



Newsletter

Term 3 Week 1 Friday 17th July 2026

Annunciation Catholic Primary School promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all students.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to Term 3!

I hope everyone had the opportunity to enjoy a restful and refreshing break with family and friends. It's been wonderful to see our students return with smiling faces, plenty of stories to share and a real sense of enthusiasm as they settle back into their learning. The classrooms have quickly come alive again, and it's been fantastic to see everyone reconnecting after the holidays.

As we begin the term, I'd like to take a moment to highlight the importance of regular school attendance. Every day at school provides valuable opportunities for learning, building friendships and being part of our wonderful school community. While we understand that illnesses are unavoidable, attending school consistently helps students stay connected with their learning and their classmates. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home so they can recover and help prevent the spread of illness to others. We also ask that families continue to notify the school of any absences as early as possible, whether through the Audiri App, by phone or via email. Your communication is greatly appreciated and helps us ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students.

Term 3 is always one of the busiest and most exciting terms on our school calendar, and we have so much to look forward to! Students will enjoy celebrating Book Week, where we can't wait to see the creative costumes and share our love of reading together. Our Foundation students will also celebrate their special milestone of 100 Days of School—a day filled with fun, laughter and memorable activities. There are also exciting excursions and learning experiences planned throughout the term that will enrich classroom learning and create lasting memories.

As a Catholic school, Term 3 also provides us with special opportunities to celebrate our faith. We look forward to honouring **St Mary MacKillop**, Australia's first saint, whose inspiring words, "Never see a need without doing something about it," continue to remind us of the importance of compassion, service and courage. Later in the term, we will also gather as a community to celebrate the **Feast of the Assumption**, a significant feast in our Church that invites us to reflect on Mary's faith, hope and trust in God. These celebrations are wonderful opportunities for our students to grow in faith and deepen their understanding of our Catholic identity.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and partnership. Together, we look forward to another wonderful term filled with learning, growth and plenty of opportunities to celebrate the many achievements of our students.

Wishing everyone a fantastic start to Term 3!
Take care,

Anna
Principal

ANNUNCIATION Primary School



IMPORTANT DATES

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
2	20th July	21st July	22nd July	23rd July	24th July	25th July
	8:55 am - Assembly (All welcome)					26th July
3	27th July	28th July	29th July	30th July	31st July	1st August
			Foundation students - 100 Days of School 7:00 pm - SAC meeting at Corpus Christi		9:00 am - P&F Meeting (All welcome) Newsletter Published	2nd August
4	3rd August	4th August	5th August	6th August	7th August	8th August
	8:55 am - Assembly (All welcome)					St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast Day
						9th August 2:00 pm - Sacrament of Confirmation at St Augustine's

NAPLAN

Next week, students in Years 3 and 5 will bring home their individual NAPLAN results. NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) assesses students' skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

These assessments provide a snapshot of your child's learning at a particular point in time and are just one of many ways we monitor student progress. We encourage parents to celebrate their child's efforts and use the results as an opportunity to discuss their learning journey.

If you have any questions about your child's results, please don't hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher.

CHILD SAFETY

In this edition of the newsletter, you will find information about Child Safe **Standard 5**. We encourage all families to take the time to read and become familiar with this important standard, as understanding our shared responsibility helps us to keep every child safe.

The Child Safe Standards are a set of 11 requirements that organisations must follow to create environments where children feel safe, supported, and respected. They focus on preventing, responding to, and reporting concerns about child safety, ensuring that the wellbeing of every child is always the highest priority. Developed in response to recommendations from Royal Commissions, these standards guide schools in building a strong culture of care and accountability.



Child Safe Standard 5

"Equity is upheld and diverse needs respected in policy and practice."

As Catholic educators, we have a moral, mission-driven and legal responsibility to uphold and actively promote the human flourishing, wellbeing and safety of every student entrusted in our care. Our commitment to the protection of children and young people is grounded in the Gospel message and related principles of justice, inclusion, and respect. This ensures the diverse needs of every child are recognized and treated with both dignity and care. Our Catholic communities strive to create faith filled, welcoming and inclusive environments where the dignity of every child and young person is promoted, equity is embedded, and the unique needs of every child are respected.

This newsletter series provides an overview of what the Child Safe Standards are, how they are designed to help keep children and young people safe and what schools governed by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) are doing to prioritise and achieve this.

Overview of Child Safe Standard 5:

To be aligned, schools must support the following:

- Families participate in decisions affecting their child
- The organisation engages and openly communicates with families and the community about its child safe approach and relevant information is accessible.
- Families and communities have a say in the development and review of the organisation's policies
- Families, carers and the community are informed about the organisation's operations and governance.



The Child Safe Standards

The Child Safe Standards are a set of guidelines that help organisations create safe environments for children and young people.

They make sure that children are protected from harm, listened to, and respected. These standards require organisations to have strong leadership, clear policies, and a culture that puts children first.

As a parent or carer, you can expect organisations to involve families, empower children, train staff properly, and respond to concerns quickly and respectfully.



"There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

(Galatians 3:28)

How do our schools ensure every child is treated fairly and their unique needs are respected?

- In our schools, we believe that every child has the right to be treated fairly, included, and supported according to their diverse needs and background. These three principles are part of **Child Safe Standard 5**, which focuses on equity and diversity.
- **Equity** is about ensuring justice, recognising that children may need different levels of support to participate fully in learning, activities, and school life.
- **Inclusion** means creating environments where all children, regardless of culture, ability, language, or background, can flourish and are treated justly and are valued, respected, and welcomed.
- **Respect for diversity** is about honouring and celebrating the unique identity of every child, ensuring that differences are recognised as strengths and that everyone's rights and dignity are upheld.

How Parents, Carers and Guardians can get involved!

Child Safe Standard 5 is about making sure schools, families, carers and the wider community work together to keep children safe. Here are some simple ways families can help:

- **Talk about inclusion and fairness:** Discuss diversity, equity, and respect with your child, and encourage them to appreciate differences in others.
- **Share insights about your child:** Let staff know if your child has specific needs or cultural practices that should be considered in school activities.
- **Participate in school programs and events:** Support initiatives that celebrate diversity and inclusion, such as cultural festivals, learning programs, or wellbeing initiatives.
- **Provide feedback:** Take part in surveys or discussions about school policies and practices, ensuring the school considers diverse perspectives.
- **Model respect and inclusion:** Demonstrate equitable, respectful, and inclusive behaviour at home and in community activities, children learn these values through example.



Want to know more?

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about how we're supporting child safety, please get in touch.

More information on the Child Safe Standards can be found via the [Commission for Children and Young People \(CCYP\) website](#).

Translated Child Safe Standards resources can be found at [CCYP | Translated resources about the Child Safe Standards](#)

Check out these additional resources :

National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) Resource Centre: [Explore NCEC Resource Centre \(inclusive education & wellbeing\)](#)

Catholic School Parents Australia (CSPA): [Visit Catholic School Parents Australia \(family support & engagement\)](#)

Parents & Families - Catholic School Parents: [Family Resources for Supporting Diverse Learning \(Catholic School Parents ACT/NSW\)](#)

Australian Catholics Magazine & Education Hub: [Read Australian Catholics \(family & faith resources\)](#)

Inclusive School Communities Toolkit (Australian education resource): [Access Inclusive School Communities Toolkit \(parent & school collaboration\)](#)



STAFF NEWS

Last October Pippa Sensei applied to the JET Programme to teach English in Japan for a year. She has been selected to go and work in Koriyama City in Fukushima prefecture for one year. Her role is to assist with English teaching and learning at government schools including developing materials and training Japanese teachers of English in Koriyama. Other responsibilities include general involvement in the local community such as organising extracurricular activities for students.

This means that Pippa Sensei will be leaving Annunciation today. Ms Maureen Matthews has been appointed as her replacement and has spent today 'shadowing' Pippa Sensei and meeting all of the staff and students. We warmly welcome Ms Matthews to Annunciation.

Ms Lucy Vassallo will also be leaving Annunciation. Lucy has taken up a position at MACS (Melbourne Archdiocese for Catholic Schools) as a Team Leader in the Catholic Mission & Identity Team. Lucy will commence her new role on Monday 27th July. We will farewell Lucy at the upcoming assembly this Monday (20th July). Lucy has been a valued staff member at Annunciation for the past 3 years and we truly wish her all the very best in her new role.

Ms Stephanie Veltre has been appointed as the Learning Diversity/Wellbeing/MHiPS Leader at Annunciation. Stephanie will be working Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Stephanie has done some CRT work at Annunciation so she is known to the students. We warmly welcome Ms Stephanie to Annunciation.



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The School Advisory Council provides a forum for discussion and discernment, where parent voice and community perspective are available to inform and support the decisions made by the principal and parish priest as custodian of mission for the good of school and parish where students' wellbeing and outcomes are paramount.

We are seeking expressions of interest from parents who would like to be an active member of the School Advisory Council.

The following are some examples of the many ways the School Advisory Council may support the school and the principal:

- articulating and enacting the school's vision and mission
- promoting the school's Catholic ethos and culture
- promoting faith formation and development
- supporting school policies as required
- giving advice to the principal on issues such as school improvement plans and enrolment trends
- engaging in discussion with the principal about the annual school budget and other financial matters
- giving advice to the principal about the school master plan
- providing capital resource planning and maintenance support to the principal.

The School Advisory Council (SAC) meets 4 times per year (once per term). If you're interested, please email: principal@asbrooklyn.catholic.edu.au

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS:

Our Parents & Friends Committee will be meeting on **Friday 31st July at 9:00 am**, and we'd love to see as many parents and carers there as possible!

This term is shaping up to be a busy one, with plenty of exciting events to plan, including our **Tony's Pies Fundraiser**, the ever-popular **Father's Day Stall**, and our **Father's Day Morning Assembly** on Monday 31st August. More information to come in the coming weeks.

Whether you're a regular attendee or thinking about coming along for the first time, your ideas, support and involvement are always valued. You don't need to commit to joining the committee—simply come along, hear what's happening, share your thoughts and help make a difference for our school community.

We look forward to seeing you there!



LEARNING AND TEACHING

nForma Connect

A huge thank you to families who have embraced the shift to digital reporting. Through the use of the app and portal you can access your child's academic report anywhere, anytime. With the app/portal, we have the capacity to embrace more features such as, first aid notes, permission slips, student absence notifications, etc. This will be a work in progress...stay tuned for further updates as the year progresses.

If you still require support with accessing your child's academic report, please come and speak to Belinda.



STUDENT AWARDS

Congratulations to all our students who continue to strive and thrive in both their learning and their behaviour. We are so proud of the way you represent our school.

Thank you for your hard work and for making such a positive contribution to our school community every single day!



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

A huge congratulations to these outstanding students for receiving the Principal's Award! 🎉👏

They have shown an incredible attitude and have gone above and beyond to support our school community. Their kindness, generosity, and commitment to our school values truly make a difference.

Well done! We are so proud of you!



VINNIE'S FUNDRAISER-FRIDAY 26 JUNE

CRAZY SOCK DAY !!



Thanks to everyone for turning up in their Crazy Socks on the last day of term. There were certainly some colorful and crazy socks being worn around the school.

We managed to raise **\$84.00** for the Vinnie's Winter Appeal. That's a fantastic effort! Your donations mean that those who are homeless will be provided with a cosy place to sleep and a warm meal.

To find out more about how you can support those in need go to: [Vinnies Winter Appeal](#)



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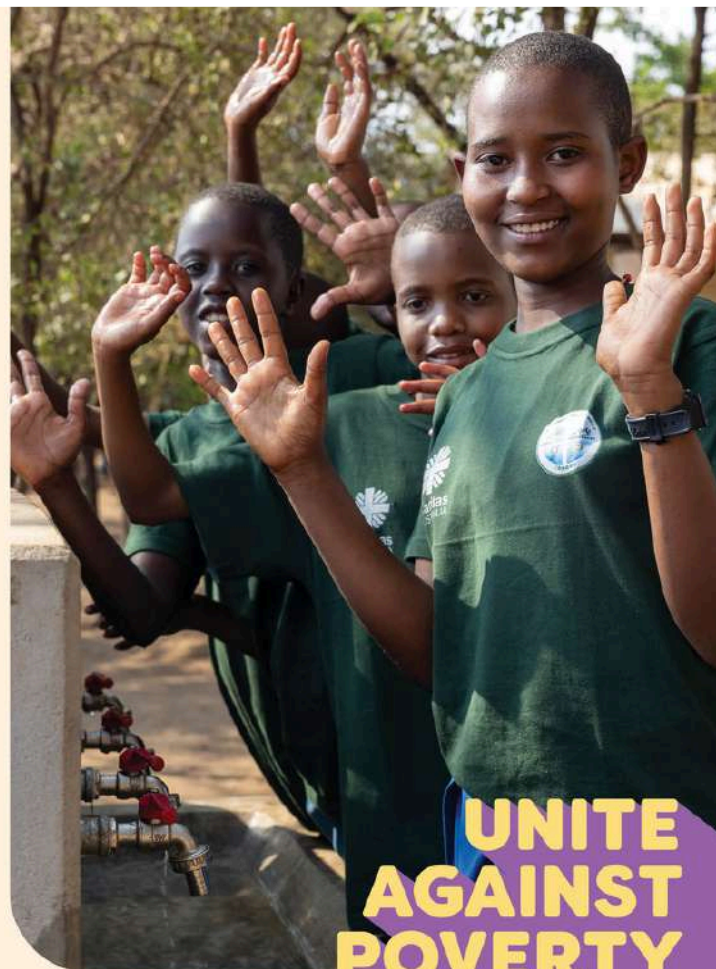
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♥ Thank you ♥

Your generosity during Project Compassion this year will support our neighbours worldwide, empowering the most vulnerable people to build a just future for themselves, their families and communities.

Kirsten Sagers

Caritas Australia
Chief Executive Officer



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100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

We are excited to announce our upcoming F/1 100 Days Brighter celebration to be held on Wednesday 29th July! This milestone marks a significant achievement for our youngest learners as they embark on their educational journey. To commemorate this special occasion, the F/1 students are encouraged to dress up in something bright or creative.

Some examples include:

- wearing bright colours or neon clothing.
- decorating a T-shirt with 100 items (e.g. stickers, pom poms, stars).
- dressing as a 100-year-old.
- creating a costume that represents the number 100 in a fun way.



As part of our celebrations, the students will take part in a range of fun activities:

- At 9:00 am, students will take part in a short parade to share their “100 Days Brighter” creations. Families are welcome to attend and join us in celebrating this special milestone.
- Following the parade, students and their families are invited to join us to participate in various mathematical activities based on all things 100.
- After lunch, students will also walk to the local park for a mini party, where they will enjoy popcorn and juice with their classmates.
- Later in the day, students will be making a special treat – fairy bread (100's & 1000's) to add to the celebration fun.

Notes have already been emailed to the F/1 families



Gardening Club

The garden is looking great after the holiday break. We have spinach, cauliflower, snow peas, broad beans and lettuce all growing well.

Students planted purple cauliflower, carrots and wombok to add to the winter planting. There will be lots to harvest in the coming weeks.



Menu – Term 3, 2026 – Lunch order days are now **Wednesdays & Fridays!**

Order from our ENTIRE Menu until 8.30am on the Day! Updated T2 Menu...inc New Items! Click on the link below to visit our Website:

www.classroomcuisine.com.au

Due to the popularity of our Gozlemes, we have added an additional flavour this term – Herbed Chicken! We have also added a Croissant with Ham & Cheese and Pancakes with Strawberries, Blueberries & Honey to our main course items. Our Stewed Rhubarb & Apple with Custard has been replaced with Stewed Rhubarb & Apple Crumble for the cooler months. Our subsequent courses now include SPC Diced Peaches in Juice, Salt & Vinegar Vege Crackers and Blackcurrant & Apple Juice.

 Healthy, Interesting and Affordable Lunch Packs, Delivered to School ANNUNCIATION – Term 3, 2026 – Wednesday and Friday! Order until 8:30am on the day! 2 Course Lunch Pack from \$6.45! Choose a Main Course item, then select 1 or 2 items from the Snack/Drink Menu to make up a 2 or 3 Course Lunch Pack		
Main Course Menu	2 Course	3 Course
BAKERY – All items freshly baked this morning!		
Cheese & Vegemite Scroll (V)	\$6.45	\$9.15
Savoury Bite 'Little Frank' Roll	\$6.45	\$9.15
Topped with Only Cheese Roll (V)	\$6.45	\$9.15
Cheese & Bacon Roll	\$7.45	\$10.15
Frankfurt 'in a blanket' with Sauce & Cheese (2)	\$10.95	\$13.65
PIZZA / SAUSAGE ROLLS / GOZLEME / PASTIZZI / QUESADILLA / PASTIES – SERVED AT ROOM TEMPERATURE!		
Ricotta & Spinach Pastizzi (2) (V)	\$8.95	\$11.65
Margherita Pizza TWIST(V)	\$9.95	\$12.65
Sausage Roll with Sauce	\$9.95	\$12.65
Margherita PITA Pizza (V)	\$9.95	\$12.65
Quesadilla (Chicken) served with Sour Cream (H)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Ham & Pineapple Pizza Slice	\$10.95	\$13.65
BBQ Chicken Pizza (H)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Pepperoni Pizza (H)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Vegetable Pastie with Tomato Sauce (H, V)	\$12.75	\$15.45
Herbed Chicken Gozleme(H)	\$13.45	\$16.15
Lamb & Beef Gozleme (H)	\$13.45	\$16.15
Mushroom & Spinach Gozleme (Vg)	\$13.45	\$16.15
Spinach & Cheese Gozleme (V)	\$13.45	\$16.15
SUSHI HAND ROLLS (2pc) – Soy Sauce (GF) Provided		
Teriyaki Chicken Hand Rolls (H)	\$12.45	\$15.15
Crispy Chicken (Schnitzel) Hand Rolls (H)	\$12.45	\$15.15
Cooked Tuna Hand Rolls (GF)	\$12.45	\$15.15
Avocado Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$12.45	\$15.15
Cucumber Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$12.45	\$15.15
Vegetarian Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$12.45	\$15.15
Tofu Hand Rolls (GF, V)	\$12.45	\$15.15
RICE PAPER ROLLS (2pc) – (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday only)		
Chicken Rice Paper Rolls (GF, H)	\$13.45	\$16.15
Vegetarian Rice Paper Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$13.45	\$16.15
SANDWICHES/ ROLLS/WRAPS/CROISSANTS / PANCAKES		
Strawberry Jam Sandwich (1.5) (Vg)	\$7.45	\$10.15
Vegemite Sandwich (2) (Vg)	\$9.95	\$12.65
Plain Cheese Sandwich (2) (V)	\$9.95	\$12.65
Simple Salad Roll (Vg)	\$9.95	\$12.65
Croissant with Ham & Cheese	\$9.95	\$12.65
Pancakes with Strawberries, Blueberries & Honey	\$10.95	\$13.65
Wholegrain Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Cheese & Salad Roll (V)	\$11.50	\$14.20
Roast Beef, Chutney, Cheese & Lettuce Roll	\$11.50	\$14.20
Turkey, Cranberry, Lettuce & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$11.50	\$14.20
Chicken, Mayonnaise & Salad Roll (H)	\$12.75	\$15.45
Mexi Style WRAP w. Chicken, Salsa, Cheese, Salad, Corn Chips (H)	\$12.75	\$15.45
SALADS / PICNIC BOXES / POKE BOWLS		
Fresh Fruit Salad – Main Course Size (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$14.20
Ham Picnic Box (GF)	\$11.50	\$14.20
Vegetarian Picnic Box (GF, V)	\$11.50	\$14.20
Greek Style Salad with Feta & Olives (GF, V)	\$12.75	\$15.45
Tortellini Pasta Salad (V) (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday only)	\$12.75	\$15.45
Poke Bowl with Teriyaki Chicken (H)	\$13.45	\$16.15
GF SANDWICHES		
GF Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65
GF Chicken (with Mayo) & Cucumber Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Snack/Drink Menu		
FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES		
Apple pieces, Lemon juice, Cinnamon & Brown Sugar	\$1.00	
Fresh Fruit Combo	+\$1.00	
Freshly Chopped Orange Segments	Included	
Freshly Chopped Watermelon Pieces	Included	
Whole Fruit – Apple	Included	
Whole Fruit – Banana	Included	
Whole Fruit – Mandarin	Included	
SPC Diced Peaches in Juice	Included	
Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum	Included	
Cherry Tomatoes, Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers	Included	
Corn Wheels & Lightly Steamed Broccoli	Included	
Edamame (Lightly Salted)	Included	
BAKERY – SWEET		
ANZAC Biscuit	Included	
Choc Chip Cookie	Included	
Cinnamon Doughnut	Included	
Cornflake Cookie	Included	
Finger Bun with Sprinkles	Included	
"Not Cross" Bun	Included	
Blueberry Muffin	+\$1.00	
Carrot Cup Cake (GF/DF/Vg)	+\$1.00	
Choc Cup Cake (GF/DF/Vg)	+\$1.00	
Jam Drop Biscuit (GF)	+\$1.00	
Passionfruit Melting Moment Biscuit	+\$1.00	
Yo Yo Biscuit	+\$1.00	
SUSHI		
1pc Tuna Sushi (GF)	+\$1.00	
POPCORN / HARVEST SNAPS / VEGE CRACKERS / LEGUMES / DRIED FRUIT		
Popcorn – Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salted	Included	
Popcorn – Lightly Salted	Included	
Harvest Snaps (GF/DF/Vg)	Included	
Salt & Vinegar Vege Crackers (GF/DF/Vg)	Included	
Lime & Black Pepper Chickpeas	Included	
Roasted Chickpeas	Included	
Balsamic & Sea Salt Fava Beans	Included	
Dried Pineapple Pieces by "Peels"	+\$1.00	
DIPS WITH MINI RICE CAKES / CORN CHIPS		
Avocado Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+\$1.00	
Spicy Capsicum Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+\$1.00	
Spring Onion Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+\$1.00	
Tzatziki Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+\$1.00	
Corn Chips with Salsa (GF)	+\$1.00	
Mango Chutney with Vege Chips (GF, Vg)	+\$1.00	
YOGHURTS / BOWLS / CUPS		
Raspberry Jelly Cup	Included	
Strawberry Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers)	+\$1.00	
Vanilla Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers)	+\$1.00	
Stewed Rhubarb and Apple Crumble	+\$1.00	
DRINKS		
Apple Juice	Included	
Blackcurrant & Apple Juice	Included	
Orange Juice	Included	
Chocolate Milk	Included	
Strawberry Milk	Included	
Full Cream Milk	Included	

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- common medical conditions in children and how to address them
- how to find reliable information about children's Health
- where you can get help to manage non-urgent care at home
- when to call Triple Zero (000) and what to expect
- how to give CPR and use a defibrillator

We've timed these sessions to fit perfectly around Storytime and Babytime. Secure your spot to learn vital first aid skills right before or straight after you enjoy the library programs with your little ones.

THURSDAY, 20 AUGUST*

Session 1: 10.45am to 11.30am

Session 2: 11.45am to 12.30pm

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Hobsons Bay City Council is committed to being a child safe organisation and has zero tolerance for child abuse

Council acknowledges the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation As the Traditional Owners of these municipal lands and waterways, and pay our respects to elders past and present.