



Newsletter

Term 3 | Week 5, Friday 22nd August 2025

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Over the past fortnight, our school has been blessed with so many wonderful celebrations and opportunities for our students, staff, and families to come together as a community.

We began with the **Feast of St Mary MacKillop**, honouring Australia's first saint and reflecting on her message of faith, courage, and service. This was followed by our beautiful **Feast of the Assumption Mass**, where our students participated reverently and prayerfully, reminding us of the importance of Mary's role in our faith.

Last week, we turned our attention to the joy of reading with a vibrant **Book Week**. Students were treated to an engaging **Book Week performance**, enjoyed a lively **parade**, and participated in many creative activities across the week. The enthusiasm and imagination on display were truly inspiring! A special highlight was our **PJs and Poetry evening**, where families gathered for a cosy and fun night celebrating stories and verse together.

What makes these occasions so special is not only the joy of the events themselves but the people who make them possible. I am incredibly grateful for our dedicated staff, who put so much energy and passion into ensuring that every celebration enriches the life of our school. I also thank our families, whose presence and participation add so much warmth and support to our community gatherings.

It is in moments like these that we see what makes Annunciation such a wonderful place to learn and grow. Thank you for continuing to journey with us in faith, learning, and community.

Take care,
Anna

DATES TO NOTE...

Day/Date/Month

Event

Wednesday 27th August

7:00 pm – School Advisory Meeting (SAC) at Annunciation

Thursday 28th August

WHOLE SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY –
Staff Professional Learning

Friday 29th August

3:00 pm – Assembly (All invited)

Wednesday 3rd September

2:30 pm – Volunteers needed to set up Father's Day Stall

Thursday 4th September

Father's Day Stall – Volunteers Needed

Friday 5th September

8:00 am – Father's Day Brekky
9:00 am – Assembly (Special Father's Day celebration)

OUR VERY OWN NATIONAL CHAMPION!

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the outstanding achievement of Valerie, who recently represented both Annunciation and Victoria at the School Sport Australia National Championships in Queensland as part of the U/12 Girls Australian Rules Football team.

Throughout the week-long competition, Valerie displayed tremendous skill, teamwork, and determination on the field. Her commitment and passion for the game were clear, and she played an important role in helping Victoria secure the title of National Champions!

This is a remarkable achievement, not only for Valerie personally, but also for our school community. To represent Victoria on the national stage is a tremendous honour, and to come home as a winner makes it even more special.

We congratulate Valerie on this fantastic accomplishment and thank her for being such a wonderful ambassador for our school. We look forward to seeing all the great things she will continue to achieve, both on and off the field.



FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

We are looking forward to celebrating Father's Day as an Annunciation community.

On Thursday 4th September, there will be the annual Father's Day stall at the school, where students will have the opportunity to purchase a small gift for their dads or a special male in their life.

There will then be Father's Day breakfast from 8am in the Open Space, with complementary pastries and the Giddy Up! coffee van onsite. This will be followed by a special Father's Day assembly at 9am, where they will be presentations to the fathers and father figures in our community by each class.



**ANNUNCIATION
FATHER'S DAY
BREAKFAST**

FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER
8AM IN THE OPEN SPACE

FOLLOWED BY A SPECIAL FATHER'S DAY ASSEMBLY
IN THE COMMUNITY HALL

COFFEE VAN AND PASTRIES PROVIDED



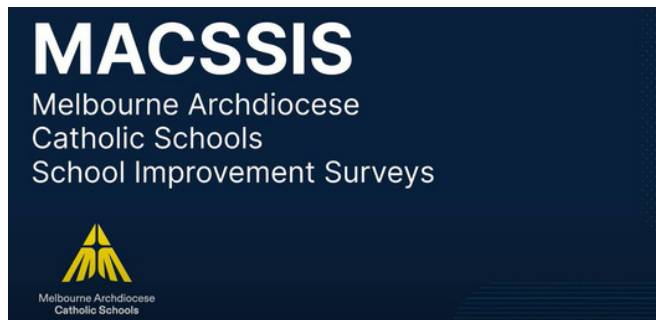
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MACSSIS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEYS: 1ST – 19TH SEPTEMBER

Each year, our school community takes part in the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools – School Improvement Surveys (MACSSIS). These surveys are designed specifically for Catholic schools and give students, staff and families the chance to share their experiences of school life.



In 2025, Yr 4–6 students will complete the survey in supervised sessions at school, while families and staff can complete theirs online at home during a three-week window, between **1st – 19th September**. The surveys are run on a secure platform that protects the privacy of all participants, and the results will be shared with school leaders to help guide improvement.

Our community's opinions are critical to understanding how our school is performing – MACSSIS is a key data source for guiding the ongoing work to improve our school. By contributing, you help shape the direction of our school and ensure that every child can flourish in a safe, supportive and engaging learning environment.

Participation is completely voluntary, but every response helps. We warmly encourage families to take part and add their voices to this important process.

NEW END-OF-DAY DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

As part of our staff's ongoing professional learning through the Berry Street Education Model, we are working to build consistent and predictable routines across the school day. Beginning Monday 25th August, all classes will now be dismissed from their designated line-up spaces in the school yard.

At the end of the day, teachers will walk their students to their line-up area, where they will remain until the bell rings. Students will then be dismissed calmly to walk to their parents, or parents may choose to meet their children directly at the line-up space.

This new procedure mirrors the structure we already have in place at the beginning of the school day, creating a sense of consistency and security for students. It also allows for a calm and orderly end to the day while ensuring that all children go home safely with a known adult.

We thank our families for their support as we continue to strengthen routines that support student wellbeing, safety, and learning.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Congratulations to all of these students pictured below.

They each received a student of the week award in Week 3 of Term 3.

These students have been recognised by their classroom teachers for having a positive mindset, being kind, working hard in class and a variety of other great reasons.



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Congratulations to this student for receiving a Principal's Award. This student has demonstrated a positive attitude and have gone out of their way to support our school community.



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BOOK WEEK

Last week, we celebrated Book Week! As always, the highlight of the week was our Book Parade. As you can see, there were some incredible costumes inspired by our favourite book characters, who all had their turn in the spotlight.



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POETRY AND PYJAMAS NIGHT

In pyjamas they came, both the big and the small,
Families gathered warmly, filling classrooms all.
With mugs of hot chocolate and donuts to share,
A cosy, warm spirit was bright in the air.

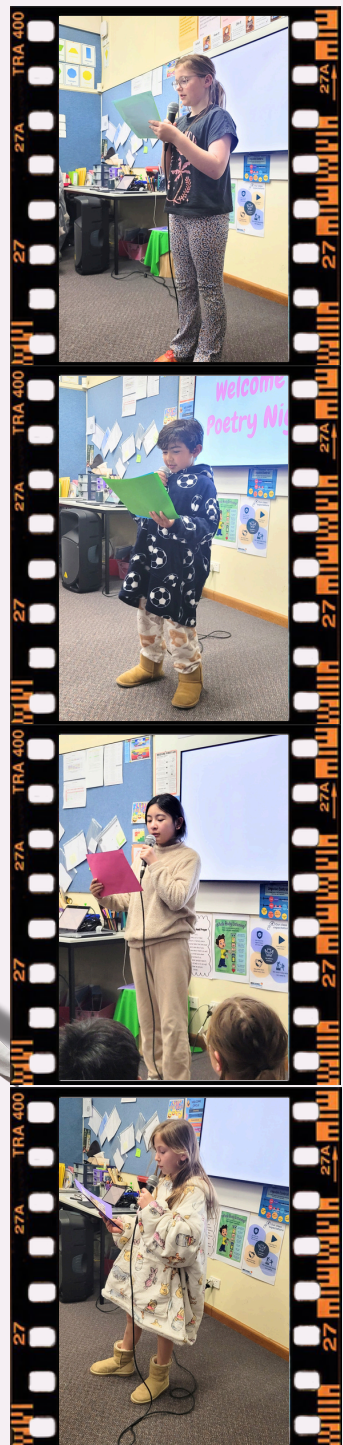
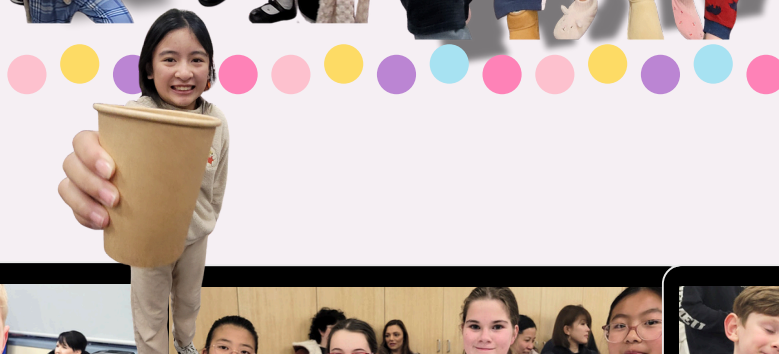
The students all shone with the words that they wrote,
Each poem delivered with passion and note.
From laughter to wonder, from stories to song,
Their voices were steady; their courage was strong.

Parents and friends sat with smiles so wide,
Cheering each reader with heartfelt pride.
The beauty of language, the rhythm, the rhyme,
Made memories to treasure for a very long time.

So thank you to all who helped make it so sweet,
A night filled with poetry – truly a treat!
With joy in our hearts, one thing is quite clear:
PJs & Poetry – highlight of the year.

A final thank you to the staff, whose efforts were bright,
Made magic for all on this wonderful night.

Anna Yorston



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GARDENING CLUB

Last week the students were busy planting 25 native trees and shrubs donated by Hobsons Bay Council. You will see them along the school boundary and we hope these grow to not only provide shade and privacy, but attract native bird life and insects to their flowering canopies.

There has also been some winter harvesting of radishes, broccoli and salad that the students have taken home.

Thanks to Linda Taranto for all the help each week.



ST MARY MACKILLOP AWARD 2025

This year's award recipient truly reflects the spirit of St Mary MacKillop. Through her kindness, respect, and compassion, she quietly leads by example and brings joy to those around them. In the classroom, playground, and everyday moments of school life, she reminds us that holiness is found in the simple, consistent acts of love we share with one another.

Congratulations to Valerie for being the recipient of this year's St Mary of the Cross MacKillop award.



VISION FOR ENGAGEMENT

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) has launched the **Vision for Engagement**, which focuses on creating calm, respectful and inclusive classrooms where all students can learn and thrive.

Working alongside the **Vision for Instruction** and the **MACS 2030 plan**, this initiative highlights six key practices:

- teaching respectful behaviour
- fostering belonging
- regular attendance
- promoting wellbeing
- motivating learners
- meeting individual needs

These are supported by two strategies: a **whole-school approach** and a **multi-tiered system of supports**. While many schools already use these practices, the vision sets clear expectations and consistency across MACS.



For students, this looks like classrooms that are calm, inclusive, and supportive of both their learning and wellbeing. For teachers, it means clear direction, strong professional development, and more opportunity to focus on quality teaching.

At Annunciation, families won't see big changes overnight. We will continue to build on our strong wellbeing programs, school expectations, and calm learning environments, while gradually weaving in the **Vision for Engagement**.

This is an exciting step forward for Catholic schools across Melbourne, as together we work towards the 2030 goal of forming lives that enrich the world.

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CLASSROOM CUISINE

Classroom Cuisine has updated their menu for Term 3. They have added quite a few new items to their main course menu and subsequent other courses as well. See Below



Healthy, Interesting and Affordable Lunch Packs, Delivered to School
ANNUNCIATION PRIMARY SCHOOL - Term 2 - Wednesday!
 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 Lunch	3 Course Lunch	Snack/Drink Menu
BAKERY All items freshly baked this morning!			FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES
Cheese and Vegemite Scroll (M)	\$6.45	\$8.95	Apple pieces, Lemon juice, Cinnamon & Brown Sugar +\$1.00
Savoury Bite 'Little Frank' Roll	\$6.45	\$8.95	Cantaloupe and Honeydew Pieces +\$1.00
Topped with Only Cheese Roll (M)	\$6.45	\$8.95	Fresh Fruit Combo +\$1.00
Cheese and Bacon Roll	\$7.45	\$9.95	Freshly Chopped Orange Segments Included
Scroll with Ham and Cheese	\$9.95	\$12.85	Freshly Chopped Strawberries with Grapes Included
Frankfurt 'in a blanket' with Sauce & Cheese (2)	\$10.95	\$13.65	Freshly Chopped Watermelon Pieces Included
PIZZA, SAUSAGE ROLLS, GOZ & PASTIZZI SERVED AT ROOM TEMPI!			Whole Fruit - Apple Included Whole Fruit - Banana Included Whole Fruit - Mandarin Included Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum Included Celery and Carrot Sticks with Sultanas Included Cherry Tomatoes, Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers Included Corn Wheels & Lightly Steamed Broccoli Included Edamame (Lightly Salted) Included Sugar Snap Peas, Beans and Cherry Tomatoes +\$1.00
Ricotta & Spinach Pastizzi (2) (M)	\$7.45	\$9.95	BAKERY - SWEET Choc Chip Cookie Included Finger Bun with Sprinkles Included Lamington Included "Not Cross" Bun Included Cinnamon Doughnut Included Cornflake Cookie Included Choc Cup Cake (GF/DF) +\$1.00 Blueberry Muffin +\$1.00 Jam Drop Biscuit (GF) +\$1.00 Banana Slice (GF) +\$1.00
Margherita Pita Pizza (M)	\$8.95	\$11.45	SUSHI 1pc Tuna Sushi (GF) +\$1.00
Sausage Roll with Sauce	\$8.95	\$11.45	POPCORN Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salted Included Lightly Salted Included
Ham & Pineapple Pizza Slice	\$10.95	\$13.65	DRIED FRUIT / LEGUMES Lime & Black Pepper Chickpeas Included Roasted Chickpeas Included Balsamic & Sea Salt Fava Beans Included Dried Fruit Medley with Yoghurt Sultanas +\$1.00
BBQ Chicken Pizza (M)	\$10.95	\$13.65	DIPS WITH MINI RICE CAKES / CORN CHIPS Tzatziki Dip with Mini Rice Cakes +\$1.00 Spring Onion Dip with Mini Rice Cakes +\$1.00 Spicy Capsicum Dip with Mini Rice Cakes +\$1.00 Avocado Dip with Mini Rice Cakes +\$1.00 Corn Chips with Salsa (GF) +\$1.00
Vegetarian Pizza (M)	\$10.95	\$13.65	YOGHURTS / BOWLS Strawberry Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers) +\$1.00 Classic Vanilla Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers) +\$1.00 Chia Bowl with Banana, Coconut & Strawberries +\$1.00 Stewed Rhubarb and Apple with Custard +\$1.00
Lamb and Beef Gozleme (M)	\$13.45	\$15.45	DRINKS Apple Juice (Nippy's) Included Orange Juice (Nippy's) Included Chocolate Milk (Nippy's) Included Strawberry Milk (Nippy's) Included Full Cream Milk Included
Mushroom and Spinach Gozleme (M)	\$13.45	\$15.45	
Spinach and Cheese Gozleme (M)	\$13.45	\$15.45	
SUSHI HAND ROLLS (2pc) Soy Sauce (GF) Provided			
Teriyaki Chicken Hand Rolls (M)	\$11.50	\$13.75	
Crispy Chicken (Schnitzel) Hand Rolls (M)	\$11.50	\$13.75	
Cooked Tuna Hand Rolls (GF)	\$11.50	\$13.75	
Avocado Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75	
Cucumber Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75	
Vegetarian Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75	
Tofu Hand Rolls (GF, V)	\$11.50	\$13.75	
RICE PAPER ROLLS (2pc) (Wed, Thu, Fri)			
Chicken Rice Paper Rolls (GF, H)	\$13.45	\$15.45	
Vegetarian Rice Paper Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$13.45	\$15.45	
SANDWICHES / ROLLS / WRAPS / SOFT SHELL TACOS			
Strawberry Jam Sandwich (1.5) (M)	\$7.45	\$9.95	
Vegemite Sandwich (2) (Vg)	\$8.95	\$11.45	
Soft Shell Chicken Taco w Salsa, Cheese & Salad (2)	\$9.95	\$12.85	
Plain Cheese Sandwich (2) (M)	\$9.95	\$12.85	
Cheese and Salad Roll (M)	\$10.95	\$13.65	
Wholegrain Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65	
Roast Chicken and Salad Roll (M)	\$11.50	\$13.75	
Roast Beef, Chutney, Cheese & Lettuce Roll	\$11.50	\$13.75	
Turkey, Cranberry, Lettuce & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$11.50	\$13.75	
Mild Salami and Salad Roll	\$11.50	\$13.75	
Wrap w/Chicken, Tzatziki, Lettuce, Tomato Cucumber (M)	\$12.75	\$14.95	
SALADS / PICNIC BOXES / FRUIT & VEG			
Fresh Fruit Salad - Main Course Size (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75	
Vegetarian Picnic Box (GF, W)	\$11.50	\$13.75	
Ham Picnic Box (GF)	\$11.50	\$13.75	
Greek Style Salad with Feta and Olives (GF, W)	\$12.75	\$14.95	
Tortellini Pasta Salad (M)	\$12.75	\$14.95	
GF SANDWICHES & WRAPS			
GF Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65	
GF Cucumber & Ham Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65	
GF Wrap - Ham and Salad	\$12.75	\$14.95	

GF = Gluten Free, DF= Dairy Free, H= Halo!, V= Vegetarian, Vg= Vegan

We are a NUT FREE kitchen. Descriptions, dietary and allergen information available on our website



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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?



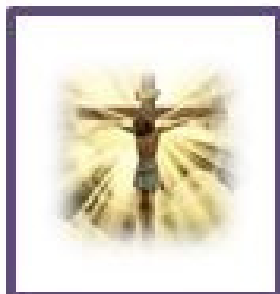
At the Parish of St Augustine's, Corpus Christi and Annunciation we welcome people who are searching for spiritual meaning in their lives or for a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. The RCIA is a process of discernment and learning for those who are not baptised and wanting to find out more about Catholic faith and for those already baptised in another Christian tradition who now desire to further their faith journey with the Catholic Church.

A new group will begin early September, if you would like further information about joining us, please contact Fr Werner or the Parish Office.

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Parishioners you can help!

Perhaps you know someone who is asking questions about faith or about becoming Catholic, you might like to invite them to contact Fr Werner and accompany them in finding out a bit more about what Catholics believe, how we celebrate our faith and live our lives.



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Accounts with CDF Community Fund help fund loans for capital development works across Australia; from hospital wings for the sick, to safe havens for the homeless, classrooms for students and parish halls for community gatherings; CDF supports Catholic organisations in fulfilling their mission.

With online access, no fees for active accounts and bonus interest rates available on select accounts*, saving with CDF Community Fund provides a way for you to contribute back to the community – it's a higher return than money alone.

A variety of accounts options:

- **Mission Saver Student:** A great way for young people to earn a bonus interest rate* and build good saving habits while supporting local communities.
- **Mission Saver Plus:** Employees of Catholic organisations can earn up to 5.20% p.a.* simply by saving more than they withdraw each month.
- **Term Investments:** Select the terms and timeframes that are right for you with competitive rates locked in for your chosen term.

To open an account and view current rates, visit catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund or call **1800 134 135**.



*Interest rates subject to change. Bonus rates apply only on Mission Saver Student and Mission Saver Plus account only when monthly deposits exceed withdrawals by at least \$1. View current rates, information statements and disclosures on the CDF website.

WEST GATE TUNNEL PROJECT

WEST GATE FREEWAY OUTBOUND LANES BETWEEN THE WEST GATE BRIDGE AND MILLERS ROAD WILL BE CLOSED OVER ONE WEEKEND FROM 11:59PM FRIDAY 29 AUGUST TO 5AM MONDAY 1 SEPTEMBER.

West Gate Freeway outbound closed: Fri 29 Aug - Mon 1 Sep

As we move closer to project completion, we'll be completing major works over a weekend on the West Gate Freeway outbound, between the West Gate Bridge and Millers Road.

To keep people safe:

All lanes on the West Gate Freeway outbound between the West Gate Bridge and Millers Road will be closed from 11:59pm Friday 29 August to 5am Monday 1 September

Construction activities include:

- Complete final surfacing of lanes and ramps and install final line marking
- Install, test and commission freeway management systems

Major delays expected of an extra 2hrs+ when travelling outbound via detours.

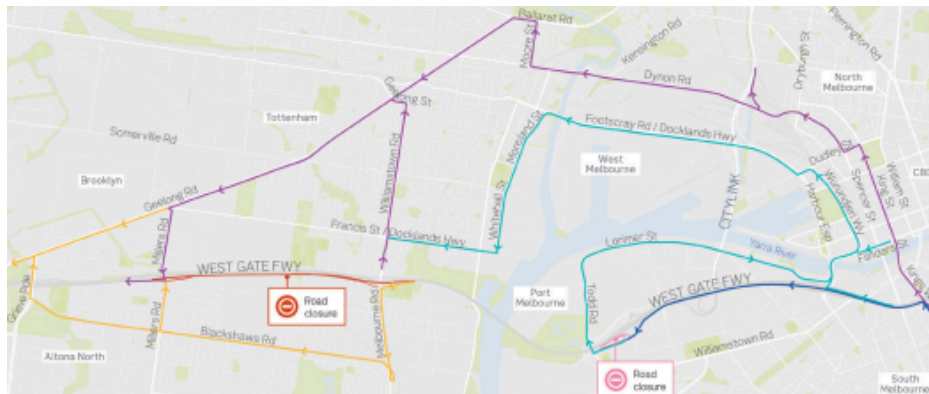
Heavy congestion expected - please check traffic reports before you travel.

If travelling to the west, avoid using the West Gate Bridge. Thank you for your patience as we complete major works ahead of project opening in late 2025.

For more information, see detour route information overleaf.

Work may be subject to change. Visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au/disruptions before you travel.

In partnership with



Freeway outbound impacts

- All outbound lanes will be closed from the West Gate Bridge to Millers Rd.
- Drivers can exit the freeway at Williamstown outbound exit to Melbourne/Williamstown Rd.
- Williamstown Rd outbound entry ramp will be closed until 5am 1 September. Use Millers Rd to enter the freeway.
- Todd Rd outbound entry ramp will be closed. Drivers should avoid the West Gate Bridge and exit early at King St and follow Lorimer St and West Gate Freeway detours.

westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au

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For languages other than English please call 9209 0147



COME AND TRY T-BALL&BASEBALL

9:30–11:30am
Sunday 31 Aug & 14 Sept
120 Park Cres, Williamstown Nth



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FREE

- GIRLS & BOYS
- ALL AGES & SKILL LEVELS
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