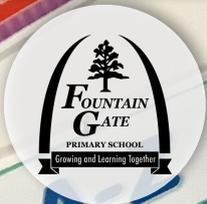


Fountain Gate Primary School

A community of focused learners who share their curiosity, voice and expertise with others



Calendar Dates

Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th

Level 5/6 Risky Kids Incursion

Friday 24th February

Curriculum Day · Student Free Day

Friday 3rd March

Staff & Student Photos

Friday 10th March

Community Festival · 2:30 - 5:30pm

Monday 13th March

Labour Day · Public Holiday

Wed. 15th - Thur. 23rd March

Level 3 & 5 · NAPLAN Online

Thursday 6th April

Last Day Term 1 · Students dismissed at 2:30pm

Friday 7th April

Good Friday · Public Holiday

Monday 24th April

Term 2 Begins

Tuesday 25th April

Anzac Day · Public Holiday

28 April, 2022 – 1:00pm – 5:00pm

Principal's Report

Welcome back to all members of the school community as we commence another school year! We also welcome many new faces; students, parents and staff. I have been lucky enough to have spent some of the first few days checking in with our many new students including our new Foundation students who are settling in with great enthusiasm. The past week has seen our students regrouping with old friends, forming new relationships and displaying excellent learning behaviours.

During my visits around the school I have seen the wonderful supports and learning tasks that we offer and I have been extremely pleased to note that our staff are working hard to ensure that all of our students are thriving in an environment that values and celebrates learning and encourages respect, trust and care. I look forward to a very rewarding and successful year for our parents, staff and most importantly our students.

At FGPS we truly value the partnership that parents have with the school. We consider your input to be a valuable tool that assists us to support your child with their educational and social experiences. Please be sure to communicate with your child's classroom teacher any suggestions, supports or concerns, as together we can ensure that your child has a happy and productive school experience.

Tutor Learning Initiative

As you may already know, the Tutor Learning Initiative (TLI) will continue to run in 2023. We have spent considerable time assessing our students to identify those who are eligible for the additional support. Ms. Adrienne Haddad, Ms Jacinta Baird, Ms Page and Ms Roumeliotis make up our Tutor Team this year, with the first sessions commencing this week. Our school will again adopt a collaborative, co-teaching approach that is delivered in a manner to support and accelerate student learning. This will result in explicit and targeted small group sessions. Further information will be available should your child/ren be eligible for the program. As we will run the program through the year, some students may receive tutoring later in the year.

Meet the Teacher Evening

Please save the date as there will be a meet the teacher evening on the **22nd of February from 3:30 – 7:00**. A Compass post with all the information on how to book will be sent out early next week. This is an opportunity for you to have a brief chat with your Childs' new teacher. These will be 10 minute sessions held to ensure that our classroom teachers have all the information they need to support your children.

School Council

It will soon be time for School Council meetings to begin. School Council is a great way for you to be involved in our school. Currently we have four parent vacancies. Please consider being involved with School Council. We meet twice per term in the afternoon at 2.30 p.m. and our first meeting is on **Wednesday 22nd February**.

The meetings finish at 3.15 in time for student dismissal. Being on School Council gives you the opportunity to have a voice at Fountain Gate PS. If you'd like to join us please contact Ilknur Moore on 9703 1187.

Annual Privacy Reminder

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#)

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on our website and available [here](#).

For more information about privacy, refer to: [School's Privacy Policy - information for parents](#)

This information is also available in nine community languages:

Amharic · Arabic · Dari · Gujarati · Mandarin · Somali · Sudanese · Turkish · Urdu · Vietnamese

Earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria

Fountain Gate Primary School would like to acknowledge that families within our community may be connected to the devastating earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria. To those of you who may have lost family, friends and loved ones in these communities we extend our deepest condolences and sympathies. If your child has been impacted by this event and you would like to discuss support for them please contact our wellbeing leaders Lauren Tippett or Irmak Shelton.

29 April, 2022 – 1:00pm – 5:00pm

Updated Dress Code

School uniform with the Fountain Gate Primary School logo can be purchased from **Beleza Uniform in Hallam**. Plain uniform can be purchased from stores such as Kmart or Big W.

- SHOES** School shoes/runners.
Preferably white or black closed in toe and heels
- JUMPERS** Red or black plain windcheater or school windcheater.
School bomber jacket or Red/Black bomber jacket.

**JACKET/
SCARF/
BEANIE** Any coloured jacket, scarf or beanie can be worn outside at play time for weather protection.

TOPS Red plain polo shirt or school polo shirt.
Red plain skivvy.
Year 6 shirt from the current school year.
Black head coverings i.e. head scarf, patka, hijab

DRESS Red and white checked dress.
Red or black skirt (or pinafore).
Black, red or white bicycle shorts, tights or loose fitting pants *under* skirts or dresses are acceptable.

SHORTS Black (not shiny or cargo style, no logos or stripes, not jeans).

PANTS Black fleecy track pants and/or trousers (not shiny or cargo style, no logos or stripes, not jeans).

HATS Wearing of a wide brimmed/bucket hat is compulsory for all outdoor activities.



JEWELLERY A wrist watch may be worn.
Earrings must be studs or sleepers, no dangly earrings.
Makeup is not permitted.
Necklaces and bracelets are not permitted unless they are religious in nature.

No clothing should display logos, sponsorship, messages, or stripes.



New Staff

We're very excited to welcome 8 new staff to FGPS this year, in a variety of roles. Each new staff member has written a little introduction for our community so you can get to know them a little better!

Miss Alaa Wahidi *Level 3 Teacher*

My name is Alaa Wahidi and I am so excited to be a part of the Fountain Gate Primary School Community. I am a graduate teacher with previous experience in a foundation level. I am passionate about inclusion and instilling a love for learning in all children. I look forward for what 2023 brings!



Mrs Atia Kareemy *Level 6 Classroom* *Education Support*

My name is Atia Kareemy. My background is from Afghanistan. My family and I live in Narre Warren. I am married and have four children.

Since the beginning of last year I have completed work placements, and have also volunteered at the Fountain Gate Primary School. I am extremely excited to start working as an Education Support staff at FGPS. I am looking forward to being part of an amazing team and helping and supporting students in their journey towards learning and achieving excellent outcomes.

Miss Freya Parke - Level 1/2 Teacher

I am originally from northern Western Australia but moved to Melbourne in January 2020. I have lived in the Gold Coast, where I completed a Bachelor of International Relations, Cambodia and Vietnam. I have worked in early childhood education for around 5 years, both overseas and in Australia and decided to make the transition to primary school when I moved to Melbourne.

My hobbies and interests include anything outdoors, sewing, knitting, cooking and reading. I love animals too and have a pet turtle named Gordon (who I'm sure would love to visit the classroom!).

I look forward to meeting all the families and students in the Fountain Gate community.



Miss Kim Worrell

Level 4 Teacher

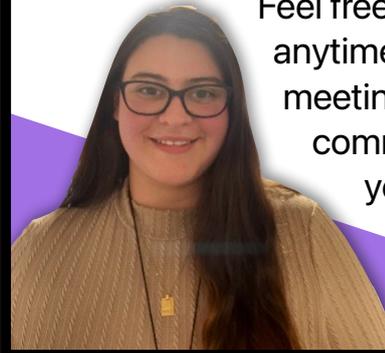


Hi, my name is Kim Worrell and I am new to the Level 4 area. This is my 8th year teaching and my first year in a straight Grade 4 class. I am looking forward to getting to know the students in the year level and learn about the school and the school community. Outside of school, I enjoy finding new places to explore with my dogs (the beach is our favourite place) and catching up with friends.

Miss Despina Dadalias

Level 6 Teacher

Hello,
My name is Despina (Miss D or Miss Dadalias) and I'm one of the new grade 6 teachers this year. I am a graduate teacher, and this is my first-year teaching position and I couldn't be more excited to be teaching grade 6's and taking them through their final year of primary education. While studying I was working in early childhood for 10 years which I very much enjoyed but was ready for the next challenge. Some fun facts about me are: I love cats, my favourite food is sushi or nachos, I have a fear of birds and I only drink coffee if it has lots of Vanilla syrup.



Feel free to come and say hello anytime and I look forward to meeting more of FGPS community throughout the year!



Ms Linda Keech - Assistant Principal

Hello to all members of the Fountain Gate P.S community my name is Linda Keech. I am excited to join the school this year to continue my professional journey as an Assistant Principal. I am passionate about public education and believe that all learners should be supported to achieve beyond what they believe to be possible.

Mathematics is a passion of mine. I enjoy a good logic problem and occasionally trying to win a game of chess against my husband. Creativity is also important to me. I try to make time every week to be creative in my small studio at home by painting and making jewellery.

When you see me around the school, please feel free to introduce yourself. I look forward to partnering with students, parents/ carers and staff to support everyone in their learning journey.



Mrs Lauren Tippett - Leading Teacher, Wellbeing & Inclusion

I am so proud to become a member of Fountain Gate Primary Schools team. I have worked across multiple educational settings and regions throughout my 20 years of teaching including secondary schools, autism specific schools, regional office and primary schools, always with a focus on well-being and inclusion.

I have a passion for learning and developing both myself and others always through the lens of inclusion and positive behaviours, ensuring everyone has the opportunity to access the curriculum, no matter their learning needs.

I am married with two primary school-aged daughters. We have a pet dog and rabbit, living on two acres in the Dandenong Ranges. I enjoy a good laugh, reading, coffee and trail running through our beautiful countryside. I look forward to working with you and your families and sharing all of your children's successes with you.

Thank you for having me!



Book Club

How to order on Book Club



1. Your child will bring home a Book Club catalogue from school
2. Discuss with, and help your child pick the books they would like to read



3. Order online via the Scholastic Australia **LOOP** website or app and the school will take care of the rest! (**LOOP** orders are electronically linked to your school in an easy, secure online process)

4. The books are delivered to your child's classroom.

LOOP IS THE EASY WAY FOR FAMILIES TO ORDER AND PAY FOR BOOK CLUB

- Log in, or create a new account at [scholastic.com.au/loop](https://www.scholastic.com.au/loop)
- Click the ORDER tab, and select your school and child's class
- Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the product item number shown on the Book Club catalogue
- Make payment via credit card.

Orders Close Wednesday 15th of February. Cash Payments will not be accepted. Please order through the Scholastic website.



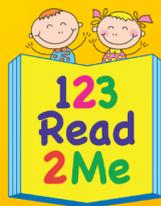
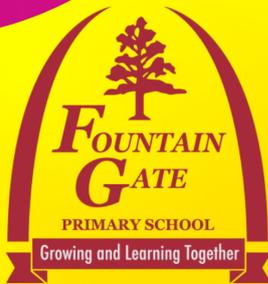
FRIDAY 10TH MARCH

2:30 – 5:30PM



FOUNTAIN GATE PS 2023 COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

**FREE
EVENT**



- SCRATCH ART •
- BOOK EXPO •
- FACE PAINTING •
- HENNA TATTOO •
- FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE •
- ANIMAL FARM •
- FRUIT BAGS •
- AFL HANDBALL •
- ART EXPO •
- COFFEE TRUCK •

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Narre Warren**

Community Hub Timetable

Term 1 · 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Citizenship 9:00am to 11:00am 	English Class 9:00am to 11:00am 	English Class 9:00am to 11:00am 	Little Cuties Playgroup 9:15am to 10:45am 
Keep Fit 11:15am to 12:00pm 	Citizenship 11:15am to 1:15pm 	Coffee and Chat Self Care Program 11:15am to 12:00pm 	English Class 9:00am to 11:00am 
Conversation English Class 12:15pm to 2:30pm 	Children Language Classes 11:00am to 11:30am 	Drop in to Meet Naz 12:00pm - 1:00pm 	Sewing Class 1:00pm - 3:10pm 



Naz
Community Hub Coordinator

 0435 178 936



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FOUNDATION TEAM



ADELE UMESH FA



SOPHIE BAYARD FB



CAITLIN BOYLE FC



AMY DINSDALE FD



FIONA LEIGHTON
FA
ON FRIDAY



LOUISE BLACKMAN



GEORGIA RYALLS

Investigations:

Our foundation students are provided with a range of areas that engage students in meaningful and relevant investigations, which enhance academic skills, promote social and emotional development.

Maths:

We are learning about numbers 1-10 using counters, dice and playing maths games.

English:

Our focus this term are the letters, m, s, f, a, p, t and c. The students are learning to say, write and create crafts about each letter.



THE GRADE 1/2 TEAM

Hello, we are so excited to be the 1/2 team for 2023 and getting to know your children!

TERM 1 2023:

READING: IN READING, WE ARE FOCUSING ON IMPROVING STUDENTS' READING STAMINA.

WRITING: IN WRITING, WE ARE FOCUSING ON IMPROVING STUDENTS' WRITING BEHAVIOURS AND CREATING IDEAS TO WRITE ABOUT.

MATHS: IN MATHS, STUDENTS WILL BE LEARNING ABOUT NUMBERS TO 100 AND 1000.

INVESTIGATIONS: DURING INVESTIGATIONS STUDENTS WILL BE WORKING TO IMPROVE THEIR SOCIAL AND PRESENTATION SKILLS.

1/2A - ROZAN SAMADI



1/2B - LOUISE FERGUSON



1/2C - KODY FRASER



1/2D - FREYA PARKE



1/2E - NICOLE STEPHENS



EDUCATION SUPPORT

1/2 LEARNING SPECIALIST



LOUISE BLACKMAN



JASMIN LOUITIT



REBEKAH PAGE



PENNY DEMIRCI



Level 3

newsletter

Meet the Teachers



Mrs Ashley Hunter
3A



Mrs Robyn Bernau
3A



Miss Emily Daniels
3B



Mrs D
3B



Miss Alaa Wahidi
3C

In the Classroom

Reading:

In level 3 this term students will be learning about the structure and language features of narrative and persuasive texts. They will also be focusing on comprehension strategies such as predicting, questioning and inferring.

Writing:

In level 3 this term students will be learning about the structure of a narrative. They will be creating their own narrative stories. Students will also focus on learning the structure of a persuasive text and include their opinion and supporting reasons on a topic.

Maths:

In level 3 this term students will be learning to make models of 3D shapes, measure, order and compare lengths, interpreting graphs as well as counting with fractions.

Inquiry:

Being healthy, safe and active



Reminders

Please ensure your child comes to school with a hat every day.

Listen to your child read and sign their school diary every night.



Level 4 Newsletter



4A - Mrs Closter



4A - Mrs Carlin



4B - Ms Workman



4C - Ms Morling



4D - Miss Worrell



Mrs Hodgson

Term 1 Learning

Our Reading focus for this term is looking at choosing the right fit books for reading and developing comprehension skills when reading. Our Writing focus is finding seeds for writing inspiration and creating recounts using different writing processes. Our Maths focus is number, exploring odd and even numbers and different operations using place value knowledge. We are also implementing a strong Well-being focus, combining Respectful Relationships, Zones of Regulation and Life Skills Go with our Health Inquiry topic.

Homework

Please ensure your child is reading each day and talking to you about what they have read.

Each week your child will bring home work that has been set that supports learning we have completed in the classroom. This will include reading, maths and spelling activities. They will have the week to complete these tasks.

Please ensure you are checking and signing your child's diary each week.

GRADE 5

newsletter

TERM 1, 2023

MEET THE TEAM!

CLASSROOM TEACHERS

5A



Ally Meli

CLASSROOM TEACHER

5C



Crystal Roussety

CLASSROOM TEACHER

5C



Caitlyn Muir

CLASSROOM TEACHER

5B



George Bouios

CLASSROOM TEACHER

5A



Christina Roumeliotis

EDUCATION SUPPORT

5A & 5C



Tracey Carter

EDUCATION SUPPORT

5A



Debbie Morling

PART TIME TEACHER



TERM 1 LEARNING

English

During English, we will be learning about poetry. Our unit will encompass both analysing and writing poems, and understanding how to choose the right words to create imagery and effect.

In Maths, we will be applying our knowledge of Number and Place Value to solve a range of problems in our units of the four operations. Our weekly homework will reflect each week's focus for maths.

Maths

Inquiry

HEALTH! - We will learn how to describe different ways to express emotions and the relationship between emotions and behaviour. We will understand the influence that personal qualities and strengths have on achieving success.

WELCOME!

It is our pleasure to welcome our new cohort to their 2023 classrooms! This will be a wonderful year full of learning, fun and personal growth.

We believe that communication is key to your child's success and value the importance of our parent-teacher relationships.

Wellbeing

Our Respectful Relationships topics will cover; Emotional Literacy, Personal Strengths and Positive Coping. Additionally, we will be delving into how we can identify, communicate and manage emotions through our LifeSkills fortnightly lessons.

COMING UP

Week 3 - 16/02/22

Risky Kids Incursion

Week 4 - 24/02/22

Curriculum Day

Week 5 - 3/03/22

Student Photos

Week 7 - 13/03/22

Labour Day Public Holiday

Weeks 7 and 8

NAPLAN



Stay connected through the Class Dojo app to communicate with one another: instantly sharing messages, updates, events, and photos from class.



LEVEL Six

MEET THE TEACHERS



Penny Demirci 6A
Matt Heathwood 6A
Amy Sacco 6A
Andrew Hemmes 6B
Themelina Panayi 6C
Despina Dadalias 6D

MEET OUR CLASS SUPPORT STAFF



Atia Kareemy
Kieran Coutts
Kylie Okley

TERM 1 LEARNING

Reading & Writing

Our focus this term is on poetry; a descriptive text type that encourages imagination and evokes emotions. Our use of nouns, adjectives, verbs, adverbs, sensory and figurative language, and sound devices will be important. Shape, haikus, cinquains, acrostics, limericks and ballads are the forms we are working to analyse and create.

Maths

Our focus this term is on types of numbers such as prime, composite, square and triangular. We have learnt that numbers can go below 0, into the negatives! We are working to solve problems involving addition, subtraction, and place value.

Health

We are learning about developmental changes associated with puberty. We will also explore ways to improve our health and hygiene.

Wellbeing

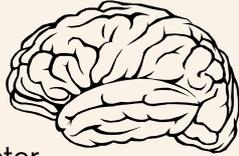
We have a strong focus on emotions, characters strengths and positive coping skills this term. The students have enjoyed many incursions that have focussed on building their confidence, resilience, team work, and ability to speak up.



SLEEP

Six effective tips to establish a healthy sleeping habit

Why it is so important!



Sleep is the most important factor for our physical and mental health. If you want to give yourself the best chance to be a happy, resilient and better learner, it all starts with getting great sleep. Primary school students need a **minimum of 8-10 hours of sleep**. Here are some tips to help get you there.



Create a relaxing bedtime/pre-bedtime routine.

Any relaxing activity about an hour before bed helps create a smoother transition. This could be meditation, reading a book or listening to sounds like ocean waves or rain.

Keep your room cool and comfortable.

An ideal room for sleeping is cool, quiet, and dark.

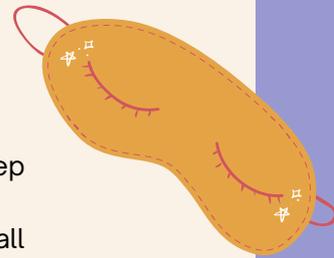


Limit daytime naps to less than 90 min, or don't nap at all.



Wake up at the same time each day and go to sleep when you first start to feel sleepy.

Pushing through the sleepy late evening feeling and going to sleep too late (for you) is one reason people wake at 3 am and can't fall back asleep.



Avoid viewing bright lights—especially bright overhead lights between 10 pm and 4 am.

Keep screen use to a minimum, and switch off completely at least two hours before bed.



Try to avoid eating at least two hours before going to bed

If you have trouble falling asleep, it may be because you are eating too close to bed time and your body is still trying to digest food.



HELLO TERM 1

Team Kids

JOIN US FOR FUN!



Term 1 FUN has already begun at TeamKids and there's so much more in store! Let's flock together to celebrate and learn all about all creatures great and small during TeamKids GOES WILD Week.

Coming Soon!

MON, 27TH FEB
- FRI, 3RD MAR



WORLD WILDLIFE DAY
3 MARCH

Team Kids

TEAMKIDS GOES WILD WEEK



teamkids.com.au

A large sun graphic with rays in blue, orange, and yellow. In the center is a white circle with the "Team Kids" logo. Below the logo, the text "= SCREEN FREE FUN" is written in large, bold, white letters. To the left of the sun, there are two diagonal banners: one orange with "BOOK IN & PLAY" and one blue with "BEFORE, AFTER + HOLIDAY CARE". To the right, there is a list of activities: "FUN CLUBS", "EPIC EVENTS", "HOLIDAY FUN", "YUMMY SNACKS", "AWESOME PARTIES", "FUN ZONES & GAMES", "MAKE NEW FRIENDS", and "AND MORE...". In the center of the sun, the phone number "1300 035 000" is written in white.

Don't forget to register!



teamkids.com.au/register

NEW TO TEAMKIDS?



Did you know TeamKids has a book and e-book? Charlie's First Day at OSHC is here to answer all your questions and help ease any first day jitters.

1300 035 000

KAVITA JAGTAP



NEW DIRECTOR OF SERVICE

FOUNTAIN GATE
PRIMARY SCHOOL



HELLO
I'm Kavita

REMARKABLE • GENUINE • FUN • INNOVATIVE • INVOLVED

We're excited to introduce Kavita Jagtap to the Fountain Gate Primary School community as the new TeamKids Director of Service. Kavita has a Diploma in Early Childhood Education and comes to Fountain Gate Primary School with a wealth of experience in working with children.

A few of Kavita's favourite before and after school activities include board or card games, arts & crafts and outdoor games. Kavita loves reading books, storytelling activities to help increase the children's literacy, numeracy and improve their vocabulary.

Outside of work, Kavita loves learning new skills and trying new innovative ideas. Kavita loves listening to music in her free time!

Kavita says "Hello and welcome families, I am super excited to work with Fountain Gate Primary School and meet the lovely children and their families."

BOOK ONLINE TEAMKIDS.COM.AU

COME & TRY

FOOTY 4 FUN



Experience Australia's most loved sport through AFL Victoria's FREE Footy 4 Fun events delivered across Victoria! A footy experience full of fun activities, modified games & memorable moments to take home with you!

Footy 4 Fun 'Come & Try' is an opportunity for kids aged 5-12 years to experience an introduction to the basics of football in through fun activities.

WHERE:

Max Pawsey Reserve,
Fountain Gate

WHEN:

Saturday April 1st
10am - 11:30am



REGISTER HERE!

WELLSPRINGS FOR WOMEN SELF CARE PROGRAM



The **FREE** Self-care Program at the Community Hub provides space, time, and support to connect with other women, build confidence and friendships. Join activities designed to enhance your health and wellbeing and build resilience and emotional capacity.

Topics include Healthy eating & Nutrition, Skin Health (including hormonal acne), Health Screening, Menstrual Health, & Mental Health & Wellbeing

Session Dates:

15th February - 5th April 2023
(Wednesdays, fortnightly)

11:00am - 12:30pm

7-21 Prospect Hill Road

Narre Warren, Victoria, 3805

do it for yourself



Wellsprings
for women



To join, call (03) 9701 3740 or email
rowena@wellspringsforwomen.com or
Mehnaz.Ramjaun@education.vic.gov.au



Give life. Give blood in Narre Warren North.

27 February to 10 March



Narre Warren North
Pop-up Blood Donor Centre
Narre Warren North Hall
Old A'Beckett Road
Please visit our website for details.





PARENTS BUILDING SOLUTIONS POSITIVE PARENTING STRATEGIES

RESPONDING POSITIVELY TO PARENTING CHALLENGES CAN BE TRICKY

- Would you like to explore strategies to respond differently to your child's behaviour?
- Would you like to know what works for other parents?
- Would you like the opportunity to let us know what parenting programs would be helpful for you?

If your answer to any of these questions is "Yes!", please join us for an information session about Parents Building Solutions programs and strategies

DATE: Wednesday, 22nd February

TIME: 11.00 a.m. - 11.45 a.m.

WHERE: Community Hub
Fountain Gate Primary School
Prospect Hill Road, Narre Warren

COST: FREE!

For more information, contact:
Carey Cole - 0437 428 281
carey.cole@anglicarevic.org.au
OR

Register using the QR code or this link:
<https://forms.office.com/r/XFPuYAJU2n>



Registrations welcome on the day

PARENTZONE

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