

'Around the Grounds' WPS Newsletter

Wednesday 6th November 2019

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REMINDERS

- **Students in Grade 6—2020 Bomber Jacket**
Please return your order form **ASAP** orders will be placed this Friday 8th November. Jackets available at the office for sizing.
- **Sport Polo top for Gr 5/6 students 2020.**
Please return your order form **ASAP**. Orders will be placed this Friday 8th November. tops available at the office for sizing.

THURSDAY 7TH NOVEMBER
12.30pm Whole School Count Us In song in Gym

FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER
Gr 5/6 T20 Blast

MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER
10.30am Remembrance Day Ceremony in Gym

TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER
Student Banking

WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER
3rd Transition Session for 2020 Foundation Students 9.30am—10.30am

THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER
9.00am Graduation practice
Final day for ordering Grade 6 Bomber Jackets & Sport Polos.

PARENT REMINDER

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY will be on **MONDAY 11TH NOV** at 10.30am in the GYM. **RED POPPY BADGES** are on **SALE TOMORROW** till Monday 11th Nov in the front of the Library for \$1 each.



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Ms. D's Diary

I hope you have all enjoyed the four day long weekend. The weather was certainly perfect for Melbourne Cup Day and set the scene for great times outdoors.



Remembrance Day Ceremony

I would like to invite our School Community to our special assembly to be held on Monday, 11th November, 2019 at 10.30am to commemorate Remembrance Day.

I encourage all participants to bring along a flower, posy of flowers to place at our display. These will be then placed at the War Memorial in Westmeadows.

Victorian Excellence Awards

I would like to thank everyone for their words of congratulations and support following my nomination in the Victorian Excellence Awards ~ Primary Principal Category. I was absolutely thrilled to have been a Finalist. There is no doubt that this recognition endorses the whole Westmeadows Primary School Staff who all work extremely hard to deliver the best teaching and learning programs for our children.

Student Voice

I am extremely excited to let you all know that Junior School Council will be attending School Council next Monday night. The students will enjoy a dinner together and will then be part of a discussion panel at School Council. I would like to thank in advance our JSC members who will be attending.

End of Year

So with just over six weeks until the end of the year may I please encourage you to keep an eye out on Skoolbag App and our newsletters. There are many important dates and information not to be missed including Book Pack notices, Academic Reports, Special events, classes for 2020.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Jane Donaldson
(Principal)

WPS NOTICE BOARD

STUDENT BANKING

Tuesday 12th November
Lorraine James & John Stavrinidis

Tuesday 19th November
Abbey Tudhope & Kayelene Carney

Tuesday 26th November
Heather Bamfield & Volunteer needed

Tuesday 3rd November
Angela Bouas & Stephanie Alexopoulos



CANTEEN ROSTER

Wednesday 6th November
Malissa Aldridge & Heather Bamfield

Friday 8th November
Sonia Bonadio & Camille Rodgers

Monday 11th November
Dora Loukas

Wednesday 13th November
Christy Leterme & Sheridan Morris

Friday 15th November
Charina Holmes & Melinda Phillips

Monday 18th November
Brooke Goble

Wednesday 20th November
Sue Tucker

Friday 22nd November
Rachel Pardo & Camille Rodgers



SICK BAY



Friday 18th October
Melissa Trueman

Friday 25th October
Dora Loukas

Friday 1st November
Stephanie Alexopoulos

WPS5 WINNERS

Josh V (3/4L) - Co-operation

Elizabeth V (0B) - Responsibility

Jayce E (3/4L) - Responsibility





Primary Schools Italian Poetry Competition

On Wednesday 23rd October, 8 Grade 5/6 students went to Gladstone Park Secondary College to participate in the Italian Primary School Poetry Competition. On the day we were very excited to present our poems to a panel of judges. The poems that we chose to recite were 'Amicizia', 'La Casa dei nonni', 'Ecco' e 'Dicembre.' There were 4 other primary schools that also competed in this competition. We were all very proud of each other for getting this far and having the opportunity to participate. We all received certificates with pizza for lunch as our reward. It was a fun and challenging day. We all had a great time! We would like to thank Signora Cuda for her time and for helping us through this event. Grazie!

Da Izabella Burke 5/6Q

POETRY AWARDS	
Certificate of Distinction	Blake Addicoat Edward Ngo
Certificate of High Distinction	Izabella Burke Holly Zarb Amy Smith Felicia Kuka-Toleafoa
Best Actress Award	Nadia Leterme
Third Prize for Grade 5 entrants	Ella-Rose Johnson Shollick



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

TERM 4	WEEK 1	WEEK 2
0A	Ella L	Jett H
0B	Elizabeth V	Annabelle P
0C	Noah S	Kade B
1D	Julian S	
1E	Louay A	
1F	Lachlan R Nate G	
2G	Ruby O	Sarah E
2H	Renee B	
2I		Jason C
3/4J	Ebonie C Zac Z	Maria M
3/4K	Tayte H	Madison R
3/4L	Hailey L	Jayce E
3/4M	Hamza L	
3/4N	Eli I	
5/6O	Laetitia Q Alyssa P	Spencer E
5/6P		
5/6Q	Kyrah N Zeynep B	Catherine B
5/6S		Jackson R
5/6T	Holly Z	Dimitri S
SPECIALISTS		
PE LOWER	Foundation B	
PE UPPER	5/6Q	
SCIENCE LOWER	2H	Foundation A
SCIENCE UPPER	5/6S & 3/4L	3/4N & 5/6O
LOTE LOWER		1/2 Emus
LOTE UPPER		5/6Q
P ER/ ARTS LOWER		Foundation B
PER/ARTS UPPER		
VIS/ARTS LOWER	2I	1/2 Kangaroos
VIS/ ARTS UPPER		
CANTEEN AWARD	5/6T	Lucy A—5/6T
PALADINOS AWARD x 2	Lachlan R— 1F Hailey L—3/4L	Jason C—2I Jackson R—5/6S
MAYFLOUR AWARD	Elizabeth V—0B	Maria M—3/4J
GELATI AWARD	Holly Z—5/6T	Jett HF—0A

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4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

For Android Users:



You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in Westmeadows
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 8.1 Phones and Windows 8.1 or 10 Device Users:



1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find Westmeadows either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.

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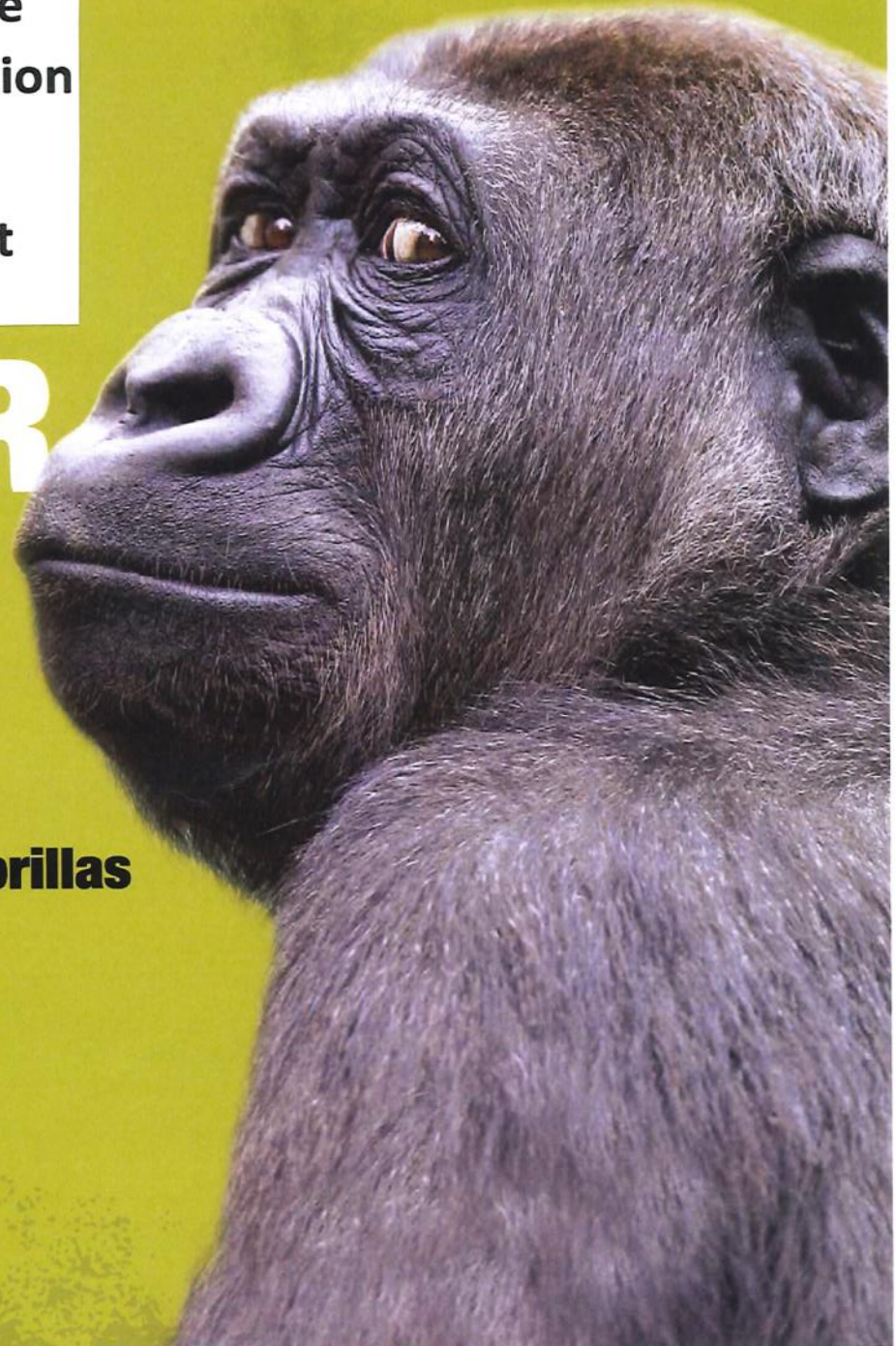
If you have an old mobile phone please drop it off at the office.

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We are proudly helping to protect wild gorillas by collecting old phones and tablets.

Funds raised through phone recycling supports Zoos Victoria and the Gorilla Doctors to care for wild gorillas.

For more information zoo.org.au/phone



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Your mobile phone may contain a mineral called coltan. Coltan is mined in locations including critical habitat for Eastern Lowland Gorillas in Central Africa. The threats gorillas face as a result of mining include:

- + Deforestation - Mining leads to habitat loss and habitat fragmentation, reducing areas where gorillas can survive.
- + As a result of habitat loss, gorillas come into contact more frequently with humans, increasing likelihood of competition for space or resources.
- + Disease - With increased human activity, gorillas have increased exposure to human illnesses, such as the flu, some of which can be fatal.

When you recycle your phones there are a number of environmental benefits:

- + Your phone will be saved from landfill, with some or all components able to be recycled or re-used.
- + By recycling through this program, you also raise important funds for gorilla conservation. This program supports the Gorilla Doctors, which helps treat ill and injured gorillas in Africa.





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What a great start to the term we have had!

We have had a great time making our own Aliens and Spaceships in Space week. Our favourite week this term has been Halloween



week. We had so much fun creating our Halloween activities, with the highlight was our Halloween Party! We played games and everyone won some treats. We hope everyone had fun going "Trick or Treating" on Halloween.

Now that we are in term 4 it is essential that all children bring a hat, some children do not have hats, we encourage to bring a hat and leave it at OSHC clearly labelled with their name, otherwise they will not be allowed to play outside.

This term we have a curriculum day on the 4th of November, TheirCare will be providing an "All Day" 7am – 6pm, service on the 4th and all children are welcome to attend. The 5th of November, we will be closed.



Bookings for Summer Holiday Program are now available online, be sure to come collect a flyer from us if you require more information. Some highlights are, Melbourne Zoo excursion, Carnival Day, Bowling and a trip to the Movies.

We hope you all have a great long weekend.

JoJo, Paola, Kyle & Steph 😊



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In House Fun



True Blue Sports - Monday 6 January



We're lucky to live in the sporting capital of the world with games like cricket, netball, footy, swimming and tennis happening most weekend. Cheer on your favourite team or sport as we celebrate some Australian classics today.

Feature Activity: Cricket Tournament

Additional Activities: Australian Animal Craft, Muesli / Energy Bars, Football plus free time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$9.00 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$60.00. Suburb Avg \$10.20.



STRIKE a Pose - Tuesday 7 January



Today we're off to Zone Bowling to challenge our friends to a game of Ten Pin Bowling. Will you bowl a Strike? The fun will continue as we play a game of laser tag before heading back to the service for more fun.

Feature Activity: Excursion to Zone Bowling

Additional Activities: Giants, Wizards and Elves Game, Painting and Basketball plus free time to choose your own adventure.

Please be at the service by 8:30 am. Estimated return time is 1:30 pm

As low as \$14.74 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$98.25. Suburb Avg \$16.70.



Clown Heads - Wednesday 8 January



Today we will be decorating our own clown-faced ceramic pots, complete with herb seeds and soil. Once the seeds grow your clown will have a funny hair-do, just like those seen in the circus.

Feature Activity: Ceramic Clown Heads

Additional Activities: Multi-Ball Game, Twister Game, Paper Windmills and Dance Freeze Tag plus time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$10.24 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$68.25. Suburb Avg \$11.60.



Super Sleuths - Thursday 9 January



A crime has been committed, and it is up to you, and your team of expert investigators work out who did it. Today we will be joined by the team at Mini Boss who help us to develop our investigative skills.

Feature Activity: CSI Incursion by Mini Boss

Additional Activities: Mystery Detective Games, Jenga, Origami plus free time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$11.74 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$78.25. Suburb Avg \$13.30.



Makerspace - Friday 10 January



It is your time to shine as we turn an everyday object into unique works of art. Take part in Genius hour where you can create anything you dream of or make yummy cupcakes as we explore and personalise recipes.

Feature Activity: Egg Drop Construction Challenge

Additional Activities: Cupcakes, Genius Hour, Obstacle Course, Chess plus free time to choose your own adventure.

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Fizzy, Bubbly Chemistry - Monday 13 January



Today the service will become a massive science lab explore the world around us using chemistry. Watch the magic solution change colours right in front of you or conduct an edible experiment using items found in the kitchen. If that is not your taste, head outdoors for a massive game of beat the ball.

Feature Activity: Colour Changing Experiments
Additional Activities: Sherbet, Charades Relay, Rotocopters, Beat the Ball Game plus free time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$9.00 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$60.00. Suburb Avg \$10.20.



Ready, Set, Create! - Tuesday 14 January



Tick, Tock, Tick, Tock - Time is counting down as we prepare for a day of fun and adventures. Today we are going to create one of a kind clocks which will help you to keep track of the time. The fun will continue with minute to win it challenges and frisbee golf.

Feature Activity: Clock Making
Additional Activities: Bubble Painting, Minute to Win It Challenges, Chess and Frisbee Golf plus free time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$10.24 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$68.25. Suburb Avg \$11.60.



Feathers, Fur Scales - Wednesday 15 January



The team from Animals of Oz will be stopping by the service today as we meet, get up close to, interact with and learn about for furry, feathers and scaly friends. Animals may include possums, frogs, birds, lizards, snakes and even a crocodile.

Feature Activity: Animals Incursion
Additional Activities: Animal Masks, Poison Ball, Beading plus free time to choose your own adventure

As low as \$11.74 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$78.25. Suburb Avg \$13.30.



Clowning Around - Thursday 16 January



Today we will be inspired by the sights and sounds of the circus as we make juggling balls and learn how to juggle, prepare clown-faced sandwiches and put on a show with our marionette puppets.

Feature Activity: DIY Juggling Balls
Additional Activities: Clown Face Sandwiches, Circus Marionettes, Octopus Game, Uno Challenge plus free time to choose your own adventure
Lunch Provided

As low as \$9.00 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$60.00. Suburb Avg \$10.20.



Carnival of Colour - Friday 17 January



We're off to the Carnival of Colour for a fantastic day full of unique sports, jumping castles, cuddly animals, DIY crafts, yummy treats & special guests. During this exclusive event we will compete in a sports day full of colour, inflatables and interactive challenges all set to music. The fun then continues in the Carnival Zone. Everyone gets a show bag to take home.

Feature Activity: Excursion to the TheiCare Carnival
Additional Activities: Chromatography Experiments and Bingo games plus free time to choose your own adventure.
Please be at the service by 8:15 am. Estimated return time is 4:00 pm

As low as \$16.24 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$108.25. Suburb Avg \$18.40.

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Fun in the Sun - Monday 20 January

The chilly days are over and now is the perfect time to head outdoors and spend some time in the sun. Today we will explore super cooling fluids as we create our own ice cream, make a visor to keep the sun out of our faces and make a kite.

Feature Activity: Foam Visors

Additional Activities: Ice Cream Experiment, Dodgeball, Kites, Connect 4 Championships plus free time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$9.00 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$60.00. Suburb Avg \$10.20.



Animal Antics - Tuesday 21 January

Today we're off to Melbourne Zoo to journey through the Australian Bush, trek the Trail of the Elephants and explore the Wild Sea as we explore the animals of the world.

Feature Activity: Excursion to Melbourne Zoo

Additional Activities: Cooking Caramel Slice, Animal Masks, Balloon Volleyball plus free time to choose your own adventure.

Please be at the service by 8:30 am. Estimated return time is 2:30 pm

As low as \$14.74 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$98.25. Suburb Avg \$16.70.



Sport-tastic - Wednesday 22 January

The team from Supreme Incursions are back with a brand new activity which will knock your socks off! In today session, we will rotate through four exciting challenges which will put our problem-solving skills to the test.

Feature Activity: Team Challenges by Supreme Incursions

Additional Activities: Chatterboxes, Self Portraits, puzzles & Trouble Game and free time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$11.74 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$78.25. Suburb Avg \$13.30.



At The Movies - Thursday 23 January

When straight-laced fire superintendent Jake Carson and his elite team of firefighters come to the rescue of three siblings, they quickly realise that no amount of training could prepare them for their most challenging job yet - babysitting. Popcorn and Water will be provided.

Feature Activity: Watch Playing with Fire (PG) at the Cinemas

Additional Activities: Paper Campfires, Freeze Tag and Cooking Orange & Sultana Cookies plus free time to choose your own adventure

Please be at the service by 8:30 am. Estimated return time is 1:30 pm

As low as \$14.74 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$98.25. Suburb Avg \$16.70.



Beach Party - Friday 24 January

Today we are bringing the seaside to you as we party our way through beach-inspired crafts, games and cooking. For lunch today we will be making delicious fried rice, then create a portal to the ocean.

Feature Activity: Port Hole Aquariums

Additional Activities: Fried Rice, Ship Shark Shore Game, Crabs, Party Tunes plus free time to choose your own adventure.

Lunch Provided

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PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Public Holiday - No Service - Monday 27 January



Too Cool For School - Tuesday 28 January

As the awesome holidays draw to an end, it is time to get ready to re-join our friends at school. In today's activities we will be making bookmarks, pop stick boxes and more which can be proudly be used in the classroom.

Feature Activity: Bookmarks
Additional Activities: Lego Challenges, Gaga Ball, Pop stick Boxes, Chocolate Balls plus free time to choose your own adventure

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What to Bring

✓ Food

- A healthy morning tea and lunch such as fruits, wholemeal sandwiches and dips. For lunchbox ideas visit <http://heas.health.vic.gov.au/schools/healthy-lunchboxes>. Please do not include items which need to be reheated.
- Due to the risk of anaphylaxis items containing nuts should not be included in the lunchbox.
- Breakfast and afternoon tea will be provided.

✓ A drink bottle

- Water will be available all day to refill the bottles.

✓ Hat

- A SunSmart hat similar to the one worn at school.
- Sunscreen will be provided throughout the day.

✓ Appropriate clothing

- Clothing suitable for an active day, including closed toe shoes and a jacket if it is predicted to be wet or cold.
- For more information about being SunSmart visit www.sunsmart.com.au.

✓ Medication

- Medication and Management/Action Plans if required.

✗ Devices

- We encourage children to be active and engage with their peers so personal electronic devices such as phones, iPads, laptops and game consoles should be left at home.
- These devices will remain the families responsibly through the session, including for any loss or damage.

Medical Management plans

If your child has been diagnosed with a medical condition, we are required under the Education & Care regulations to have a completed medical action/management plan, along with any medication which may be required available at the service at all times during your child's attendance.

Blank copies of the medical plans can be accessed through your medical practitioner or from the TheirCare service.

In the interests of the child's safety, care may be refused on the day should the appropriate documentation or medication not be supplied or is incomplete.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with one of our friendly educators at the service or call us on 1300 072 410.

Changes to programming

Activities and times are subject change due to unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather and provider availability. In the rare event that an activity will unable to be run, an alternative activity will be provided and will be communicate the change via email/SMS to all families who are effected and will be updated on the website.

Changes to your booking

We understand that your needs may change in the lead up to your attendance at the Holiday Program. Whether you need to add an additional day to keep the kids busy or cancel a day to suit your schedule, we're there for you.

Simply log into your Fully Booked account anytime to make the relevant changes or give us a call on 1300 072 410 between 8:30 am to 6:00 pm on weekdays.

As we plan our programming, suppliers and educators in advance to the day to ensure that the children have lots of fun. Any changes made within the 5 days of booking will incur a \$10.00 charge.

When making additional bookings, the \$10.00 is eligible for the Child Care Subsidy, which means you may only need to pay the gap, depending on your families' circumstances.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with one of our friendly educators at the service or call us on 1300 072 410.

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Please Note: BYO lunch and morning tea. Breakfast and afternoon tea provided. Please ensure your child has a drink bottle

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