

# Fountain Gate Primary School

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

## Principal's Report

### 2022 REFLECTION

It has been an incredibly rewarding and busy year for our students, parents and staff. We are incredibly proud of our students and the way they uphold our school values of Respect, Care and Trust. It is so rewarding to see them being the best person they can be. The education of our students within their classroom and the opportunities in Visual Arts, PE, Music, Drama, Science and Maths in Action continues to be the strength of the school with highly professional teachers delivering a quality education. Our families continue to support the school as evidenced by our whole school days celebrating events such as Harmony Day, Market Day, Graduation and the Christmas Concert last week. We appreciate how the community collaborates with us in a partnership to engage and support our students. The Community Hub goes from strength to strength with programs being at full capacity. Schools thrive on the support of a whole staff and I would like to acknowledge and thank all Fountain Gate staff for their dedication and professionalism. With over 70 staff in 2023 and 480 students currently, Fountain Gate PS continues to ensure our students have the best opportunities possible. Thank you to the School Council who supports our school and the decisions made to ensure our students are supported in their wellbeing and learning. We look forward to seeing all our students in Year 1-6 on Monday 30th January 2023. 2023 Foundation students will have a staggered start and this has already been communicated to you. On behalf of myself and my staff, I wish all a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Ilknur Moore  
Principal



### Calendar Dates

#### Tuesday 20th December

- 2023 Student Leaders announced at End of Year Assembly (12:20pm)
- Last Day of Term, **Students dismissed at 1:30pm.**

#### Monday 30th January

Level 1-6 Students return, start of Term 1!

#### Thursday 2nd February

Foundation Students Begin

#### Friday 24th February

Curriculum Day - Student Free Day

#### Friday 3rd March

Staff & Student Photos

#### Monday 13th March

Labour Day - Public Holiday

#### Thursday 6th April

Last Day Term 1 - Students dismissed at 2:30

**Respect**

Valuing others

**Trust**

Having faith in ourselves

**Care**

Looking after yourself and others





GRADE 6  
*Graduation*  
Congratulations Graduates!



Congratulations to all of our Graduating Students.  
We are so proud of you all, and wish you the best  
of luck for your next chapter.



# End of Year Concert

Last Friday we had our first live End of Year Concert since 2019! We were all very excited to get the community back together to see some live student performances.

Our students were practicing all term long and it all paid off, as anyone who was there would agree. All of the performances were amazing!

Well done to all of the classes and their teachers for preparing such incredible performances, and to our Music Teacher Mrs Dinsdale for coordinating the whole event. and being our host on the day.









# Maths in Action

MRS ROBYN BERNAU

Last week the Level 5 and 6 students enjoyed completing a STEM activity. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Students needed to co-operate, communicate and collaborate to be successful. They had to make a pyramid tower with cups. They could use their hands and could only use a rubber band and 4 pieces of string.

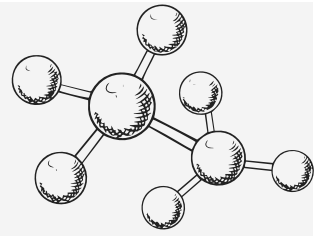
After all the excitement of the activity the students sat in their groups to discuss what happened. The students discussed the need to work together to be successful.





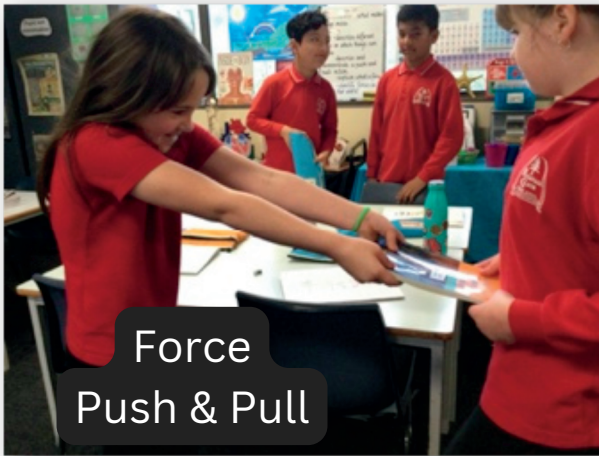
# SCIENCE

MRS CORINNE LECKNING



## PHYSICS

This term in Science, all levels have been busily exploring the world of physics - the study of matter, motion, energy, and force.



Force  
Push & Pull



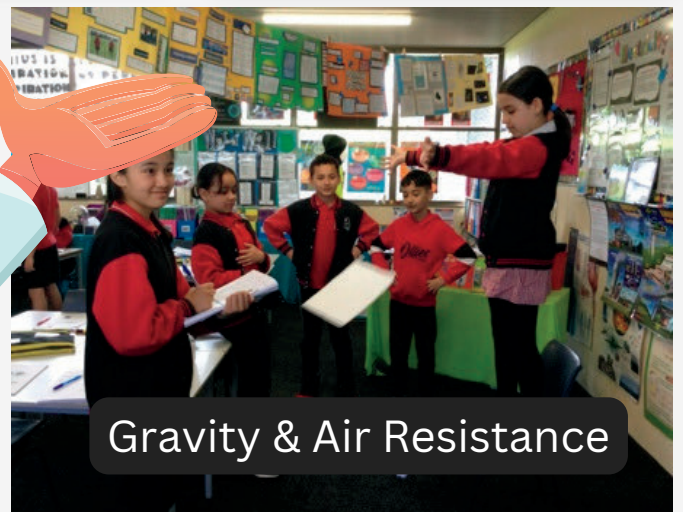
Force  
Thrust - Balloon Rockets



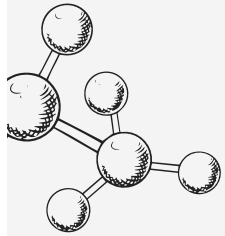
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Friction

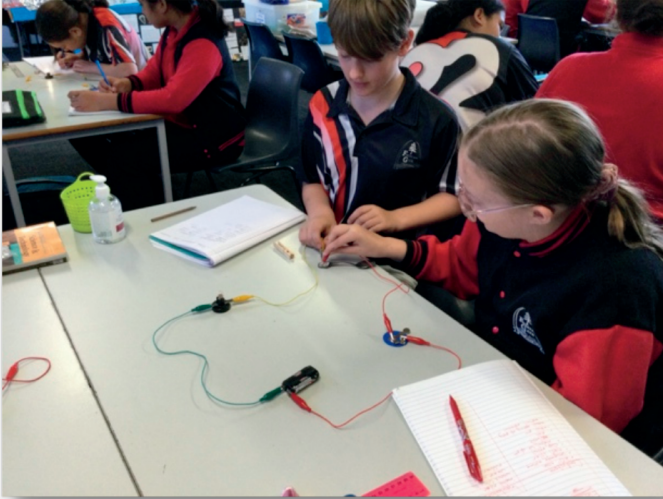
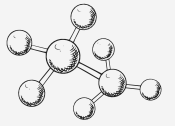


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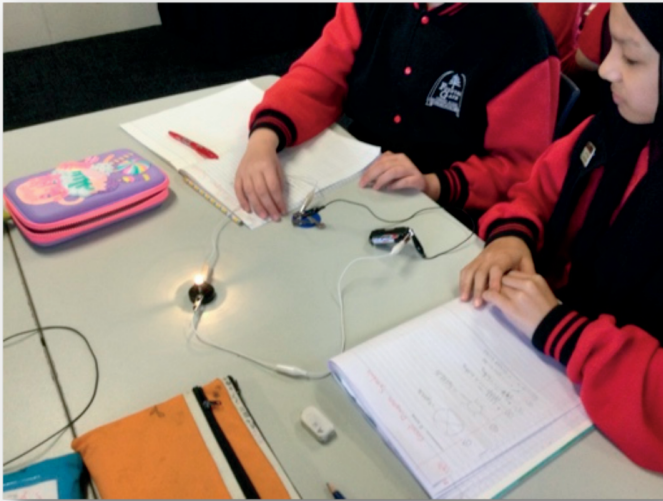




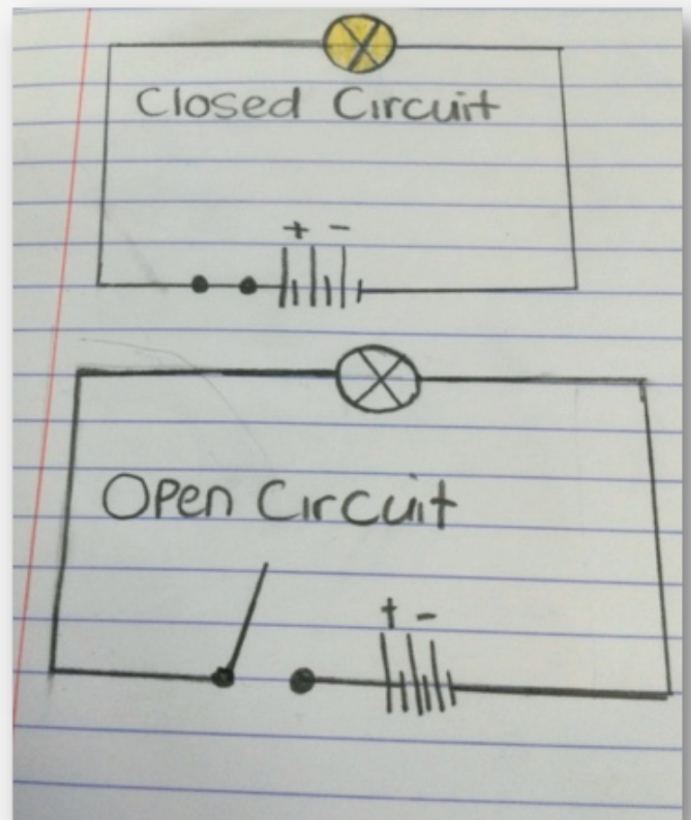
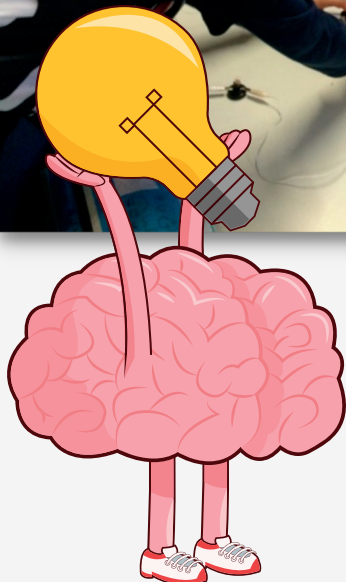
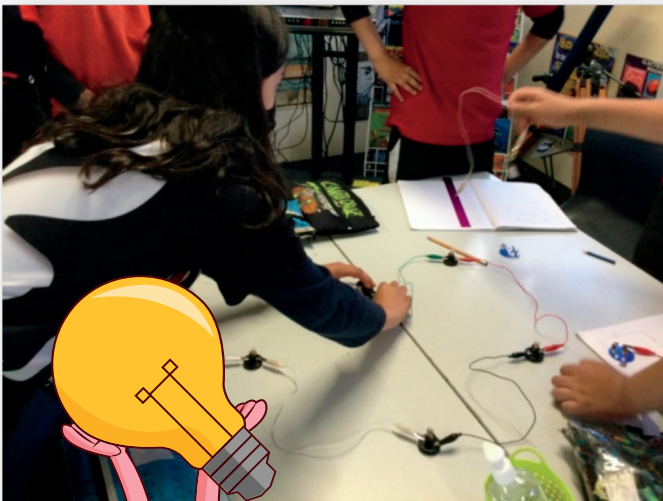
# ELECTRICAL ENERGY



Students in Level 5 & 6 investigated electrical energy, learning the different ways electricity can be generated. They also learnt how electricity can be transformed into other forms of energy such as light, heat, kinetic and sound energy.



Students in Level 5 & 6 also explored how electrical energy flows by making simple circuits. They tested different materials to discover the best conductors of electricity and learnt how to draw circuit diagrams





# DRAMA

MRS AMY SACCO



We have had a very busy Term 4 with the students taking part in many different types of performances. It has been amazing to see everyone gaining more confidence on the stage in front of their peers.

In Foundation the students have been using their imagination and in the last few weeks we have transformed the Drama room into a zoo and a beach. The students have taken on many different characters and thought about sound effects and movement.

In Level One and Two the students have had the opportunity to create their own performances. They have been able to draw on everything they have learnt this year. This has included improvisation, dance, puppets, costumes, props and scenery. Everyone had so much fun and it was great to see so much creativity!



# Physical Education

Mrs Karlie Vinen



Foundation and Level I students have continued to demonstrate great ball skills! They have been doing a wonderful job of practising their throwing and catching. Students are displaying good hand eye coordination and balance when catching a ball.

Foundation and Level I students have also enjoyed participating in bean bag play. They have been using the bean bags to develop their overarm and underarm throwing. Students have had lots of fun participating in ball games!

## Basketball



Students have developed great dribbling skills during basketball lessons.

The children in Foundation and Level I had a fantastic time practising their goal shooting. They loved participating in basketball sessions!



## Soccer



Soccer was also very popular! Children learnt foot dribbling and kicking techniques.



**Congratulations  
Foundation and Level I  
students on a  
wonderful year of  
Physical Education!**



# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

MR JARROD PARSONS



Level Two students have enjoyed poison ball, parachute games, fundamental motor skills, balloon tennis and their favourite running games this term. I am hoping all students stay active over the summer break and enjoy a safe holiday with their family and friends.

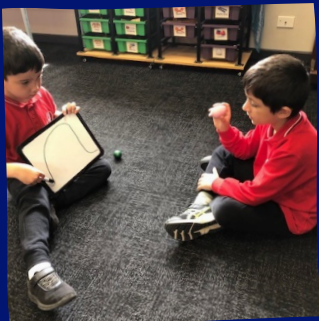
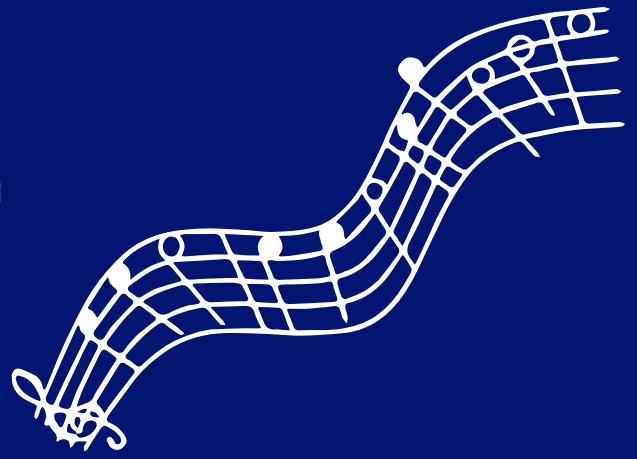


Senior students have been learning the rules, skills and tactics involved in tennis. They have all displayed terrific sportsmanship when scoring and assisting their peers. Wishing our Level Six students all the very best for their transition into high school next year. Their smiles will all be missed. Also wishing our whole school community a Merry Christmas and safe, joyful holiday period!





# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN THE MUSIC ROOM?



FOUNDATION STUDENTS USING INSTRUMENTS TO SHOW THE TEMPO IN MUSIC



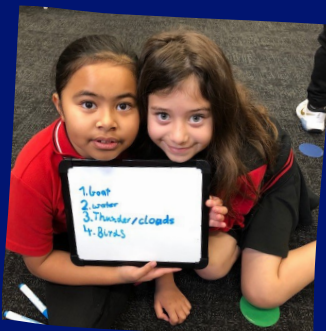
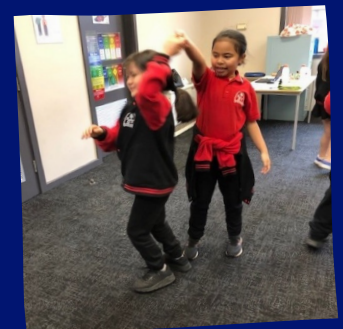
LEVEL 1'S SINGING WITH COMMUNITY HUB



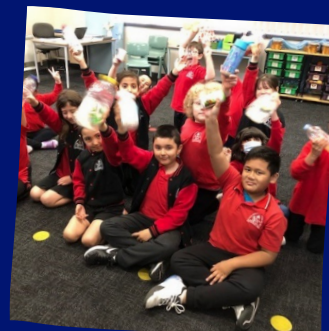
LEVEL 1'S CREATING DANCES



LEVEL 2'S LEARNING HOW TO ROCK & ROLL!



LEVEL 2'S DISCUSSING CHARACTERS IN A SOUND STORY!



LEVEL 2'S AND THEIR SHAKERS, THEY HAVE MADE AND PLAYED THEIR SHAKERS, DISCUSSING SOUND, DYNAMICS AND FEATURES OF THE SHAKERS, WE ALL PLAYED OUT SHAKERS TO THE SONGS 'SHAKER SHAKE' AND 'MAMA DON'T ALLOW'

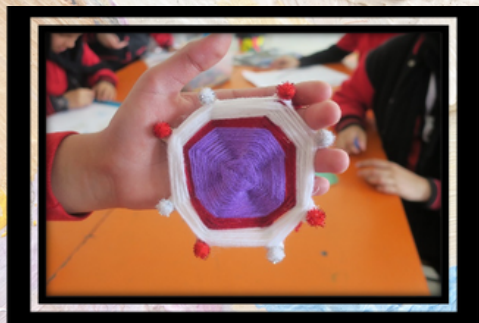


# Visual Arts

MS KATHY MOTTAHEDIN

What a fantastic school year we've had in the art room and we're ending our year with a look at "Celebrations". The students have created a wonderful collection of Christmas and New Year's artworks! They continued to build on their artistic skills as well as developing confidence in their own abilities. They followed direction and showed appreciation for their own and others' artworks.

Congratulations to all my talented and wonderful art students on another amazing year!!! Merry Christmas and have a wonderful holiday break everyone!





# Artist of the Month

## December 2022

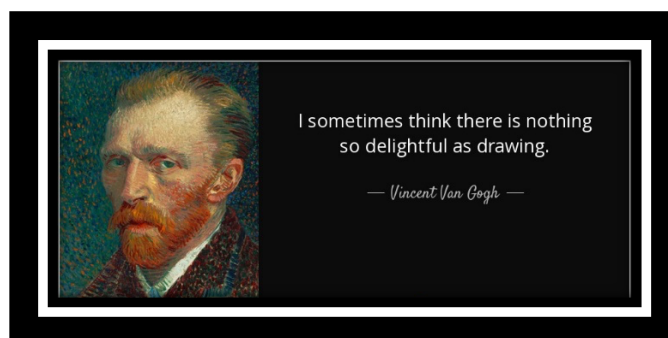
**'Every artist was first an amateur'**  
Ralph Waldo Emerson



**Artist: Ashton I**  
**Grade: 5B**  
**Title: Still life drawing**

Ashton is one of my talented art students who enjoys drawing! His drawing skills are strong and his artwork shows detail. Ashton is a joy to teach! Well done!

Ms Kathy Mottahedin  
Visual Arts teacher





# ARE YOU UP TO DATE?

**Is your child returning to Fountain Gate Primary School in 2023?**

**Have you changed your address or phone number**

**Are you moving house over the holiday, or moving schools?**

**If so, please let the office know! It is most important that we have the current contact details for your children.**



**Have you downloaded the Compass app and received your log in details from the office?**



**Have you downloaded the Qkr app? This is used to pay for lunch orders and some uniform items.**



# FAMILY HANDBOOK

Team Kids

## ENRICHING CHILDREN'S LIVES

TeamKids is a **premium OSHC provider** enriching children's lives before school, after school and throughout the school holidays.

Our **child-centred approach** provides you with the comfort of knowing your child(ren) are in safe hands and being enriched at every opportunity.



**REGISTER TODAY**  
**1300 035 000**

### INNOVATIVE TEAMKIDS CLUBS

Each day is a new adventure! We extend and enrich each child's passions and interests through our TeamKids Clubs. Children nominate to join clubs at no extra cost.

### FUN EXPERIENCES

TeamKids run educational play-based programs that are child-centred, fun and maximise opportunities for enriching and extending each child's learning and development.

### REMARKABLE EDUCATORS

When attending TeamKids, your children are cared for by our passionate, highly experienced & trained educators.

### INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY

TeamKids builds and maintains respectful, collaborative relationships with families and schools.

### HEALTHY & NUTRITIOUS

We provide healthy, nutritious and delicious food each morning and afternoon.

### GENUINE RELATIONSHIPS

From the moment you walk through the door, TeamKids provides an atmosphere that is welcoming, safe, relaxed and inclusive.

### REMARKABLE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

We work closely with our services to ensure they have all the support and resources to deliver a remarkable program.



*See you soon!*



Find out more about your TeamKids service.  
**teamkids.com.au | 1300 035 000**



# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## HOW TO ENROL

It's easy to set up your TeamKids account! To do so head to our website: [teamkids.com.au](http://teamkids.com.au). You'll be required to set up an account by clicking the register button. We can only accept children that are fully registered with TeamKids and have provided any required additional documents.

## CHILD CARE SUBSIDY

All our programs are Child Care Subsidy (CCS) approved and may apply to your TeamKids bookings. Centrelink uses your family's annual adjusted taxable income and working hours to determine the percentage of subsidy you are eligible for. For further information about CCS, please visit our website or speak with our Customer Service Team on 1300 035 000.

## DELICIOUS MORNING & AFTERNOON TEA

We provide healthy, nutritious and delicious food each morning and afternoon. Our healthy menus cater for food allergies, intolerances, cultural diversity and promote healthy eating. Seasonal fruit and vegetables are served throughout the session with daily specials. During the school holidays - Bring your own lunch!

## FAMILY FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We appreciate the relationships which we create with families and local communities. Hence, we encourage parents always to let us know if they are going through any financial troubles. Where possible, we will work with families to find a reasonable solution. For a confidential conversation call our Customer Service on 1300 035 000.

## HOURS OF OPERATION - FOUNTAIN GATE PRIMARY

SERVICE	TIMES	COST TO PARENTS	AFTER MAX CCS*
Before School Care	7:00 AM - 8:55 AM	\$18.50	\$2.78
After School Care	3:15 PM - 6:00 PM	\$26.00	\$3.90
Curriculum Days	7:00 AM - 6:00 PM	\$65.00	\$9.75
Vacation Care	7:00 AM - 6:00 PM	\$65.00‡	\$9.75‡

\*Child Care Subsidy can provide up to 85% off your fees. \*\*Fees & Hours of operation may be subject to change. ‡Experience/Activity fees will apply.

## BEFORE & AFTER CARE

### NO ENROLMENT FEE

We encourage all families to register with TeamKids, so we do not charge an enrolment fee for our Before & After Care service.

### BOOKINGS & CANCELLATIONS

You can make bookings and cancellations online up until 12 midday the day of the session, pending availability. For any bookings or cancellations after this time, please contact the service directly on their designated mobile phone which can be found on our website.

Cancellations made within 48 hours of the session commencing will incur the normal fee as an allowable absence and will be charged accordingly.

In the event of a medical illness, please email a medical certificate to [info@teamkids.com.au](mailto:info@teamkids.com.au) WITHIN 48 HOURS of the absence to receive a credit for the booking.

There are no charges for cancellations made before the deadline.

### LATE BOOKING FEE

For any bookings made within 48 hours of the session commencing an additional \$5 late booking fee will be charged. This will be included in the attendance sessions total fee. To avoid late surges in bookings, we encourage families to book earlier so that we can staff, plan experiences and resource accordingly.

### STATEMENTS & PAYMENTS

For Before & After Care, you will be charged every 2 weeks in arrears via EziDebit. A statement will be emailed to your nominated email address on Monday and payment will be processed the Wednesday following.

## VACATION CARE

### ADMINISTRATION FEE

For Holiday Programs there is a \$5 administration fee per family for each holiday period.

### BOOKINGS & CANCELLATIONS

You can make bookings and cancellations online up until 7 am the day before the session pending availability. For any 'on the day' bookings or cancellations, please contact Head Office directly on 1300 035 000. Cancellations made within 48 hours of the session commencing will incur the normal fee as an allowable absence and will be charged accordingly. Cancellations made with more than 48 hours' notice will not be charged. In the event of a medical illness, please email a medical certificate to [info@teamkids.com.au](mailto:info@teamkids.com.au) WITHIN 48 HOURS of the absence to avoid being charged for the booking.

### LATE BOOKING FEE

For any bookings made within 7 days of the session commencing an additional \$5 late booking fee will be charged per session. This will be included in the attendance sessions total fee. To avoid late surges in bookings, we encourage families to book earlier so that we can staff, plan experiences and resource accordingly.

### STATEMENTS & PAYMENTS

Please note that TeamKids will process payment weekly in arrears on a Wednesday via EziDebit. A statement will be emailed to your nominated email address on Monday and payments will be processed the Thursday following.



## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

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### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

