

## Issue Three June, 2023

### *A word from our College Principal*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Term two has been a busy and successful term to date. There has been rich learning and many school events for our students and community to enjoy. Our dedicated teaching staff are currently documenting the mid-year reports for all students and our secondary students are commencing exams this week.

#### **Important dates:**

**Friday June 9 – Professional Practice Day for all teaching staff- pupil free day**

**Monday June 12 -Public Holiday – King's Birthday -no school**

**Tuesday June 13 – Curriculum Day for all staff – pupil free day**

#### **Mother's Day:**

At the start of the month, we ran a Mother's Day stall at each campus. We hope all the Mum's and Special Woman in our students lives enjoyed their gifts from the stall. Thank you to the staff members who worked on the purchasing of gifts and running the stall on the day. A special thanks to Sarah Schmautz for coordinating this event.

#### **Lions Childrens Vision Screening:**

We have recently had the Lions Club facilitate vision screening for our students, they have screened 246 BPC students. The team that conducted this were lovely and worked to ensure that all our students felt comfortable. There was great feedback provided by the team to the Assistant Principal Helen Spedding for her organisation of this.

**Play equipment :** The new play equipment being erected at both campuses is taking much longer to complete than anticipated. Like many in our community, I am frustrated by the length of time that this has taken. The latest information from the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) who are coordinating this project is that the Tarneit campus will be complete by June 5 and Derrimut Heath by June 12.

#### **Staff Farewell:**

At the end of last term, we said farewell to secondary English teachers, Mr Brent Diamond and Mr Paul McArthur. We warmly welcome back Mrs Kelly Wilson (formerly Russell) who is coming back as a Learning Specialist to teach English and lead humanities.

Mr Kirk Black had planned some travel for this year and has now decided to spend the next couple of years teaching in the UK. We wish Mr Black all the best in his travels and the adventure he has ahead of him.

Education Support Staff member Arigna Knighton has recently finished up with us to accept a position at Westbourne Grammar.

We thank these staff members for their contribution to the college and wish them all the best for their future endeavours.

**Secondary Art Teacher Miss Ayesha Dharmabandu Art Exhibit** – Miss Ayesha Dharmabandu has been selected by Wyndham Council, as a local artist to have a solo exhibition in the Julia Gillard Tarneit Library, near school. You can view her work until Friday July 7 in library open hours. Congratulations Ayesha what a great recognition of your talents.

### **2023 Curriculum Days**

**Tuesday June 13**

**Friday August 18**

**Monday November 6**

### **2023 Calendar of Events**

#### **JUNE**

**Monday 5**

Coach Led Volleyball- DH

AFL Vic– DH Grade 5

**Tuesday 6**

Coach Led Volleyball- DH

**Wednesday 7**

Winter Gala

Division Athletics

Iron Armour Yr 5-9

**Thursday 8**

Blue For Exford

Healthy Bodies Grade 3

**Friday 9**

PPD – **No School**

**Monday 12**

Public Holiday - **No School**

**Tuesday 13**

Curriculum Day - **No School**

**Wednesday 14**

Iron Armour Yr 5-9

**Thursday 15**

District Athletics

Grade 1 Big Ideas Incursion

**Monday 19**

Coach Led Volleyball- DH

AFL Vic– DH Grade 5

**Tuesday 20**

Coach Led Volleyball- DH

**Wednesday 21**

Iron Armour Yr 5-9

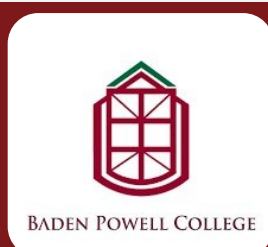
**Thursday 22**

P-6 Parent Teacher

Interviews - **Early dismissal at 1pm**

**Friday 23**

Last day of Term 2 - **Early dismissal at 2pm**



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## *A word from our College Principal*

**Annual Report** – The 2022 Annual Report to the School Community has been added to our website for parents to view.

**Athletics Carnivals** – Our primary students have recently participated in athletics with a Prep to Two Tabloid Sports day and a Years Three to Six Athletics Carnival held at our Tarneit Campus. It was great to see many parents and members of our community come to support students on the day. Thank you to our staff for their active participation on this day and to Miss Duncan and Mrs Padoin for their coordination and organisation of the days.

**Fundraising event for Exford PS**- This Thursday BPC students are encouraged to wear blue as we think of and send our support to the students hurt in the recent bush accident from Exford PS. Students who wear blue are encouraged to bring a gold coin donation and all monies raised will go towards supporting the students and families involved in this serious accident.

**2024 Enrolments** - The Department of Education has released a new statewide timeline for enrolling in Foundation (Prep) for the 2024 school year.

If you have a child starting primary school in 2024, it's time to enrol. Make sure to submit your enrolment application by **Friday July 28 2023**.

If you are enrolling the sibling of a student at our school for Foundation in 2024, and both children will be attending our school at the same time, your child is prioritised for a place at our school as per the department's Placement Policy.

It is important to follow the statewide timeline to enrol your child in Foundation. Enrolling your child in line with the timelines allows us to plan our classrooms, staffing and transition activities and ensures your child has the best start to school.

**For more information, please read about when and how to enrol your child in Foundation** at [vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep](https://vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep).

If you are seeking to enrol your child into Foundation next year, please contact our school office on 03 8734 0900 or email [baden.powell.p9.co@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:baden.powell.p9.co@education.vic.gov.au) to request an enrolment form.

We look forward to seeing our primary families at the upcoming Parent Teacher Interview afternoon/evening,

Regards

**Vicki Minton**

College Principal



ICAS will return to Baden Powell College this year. We encourage you to consider entering your child in ICAS. This fantastic assessment program allows students to challenge themselves and be recognised for their academic efforts. The assessment is now fully online and sitting dates will commence in Term 3. Learn more by visiting [icasassessments.com](https://icasassessments.com)

# IMPORTANT!

## **Pupil Free Days:**

Friday June 9 - Professional Practice Day

Monday June 12 - Public Holiday

Tuesday June 13 - Curriculum Day

NO students are required to attend school on these days.

## **P-6 Parent Teacher Interviews**

All P-6 students from both campuses will be dismissed at 1pm Thursday June 22.





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# Don't forget to bring a gold coin donation



**Thursday June 8 is 'BLUE FOR EXFORD' day. All money raised will go to Exford Primary School students and families who have been impacted by the recent bus accident.**







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# 2024 Prep Information Evening & Campus Tours

Come and hear information about what our College has to offer.

**Who:** Parents of Prep in 2024

**Where:** School Library, Tarneit Campus

**When:** Wednesday June 14 at 5:30pm

**Tarneit Campus School Tour:**

Wednesday June 7 at 10:00am & 4:30pm

**Derrimut Heath Campus School Tour:**

Thursday June 8 at 10:00am & 4:30pm

Children are more than welcome  
to attend.



RESPECT

INTEGRITY

ENDEAVOUR

RESILIENCE



# Athletics Day

**P-2 Tarneit**

**Baden**

**Sycamore**

**Derrimut**

**Morris**

**P-2 Derrimut Heath**

**Baden**

**Derrimut**

**Sycamore**

**Morris**

**3-6 students**

**Derrimut**

**Baden**

**Sycamore**

**Morris**

On Tuesday May 23, grade 3-6 students from both campuses competed in Athletics Day at Tarneit Campus. Students competed in 6 different events trying their best to gain points for their house colours by demonstrating their sporting skills and effort and by demonstrating sportsmanship like qualities. It was Derrimut who walked away as the combined campus house colour winner and Baden who received the sportsmanship award.

On Wednesday May 24. for the first time at Baden Powell College, Grade Prep-2 students participated in their own Little Athletics Day. Students gained house points by demonstrating their sporting skills and sportsmanship in a variety of events. The whole day was full of smiles and enthusiasm from both the students and teachers. The Little Athletics Day winner from the Tarneit campus was Baden and the sportsmanship award went to Sycamore. The winner from the Derrimut Heath campus was Sycamore and the sportsmanship award went to Morris.

**Well done and congratulations to all students for participating in such a great day.**





# Athletics Day







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# Congratulations



**Bentley**

for earning 20,500 points on  
Mathletics!



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## Cooking classes at Baden Powell College

As part of the Year 9 'Cooking Around The World' class, we are wanting to bring people together to share their cultural stories, engage in conversations and exchange traditional recipes, to include in our 2024 College calendar.

The one hour cooking classes are on **Wednesdays at 12:15pm & Thursdays at 11:15 during term two.**

You are welcome to attend one or many classes.  
You must have working with children certificate.

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If you would like to be involved in a cooking class please fill in the form below and return to the office.

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Kindest thanks,

Anita Southgate







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On Thursday April 6, students came to school in casual dress and made a gold coin donation.

As a College we raised a total of  
**\$547.70 The Royal Children's  
Hospital, Good Friday Appeal.**

The Good Friday Appeal is an annual fundraising activity on behalf of the Royal Children's Hospital, in Melbourne, Australia. The event occurs on Good Friday every year.

**Great job Baden Powell College!**



**goodFriday  
appeal**

THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

# Certificate of Appreciation

Presented to

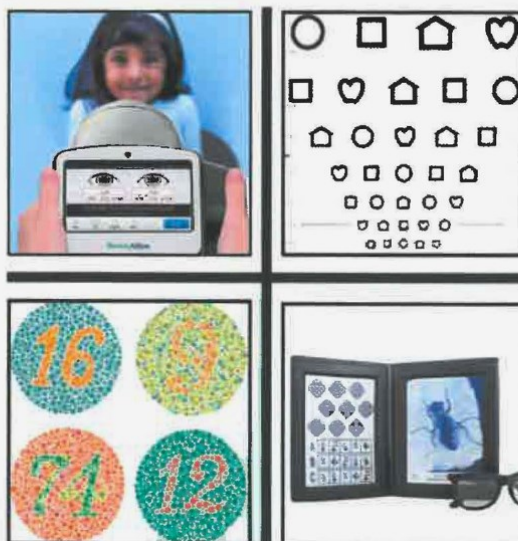
***Baden Powell College***

to recognise your participation in the

**CHILDRENS VISION SCREENING PROGRAM**



**Lions Eye Health Program**  
Australia



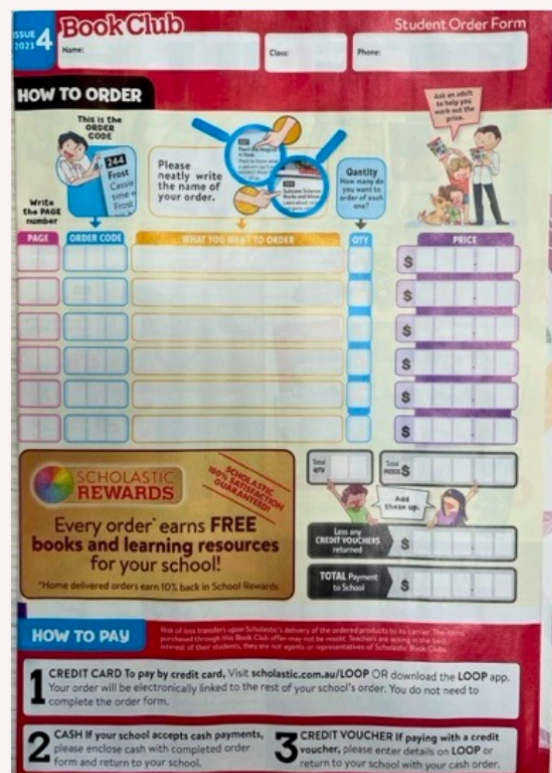
**May 2023**





# Issue 4

Every order earns FREE books and learning resources  
for our College.





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## Happy Birthday

### To all of our students who have a Birthday in May



Aaliyah	Dylan	Jasper	Mykaela
Aaraf	Eason	Javion	Nathaniel
Abhiraami	Eli	Jayden	Nick
Abrish	Eloise	Jayla	Nyat
Adam	Emily	Jeona	Oliver
Aditya	Emmanuel	Jerica	Olyvia
Afsheen	Enala	Joanna	Ope
Akshay	Fariza	Joshua	Padre
Alan	Fathima	Kanon	Peati
Alex	Feroz	Koula	Rayner Nugroho
Ali	Gaurav	Lachlan	Rushi
Ammar	Grace	Levi	Salemalama
Angelique	Hamish	Lily	Sarah
Ashton	Hamud	Louise	Sean
Avikesh	Harfateh	Luay	Shivansh
Bellah	Harlem	Mahmoud	Sienna
Ben	Hayley	Malaki	Sosaia
Cassandra	Idriss	Manraj	Stephan
Chelsea	Izzy	Martin	Talia
Chiara	Jackson	Mercy	Taner
Christian	Jacob	Mia	Valentino
Christianos	Jake	Micah	Wol
Coraleigh	Jashraj	Milla	Zahra
Daniel	Jasmine	Monique	Zi
Danya	Jasmyn	Muntaha	



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## Happy Birthday To all of our students who have a Birthday in June



Aarsh	Eyuel	Leigh	Romanus
Abdur Rehman	Faraaz	Leila	Ruben
Abhinav	Girum	Lesieli	Ryan
Adhvik	Hayah	Lloyd	Saitonu
Adi Vaseva	Hepisipa	Lovish	Salman
Aisha	Hrithik	Lucy	Samreet
Atahlia	Isla	Memphis	Seerat
Benjamin	Isra	Musa	Stephanie
Bryan	Jackson	Nabiha	Tayyibah
Carter	Jarmayne	Nathaniel	Tiana
Chloe	Jayden	Neil	Tyson
Cookie	Jazzleen	Oliver	Uzair
Denzel	Kashish	Oscar	Vanny
Eliana	Khalid	Osman	Vihaan
Elise	Kobi	Ramiz	Youssef
Emani	Konark	Ramzi	Zaide
Evalyn	Kuol	Riley	Zara
Evangelina			Zayden



Newsletter

# Incursions this term



We surveyed children attending after-school care at Baden Powell, and on children's demand, we have planned a fun, engaging, and skill-building **four weeks Basketball clinic** in After School Care at **Baden Powell College – Tarneit Campus**. To enrol your child into the incursion at no extra charge than their regular session fee, make sure you book the After School Care program every Monday starting 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

## Week 6: Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Basketball clinic commence – Session 1, during After School Care

## Week 7: Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

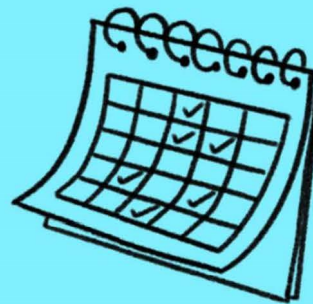
Basketball clinic – Session 2, during After School Care

## Week 8: Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Basketball clinic – Session 3, during After School Care

## Week 9: Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Basketball clinic concludes – Session 4, during After School Care



## Register for Your OSHC

Once registered, you'll be able to easily make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

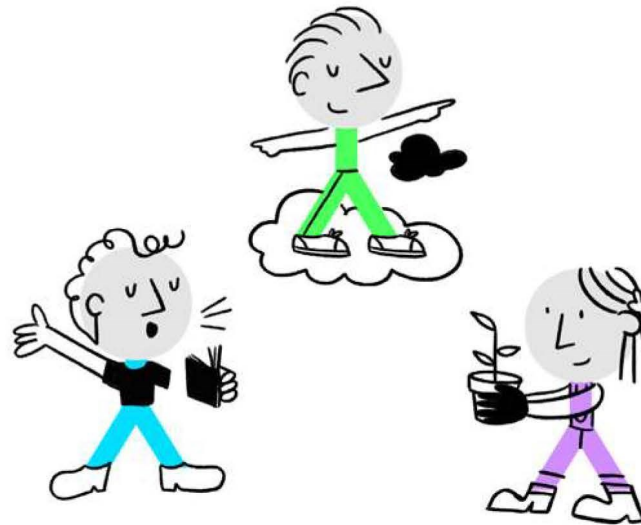
Register now

## Child Care Subsidy (CCS)

The Child Care Subsidy can provide up to 85% off your fees. Your eligibility is determined by your family's annual adjusted taxable income, the type of childcare you use, and your activity level. To find out if you're eligible, contact Centrelink on 13 61 50.

Newsletter

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## Week 6, Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023

Soccer Clinic commences – Session 1, during After School Care

## Week 7, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023

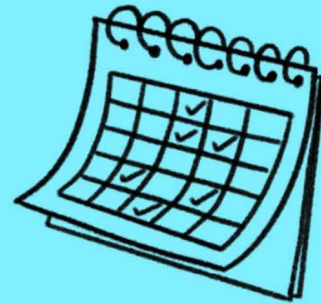
Soccer Clinic – Session 2, during After School Care

## Week 8, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Soccer Clinic – Session 3, during After School Care

## Week 9, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023

Soccer Clinic concludes– Session 4, during After School Care



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## Five Things Your Tween Wants You to Know

567 tweens participated in my 2020 anonymous survey, and chose to answer the optional question, what is one thing you wished all adults knew about life as a tween?

If your child was asked that question, how do you think they would answer? They might tell you that a 10 year old shouldn't go to bed at the same time as a sibling who is 7, or that kids who don't like broccoli should never be made to eat it. This is the important stuff that characterises much of our tween's headspace!

However, I wonder if we were to probe a little deeper, would there be one thing that your child wishes they could tell you, but can't quite manage to communicate? Do you think there is anything that they find difficult to talk about or perhaps even intentionally hide because of fear or shame?

Below I'll share the five of my top survey response that I hope give you insights into your tween's inner world.

### Message 1: Life is Harder than You Realise

Tweens believed life was harder for them than their parents acknowledged, and they felt their challenges were minimised. Comments like these caught my attention: "It's not how they think it is. Everything is hard" and "I wish they knew how hard it is to get used to changes and that when we don't know what's happening more things are put on our plate". My concern is that if tweens don't feel understood now, where does that position us as they get older?

**Suggested response:** The tween years are a time of rapid developmental which can be overwhelming for our kids. What might seem small in their world, is big in theirs, so bring some patience to the table when talking about social and emotional challenges. Now is the time to validate your tween's feelings so they know you are by their side. I highly recommend regular one on one time as it indicates your willingness to invest into them.

### Message 2: I am No Longer a Kid

Tweens voiced a strong desire to be taken more seriously by the world around them, and not to be overlooked or dismissed because of their age. I noticed that they felt like they had significant ideas to share, while only being recognised as children. That's quite a downgrade! My concern is if tweens don't have a meaningful place to contribute now, how will they build the confidence to make a more significant contribution as they get older?

**Suggested response:** A tween's developing self-esteem is hinged on their sense of competence and ability to handle life more independently. Now is a great time to invest into teaching your child practical skills, and giving them more meaningful responsibility at home. It is also a great time to ask your tween to help make family decisions as a way of validating their growing intelligence. Interestingly, tweens said they turned to people who were accessible, listened to them and were able to help them navigate life's challenges.

## Message 3: You are Missing Stuff

Although it broke my heart, I was not surprised to hear tweens emphasise that their parents were missing stuff. When I walk through a primary school playground, I am often shocked at the ‘teenage-like’ themes I hear. I know that parents have no idea of the real content of these conversations and the pressures kids are under to engage in them. Comments like ‘you think we are okay, but we aren’t’ and ‘there’s a lot more bad things out there than they think’ expressed a real cry for support. My concern is, if we don’t keep our eyes open, we may not see those things that are most important.

**Suggested response:** When your tween comes home with questions that are difficult to answer, be prepared to give them a thoughtful and comprehensive response. You may intentionally delay your response to allow yourself some preparation time, but never sidestep it. Remember, if you are not the source someone else will be; and that your language opens the way for theirs. You can initiate some of these conversations with quality resources that represent your family values.

## Message 4: We Might Always Disagree about Screens

Technology was a central theme of tweens’ frustration. PS: Feelings are often mutual! Emphasis was placed on parents’ alleged lack of understanding of how central technology was to tweens’ social status and life. As adults, we know there are some very real and legitimate reasons why we say no to screen time. For this reason, I’d like to suggest that we might always have different views about technology. My concern is, if we don’t take the lead, tween’s natural desire to charge ahead may lead them into dangerous waters.

**Suggested response:** When it comes to technology crystal clear agreements are absolutely essential. Technology has to be set up in order to last the rockiest of the teenage years. While gaming and group messaging is very common amongst tweens, it is easy to say “yes” to tech without appropriate accountability. Please now that what is easy to say yes to now can quickly become your worst nightmare if you are not in charge. For more specific thoughts on this please see my blog – [How to Set Up Social Media Well](#).

## Message 5: It’s Time to Start Knocking

When tweens begin to need more privacy, most parents respect and welcome it as a sign of growing up. However, when they begin to desire space from adult supervision, it poses a new range of dilemmas. While our tweens are pushing for all the trimmings that come with growing up, such as catching a bus on their own or shopping alone with friends, their limited life experience leaves them vulnerable. My concern is that if we are not willing to enter into age-appropriate negotiations as they grow, they may begin to hide unsafe behaviour.

**Suggested response:** Tweens are usually looking to be given more grown-up privileges and responsibilities as an acknowledgement that they are no longer children. Things like riding their bike to the shop by themselves, staying up later than their younger siblings or walking around a shopping centre without any adult can be relatively safe ways to help them spread their wings. Even small shifts can require a change in mindset from parents, so they can feel like big decisions to parents of tweens.



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