

PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Dear Furlong Park families,

As we come to the end of Term 3, I would like to thank you for your continued support and patience during this challenging time of building works. I am pleased to announce that we are finally moving into our new and refurbished spaces and they look absolutely fabulous!

From next term, the office and EEP will move back to their original areas, which have been upgraded with new furniture and equipment. The five classes will move into the new building, which has spacious and modern learning areas. The existing building will be renovated with a new multipurpose room, art studio and STEM room, which we expect to be completed by Term 2 2024.

Unfortunately, due to the building works, we have to close the school and EEP for a short period of time. The school will be closed on **Monday 2 October**, and the EEP will be closed from **Monday 2 October to Friday 13 October**. We apologise for the late notice and any inconvenience this may cause.

Next week is the National Week of Deaf People, which is a celebration of deaf culture and community. You can find more information and events on their website: <https://deafaustralia.org.au/nwdp/>

I hope you all have a wonderful and safe school holiday. We look forward to welcoming you back in Term 4 and showing you our new facilities once we settle into them.

Warm regards,
Lee Bullock
Principal

EEP CLOSED – MONDAY 2 OCTOBER – FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER

The school and EEP will be closed on the above dates due to our move into the new buildings.

TERM DATES 2023

Term 3: Monday 10 July – Friday 15 September

Term 4: 3 October – Wednesday 20 December

UPCOMING EVENTS 2023

TERM 3

Monday 11 September – Friday 15 September – National Week of Deaf People

Thursday 14 September – R U OK? Day
Friday 15 September – 2pm finish

TERM 4

Monday 2 October – SCHOOL CLOSED – Pupil Free Day

Monday 2 October – Friday 13 October – EEP CLOSED for moving

Tuesday 3 October – Tuesday 24 October – Dance Habit dance classes at lunch time (Every Tuesday for 4 weeks)

Thursday 12 October – Primary Deaf Sports Day – Parents welcome!

Monday 16 October – Hearing Australia Visit

Thursday 26 October – Thursday 7 December – Auslan for families every Thursday except Thursday 16th November

Friday 27 October – Teacher Appreciation Day – say thank you to our teachers

Monday 6 November – SCHOOL CLOSED – Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 7 November – SCHOOL CLOSED – Melbourne Cup Day

Thursday 16 November – School Music Concert

Friday 10 November – Remembrance Day ceremonies for 11 November

Tuesday 5 December – Last day for Caterpillar (3-year-old) program

Friday 8 December – Last day for Butterflies (4-year-old) program

Friday 15 December – End of Year Party!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Karen and Tegan on their well-deserved promotions for 2023. We are thrilled to announce Karen as our new Acting Assistant Principal. Her leadership skills and passion for encouraging student success will undoubtedly guide our school towards great things.

Additionally, we are excited to congratulate Tegan on stepping into the role of learning specialist. With her expertise in creating innovative teaching strategies and personalized instruction, Tegan will play a vital role in supporting our students and staff.

We'd also like to welcome Shak to our team. He will continue to teach in Room 9 on Tuesday and will also replace Tegan on Wednesdays and Thursdays in Room 5 whilst Tegan does her Learning Specialist duties. Shak's enthusiasm and expertise makes him a perfect fit for our team. His dedication to fostering a positive and inclusive learning environment aligns perfectly with our schools'

values. We are confident Shak's presence will continue to inspire and empower our students as they work towards reaching their fullest potential.

Caroline Nghiem has also joined our Early Education Program team and is dedicated to supporting our young children in developing their independence and language skills.

Krista Andrews will sadly be leaving us at the end of this term and will be heading to Aurora to support children and their families in Early Intervention. We wish Krista all the very best in her new role. Krista has three replacements: Pip Risby will be returning on Wednesdays to teach PE, Caya Finlay will teach Butterflies on Thursdays and Rachelle Stevens will teach Butterflies on Fridays. Also, we have Maria Meyer, one of our regular casual teachers, teaching Art each Friday.



Karen Cagliarini



Tegan Mensinga



Shaikhoon Ghafoor



Caroline Nghiem



Krista Andrews



Pip Risby



Maria Meyer



Caya Finlay



Rachelle Stevens

STATE SCHOOLS RELIEF FUND

The students in Room 9 wanted to raise funds in response to their topic in Term 3, called CHANGE MAKERS. They invited a guest speaker to come and teach them about State Schools' Relief Fund and how it is a positive support for school children in need. Room 9 students decided that a CASUAL CLOTHES DAY would be a great way to raise money by asking students to donate a gold coin. The teachers also decided to enjoy the day by dressing in school uniform! What a reversal!



Room 9 students planned the day and prepared all of the resources to promote participation including typing the notes for families on Compass, announcing the event at assembly, demonstrating what casual clothes day means



for the students, making handwritten and digital posters for display, creating reminder wrist bands, visiting classrooms to collect coins and handing out tickets stamped as paid. We are very pleased to have raised \$70 for State Schools Relief Fund and thanks to all those who have contributed.



BUILDING WORKS

A lot of progress has been made in the last couple of months with the renovation of our school. You may have noticed our school office is almost complete and our student classrooms are one step closer to its big reveal. We're super eager and excited for the big move! Here are some birds eye view shots of the upgrades.



ICE CREAM DAY FUNDRAISER

Well done to Room 9 students for organising a wonderful fundraiser to support refugees.

Students were able to purchase an ice cream with their choice of toppings for a \$2 donation.

They managed to raise \$60.



NO LUNCH ORDERS FRIDAY END OF TERM

Due to Albion North Primary School closing early for the last day of term, there will be no lunch orders. Please ensure you pack your child's lunch for the day.



LAST DAY OF TERM

School will finish at 2pm on Friday **15th September**. If your child takes the school bus home, your child will arrive to the bus stop earlier than normal. Please ensure you arrive on time for pick up to avoid delays to travel times. As usual, if you will be picking your child up from school, please let the office know in advance.



DEAF SPORT DAY – PARENTS WELCOME

Our annual Deaf Sports Day will be on **12 October**. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend as Furlong Park students compete again deaf and hard of hearing children from around the state!



**PRIMARY
SCHOOLS
ATHLETICS
SPORT DAY**

Greater, Together, Stronger

OCTOBER 12
DONCASTER ATHLETIC CLUB
125a George Street Doncaster East
10:00AM - 2:00PM

 Deaf Sports
Recreation Victoria

 Hearing Loop
Australia

Contact for more info:
sportvic@deafsports.org.au



**THE BELOW NOTICES ARE NOT
ASSOCIATED WITH FURLONG
PARK SCHOOL FOR DEAF
CHILDREN BUT HAVE BEEN
PROVIDED TO US BY OUTSIDE
ORGANISATIONS**

YOUTH FUN DAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

OUR TREAT!



Join us, during National Week of Deaf People, for a special day at Tower Hill Wildlife Park, home to an abundance of wildlife and stunning scenery, it is set in a large inactive volcanic crater.

A guide will take us on an unforgettable walk, where we'll get to experience:

- Koala, kangaroo, wombat, echidna and emu spotting
- How to throw a boomerang
- Recognising food that's safe to eat in the bush
- Walk across wetlands, craters and bushland
- Lunch will be a BBQ and some bush tucker with time to explore before the tour.
- Morning tea, lunch and dinner is all included.

TIME - 7.45AM TO 8.30PM

LOCATION - TOWER HILL
WILDLIFE PARK

FOR AGES 10 TO 17 YEARS

RSVP - BY 6th SEPTEMBER
REGISTER USING THE QR CODE



TRAVEL DETAILS

START OF THE DAY -

Meet at Deaf Children Australia by 7:45am
- 597 St Kilda Road. A bus will take us to
and from Tower Hill.

DO YOU LIVE IN WESTERN VICTORIA?

Yes, you are welcome to join us. Children of a
Deaf Adult (CODA) are welcome to attend too.
Meet us at Tower Hill at 12:30pm.

Deaf
Children
Australia.

YOUTH
FUN DAY.

deafchildrenaustralia.org.au



NWDP WERRIBEE ZOO/NWDP VIC EVENTS

EXPRESSIONS AUSTRALIA HAS ORGANISED EVENTS WITHIN

Victoria as a part of National Week of Deaf People,
Monday 18 th September to Sunday 24th September.

Auslan Interpreters will be present during the events

Northern Victoria

Echuca & Moama BBQ

Date:	Sunday 24th of September, 2023
Time:	11:30am - 3pm
Location	Adventure Play Park, Moama
Price:	Free
Activites:	Barbeque Playground Chance to meet people and catch up with friends

Auslan interpreters will be provided.

Food and drink can be purchased at on-site cafe.

BYO picnic rug and chairs. Some tables are available.

To RSVP or if you have any questions,
email engagement@expression.com.au



Greater Melbourne

Werribee Open Range Zoo

- Date: Wednesday 20th of September, 2023
- Time: Zoo opens at 9am
- Tickets: Pre-purchase tickets online or on the day
Adult: \$46
Child (0-15 y.o.): Free
Concession: \$34.50 (must show proof)
Seniors: \$41.50 (must show proof)
- Activities: Safari bus tour
Zookeeper talks
See over 40 species of animals
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Auslan interpreters will be provided.

Food and drink can be purchased at on-site cafe.

If you have any questions, email
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We hope you can join us for these events, and we can't wait to see you there!

The full NWDP schedule will be released shortly.





FUN GAMES



SKILLS & TECHNIQUES



SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT



STRATEGIES & TEAMWORK

**SEPT
21**

BRAYBROOK

THURSDAY 21 SEPT
9am - 3pm

- Ultimate
- Frisbee Golf
- Ball Sports

\$100 PER ATTENDEE

**SEPT
26**

ENDEAVOUR HILLS

TUESDAY 26 SEPT
9am - 3pm

- Gymnastic
- s Golf
- Ball Sports

AGE 7 - 15 YEARS

REGISTER VIA LINK

Braybrook - www.revolutionise.com.au/deafsportaustralia/events/203407

Endeavour Hills - www.revolutionise.com.au/deafsportaustralia/events/203406

Contact sportvic@deafsports.org.au for any enquiries.