

# Quarter Times

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Issue 4 Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024

## Important Dates and Reminders:

Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Cultural Infusion/Harmony Assembly 2:30pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Grade 3-6 Cross Country 10:00am – 11:30am
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Open Afternoon 2:30pm – 3:10pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Gold Assembly and Easter Hat Parade 9:00am
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last Day of Term – school finishes 2:30pm
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day of Term 2
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Pupil Free Day – Staff PL - Numeracy
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday – No Students
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Pupil Free Day - Assessment and Reporting

### Cultural Infusion Concert:

QPS is acknowledging and celebrating Harmony Week from 18<sup>th</sup> March-22<sup>nd</sup> March. All the students will be involved in learning about different cultures as a part of their inquiry project.

On **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024** - *Cultural Infusion Concert* – 2:30 pm in our gym. Students are encouraged to wear cultural/traditional dress or colours. Please wear school uniform for those not dressing up. All our families are invited to attend the performances in the afternoon. We look forward to a day filled with cultural events and colour!!



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## Principals Message

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that the end of term is almost upon us. It has been a very busy term with a lot happening.

*A gentle reminder that we do finish at 2:30 pm Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March.*

On that day, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March, we invite you to our Gold Assembly for the end of term where we celebrate academic achievement and most improved in the areas of literacy, numeracy and SEL.

We also present our Principal and Assistant Principal awards for the term.

This assembly starts at 9 am. After the assembly we will hold our Easter Hat parade and as we are acknowledging World Autism Day, we are offering all students and staff to come dressed in their colours to celebrate neuro diversity in our community. If you wish not to wear colours, it is school uniform as usual. Please remember that we still need to have a sunsmart hat (school hat) and runners or enclosed shoes as a safety measure.

There is no general assembly this week, instead we are celebrating our diversity of cultures at QPS with a Cultural Infusion/Harmony assembly.

Last year it was a wonderful opportunity to come together and build our awareness of our cultures. We are looking forward to that again.

I would like to celebrate some of our QPS achievements this term:

- Our Learning Expo next Monday – an opportunity for families to come into the classrooms and see the work your child has covered this term
- Our Preps who have settled so well and are now attending fulltime – big shout out to our Prep parents who have made sure they are ready for school
- Our families for their support of correct uniform and improving our attendance
- Excursions and Incursion – beach days and immigration
- Cross Country trials
- Zooper Dooper days
- Harmony Week
- Student Conferences
- Parent Information sessions
- To our staff – for their care, support and planning to provide access to the curriculum for our students.

It really does take a community to make a school work well and I think we are doing ok with this. If I think where we were 12 months ago, we have certainly come along way with not only the buildings and grounds but enrolments, programs, teaching and learning, inclusion, experiences and resources.

Well done to each and every member of our community.



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## SCHOOL COUNCIL:

A 2024 school council meets for the first time this week. I welcome our newest member Amanda Barr to the council. We thank the work of Valarie Tanuvasa who was an inaugural member of school council supporting decisions to set up the very first school council. Thank you, Valarie, your work and support is greatly appreciated.

## Our 2024 School Council:

Liz Davey Principal – Executive Officer

Trish McColley – current president

Jean-ne Duncan

Annalese Swallie

Kellie Roberts

Amanda Fegan

Amanda Barr

Penny Denton (DET)

Michelle Siwes (DET)

2024 office bearers will be elected at the next meeting.

Some of the work our 2023 School Council was involved in was fundraising (Zoooper Dooper Days and Hot Dog Day, Easter Raffle, Hot Cross Buns, Christmas Raffle) and Grade 6 graduation providing lunch and cupcakes.

The school council is using the funds raised to begin purchasing seating for our gym.

Have a great weekend when it comes around.

Liz Davey

Principal



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## Wellbeing News

### World Autism Awareness Day – 2<sup>nd</sup> April (QPS celebrating Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March)

World Autism Awareness Day is Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Quarters Primary School will be acknowledging and celebrating this important day as a whole school community on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**.

As well as filling our school community with **COLOUR** students will engage in learning experiences during SEL sessions to develop their understanding and raise awareness of autism. Some of our guiding questions will be;

- ✓ What is autism spectrum disorder?
- ✓ What might be the daily experience of someone with a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder?
- ✓ What are some of the superpowers a person with a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder might have?
- ✓ What are some things a person with a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder might find hard?
- ✓ As a friend, how can we support someone with a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder when they are having a hard time.



**WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY**

**APRIL 2, 2024**

Celebrating  
World Autism  
Awareness Day

When: Thursday 28th March  
2024 Theme: Colour  
What: On Thursday 28th  
March school uniforms stay  
at home and students are  
encouraged to dress in as  
much colour as possible. The  
more colour the better!!

QUARTERS PRIMARY SCHOOL  
ACHIEVE SUCCESS

The poster features a central illustration of a lightbulb with a rainbow-colored filament, set against a background of a blue sky with white clouds. The text is arranged in a clear, readable layout, with the date and theme highlighted in red and blue respectively.



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## SEL STAR Award Recipients – Term 1

We would like to take a moment to congratulate to our SEL STAR award recipients for Term 1. These students are being acknowledged for demonstrating our ACHIEVE values and making positive contributions to our school community.



Grade	SEL Star Award Weeks 1 and 2	SEL Star Award Weeks 3 and 4	SEL Star Award Weeks 5 and 6
Prep A	Bruce	Zenia	Eleanor
Prep B	Helia	Chloe	Waris
Prep C	Ekam	Riley	Mithuli
Prep D	Divon	Alice	Olivia
1/2A	Sachleen	Evie	Ryan
1/2B	Anthony	Anikaa	Kia
1/2C	Kiki	Jasneet	Nia
1/2D	Sukheem	Yuvraj	Alani
1/2E	Eveleen	Gurbaz	Aisla
3/4A	Minuli	Ishaani	Alicia
3/4B	Amir	August	Dhwiti
3/4C	Jiya	Shiv	Leighton
3/4D	Miah	Sneh	Ella
3/4E	Omeid	Mehtaab	Tisha
5/6A	Timo	Geetman	Neha
5/6B	Callum	Guransh	Dontay
5/6C	Bitaz	Arman	Navgun
Specialist Awards			
	Weeks 1 and 2	Weeks 3 and 4	Week 5 and 6
PE	5/6B	3/4A	1/2C
Visual Arts	1/2A	PA	5/6C
Auslan	3/4E	5/6B	1/2E



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## School Celebrations

### Harmony Day at QPS

On Wednesday, the whole school celebrated Harmony Day. It was great to see all the learners embrace this day and came to school wearing colours from their culture, or a touch of orange. Harmony Day is a day to celebrate all the different cultures that are a part of Australia. This is a very special day when we recognise the importance of cultural respect, participation, and inclusiveness for everyone who calls Australia home. Harmony Day is a time for everyone to celebrate the enormous benefits of multiculturalism.



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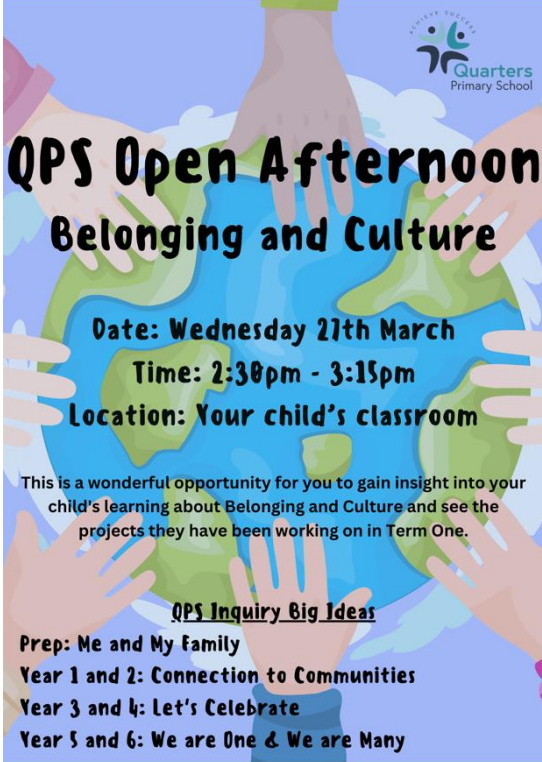


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## QPS Open Afternoon:

Parents and carers are welcome to join us for our Inquiry Open Afternoon on Wednesday 27th March. Please come to your child's classroom between 2:30 – 3:15pm for a wonderful opportunity for you to gain insight into your child's learning about Belonging and Culture and see the projects they have been working on in Term One. During this time, you will have the chance to visit each of your child's classrooms while the students stay in their respective learning environments.



**QPS Open Afternoon**  
**Belonging and Culture**

**Date: Wednesday 27th March**  
**Time: 2:30pm - 3:15pm**  
**Location: Your child's classroom**

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to gain insight into your child's learning about Belonging and Culture and see the projects they have been working on in Term One.

**QPS Inquiry Big Ideas**

- Prep: Me and My Family
- Year 1 and 2: Connection to Communities
- Year 3 and 4: Let's Celebrate
- Year 5 and 6: We are One & We are Many



**Easter Parade**

**Easter Hat Parade**

**Thursday 28th March**

In GYM After Gold Assembly

ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME WEARING SOMETHING 'EASTER RELATED' ON THEIR HEADS! IT MAY BE A BONNET, A HAT, BUNNY EARS - BE CREATIVE.

## Easter Parade :

We are holding an Easter Bonnet Parade on the last day of term, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Students are invited to create an easter bonnet, at home, and then wear at our parade on the day. Let the students get crafty and make their own hat /bonnet. We look forward to seeing some gorgeous hats this year!!



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## Uniform:

### Uniform Blitz

This week's Uniform Blitz is focussed on wearing our full school uniform with pride. We have noticed that many learners are not in correct school uniform. **This includes not wearing jewellery, nail polish, make up , anklets, printed socks, jumpers with hood. Black leggings are not part of the uniform.** Headdress for cultural/religious reasons is to be in school colours – black, white or teal Please ensure you are sending your children to school in their correct uniform in line with our QPS uniform policy.

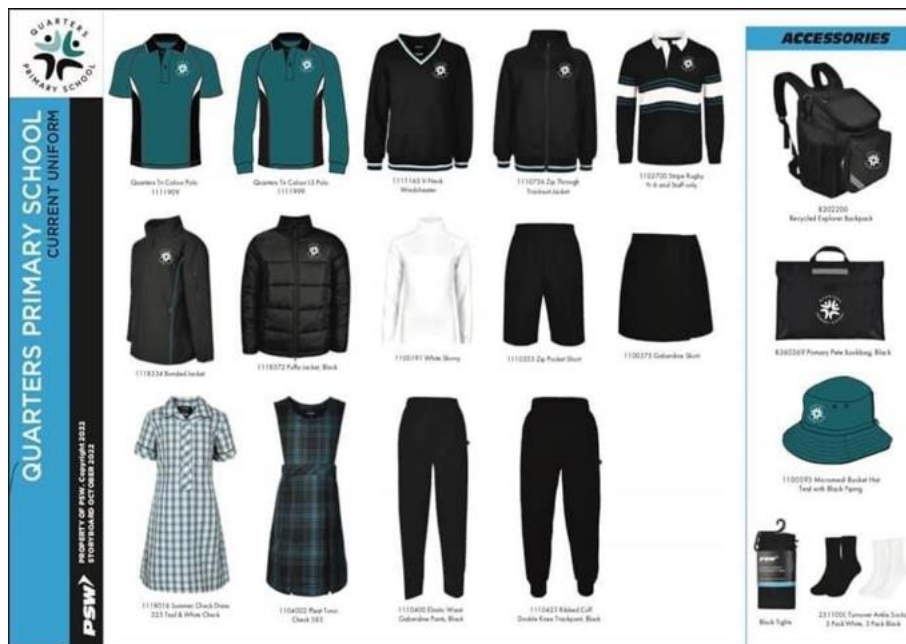
Please see the information below about Quarters Primary School's uniform expectation. If you are experiencing any difficulty in purchasing uniform, please come and chat at the office.

Thank you QPS families for your ongoing support 🙏

### Hair and Sun safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is encouraged to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> April and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.



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## Grade News

### T is for TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

Last week as part of our language experience for the letter 'T', the Prep students brought along their favourite teddy to celebrate with a special 'Teddy Bear Picnic'.

The Preps and their teddies had lots of fun eating their snack together outside in the sunshine!



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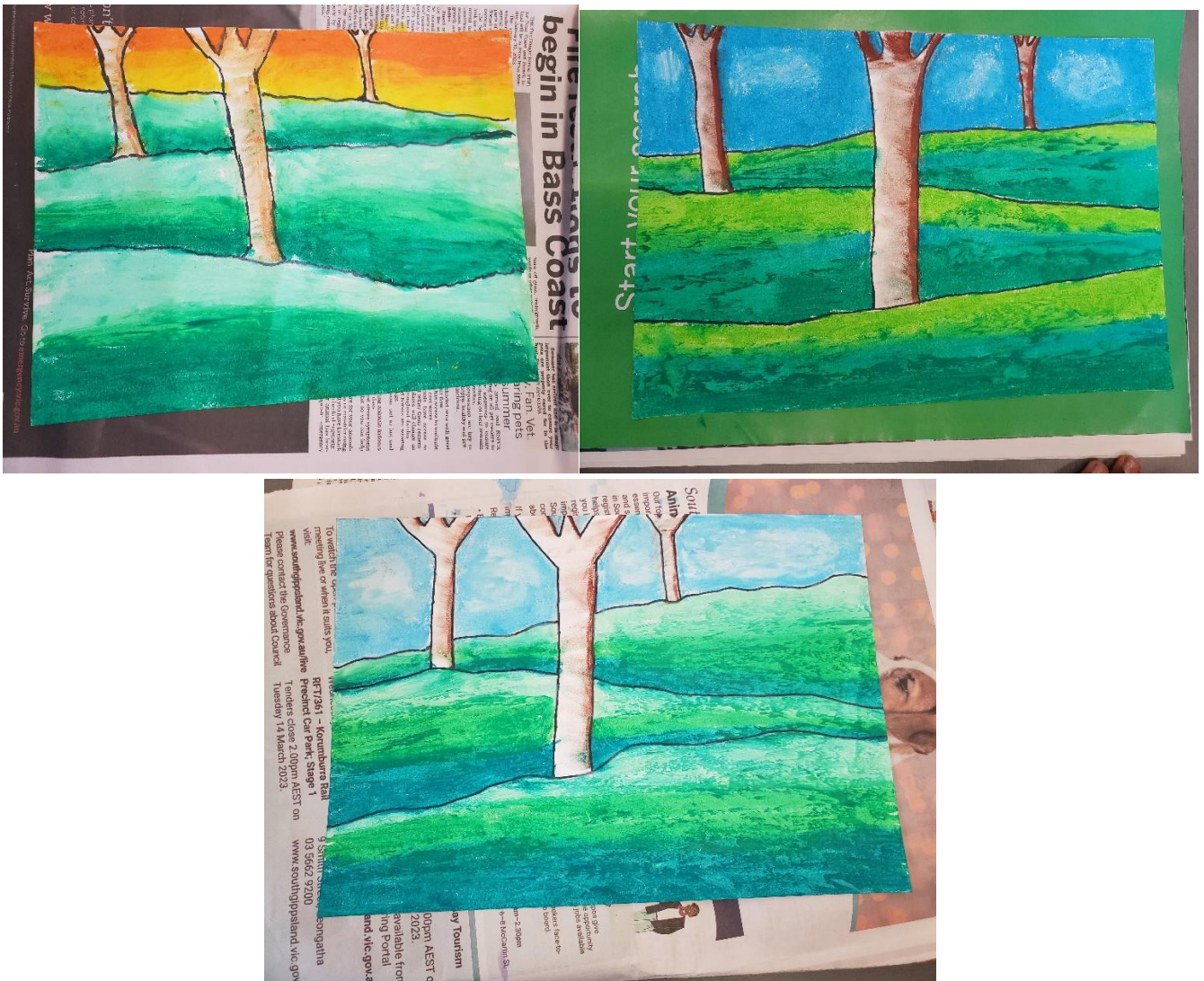
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## Specialist News

### Art

Our 3/4 students have been learning about perspective and how objects change in size and colour when we view them from different distances, angles and compared to other things. We had a lesson based on drawing three trees of varying distances away, all on their own patch of grass. The picture was completed when we added oil pastel to colour it in. We learned about using multiple shade of the same colour to achieve a gradient of colour and we blended it in with our fingers to make the gradient smooth and seamless. We also showcased the way the colours would be affected by the sun shining from one side of the art, by placing pastel only on certain sides of the trees.

The 3/4 students have done a wonderful job of their perspective art pieces.



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## Community News

### Free Health, Wellbeing and Development Checks for Prep Students



Dear Foundation Parents/Carers,

The Primary School Nursing Program is a free service offered by the Department of Education to all prep/foundation students and their families during their child's first year of school.

The program aims to assist in the early identification of children with potential health and development related learning difficulties and offers health and development screening (such as hearing, vision, speech, dental and motor skills) as well as advice, information and referrals to other health and support services.

Parents / carers can support their child's participation in the program by completing an online School Entrant Health Questionnaire.

You can access and complete the online questionnaire on a mobile phone, computer or tablet.

Information shared by parents/carers in the questionnaire is confidential and not shared with school staff without consent.

Once the questionnaire has been submitted, the Primary School Nurse will visit your child's school to conduct further health screenings for students that require it. The nurse may contact you to further discuss any concerns raised in the questionnaire, using the details you provided.

Participation in the program is not mandatory and parent/carer consent is required for the Primary School Nurse to see your child.

If you have any questions or concerns about this service, you can contact your Primary School Nurse:

**Kerrie Spence**

T: 0447 979 724

E: [kerrie.spence@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:kerrie.spence@education.vic.gov.au)



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## SSR and CSEF

### Eligibility

Students eligible to receive the 2024 Prep Uniform Package must be a Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) recipient. To find out more, please refer to the [Department of Education website](#).

## STATE SCHOOLS' RELIEF

### Prep CSEF Uniform Package 2024.



#### UPDATE FOR FAMILIES.

Applications for the Prep 2024 CSEF Uniform Package are now open

#### What you need to know.

**Who is SSR?**  
State Schools' Relief is a not-for-profit organisation that works closely with all government schools across Victoria. Each year State Schools' Relief provides assistance to families experiencing financial disadvantage with school uniforms and footwear.

**Introduction to Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund**  
Through government funding the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) was established to provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports days and excursions. To find out more, or to apply for assistance, please refer to the Department of Education and Training [website](#).

**SSR offers a uniform package every year to all Prep families/carers eligible for CSEF funding.**

**2024 Prep Uniform Package for CSEF recipients**  
Prep students for 2024 that are recipients of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) automatically qualify for the uniform package and/or voucher.

**What's in the package?**  
The 2024 package contains the following items:

- Outerwear x 1 pce (i.e., jacket / parka / puffer)
- Tops x 2 pcs (i.e., windcheater / polo shirt / rugby top)
- Pants x 2 pcs (i.e., trackpants / leggings)
- Socks x 2 packs
- Pair of Shoes x 1

**Please note:**

- a) PE items are not included as part of this package
- b) Shoes must be requested in UK sizes (please see our shoe size conversion chart [here](#))

**Cost to families**  
Where State Schools' Relief is unable to provide a uniform item directly that contains a logo (due to contractual agreements with uniform retailers) you will receive a **voucher for \$85** that subsidises the cost of the items. The voucher can be redeemed at your child's school uniform shop, or independent uniform retailer.  
*Please note: vouchers do have an expiry date and must be used before this date.*

**How do I apply for the CSEF Uniform Package?**  
Applications are made through your child's school. Please refrain from contacting State Schools' Relief directly as staff are unable to accept applications directly from parents/families. Should you have any questions, or wish to apply for assistance, please speak directly with your child's school.

**How do I receive the uniform package?**

- All items and/or vouchers provided by SSR will be delivered directly to your child's school. The school will then contact you to arrange handover of these items and/or vouchers.
- The voucher will advise whether you collect items from the school uniform shop or a retailer. If it's a retailer, please check with your school to find out the nearest store.

**Please note:**  
Vouchers are not transferable and cannot be exchanged for cash. State Schools' Relief does not make cash payments to schools or parents/families.

#### What you need to do.

Your child's school will be in contact with you regarding the 2024 uniform package. Please fill out the 'Prep CSEF Uniform Package 2024 Order Form' and return it to the school in order for them to submit the application.

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State Schools' Relief Ltd | 1/8 Johnston Court, Dandenong South VIC 3175 | [contact@ssr.net.au](mailto:contact@ssr.net.au) | 05 8769 8400 | [state-schools-relief.org.au](http://state-schools-relief.org.au)



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## Casey Aboriginal Gathering Place

Koorie School Holiday Program  
Autumn 2024



The Koorie School Holiday Program is catered for **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander** young people aged **10 - 17 years**, living within **City of Casey**.

### Traditional Games and Sporting Activities

Join the Gathering Place and Wanyara for a fun fuelled day filled with traditional games and other sporting activities.

Date: Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>  
Venue: Casey Aboriginal Gathering Place  
20 Agonis Street, Doveton, 3177  
Time: 10:00am – 2:00pm  
Age: 10 – 17 years  
Cost: **FREE**

For Bookings:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/vu45dDvK3k>

### Indigenous Hip Hop and Games Circuit

Turn up the music and put on your best dancing shoes! Join the Gathering Place and Indigenous Outreach Projects, Hip Hop Group in a series of dances, followed by a range of games to enjoy.

Date: Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>  
Venue: Casey Aboriginal Gathering Place  
20 Agonis Street, Doveton, 3177  
Time: 10:00am – 2:00pm  
Age: 10 – 17 years  
Cost: **FREE**

For Bookings:  
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### Caribbean Rollerama

Choose between roller-skates or rollerblades and glide across the skate floor. Enjoy the music while skating, doing speed races and an assortment of skating games.

Date: Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>  
Venue: 1298 Ferritree Gully Rd, Scoresby, 3179  
Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm  
Age: 10 – 17 years  
Cost: **FREE**

For Bookings:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/vu45dDvK3k>

Bookings are essential and **MUST** be completed using this **TryBookings** link or via the **QR Code**. Please note that each child will need to be booked via **TryBookings** separately.

Lunch and transport is provided for program.

Registrations open from **Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am**

Register via the **QR Code** or the below link  
<https://forms.office.com/r/vu45dDvK3k>

If you have any questions about the program, please contact **Kiah Mills**.



### ABORIGINAL GATHERING PLACE

Contact the Gathering Place Team:

Web: [facebook.com/CaseyAboriginalGatheringPlace](https://facebook.com/CaseyAboriginalGatheringPlace)  
Phone: 03 9792 7378  
NRS: 133 677 (for the deaf, hearing or speech impaired)  
TIS: 131 450 (Translating and Interpreter Services)

Contact Program Organiser:

**Kiah Mills**  
Gathering Place Programs and Partnerships Officer  
Email: [kimil@casey.vic.gov.au](mailto:kimil@casey.vic.gov.au)  
Mobile: 0448 402 804



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## Casey Aboriginal Gathering Place

Koorie School Holiday Program  
Bus Timetable – Autumn 2024



### WEEK ONE

Friday, April 5, Traditional Games and Sporting Activities

	PICK UP	DROP OFF
Cranbourne	9:00am	2:40pm
Hampton Park	9:25am	2:20pm

### WEEK TWO

Monday, April 8, Indigenous Hip Hop and Games Circuit

	PICK UP	DROP OFF
Cranbourne	9:00am	2:40pm
Hampton Park	9:25am	2:20pm

Wednesday, April 10, Caribbean Rollerama

	PICK UP	DROP OFF
Cranbourne	8:25am	1:10pm
Hampton Park	8:55am	12:55pm
Doveton	9:25am	12:35pm

### Pick up and drop off points.

Cranbourne	Lyal Street Bus Stop, Cranbourne
Hampton Park	Stuart Avenue Bus Stop, Hampton Park
Doveton	Casey Aboriginal Gathering Place, Doveton



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Contact Program Organiser:

**Kiah Mills**  
Gathering Place Programs and Partnerships Officer  
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**Autumn School Holiday Program**



**Cranbourne Library**  
65 Berwick - Cranbourne Road,  
Cranbourne East

**Parachute Baby Time**, 0-18 months  
Wednesday 3 April, 2.15pm - 2.45pm

**Musical Toddler Time**, 1-3 years  
Thursday 4 April, 10.30am - 11am

**Eid al-Fitr Storytime**, 3-6 years  
Monday 8 April, 10.30am - 11.15am

**Casey Young Writer's Writing Workshops**,  
12-18 years  
Tuesday 9 April, 9.30am - 11am, 11am - 12.30pm  
& 1.00 pm - 2.30pm

**Sing Song Storytime**, 3-6 years  
Thursday 11 April, 10.30am-11.15am

**Cranbourne West  
Library Lounge**  
4 Flicka Boulevard, Cranbourne West

**Little Sprouts Growing Session**, 3-5 years  
Thursday 4 April, 10am - 11am

**Lego Mania**, 5-13 years  
Tuesday 9 April, 10am-11am

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