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Dear Parents and Friends,

On behalf of Fr Barry and all of our staff I wish you and your families a very happy, safe and holy Christmas. I wish to thank you for all of the support you have given to me and to the staff over the course of this very challenging year.

I wish to thank our staff for their outstanding service this year. What they managed to achieve was outstanding. I congratulate them, your children and you for how you rallied together to maintain your child's learning progression in very trying circumstances.

I wish to thank Fr Barry for his amazing support for all of us.

Welcome to Britt Elliot (P.E & Senior Learning Enhancement Teacher) and Maree Slatter (Italian) who will join our staff next year. Britt and Maree are both experienced and accomplished teachers and I congratulate them on their appointments.



**Sadly, we say farewell to Sally Patkin and Sandra Fazio who have both been wonderful staff members of our school. We thank them for their service and wish them well in the next phase of their lives.**

← Sally

Sandra →



## 2020 TERM 4

## IMPORTANT DATES

Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Grade 6 Graduation
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reports go home. Notification of 2021 class placement.
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Children spend the morning with next year's Teacher.
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	END OF YEARSCHOOL DISMISSAL at 1PM & 1.15PM.

### School Dismissal Next Wednesday

Please Note:

Children will be dismissed via the current gates that they have been exiting the school over the course of this term.

Children who normally are dismissed at 3.00 p.m. will finish at 1.00 p.m.

Children who normally are dismissed at 3.15 p.m. will finish at 1.15p.m.

**OSHCLUB IS AVAILABLE NEXT WEDNESDAY FROM 1.00 P.M**

### GRADE 6 GRADUATION

Congratulations to all of our Grade 6 students who will celebrate their graduation tonight. I wish to thank all of the staff involved with their education over the last seven years, especially their teachers. A special word of thanks to Frank Stosic and Patrick Gamwell their Grade 6 teachers and to Rosy Cubero and Vicki Ness who have also worked with them closely this year.

I congratulate all of the Grade 6 students. We are all very proud of them and we wish them all the very best as they move on to secondary school.





# The Gallery In Me

A free visual arts program for kids aged 9-12

In this series of workshops, kids will experiment with different materials to discover how they can best express themselves. They will create artworks that communicate who they are and how they experience the world. We will celebrate the artists with an exhibition event for all of the community.

**WHERE:** Kororoit Creek Neighbourhood House, Selwyn Park, Sunshine

**WHEN:** Monday Jan 11th-15th from 10am - 2pm

**BRING:** a smock or clothes that can get messed-up

**WE PROVIDE:** all art materials, snacks.

To register, call 0404 451 654 or email [TGIMprogram@gmail.com](mailto:TGIMprogram@gmail.com)

Visit us at: [www.facebook.com/thegalleryinme](http://www.facebook.com/thegalleryinme)

to check out our previous workshops

The Gallery In Me là một chương trình nghệ thuật thị giác miễn phí dành cho trẻ em từ 9-12 tuổi. Trong chuỗi hội thảo này, trẻ em sẽ thử nghiệm nhiều vật liệu khác nhau để khám phá cách họ thích nhất để thể hiện bản thân. Sau đó, họ sẽ tạo ra tác phẩm nghệ thuật truyền đạt họ là ai và họ trải nghiệm thế giới xung quanh như thế nào. Cuối cùng, chúng tôi sẽ kỷ niệm họ và tác phẩm nghệ thuật của họ với một triển lãm sự kiện cho tất cả cộng đồng.

Ở Đ U: Nhà hàng xóm Kororoit Creek ở Công viên Selwyn, Sunshine

KHI: Hội thảo Thứ Hai ngày 11 đến ngày 15 tháng 1 V10.00 - 2.00

MANG LẠI: Bàn thân và một chiếc áo khoác hoặc quần áo có thể bị rối tung

Chúng tôi cung cấp: tất cả các vật liệu nghệ thuật, đồ ăn nhẹ.

The Gallery in Me برنامجٌ جاني للفنون المرئية للأطفال من عمر 9-12 سنة في هذه السلسلة من ورشات العمل، سوف يمارس الأطفال تجارب عملية باستخدام مواد مختلفة عديدة لاستكشاف الطريقة الأفضل للتعبير عن أنفسهم. وبعدها يقومون بإنتاج أعمال فنية تعبر عن شخصياتهم وعن تجاربهم مع العالم من حولهم. وفي النهاية، نحتفل بهم بأعمالهم الفنية في فعالية "باربكيو" مع معرض، ندعو لحضورها أفراد المجتمع. اجلبوا معكم: ملابس واقية (smock) أو ثياب قابلة للاتساخ سوف نقدم: جميع المواد اللازمة، ووجبات طعام خفيفة

**New Dates:**  
Workshops  
11th-15th January  
10am - 2pm  
Exhibition Event  
To be advised

Lise Kaufman is a Community Arts Workshop Facilitator, a Primary School Teacher and a visual artist. She lives in Albion, and loves The West and working within it's communities.

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which this event takes place; the Wurudjeri people. We recognise the diverse and enduring cultures of all of Australia's First Peoples, and pay respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

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## SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT BRIMBANK LIBRARIES FOR CHILDREN

Brimbank Libraries has lots of great summer activities coming up for children over December and January, including:

- Summer Reading Challenge
- Christmas Cultural story times
- Christmas activities
- Craft packs
- Story times in the Park
- Kids Book Club and lots more.

Everything is on the website here ready for bookings:

<https://www.brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au/index.php/what-s-on/545-summer-activities-at-brimbank-libraries-2>

## Financial Assistance from Vinnies for back-to-school costs

See below for a No Interest loan up to \$1500 that may be of use for some families for next year.

With the new school year fast approaching, we know many parents and carers will struggle to cover the cost of essential school items. This additional stress on families is especially difficult for those already experiencing financial hardship.

I am writing to let you know of a wonderful initiative available through Vinnies NILs called **No Interest Loans (NILs)**. A NILS loan has no interest, no fees, no charges ever.

Every year, we help parents and carers on low incomes (in particular those on Centrelink) to apply for a **NILs loan of up to \$1,500** to cover the cost of essential school items such as uniforms, books, laptops, stationery, school camps, and musical instruments (as well as other essential such as washing machines, fridges, car repairs, medical and dental expenses).

### What is a NILs loan?

A NILs loan is a safe, affordable alternative to high-interest payday loans or rent-to-buy leases. It's not a payday loan or a bank loan but a form of 'circular community credit'. This means when a borrower makes a repayment to NILs, the funds are then released to someone else in the community. NILs is supported by not-for-profit Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand, with funding from the Australian Government in partnership with NAB.

### To help raise awareness of NILs

If you feel that your students and their families could benefit, I encourage you to raise awareness of NILs loans for education costs within your school community.

To assist I've attached a copy of an A4 advertisement in PDF format that you may wish to publish in your school newsletter and website AND/OR print and display in your reception area. You may also wish to inform parents via email or post, particularly when school booklist reminders are being distributed, and to notify your school counsellor and accounts team if parents call to request a payment plan.

**Parents can find out more information about NILs by contacting:**

**Vinnies NILs**  
**03 5229 8829**  
[enquiries.nils@vinniesnils.org.au](mailto:enquiries.nils@vinniesnils.org.au)  
[www.vinniesnils.org.au](http://www.vinniesnils.org.au)

If you would like additional information or materials, please contact myself or my team directly.

Kind regards,

*Michael*

**Vinnies NILS Administration**  
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*Please continue to keep the Lu family in your prayers.*

*Once again, I wish you all a safe happy and holy Christmas. I hope 2021 will be a great year for us all.*

*I hope you can spend some quality family time over the school holidays and that you get some time to rest and relax.*

*Have a great weekend.*

*Yours sincerely,  
Robert Macklin*



***BE SAFE BE HAPPY BE CARING BE READY TO LEARN***

## 2021 DATES AND EVENTS

Staff Resume	27/1/21	
Student Goal Setting Interviews	28/1/21	11.30
<b>Preps Commence</b>	<b>29/1/21</b>	<b>8.45 am</b>
<b>Grades 1-6 Children resume</b>	<b>01/2/21</b>	<b>8.45 a.m.</b>
Beginning of School Mass	05/2/21	9.00
Ash Wednesday Mass	17/2/21	9.00
<b>School Closure Day</b>	<b>24/2/21</b>	
Gr 4 1st Communion	28/2/21	Midday
<b>Labour Day (holiday)</b>	<b>8/3/21</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation	10/3/21	6.30 p.m.
<b>End of Term Mass Holy Thursday Children Finish 1.00 p.m.</b>	<b>01/4/21</b>	<b>Midday</b>
Start Term 2	19/4/21	
Mother's Day Stall	7/5/21	
Mother's Day	9/5/21	
NAPLAN starts	11/5/21	
Confirmation	14/5/21	7.00 p.m.
<b>Queen's Birthday (holiday)</b>	<b>14/6/21</b>	
Reports sent home	18/6/21	
P/T Interviews	23/6/21	
<b>End Term 2 Children finish 1.00 p.m.</b>	<b>25/6/21</b>	
Start Term 3	12/7/21	
Olympics start	26/7/21	
School Sports	30/6/21	
First Communion Gr 3	01/8/21	Midday
Father's Day Stall	01/9/21	
Whole School Concert	2/9/21	
<b>End of Term Mass</b>	<b>14/9/21</b>	<b>Midday</b>

Ch'in finish 1.00 p.m.		
Staff Conference	15 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	No school for Children
Start Term 4	04/10/21	
St Theresa's Day	08/10/21	
Report Writing Day - No School	01/11/21	
Melbourne Cup Day	02/11/21	
School Closure Day	19/11/21	
Christmas Carols	02/12/21	Evening
Graduation	9/12/21	6.00
Reports sent home	10/12/21	
Bump up day	13/12/21	
End of Year Mass Children finish 1.00 p.m.	16/12/21	Midday
Staff finish	17/12/21	

