



From the Lions Den **Principal's Message**

Good afternoon everyone,

It was, without doubt, the best 3/4 camp I have ever been on and I am saying this with a wealth of experience as I have been on over 100 camps. As parents you should be extremely proud of your children for taking themselves out of their comfort zones and pushing themselves to the limit, while always remaining respectful and positive through the camp. We were lucky with the weather as it didn't impact on any of the activities but made some a little more slippery and difficult. Can I please congratulate the staff and students for being willing to try new things and always showing resilience.

We have Phillip from Land Care coming in on Thursday this week to revegetate the "bank" with the grade 5/6s. Last summer we started this work by spending a Saturday with dedicated parents, students and staff by covering the bank in mulch. Different vegetation was planted, some successfully and some not so successfully. Phillip is back to help the students once again revegetate the bank with more hardy plants, that will in time provide a beautiful view to people who drive along the highway and reduce erosion.

On Friday we will have reached our final day of the term and as tradition dictates, we are having a Footy/Team Colours Day, students are allowed to dress up in their favourite team colours. There is no cost for this, it is a relaxing last day of term. Pick up for the students will be 1:30, the start of lunch.

Our last term of the year will begin on Monday 6th of October. As it is term 4 students will need to wear a school hat. If you have misplaced it, Nick's in Bairnsdale has replacement hats. Please put your child's name on the hat under the brim in permanent texta so we can easily return it to them when they lose it.

As it is the final term of the year it will be extremely busy, especially for our graduating class of 6s. Please keep track of what is occurring through the newsletter or on UEducateUs.

Have a safe and happy break and I will see you all on Monday 6th.

Regards,

Warwick Fraser



TERM 3 2025 **Diary Dates to Remember**

September

Fair Meeting - 18th
Footy Colours Day - 19th
Last Day of Term 1:20 Finish - 19th

October

Start of Term 4 - 6th
School Council Meeting - 20th
Trash Puppets - 27th

November

School Fair - 3rd
Melbourne Cup Day Holiday - 4th
5/6 Camp - 24th to 28th



Please

REMEMBER

Don't Forget Friday the 19th last day if term is a 1:30 finish.

Fair Meeting this Thursday & all families are required to attend please.



TERM 4

IS A HAT TERM



Please remember to Pack your hat.
If a student doesn't have a school hat, they will be required to play under the covered part of the basketball court. Hats can be purchased at Nicks in Bairnsdale.
PLEASE NAME YOUR HATS CLEARLY.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

*Will be held
each Monday at 9am*



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**SCHOOL COUNCIL
MEMBERS**

Heather Wilkins as President, Jess Kenny as Secretary,
Dale Stephenson as Treasurer, Jessica James, Holli
Wendlant, Steve Robinson, & Hayley Morris.



This Week from the Year 1/2 Classroom *Featuring Miss Zenbergs & Nikki*

Our topic this term is Information Reports. We have looked at a range of different types of reports and begun to gather information about something that interests us. Our topics range from wild animals to food to different sports. By identifying the separate sections in an information report we have been able to see how our own reports will be organised.



Building on our school values of "Respect and Empathy for All", our class has been demonstrating excellent collaboration skills across all subject areas. We take turns, listen with care, face the speaker, support and encourage each other.





This Week from the Art Room *Featuring Miss Nicholls*



ART ROOM NEWS

INKTOBER 2025

Monday 15 September

We are almost into October and that means we will be inviting students and adults to join our Inktober activity.

Inktober is a month-long global art challenge in October where participants create and share an ink drawing each day. Participants can follow the official daily prompts or create their own subjects, and the challenge can be adapted to different styles, including digital ink, markers, or watercolours. It's a creative smorgasbord!

The Inktober challenge has several aims including:

- Improving skills – no matter what skill level you are
- Developing and boosting creativity
- Building consistency and discipline by keeping at the task every day for thirty one days
- Challenging ourselves – to think about how to represent the prompts and how to adapt our skills to best suit our ideas.

It's a fun and flexible way for artists of all skill levels to grow and have a new creative experience.

This is our second year joining the challenge and students from all levels are invited to be part of the challenge. It is not compulsory.

With this newsletter you will find a copy of the calendar which contains the global prompts for this year. Feel free to print this at your convenience. Copies will also be available from the front office and students will have the opportunity to take a copy at the end of their art session this week. Hold on to the sheet and be ready to start on the first day of October and end on the 31st.

All those who choose to join the challenge and who return their completed sheet by Thursday 6 November will be awarded a small prize. Three works will be selected from each class for an additional prize. The drawings must be the work of the person named on the returned sheet to be eligible for the additional prize.

Adults are most welcome to join our challenge.

Student Art Exhibition

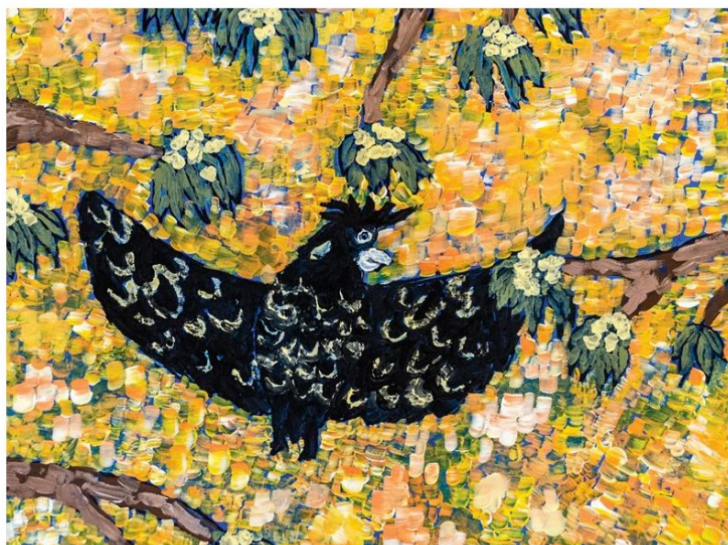
We are lucky to have been invited to contribute five items of student art work to be part of an exhibition of schools at the East Gippsland art Gallery, 2 Nicholson St Bairnsdale (behind Coles, next to the courthouse). Five items were randomly selected from the names of students who said they would be happy to share their work. As a result, we are proud to share work of Alley (gr 6), Emerson (gr 5), Rachel (gr 5), Riley (gr 5) and Eddie (gr 3).



This Week from the Art Room *Featuring Miss Nicholls*

The exhibition is open from Friday 19 – Thursday 25 September and entry is free. A special opening event takes place on Friday 19 at 4.30pm.

Thank you to all those students who were keen to show their work. We will still have a chance to exhibit their work as part of our 150th celebrations on the evening of the school fair.



Lacie Fordham. Flight at Sunrise (detail) Acrylic on canvas

NEXT GENERATION

**Celebrating Student Art
from East Gippsland**

19 September - 25 October 2025
Opening event 4.30pm Friday 19 September
All welcome FREE

East Gippsland Art Gallery
2 Nicholson Street Bairnsdale VIC 3875
03 5153 1988 | eastgippslandartgallery.org.au
Tue to Fri 10am-4pm. Sat 10am-2pm. Free entry

CREATIVE VICTORIA



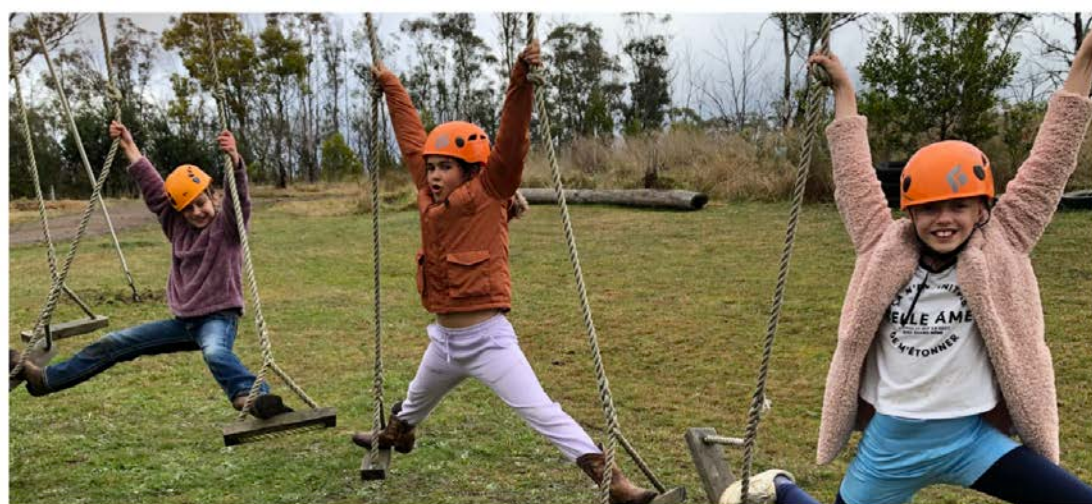
Congratulations to all our students for the hard work, effort and creativity demonstrated in preparing gifts for Fathers and others. We hope you enjoyed them.

Debbie Nicholls





Highlights from 3/4 Camp





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This Week Around the Playground





This Week from the Kitchen Garden

Featuring Mrs Morton



On the 28/8 Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Association held its Delivering Kitchen Garden Session at Swan Reach, which had 20 Early Child Educators and Teachers from surrounding schools visiting. The day showcased our amazing and established gardens, and the seasonal and diverse recipes that Mrs Morton cooks with the Children each week.

Edith represented the Swan Reach and delivered the Acknowledgment of Country.





This Weeks Student Awards



**Monday the
8th**

Congratulations
to Charlotte &
Ayden, Summer,
Luciano,
Riley F & Riley S

**Monday the
15th**

This weeks awards go
to: Ava, Isla, Cooper,
Jai, Chelsea, Evie,
Indi, Athera, Jackson
& Emerson





This Weeks Community Information



SWAN REACH PRIMARY SCHOOL

**TRANSITION
TO PREP**

Swan Reach Primary School is open for 2026 Enrolments

We invite all interested families to join our Transition to Prep Program
Starts Friday 24th October 2025 and continues with the following timetable.

For further Information please Contact:

Krystal Lewis (Prep Teacher)

Warwick Fraser (Principal), Julie Irvine (Administration Officer)

Contact Number: (03) 5156 4287



Friday 24 th October 9am- 11am	Child session only. Drop off/pickup from front office (2 hours) New students will join the prep children in the classroom they will share in fruit time, listen to a story and do some literacy activities.
Friday 31 st October 9am-1:30pm	Child session only. Drop off/pickup from front office (4 hours) New students will join the prep class in their everyday literacy/numeracy programs for the day. Your child will be a part of fruit time, recess time and be picked up at the beginning of lunchtime (1:30PM).
Friday 7 th November 9am-1:30pm	Child session only. Drop off/pickup from front office (4 hours) New students will join the prep class in their everyday literacy/numeracy programs for the day. Your child will be a part of fruit time, recess time and be picked up at the beginning of lunchtime (1:30PM).
Friday 21 st November 9am-3pm	Child session only. Drop off/pickup from front office (all day) New students will join the prep class in their everyday literacy/numeracy programs for the day. Your child will be a part of fruit time, recess and lunchtime. They will be involved in indoor/outdoor activities as well as other areas of the curriculum.
Tuesday 25 th November 9am-3pm	Child session only. Drop off/pickup from front office (all day) New students will join the prep class in their everyday literacy/numeracy programs for the day. Your child will be a part of fruit time, recess and lunchtime. They will be involved in indoor/outdoor activities as well as other areas of the curriculum.
Tuesday 2 nd December 9am-3pm	Child session only. Drop off/pickup from front office (all day) New students will join the prep class in their everyday literacy/numeracy programs for the day. Your child will be a part of fruit time, recess and lunchtime. They will be involved in indoor/outdoor activities as well as other areas of the curriculum.

**RESPECT & EMPATHY
FOR ALL**

21 School Road, Swan Reach
swan.reach.ps@education.vic.gov.au
03 5156 4287



This Weeks Community Information



Safe educational videos at your fingertips

Learning with ClickView

All students at Victorian state schools have access to ClickView through the Victorian Department of Education and Training (DET). This innovative platform provides teachers and students access to thousands of interactive videos and related resources to support learning and teaching.

All ClickView produced content is developed with subject experts, ensuring it's age appropriate and aligned to the Victorian Curriculum. This means students can easily access videos for classroom tasks, assignments or research, in a safe and secure environment.



How can ClickView support your child's learning?

High-quality video resources for learning

With videos made in Melbourne and carefully selected from trusted sources, you can be confident they're watching educational, age-appropriate material.

Access videos anytime, anywhere

Whether at school or home, your child can access videos that support their lessons, or find alternative explanations and examples to consolidate what they're learning in class. Teachers can easily share content to revisit at home, helping spark great conversations and deeper understanding beyond the classroom.

Engaging and interactive

Interactive videos allow teachers to ask questions and track progress. Students can also upload their own work - helping them stay actively involved and proud of what they're learning.

Safe and age-appropriate

All content on ClickView is vetted to ensure it's appropriate for students. With no ads, no distractions, and clear alignment to the curriculum, you can trust your child is learning in a secure and focused environment.



Log in

Students can log in with their school email at clickview.net



Need support?

If you need support managing your child's eduPass account, visit vic.gov.au/edupass-students

Whether it's to help with homework, revise, or research, rest assured your child is safe on ClickView.



This Weeks Community Information



the saltwater creative co
ART & CERAMICS STUDIO

SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2025

www.thesaltwaterstudio.com
66 Marine Parade, Lakes Entrance, VIC
hello@thesaltwaterstudio.com 0438 762 362



SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2025

For your little tribe we have tailored NEW range of our best Saltwater creative workshops to young requirements to keep them busy over the holiday break. Ages 5-15. 1.5 hour art classes with skilled tutors. All art supplies included.

Kids Klay - Monster making
Tuesday 23rd @ 10:30am-12:00pm
Make your very own monster this spring holidays! Were going to learn simple hand building clay techniques to create something totally out of the ordinary!
\$60.00pp

Textured art workshop for all ages
Wednesday @ 10:30am - 12pm
&
Tuesday 1pm @ 1pm-2:30pm
We LOVE getting artsy and this workshop is exactly about that! We take you or/and your little artist through shapes and techniques to create their unique masterpiece of textured art.
\$60.00pp

Kids Pottery Wheel Throwing - Intro to the basics
Wednesday 24th @ 10:30am-12pm
Thursday 2nd @ 10:30pm-12:00pm
Kids get to step up to the potters wheel and learn all the basics.
\$65.00pp

Mask decoration
Tuesday 30th @ 10:30am-12:00pm
We are bringing this unique activity back from the dead. Be as creative and out there as you possibly can! \$60.00pp

Kids Acrylic Smash Balloon Painting Session
Thursday 25th @ 1pm - 2:30pm
Using fluid art technique and balloon smashing to create up to three beautiful & bright artworks!
\$50.00pp

Please note depending on the weather you might need to leave the pieces in the studio to dry for 24h.
Please note clay pieces will take 3-4 weeks to be ready.

visit our website for more details of contact us via the details below.

www.thesaltwaterstudio.com
24 Barkes Avenue, Lakes Entrance, VIC
hello@thesaltwaterstudio.com 0438 762 362

HOLIDAY intensive SWIM PROGRAM

FAST TRACK YOUR CHILDS SWIMMING ABILITY!

Monday 29 September - Friday 3 October 2025

Cost: \$60
On confirmation of booking a \$20 deposit will be required to secure your child's spot.

Enrolments due Friday 26 September

DAILY 30 MINUTE LESSONS OVER 5 DAYS!

ENROL ONLINE OR SCAN THE QR CODE

43 Palmers Road, Lakes Entrance
P (03) 5155 3333
www.lakesaquadome.com.au



RACQUETBALL REBELS

After School Racquetball Program

WEDNESDAYS 4PM - 5:30PM

Catering for ALL ages From 6-16yrs

FUN based skills & Games

ALL equipment provided

FREE Come & Try Session for week 1

Safe, supportive & inclusive environment

FREE fruit supplied each week

TERM 4 STARTS WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER

CONTACT HANNAH 0402 909 536 FOR MORE INFO



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SORTED

LUCKNOW REC RESERVE
THURSDAY OCTOBER 2ND
9AM - 3PM
AGES 5-12



This Weeks Community Information



MOUNTAIN BIKING COME & TRY DAY

Join us for a beginner's mountain biking experience!

MTB East Gippsland is excited to host a Come and Try Day for beginners, led by our PMBIA-accredited coaches.

FREE EVENT

Where: Mt Taylor MTB Park
When: Saturday 20 September
Time: 9.00am - 11.00am

If you've always been intrigued by mountain biking but aren't sure how to begin, this is the perfect opportunity to explore the excitement!

What You Need to Participate:

- Basic bike skills
- A functioning mountain bike
- A helmet
- Closed-toe shoes

SEPT SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

REGISTER HERE



Community Event

Welcome Back the Birds

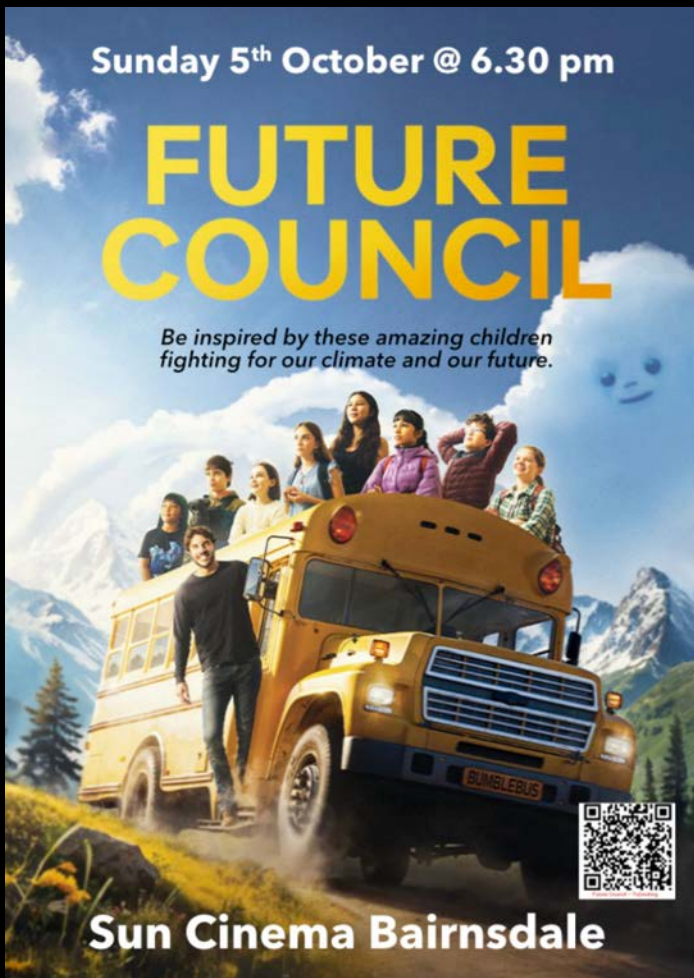
FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER, 2025
Eagle Point Foreshore Hub
11.00AM - 7.00PM

Celebrate the return of migratory birds to the Gippsland Lakes - an event for everyone

- Family-friendly event
- Boat tours
- Nature walks
- Wildlife display
- Dolphin talks
- Bug identification
- Cultural dancing
- Basket weaving
- Fishcare activities
- Kids' art activities
- Live music
- Food vans



More information scan the QR code or visit www.egcma.com.au



Sunday 5th October @ 6.30 pm

FUTURE COUNCIL

Be inspired by these amazing children fighting for our climate and our future.

Sun Cinema Bairnsdale



Future Council

Get on board!

Be inspired by these amazing children fighting for our climate and our future.

Director Damon Gameau (2040, That Sugar Film) takes eight young people on an epic adventure across Europe in a school bus powered by biofuel.

Their mission is to better understand the planet's predicament, explore solutions and, most importantly, take the conversation from the streets, into the boardrooms of some of the world's largest polluters and most influential companies.

Their bold, hopeful journey leads to the creation of a Future Council: young enthusiasts working with big business to change the world.

Premiered at the UN General Assembly and the Melbourne International Film Festival in 2024, the film is now being screened in cinemas across the country to outstanding reviews.

"An extraordinary bunch (of kids) with such lively personalities."

"They bring a refreshing creativity and moral clarity that makes adults think differently."

Come along to a special screening of Future Council
Enjoy light refreshments then the film
Door Prizes including a magnificent Di Deppeler artwork.

Sun Cinema Bairnsdale

October 5th @6.30pm

Tickets: Adults \$25 Students Free*
Light Refreshments, Door Prizes
Bookings at: <https://www.trybooking.com/DFGSV>
*Limited free student tickets provided by a donor



East Gippsland Climate Action Network (EGCAN) Email: egcactionnow@gmail.com



This Weeks Community Information



Kids Classes

Term 4 After School art classes

Thursdays 4:00 to 5:00pm Start Oct 9th

Various mediums including graphite pencil, chalk pastels, charcoal, coloured pencils, water paint, acrylic paint and air dry clay.

Paxart Studio Lakes Entrance

NDIS Supported

Bookings and enquiries PH: 0408 500 451

Caroline Pax Art Therapy on Facebook



SCHOOL HOLIDAY SHOWS

The Velveteen Rabbit

Tuesday 30 Sept
11.00am and 6.00pm

A playful and poetic
reimagining of the
classic tale



Polite Mammals

Friday 3 Oct 11.00am
and Saturday 4 Oct 6.00pm

A wacky and delightful
variety show about animals



The Forge Theatre, 80 McKean Street, Bairnsdale

www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/leisure/whats-on-and-buy-tickets

PLAY JUNIOR CRICKET

AT LAKES ENTRANCE CRICKET CLUB!

REGISTER NOW

UNDER 13
COMPETITION

[AGES 9-13]

WOOLWORTHS
CRICKET BLAST

[AGES 5-9]



Any queries to 0417 712 269 / lakescc@outlook.com



This Weeks Community Information

PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSING NEWSLETTER

2026 EDITION

A Newsletter for Foundation Students

SCHOOL HEALTH PLANS :

Do you have your child's health plans ready for school?

Allergies & eczema plans available at:

www.allergy.org.au

Asthma plans available at: www.asthma.org.au

Please discuss your plans with your Family Doctor and once completed give a copy to your school.

School Nurse:

Sophie Brown
0428 368 741



VISION

SEE THE SYMPTOMS, FIND THE PROBLEM 

An eye examination with an Optometrist is recommended for all school age children. It takes approximately 25 minutes and attracts a Medicare rebate- no referral is required.

Children who are struggling with undetected vision problems often fail to progress well in school. You can use the following checklist to look for the common symptoms that children with vision problems exhibit.

One eye turns in or out while the other points straight ahead.
Frequent blinking & red or watery eyes.

Difficulty concentrating or covering or closing one eye.

Holding a book very close to read & squinting or sitting very close when watching TV.

Complaints of headaches blurred or double vision.

If your child displays any of these symptoms, we suggest that you visit or contact your local Optometrist as soon as you can

Bairnsdale Regional Health Dental Service
5152 0222

Provides dental services for all children ages 0-17 years.

Dental Clinic is located in Ross St Bairnsdale

There is no cost involved for dental services at BRHS if your child is eligible for the Commonwealth Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Primary School Nursing Program is a free service offered by the Department of Education and Training.

Your child will receive a link to the School Entrant Health Questionnaire in their first year at school-please complete this form online and return it to school as soon as possible (hard copies available on request)

If you do not wish for your child to be seen simply click the 'no' box, in the consent are of the online questionnaire. The information in the questionnaire is confidential & helps the Primary School Nurse understand any concerns you may have about your child's health & development & the impact this may have on their learning. This information is important in providing support for you & your child. If your child needs a brief further assessment such as a vision or hearing test the nurse will see them at school.

You can contact the nurse directly if you wish to discuss the screening which may include checking your child's distance vision, hearing, speech and oral health. The nurse is also available to parents to discuss on any concerns with parenting and child health & wellbeing issues.

ORAL HEALTH

Regular dental check-ups (6-12monthly) are recommended as part of your child's dental health routine. Healthy teeth and gums are vital to your school-age child's general health. Dental care for children's teeth starts with cleaning your child's teeth twice a day.

Your child may be eligible for the Commonwealth Child Dental Benefits Schedule, which provides \$1000 worth of basic dental care over a 2 year period for eligible children.

Contact your local dental clinic or BRHS Dental Services on 5152 0222 to make an appointment.

You may also visit the Dental Health Services Victoria website www.dhsv.org.au if you require any further information.

Immunisation Information:

[Childhood immunisation - Better Health Channel](#)

[Immunisation - Better Health Channel](#)

[COVID-19 : COVID-19 resources \(rch.org.au\)](#)

[immunisation-schedule-april-2024.pdf \(health.vic.gov.au\)](#)