

Issue 8– 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2021

## PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

A summary of the key topics across the Principal and Assistant Principal Reports: -

**Twilight Sports / House Athletic Carnival**  
**Learning Conferences – Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Fundraising – Bunnings**  
**Garden Improvements**  
**Writer's Workshop**



It was such a shame to miss our Twilight Sports event during the week. With the showers throughout the morning and the forecast of a high probability of rain throughout the afternoon and evening we needed to make the decision to cancel the event which we were all looking forward to. As it is late into the term we will need to look ahead to other opportunities. Our school is currently planning our whole school House Athletics Carnival at Meadowglen Athletics Track on April 30<sup>th</sup>. At present, there are no issues in proceeding with this public event and we are liaising closely with the COVID team within the Department of Education and Training. The venue has their own COVID plans and with the easing of restrictions, the event should be able to proceed as we have in the past without major modification. That said, should there be any change in COVID restrictions the event may be required to be changed or cancelled on short notice. Fingers crossed this great celebration of our PE program can progress and our students can have the opportunity to represent their house through athletic competition.

Due to COVID restrictions, our planned activities for the curriculum day scheduled on April 19<sup>th</sup> (the first day of Term 2) are unable to proceed as planned. We have, however, opted to designate this day as an opportunity for our teachers to host learning conference with all families. In the past we have held 'Meet and Greet' sessions and with disruptions this term these haven't be able to proceed. We feel that learning conferences at the beginning of Term 2 will provide an opportunity for parents, students, and teachers to come together for a targeted conference based on student achievement, learning goals and future directions. Each conference will be 15 minutes in length and involve student voice with children participating actively. In Term 3 our second opportunity for learning conferences takes a more student led approach, with the children driving the meeting through presentation of their achievement.

Please see the Assistant Principal report for more information on making bookings. If you are unavailable on this designated day for any reason please make contact with your child's classroom teacher for alternate arrangements.

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins

Principal

## CALENDAR

April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 3-6 Cross Country
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	End of Term 1 <b>2.30pm finish</b>
April 19 <sup>th</sup> Monday	Student Free Day
<b>April 20<sup>th</sup> Tuesday</b>	<b>Start of Term 2</b>

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following  
children a very  
Happy Birthday!

**2<sup>nd</sup> April**  
Spencer 3/40  
Brianna 5/6RM

**3<sup>rd</sup> April**  
Tyler 00M  
Summer 01JR  
Levy 3/40

**4<sup>th</sup> April**  
Amiity 02C  
Nicole 3/4C



## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello Everyone,

Firstly, a huge Thank You to our school captains, our school councillors and staff volunteers that attended Mernda Bunnings last Saturday for our community sausage sizzle. It was a great day and the weather was certainly on our side. The total raised on the day was \$1185.25 and we've opened up our fundraising balance with a profit of \$444.24.

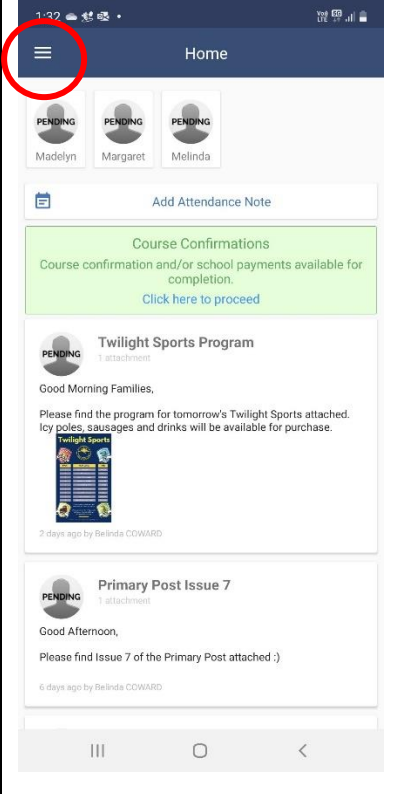
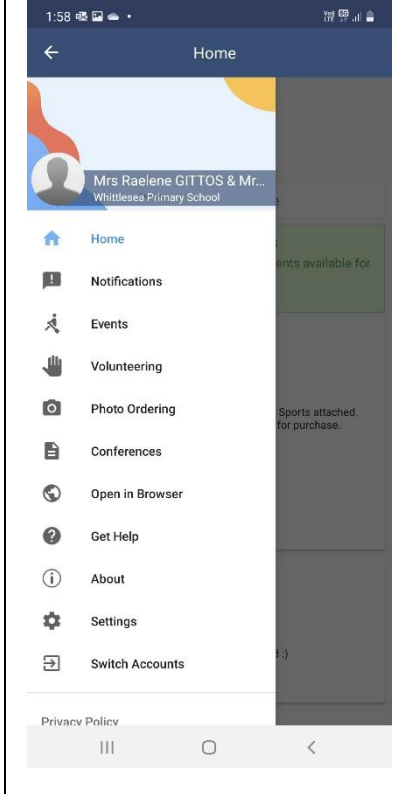
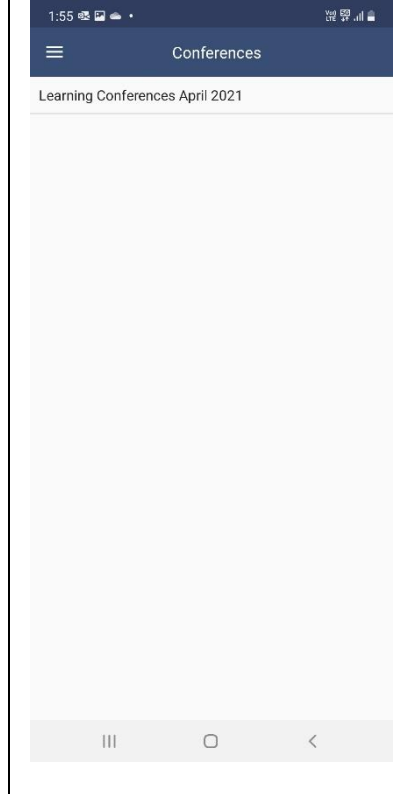
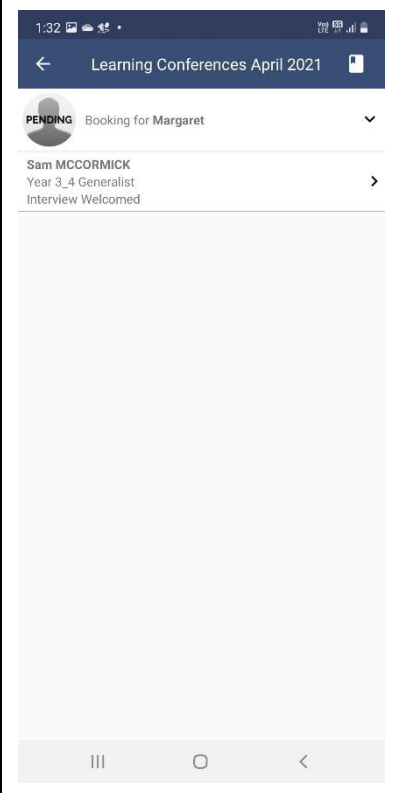
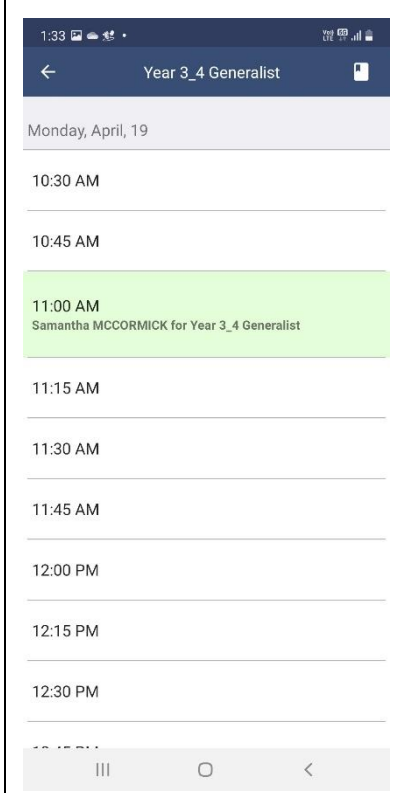
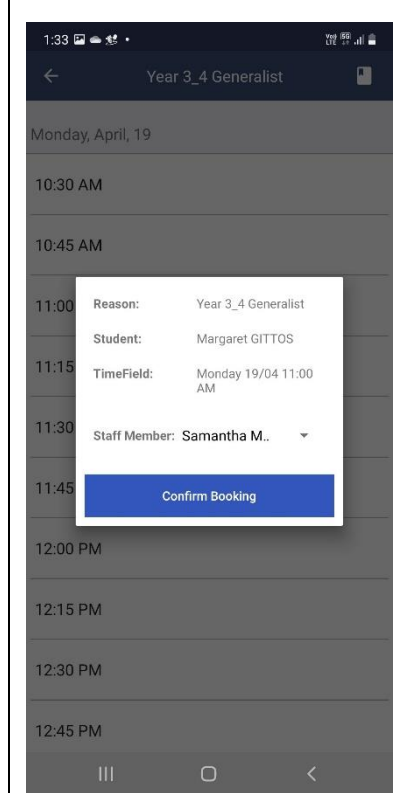
As an extension to the valuable work our school council environmental subcommittee have been doing with our indigenous garden and kitchen garden, a small group of parents have been busy making other improvements to our school gardens. The ELC has experienced a mini makeover with further improvements to follow early Term 2. Other priority areas will include the fence line along Plenty Road and the staff carpark. Thank you to Annette Carle and Amber Argote for their work last Friday.



Today, a small group of Year 5 & 6 students attended a writing masterclass with local author Nova Weetman, at the Whittlesea Library. The students produced some short pieces of writing that they were able to workshop and develop further while working with Nova. Nova has written for TV shows like Neighbours and the mermaid series, H2O, as well as short films and short stories. Her latest book, Sick Bay, which has received multiple awards was awarded Notable Book, 2020 CBCA Book of the Year Awards – Book of the Year: Younger Readers.

Further to Ty's Principal report, the following information outlines the booking process for student Learning Conferences on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

To book an appointment time, access your child's profile via Compass using the app on your tablet or smart phone. If you do not have access to Compass, please call the office to access your Compass login or book an appointment time.

STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3
		
<p>Select the <b>Hamburger Menu</b> (three horizontal lines) in the top LHS of your screen.</p>	<p>You will see a menu with a <b>Conferences</b> option; chose this option and follow the prompts.</p>	<p>Select <b>Learning Conferences April 2021</b></p>
STEP 4	STEP 5	STEP 6
		
<p>Select your child's teacher.</p>	<p>Select your conference time.</p>	<p>Confirm your booking.</p>

Furthermore, our Arts teacher, Amy Walsh and Chinese teacher, Jess Liu will offer specialist learning forums throughout the day.

**Foundation** 11.00am – 11.30am

**Year 1** 12.00am – 12.30pm

**Year 2** 1.00pm – 1.30pm

**Year 3/4** 2.00pm – 2.30pm

**Year 5/6** 3.00pm – 3.30pm

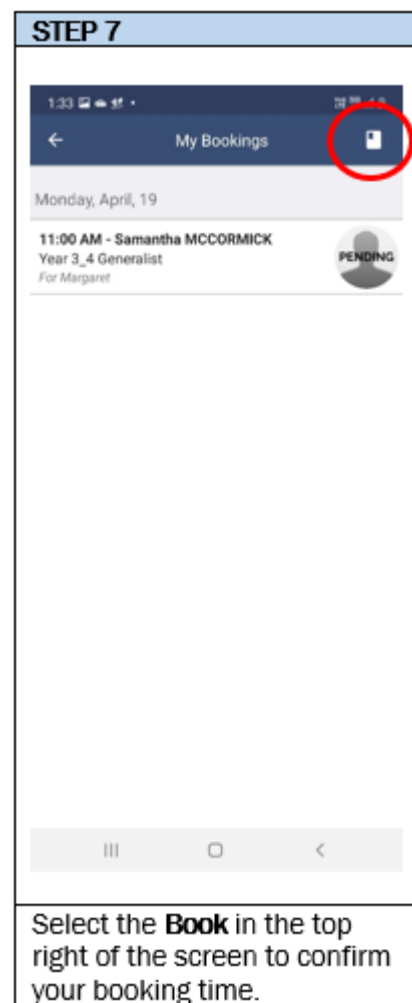
If you are available during these times, you will be able to meet our specialist teachers and gain insights and ask questions about the learning programs for each year level.

As we transition into our final week of learning for Term 1, don't forget next Thursday is a SRC Casual Clothes day. Our SRC are raising money for the Good Friday Appeal so don't forget to bring your **GOLD COIN DONATION**.

Keep an eye out for Channel Seven's Good Friday Appeal next Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April for our SRC captains, Harrison and Emma and Miss Vitale who will be presenting our schools donation on TV...how exciting. Let's aim to raise our biggest amount ever!

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family 😊

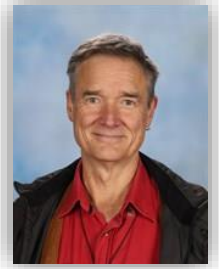
Rae Gittos  
Assistant Principal





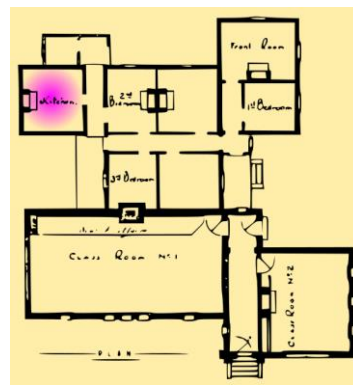
## SCHOOL CHAPLAIN REPORT

Peter Ackland - school chaplain



### School History 1993 – Master Plan 2

In these first few years of Principal **Yvonne Scott** (1992-1998) much was being planned. Woods property had been purchased and its old weatherboard building was soon to be demolished. Funding was being sought for three separate building projects. One application was to Heritage Victoria for upgrading the old schoolhouse and head teacher's residence. The building was in an advanced state of decay and it was essential to implement remedial works before irreparable damage occurred. The old brick kitchen at the rear of the building, added in 1915 (pictured below), was starting to fall down and it was found to have very little foundation under it. Yvonne Scott agreed that it had to be demolished and a new veranda constructed in its place.



Another grant application was for the construction of the large gymnasium, staffroom, music room, library and canteen. This was a significant part of the Master Plan, fully relying on the acquisition of Woods Paddock. A third application for funds was made for upgrading the 1968 and 1974 classroom complexes and these two similar projects were combined to achieve economies of scale.



*1993 House Captains under the oak tree    1993 Staff (who are listed below)*

Back row: Christine de Man (1993-2001), Trevor Watts (1986-1993), Sue Gunningham (1991-1995), Jim Rees (1991-2001), Joan Leach (1993), Fiona Milne (1986-1995), Marg Galvin (1993-2004), Ann Davies (1989-2011), Yvonne Scott (Principal 1992-1998).

Front row: Phillip Miller (1983-2003), Peter Huntington (1986-1995), Lesley Whitnall (1989-2007), Ann Reeves (1983-2004), Bernice Lynch (1993-1995), Colleen Niclasen (1993-2004), Dawn Johnston (1984-1993), Ann Hillman (1993-2008).

To be continued...

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



# Star of the Week



Foundation V Vitale	Awarded to: <b>Emerson Fairchild</b> For: stretching words and writing down the sounds she hears. Amazing, Emerson! 😊
Foundation P Perry	Awarded to: <b>Ryder Burton</b> For: contributing to class discussions
Foundation M Merritt	Awarded to: <b>Tyler Williams</b> For: being proud and enthusiastic about his learning. Keep it up!
Year 1JA Fontana/Kaur	Awarded to: <b>Lachlan Abbott</b> For: putting in amazing effort when practising the counting on strategy.
Year 1F Fasone	Awarded to: <b>Wade Soldini</b> For: Being a kind and caring member of 1F, helping others succeed.
Year 1M Maxfield	Awarded to: <b>Beau Bateman</b> For: making a good effort to explain the way we use number lines in addition
Year 2CR Cook/Redmond	Awarded to: <b>Tayze Lindsay</b> For: Doing his best in maths learning
Year 2D De Luca	Awarded to: <b>Ryker Sanders</b> For: for trying to do his best handwriting and using his imagination for great ideas!
Year 2S Smith	Awarded to: <b>Nevah Folder</b> For: for confidently reading and presenting her joke during 2S's comedy show.
Year 3/4W Wright	Awarded to: <b>Addie McDonald</b> For: for being engaged in her learning by asking and answering questions. Great job, Addie!
Year 3/4M McCormick	Awarded to: <b>Dash Heal</b> For: working hard and demonstrating persistence during Reader's Theatre. Well done Dash 😊
Year 3/4O Overton	Awarded to: <b>Ceiana Matthews</b> For: working hard across all learning areas
Year 3/4C Cummins	Awarded to: <b>Savanah Georgiou</b> For: confidence and outstanding effort in Reader's Theatre.
Year 3/4F Fawcett	Awarded to: <b>Amelia Hughes</b> For: Amelia has received STAR of the week for demonstrating persistence and confidence when reading to the whole class during reader's theatre. Fabulous work Amelia!
Year 5/6S Powell	Awarded to: <b>Cody McLaren</b> For: taking responsibility for his learning and explaining how he was successful with the learning intention.
Year 5/6RM Reid/McAlley	Awarded to: <b>Will Welland</b> For: demonstrating excellent mental strategies when completing his maths this week. Well Done!
Year 5/6G Gorski	Awarded to: <b>Brody Delaroy</b> For: working on his multiplication problems and trying different strategies successfully.
Year 5/6P Panahinejad	Awarded to: <b>Josh Bordignon</b> For: using VCOP to up-level his vocabulary in his writing
Year 5/6L Leslie	Awarded to: <b>Sarah Mavric</b> For: Showing great understanding of multiplication in Numeracy
PE Mr Hough	Awarded to: <b>Lulu Sobh</b> For: doing her best in PE when having a go at high jump. I'm so proud Lulu!
Chinese Ms Liu	Awarded to: <b>Ruby Barker 340</b> For: Doing her best in Chinese! Well Done!



**SRC Fundraiser!**

# **Out of Uniform Day!**

**When: Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup> of April, 2021.**

***Please wear casual clothes and bring a gold coin (\$1 or \$2) which will be donated to The Royal Children's Hospital.***

**Let's raise lots of money for the children! 😊**

**Thank you for supporting our event! 😊**

**By Kaven, Emma L, Summer, Jonah,  
Dylan and Emma R**



# SPORTS REPORT

## Round 7 Fixture- 26<sup>th</sup> March

Home Team	Away Team	Tennis/Tee Ball Venue	Cricket Venue
Mernda P.S B	Whittlesea P.S Cougars	Mernda P.S	Waterview Reserve North
Whittlesea P.S	Mernda P.S	Whittlesea P.S Panthers	Walker Reserve

### Cricket

Last Friday the Panthers cricket team travelled to Waterview Reserve in Mernda for our Round 6 match against Mernda Park. Mernda Park played with great a spirit and were willing to learn and develop their skills throughout the games, and they even had some grade 4s filling in to make sure that we had a match to play. Both of our teams had great games, winning by over 100 runs each! Next week we are looking forward to playing our last game for the season against Mernda P.S.







# CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

YEARS 3-6

THURSDAY APRIL 1ST, 2021

9.00AM - 11.00AM

A.F. WALKER RECREATION RESERVE

Students are encouraged to wear their house colours,  
but please still bring a gold coin donation to go  
towards the Good Friday Appeal

If a student can not participate due to injury or illness, a  
note must be brought from home



# **SAVE THE DATE!**

## **5/6 CAMP**

### **PHILLIP ISLAND**

#### **18TH - 20TH OCT 2021**



We will be building skills and memories through some amazing experiences including the Penguin Parade, archery, mechanical rock wall, crate climb, giant swing, flying fox, low ropes, pedal-karts, sandcastle building, and more.

Further details including cost and payment plan available early Term 2.

In the meantime, you can look at the facilities at  
<https://theisland.cyc.org.au/>

5/6 Team  
Whittlesea Primary School  
9716 2140

# THE GREAT SCHOLASTIC WAREHOUSE SALE!

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Wednesday 14 April:  
8am-5pm  
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8am-5pm  
Friday 16 April:  
8am-5pm

**WHERE:**

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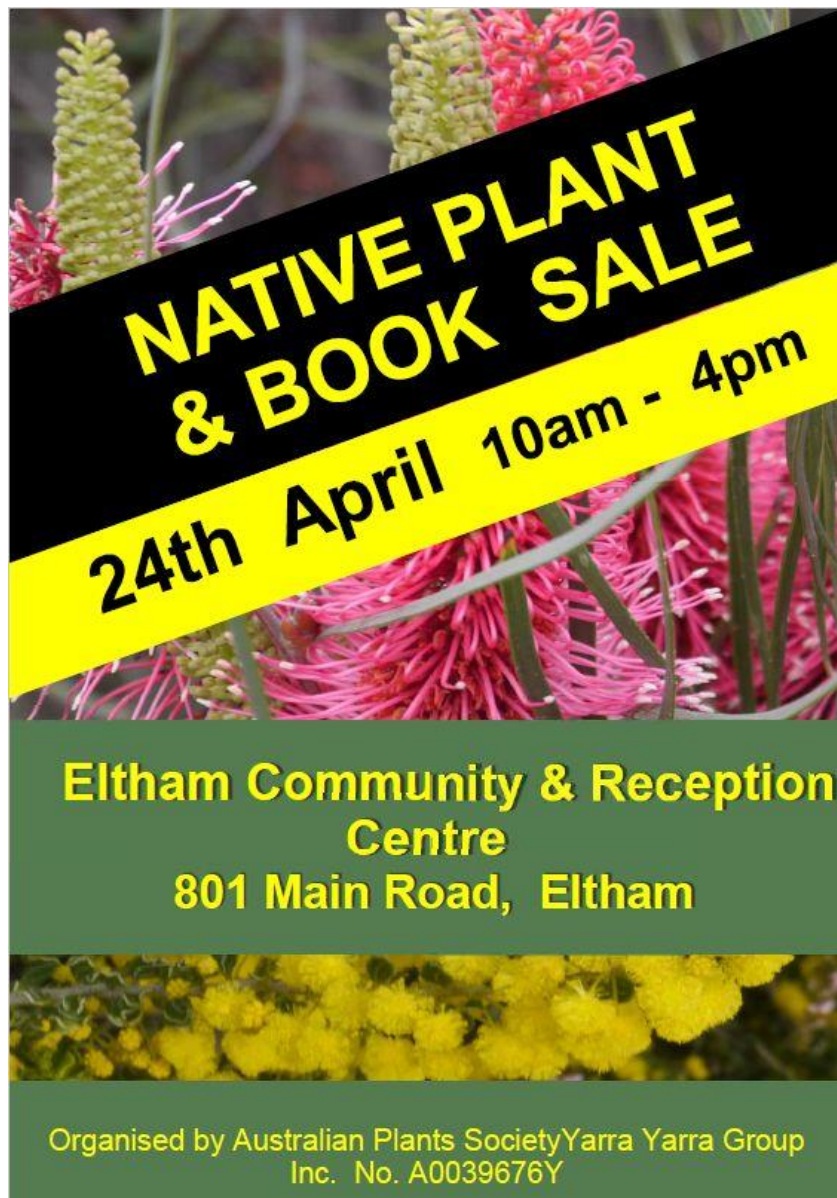


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# NATIVE PLANT & BOOK SALE

24th April 10am - 4pm

**Eltham Community & Reception  
Centre**  
801 Main Road, Eltham

Organised by Australian Plants Society Yarra Yarra Group  
Inc. No. A0039676Y



## Granite Hills Nature Discovery Walk

**Sunday 28 March**  
105 Hunters Road, South Morang  
(Entry via Hunters Road, Mernda)  
**10am-2pm**  
(Start your walk anytime between 10am and 12pm)

Enjoy a walk amongst the majestic trees of Granite Hills, and learn about nature. Along the trail children can do nature activities and get a stamp for their nature passport, learning about the trees and the animals that live here.

- 1.8KM HILL WALK
- WEAR STURDY SHOES
- BRING COINS FOR A BARBECUE

**FREE EVENT**

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