PSW](#).
2. **SECOND-HAND** Uniforms can be purchased from our Second Hand Uniform Shop run by a parent volunteer once per week. ***IT WILL BE OPEN BY KATE EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 3.15-3.45PM DURING TERM 1.*** Don't forget your gold coins – no credit or credit card facility is available.

LOST PROPERTY

You are welcome to check through Lost Property at any time. Just walk straight past the office and turn right! It can be found in the cabinets in the corridor near the Art Room.

SECOND-HAND JUMPERS & JACKETS NEEDED!

Kate in the Second-Hand Uniform Shop reports that we are in serious need of donations of **jumpers** and **bomber jackets** in particular. If you have any pre-loved Bell logo jumpers or bomber jackets that are still in reasonable condition, we would be very grateful to receive donations at the front office. Other uniform donations are always welcome too, including Bell branded school bags and hats.



Clubs Fun

This term students have been able to visit a variety of Clubs at break time. Here we see some students enjoying Legoland Club, Drawing and Colouring Club and Reading Clubs.



From the Grade 5 Team:

STEM CHALLENGE

Grade 5 students took part in a difficult STEM challenge where we were tasked with making a marble run out of anything we could salvage. The biggest challenge faced - the marble run needed to last 30 seconds or more. Once groups were chosen, the design stage took place with groups sketching out their design prior to construction. The construction stage was very enjoyable and challenged everyone with their engineering skills. Some marble runs ran all the way, some broke quickly, some even lasted more than 30 seconds! Everyone loved it. It was so much fun!

Ethan S (5C) & Hugo F (5A)



EXCURSION TO THE IMMIGRATION MUSEUM

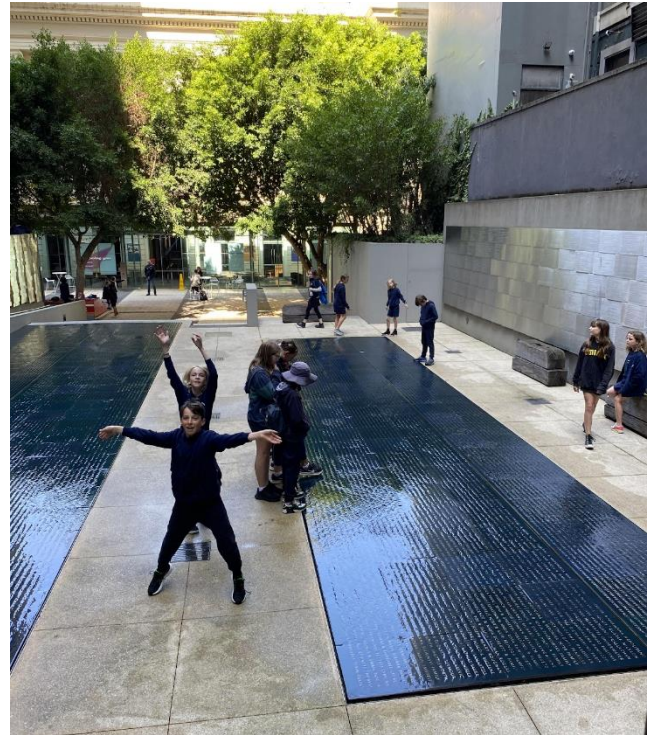
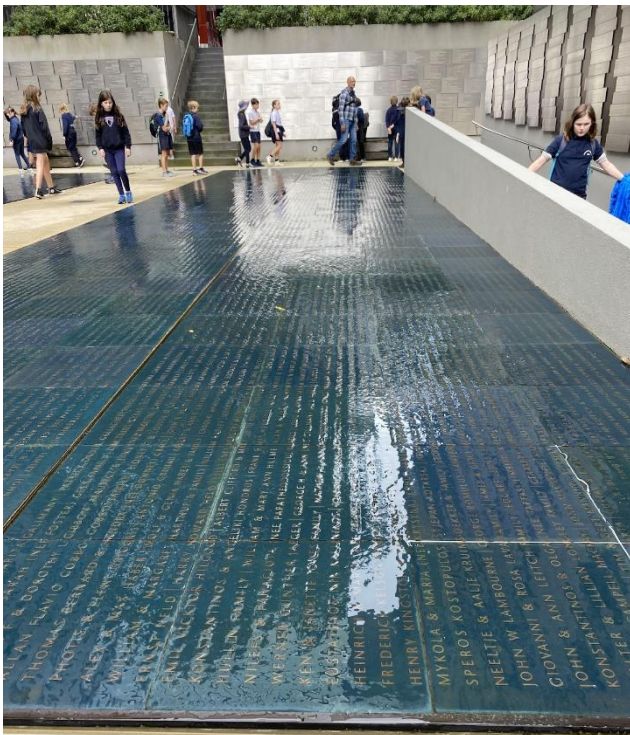
On Tuesday the 28th of March the Grade 5s went to the Immigration Museum in the city.

While half of the Grade 5s went to the museum for a couple of hours, the other half explored the city within the vicinity of the Immigration Museum. We saw amazing things such as the Sandridge Immigration Bridge, full of information for our inquiry projects. The kids in the museum went in a room with museum worker Pat, to piece together stories about different immigrants from around the globe. The students explored and interacted with multiple exhibitions such as, Leaving Home and Getting In.

Whilst we ate lunch, we looked in a beautiful outdoor space called the Tribute Garden. Wall to wall, it was lined with names of immigrants that have contributed to the community. Small ponds, - also covered with names - were there to represent the oceans that all immigrants had to cross, whether by plane or by boat.

A special thanks to Maggie (Hugo's mum), Liz (Amelie's mum), Fiona (Sam V's mum), Sandra (Elke's mum) and Brooke (Jack's mum). Another thanks to our amazing teachers, Stacey, Ajay and Keara.

By Juniper S, Juniper J and Lily N.



From the Engagement + FUNdraising Team:

It's a big week for the last week of Term 1 with our first Icy Pole Day on Wednesday and the Easter Guess finishing at 4pm on Wednesday.

Easter Guess...

Our Easter guessing game is up and running near the school Office and is causing lots of excitement and strategising amongst the kids. Do you:

- Try to count as many eggs as you can?
- Use your maths and estimate based on $w \times d \times h = \text{volume}$?
- Choose an easy number with a zero on the end?
- Choose the biggest basket to guess to get the biggest win?
- Choose the item with the least number of guesses to increase your chances of winning?



The Easter Guess will be staying open until 4.00 pm Wednesday and winners will be announced at the final assembly on Thursday. Just like the lotteries, if there are more than 1 winner the prize will be divided up equally between the winners.

For students who haven't yet had the opportunity to have a guess, time will be made on Tuesday for them to visit the office during school time. If you would like your child to participate, please make sure they bring a gold coin on the day.

Icy Pole Day

At the second break **next Wednesday**, all students will have the chance to buy 1-2 Zooper Doopers at \$1 each. Please make sure your children have a gold coin to join in the fun.

Have a great break and school holidays.

The FUNdraising Team



It's icy pole day!

April 5

\$1=1 zooper dooper
limit 2 per student



VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!

Calling out for volunteers to help hand out icy poles on **Wednesday 5 April**. We need 6 - 8 volunteers **between 12pm - 3pm** to help set up tables, hand out icy poles and pack up the tables.

Please email bell.ps@education.vic.gov.au if you are available.

Many thanks,
Engagement & Fundraising Team

2024 PREP ENROLMENTS



Bell Primary School welcomes 2024 Prep enrolments from local families, with priority given to those living in the school's Designated Neighbourhood Area.

We invite families to submit 2024 Prep enrolments from April 24th 2023.

Our first round of Prep tours took place this week, with a second round of tours to commence in Term 2. Dates and times to follow.

For further information or to register your name for tours, please email bell.ps@education.vic.gov.au or call 9480 5622.

Section Break (Next Page)

What's-been-happening... ¶

Over-the-last-2-weeks-we-have-welcomed-a-new-permanent-staff-member-to-our-team,-Amy. ¶

Amy-has-worked-for-multiple-OSHCLUB-services-in-the-past, then-took-a-break-to-gain-her-cert-III-in-early-childhood-education. Amy-will-be-here-on-Monday-Thursday-afternoons, we-are-very-excited-to-have-her-join-our-team! If-you-see-Amy-around, please-feel-free-to-say-hello-and-welcome-her-to-our-oshclub-family. ¶

Can-you-believe-holidays-are-just-around-the-corner?! Bookings-are-now-open-to-secure-a-spot-for-the-2-week-program. We-have-lots-of-exciting-themes-and-experiences-for-the-children-to-participate-in-such-as; Pokémon-Day, an-AFL-and-an-Media-&-Clay-incursion-and-an-excursion-to-Strike-Bowling! Spots-are-filling-up-fast, so-please-make-sure-you-read-the-attached-flyer-with-all-our-themes-for-each-day-and-secure-your-booking-before-our-cut-off-dates. ¶

Both-Incursion-and-excursion-cut-off-dates-are-5-working-days-prior-to-the-day. This-allows-for-external-companies-to-bring-enough-resources-on-the-day-for-the-number-of-children-booked-in-for-incursions-and-to-also-secure-the-correct-number-of-seats-on-a-bus-for-our-excursion-days. Unfortunately-we-cannot-take-last-minute-or-walk-in-bookings-for-either-of-these-days, so-please-make-sure-you-book-in-advance. 😊. ¶

Another-friendly-reminder-that-during-the-holiday-program, children-are-to-bring-their-own-morning-tea, lunch-and-afternoon-tea. There-will-be-lots-of-fun-and-exciting-cooking-experiences-throughout-the-day-that-we-provide-for-the-children, except-for-main-meals. We-are-also-a-nut-free-service, so-please-refrain-from-packing-peanut-butter-sandwiches-and-any-type-of-nut-bars-into-the-service. ¶

As-always, if-you-have-any-further-questions, please-feel-free-to-reach-out. Warm-regards, ¶

Celeste, Olivia & Amy. ¶

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Mon-Fri-07:00-09:00-&-15:00-18:30 ¶

0413-123-119 ¶

Bell@oshclub.com.au ¶

oshclub.com.au

1300 395 735

NOTICE - ALLERGY - Please ensure all food is nut free



Monday 10 April

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

SERVICE CLOSED



Monday 17 April

IN + \$17.00

FOOTY FEVER

INCURSION - MULTISPORTS

Enjoy a fun filled session of summer sporting fun where you will learn skills of various summer sports? What sport will be your favourite.



Tuesday 11 April

GOTTA CATCH 'EM ALL!!

IN-SERVICE

Charmander's are red. Squirtle's are blue. If you were a Pokémon, I'd choose you!

Hello Pokémon trainers! Today we collect Pokémon cards, battle it out, and catch some of our own Pokémon.



Tuesday 18 April

EX + \$43.00

LITTLE TRICKSTERS

EXCURSION - STRIKE BOWLING HIGHPOINT

Will you strike lucky today? Join us as we enter the Strike- zone for a day filled of fun



Wednesday 12 April

IN + \$19.00

A THEATRICAL WORLD

INCURSION - CLAYMATION - WHERE ANIMATION MEETS CREATIVITY

In this simple and exciting workshop we learn the simple hints and tips on how to animate effectively & each child will get to construct their own cool clay characters that they can take home and make their own movies!



Wednesday 19 April

HIGH TEA PARTY

IN-SERVICE

Hickory dickory dock, take out your pocket watch; for you shouldn't be late, so mark the date for the Mad Hatter's High Tea!

Journey through wonderland with scavenger hunts, hat parades, and a high tea with scones and fresh lemonade!



Thursday 13 April

AUTUMN FESTIVAL

IN-SERVICE

Today we're getting in the spirit of Autumn. Join your friends at OSHC for a fun festival to celebrate all things Autumn!

Play carnival games, make crystal Autumn leaves and warm your belly with apple turnovers!



Thursday 20 April

MONSTER MASH

IN-SERVICE

It's a mash, it's a monster mash! Lets mash it up and create some mashed up monster crafts today.

Release your inner beast with monster stew, balloon squish monsters, and spooky sensory bags with slimy eyes.



Friday 14 April

A TRIP TO THE UNITED KINGDOM

IN-SERVICE

Get your imaginations in gear as we travel through England, Scotland, London and Wales on our magical Double Decker bus.

Grab our passport while we create our own bagpipes, try Welsh cakes, and compete in a game of cricket!



Friday 21 April

BE A BOOKWORM!

IN-SERVICE

Show off your best costume that represents your favourite book character. Will you win the prize for best dressed?

Roll a story, make your own book cover, decorate bookmarks, and sculpt some clay characters.



Mon - Fri 7:00am - 6:30pm
Bell Primary School - 0413 123 119
78A Oakover Road Preston VIC 3072

Daily price: \$70.00 | Excursions and Inursions are an additional cost to the daily fee and are charged for each child that attends whether they choose to participate or not.

Book now at oshclub.com.au | be quick as places are limited

Customer Service 1300 395 735

Junior Adventures Group continues to pioneer the OSHC sector, building stronger communities and brighter futures for more than 70,000 children, 50,000 families and more than 450 schools across Australia.



Our Values

- Considerate - Be there for others
- Passionate - Bring energy and determination
- Courageous - Challenge ourselves

The values we share guide our behaviour as we work towards our vision to **build brighter futures together.**

What we offer

- A healthy, safe, respectful and engaging environment
- Caring, enthusiastic, fun and friendly team
- New and popular excursions, incursions and theme days
- Stimulating experiences tailored to children's interests, abilities and current trends
- OSHClub endeavour to link each fun experience to key learning outcomes



We are a child safe organisation



What Does My Child Bring?

Please bring breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and a refillable drink bottle. If bringing food please make sure it's nutritious and doesn't require heating or cooking.

Please be mindful of the planned incursion/excursion and ensure your children are dressed appropriately. Don't forget your sun smart hat, comfortable clothes, closed shoes and a drink bottle.

To avoid loss or disappointment, please leave your valuables, money and electronic toys (including tablets and smartphones) at home.



Healthy Eating

OSHClub follows the Australian dietary guidelines which can be found at <https://www.eatforhealth.gov.au>

Activity Changes

If an excursion or incursion (due to unforeseen circumstances) is cancelled, the activity will either be postponed or an alternative activity of equal value will be provided where possible.



Before making your booking & cancellations

All children must be enrolled with OSHClub prior to booking via oshclub.com.au. Bookings made within 5 days for a Holiday Program session will incur an extra charge of \$4.00 per day per child. 7 days notice from before the session commences is required for cancellation of a Holiday Program booking to ensure you will not incur out of pocket costs. Please note that bookings cannot be made online within 5 days of the session commencing. In order to book within this period, you will need to contact the service directly, the Customer Service and Billing Team on 1300 395 735 or by emailing oshaccounts@junioradventuresgroup.com.au

Child care subsidy

Our services are registered with Centrelink, so you will be able to claim Child Care Subsidy on your fees. For further information please visit www.education.gov.au/childcare-FAQ

Children with additional needs

We support all children including children with additional needs. If you would like to provide additional information about your child and his/her needs or require inclusion support funding, please contact us 6 weeks prior to program commencement on 0413 123 119 for staffing purposes.

Book now at oshclub.com.au | be quick as places are limited

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Come and swim with us!



Northcote Swim Club is welcoming new members!

Are you interested in joining a swim squad?



Northcote Swim Club is a community based competitive swimming club. Our squad sessions cater for every level and are supported by qualified coaches.

Dive into our club as we prepare to move into our new state of the swim centre – coming late 2023.

- Be part of a team
- Make new friends
- Exercise and stay active
- Build swim skills
- Professionally trained coaches
- Pathway to competition

Contact us to learn more and arrange a trial:

ntc.swimming@gmail.com

northcote.swimmingclub.org.au

