

Belvoir Special School Newsletter



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690

Dear Parents/Carers/Friends,

Planning for 2024

As a school we have started to look at our student numbers and classroom structure for next year.

At this point in time, we are expecting to have around 185-190 students enrolled. If you know that your child will be leaving us at the end of this year, we will miss you, but please let us know as soon as possible so that we are not counting them in our structures and classes.

An enormous amount of time and thought goes into this process and we consider a number of factors to ensure we have balanced classes as far as possible. One of the biggest factors we consider is how students interact with different personalities.

Camps

A reminder to all parents that Orange POD will be attending a camp this term and permission notes, medication forms and payment for the camps all need to be returned to the school as soon as possible.

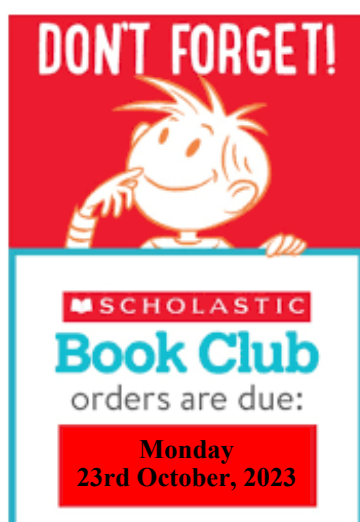
If you are having difficulty paying for your child to attend the camp, please make an appointment to come in and see me.

The Camp will be running in week 6 of the term which isn't a long way off, so parents are asked to please ensure that everything is done to allow their child to attend.

World Teacher's Day

Next Friday is world teacher's day, this day allows us all to acknowledge and thank all of our teachers for the terrific job that they do. Our teachers and ES staff are certainly our greatest resource, and it is terrific to be able to recognize them in some small way for the work that they do.

Pennie Moffat
Principal



2023 DATES TO REMEMBER

Green Pod Camp—24th Oct & 2nd-3rd Nov

Pie Drive Collection —26th Oct

**Fancy Lah De Dah Day
Dress up day —7th November**

Orange Pod Camp 8th-10th Nov

**YR12 Graduation -
Wed 29th of Nov**

**Staff Professional Practice Day
(Student Free Day)- 23rd Nov**

**Wodonga Cup 24th November
(Public Holiday in Wodonga)**

School Concert 1st Dec 10:30 - 2:20

**Last Day of School Year for
Students 19th of December**

Dyson's Buses

PHONE NUMBERS

BUS 1: 0460 935 609

BUS 2: 0460 875 492

BUS 3: 0460 896 490

BUS 4: 0460 869 012

Belvoir Bus: 0431 756 813

**DRAWN ON
8TH
DEC 2023**



Belvoir Christmas Raffle

Belvoir Special School would like to ask for your help in organising and contributing items to be used as prizes for our 2023 Christmas Raffle. Contributions of vouchers or products will be much appreciated.

Please contact Belvoir School if you have any ideas, connections or leads that may help our school to gather items for our famous Christmas Raffle.



ROOM 3 NEWS

Mel, Georgia, Alicia & Molly



Room 3 has had a great start to Term 4, and the first few weeks have been lots of fun already! Guiseppe and Ularna have enjoyed using the ball pit and other equipment in the engine room, exploring moving their bodies while having fun!

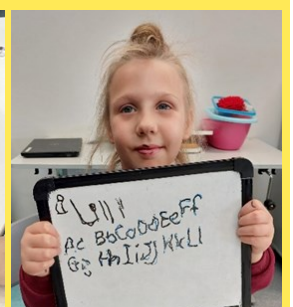
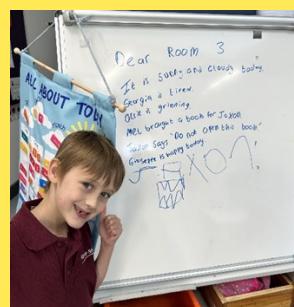


Everyone enjoyed helping to make some special birthday cupcakes for Macklan – We hope you had a great birthday! We are getting so good at cracking the eggs without (too much) mess and measuring out ingredients and mixing everything together. Room 3 love their Friday cooking activities!



Room 3 have been practising their writing skills during literacy. Jaxon has been helping to think of ideas for morning

message and practising writing his name. Guiseppe has been using his fine motor skills to trace letters on Writing Wizard. Lilly has been learning how to form letters of the alphabet by tracing over them and trying to write them independently. We have also been creating digital texts and adding pictures chosen from Google to create our writing and making books on Book Creator.



Ollie has been enjoying his floor time activities, playing with a balloon, playing the roll out keyboard and using the squishy water mat. He has also had so much fun on the liberty swing, and spending time in the standing frame to show us all how tall he is getting!

Participate in the exciting sport of Softball

Ages 8 & Up

No equipment needed

Every Thursday

Starting September 7th

4:30pm-5:30pm

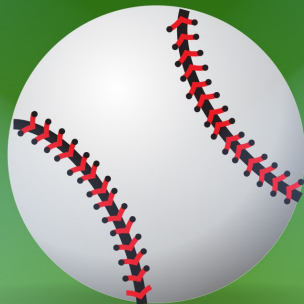
Gayview Park, Serpentine Ave,
Wodonga.

*Become
a
Junior*
WARRIOR

Contact: Tracey Chadwick - 0407592722



<https://www.facebook.com/wodongasoftball>





ROOM 8 NEWS

Kitty, Bridget and Heidi

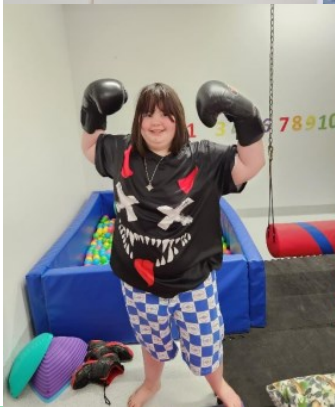
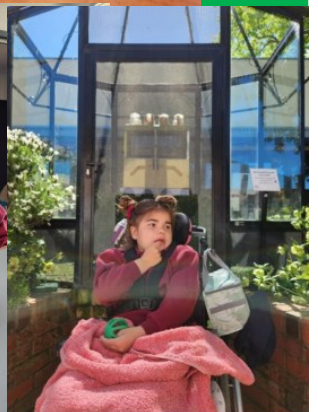


What a great start to term 4 we have had! We started off with a community access outing by driving around Wodonga and Albury in Week 2. This week some of the Green POD students participated in an excursion to Beechworth. Students had a wonderful time in Bee School where they joined in lots of fun and engaging activities, discovering about the importance of bees and how a beehive works. Students also enjoyed a visit to Burke Museum in Beechworth and experienced 'How Granny Lived'. We finished our outing with a lunch in Chinese gardens.

In Literacy, our focus this term is on the structure of a sentence and phonic awareness. During Math sessions, we have been working on location and direction and learned about positional and directional language.

Cooking is always a favourite activity in Room 8. The students have participated in 3 cooking classes so far and enjoyed making chocolate cupcakes, pancakes, and cookies.

Room 8 staff members are looking forward to a fun term of learning and continuing to build our relationships and routines.



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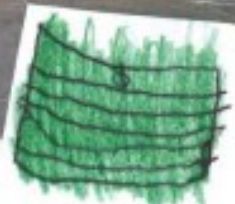
OP SHOP

We are selling second
hand school uniforms!

on Tuesday at 2pm-3pm
and Friday at 9am-10am

at the Life Skills House
next to the front gate

Starting
WEEK 2
Friday



please donate your outgrown uniforms to the office



ROOM 16 NEWS

Danae, Lucy, Amanda and Darren



Room 16 have been busy this term! In literacy we have been learning how to expand, and add more detail to our sentences through the use of conjunctions, adverbs and adjectives. During maths we have been learning about money. Students have especially enjoyed using our class shop to price and purchase a variety of items.

Our outings this term are all based around our STEAM Term Topic. So far, students have explored local playgrounds to learn about the variety of play spaces and items that are available, safety aspects and different age ranges of items as well as car parking and toilet facilities. Based off what they have learned from these outings students will then design their own playground.





Grace Churches

Mental Health Practitioner

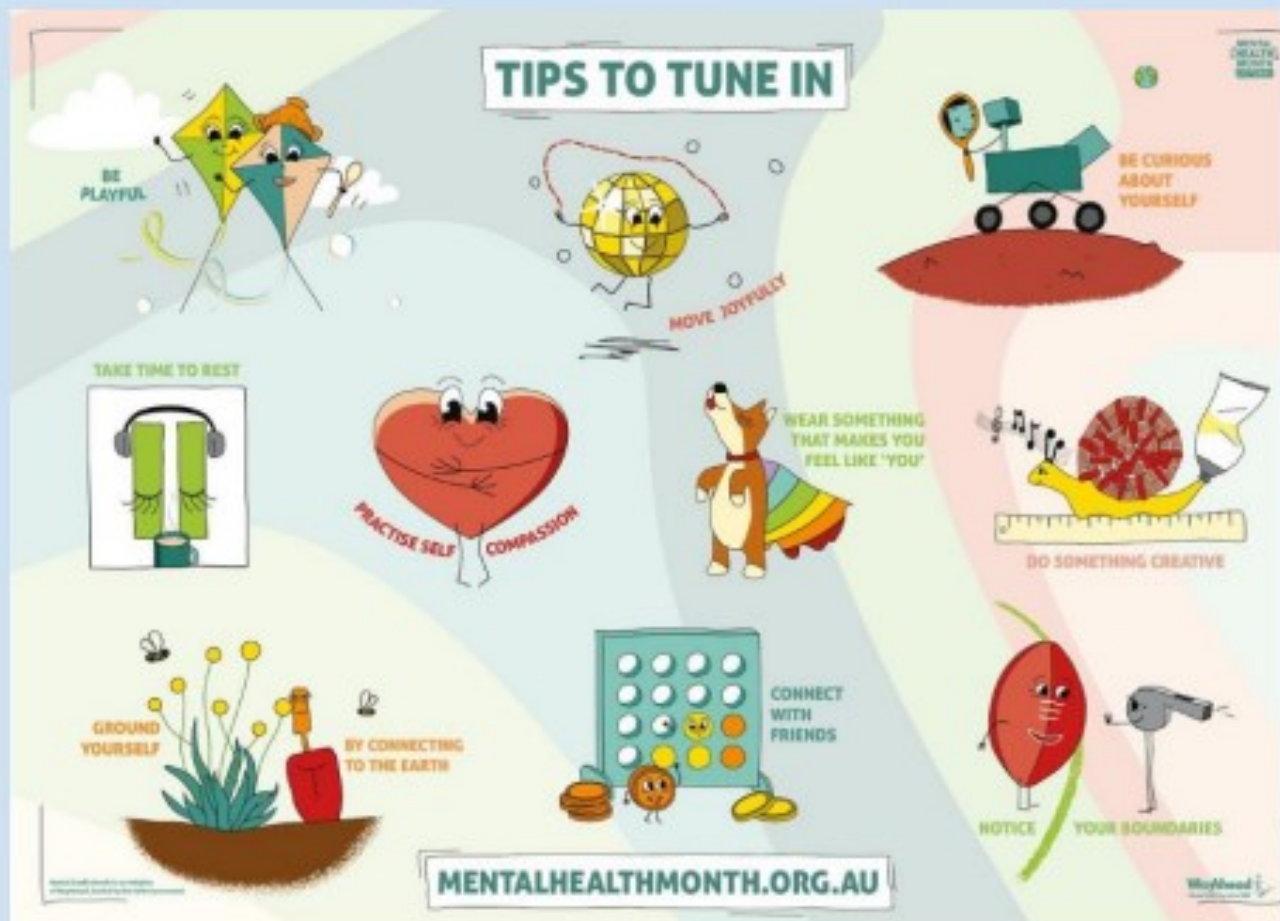
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Mental Health Month is celebrated each year in the month of October. This month encourages all of us to think about our mental health and wellbeing, regardless of whether we may have a lived experience of **mental illness** or not. It also gives us the opportunity to understand the importance of good mental health in our everyday lives and encourages help seeking behaviours when needed.

World Mental Health Day is Tuesday the 10th of October. This year the theme is '**We all have a role to play**'.

There are lots of different ways to look after your mental health. Stuck for ideas? These tips are a helpful starting point.





Room 23 NEWS

Anthea, Pat and Shaun



Room 24 News

This term Orange POD have begun an alternative elective style program to tap into some of the likes our students hold. This includes Mindful colouring, Music, Gardening, Art and Bike Riding. These 45 minute sessions are a chance for students to mix with different students outside of their classroom, and with different support staff from across the pod. Pictured here are a few photos from the Art group this week which is being ran by 2 of the Orange Pod education support staff, Pam and Jess.

This term we are looking at patterns in Maths, with students here pictured trying to crack different codes within patterns. We also have pictured 2 students working in tandem on increasing their physical fitness and building their core strength.

Term 4 will be very busy for Orange Pod students with camp, Year 12 graduation and the school concert all occurring. We are looking forward to all of these events.



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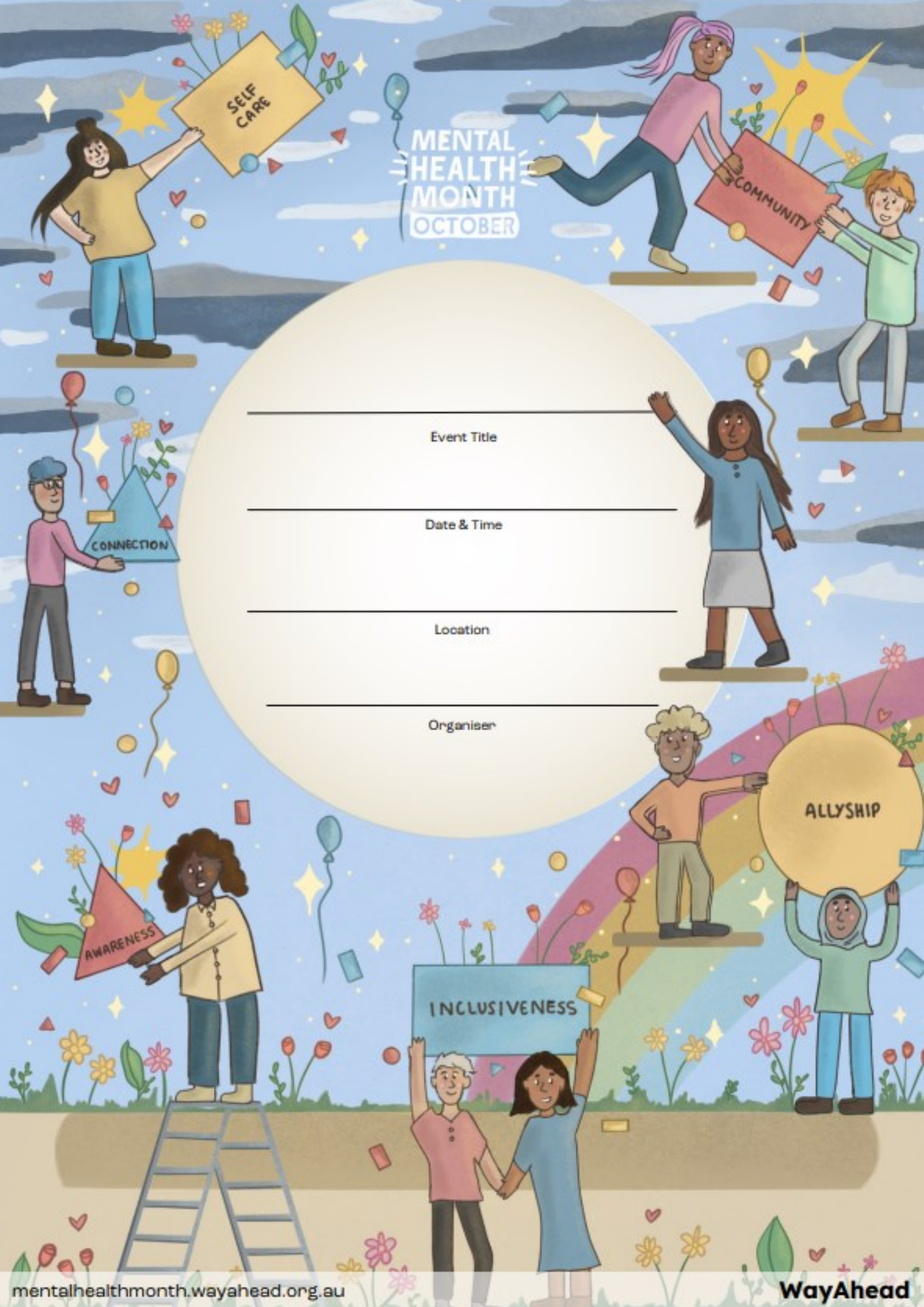
COMMUNITY

CONNECTION

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INCLUSIVENESS

AWARENESS



MENTAL
HEALTH
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OCTOBER

Event Title

Date & Time

Location

Organiser

PIE DRIVE

FUNDRAISER 2023

Thank you to everyone
that ordered pies



we got 196 orders!

Pies will be delivered on
October 26th

an alert will be sent out for collection time



Lifestyle and Learning Program (Day Services)

School Leavers Information Session

Where: 53 Hoffmann Road, Thurgoona

When: Wednesday 18th October 2023

Time: 4.30pm - 6.30pm

- Are you undecided what you are going to do next year when you leave school?
- Are you looking at developing your Independent Living Skills or maybe your Literacy and Numeracy skills?
- Are you interested in Volunteering or Woodwork?
- Do you love being creative in Drama, Arts or Dancing?
- What about participating in community social outings?
- Are you looking to develop friendships?
- If you answered yes to any of the above then we would love you to pop into our information session.

We have many other interesting and exciting options on offer.

Staff will be on hand demonstrating some of the activities undertaken at Hoffmann Rd while the Lifestyle and Learning Team Leaders and the Customer Service team will be there to answer any of your questions as you wander through the complex at your own pace.

Contact us below:

If you are unable to attend the information session but would still like to visit Hoffmann Rd or would like more information please

Call:

Liz Quinn on **0407203202** or
Narelle Bagley on **0402 166 955**

Email:

Customer Service at
CustomerService@aspiress.com.au



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**** CHANGE OF LOCATION-NOVEMBER ONLY****

OUR NEXT SESSION IS: 4th November 2023

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