

Pentland Primary School Newsletter

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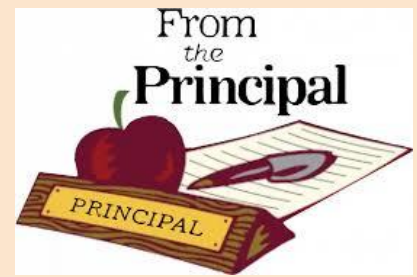
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Monday 17th August, 2026



From the Principal's Desk



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our School Choir is performing in the Kids Day Out. I wish our staff and students involved in this annual event all the very best.

Planning for our Grade 5 Canberra Tour is well underway. Support for our first inter state school tour has been strong. Additional information regarding the Canberra Tour and Parent Information sessions will be distributed to families soon.

As we have reached the middle of term 3 we encourage families to find a moment to remind their children of our school expectations and school values.

Our school's journey with the implementation of the School Wide Positive Behaviour program is progressing beautifully. Families are now probably hearing all about the SWPBS from their children. Dylan Reithofer and the SWPBS team are doing an amazing job engaging the Pentland community in this space. Last week we presented the first of our Penny Platypus lapel pins. Congratulations to our students who are the first to receive the Penny Platypus pins.

This week we welcome back Bryan Fairbrass from some leave. Welcome back Bryan.

We have commenced discussions with the Department of Education regarding provision of a new school gym. Under the current Department of Education facilities schedule we are entitled to a much larger school gym. While we appreciate that provision of a new gym will not be instant, we have commenced the journey.

From the Principal's Desk

Our recent Year 6 Swimming Program was a success. Thank you to all involved in providing this experience for our students.

A huge thank you to Mrs Wilson and the Grade 2 team for providing a wonderful year 2 camp. Students in Year two enjoyed an overnight camping experience. Congrats to all involved.

Planning for 2027 is well underway. We anticipate a student enrolment of approximately 600 students in 2027. We are calling for student enrolments now. If you are aware of families who intend to enrol their children at Pentland Primary School please encourage them to contact Shannon in our main admin office. Thanks.

Our Foundation Reception program continues to gain momentum. If you have enrolled a child in Foundation for the 2027 school year, they are most welcome to participate in our Foundation Reception program. Please contact Shannon in our main office for further details.

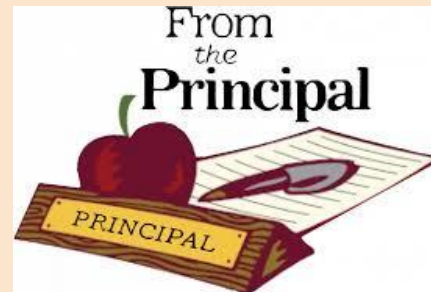
Our whole school assemblies will remain of a Friday commencing at 2.40pm on the basketball court. Parents and Carers are welcome to come along and watch the assembly.

I would like to remind families that the procedures remain in place in relation to late arrival to school, early dismissal of students. The Compass Kiosk is located in the office. All visitors must sign in at the office via the Compass Kiosk. Students arriving late must sign in at the office and collect a late pass. Parents collecting their children early must sign their children out via the Compass Kiosk in the office. Students leaving early will be collected from the school office not the classroom.

Please find a moment to check the list of important dates for 2026. We have a wide range of events planned already for the year.

Thanks for your continued support.

Andrew, Brianna, Daniel & Lyndon and the Team @ Pentland.





WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TERM 3

19TH AUG

Prep
Reception
A-J Families

21ST AUG

Whole School
Assembly

26TH AUG

Prep
Reception
K-Z Families

27TH AUG

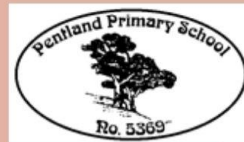
Book Week
Dress Up Day

28TH AUG

Grade 6
Summer
Sports

28TH AUG

Whole School
Assembly



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TERM 3

2ND SEPT

Prep
Reception
A-J Families

4TH SEPT

Whole School
Assembly

9TH SEPT

Prep
Reception
K-Z Families

11TH SEPT

Whole School
Assembly

Key dates for Term 3, 2026



Provide feedback at anytime on our school policies - available on our school website

At **Pentland Primary School**, we are committed to providing an environment where all students are safe, supported, and feel safe. Our **Child Safety and Wellbeing Framework** outlines how we maintain the safety and wellbeing of every student and protect them from harm. This framework includes our:

Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy, Child Safety Reporting and Responding Obligations Procedures, Child Safety Code of Conduct, which outlines expected behaviours for all staff and volunteers

You can view these documents on our school website: [Our School | Pentland Primary School | Darley](#) shortly

We are also committed to **continuous improvement**. Our child safety policies and practices are regularly reviewed to ensure they remain current, effective, and aligned with best practice.

Your Feedback Matters

Students and families are important partners in maintaining a child-safe environment. We welcome your feedback and ideas on how we can continue to strengthen our approach to child safety and wellbeing.

If you have any **concerns, suggestions, or comments**, please contact: **Andrew Harrison, Principal** on 5367 6080 or pentland.ps@education.vic.gov.au
All child safety concerns or complaints are taken seriously. For further information about how we manage complaints, please refer to our **Complaints Policy**, available on our website [Our School | Pentland Primary School | Darley](#)

Regular reminders such as this help keep our community informed about: Our commitment to child safety, and How to provide feedback or raise concerns.

Together, we can ensure Pentland Primary School continues to be a safe, caring, and inclusive environment for every child.

2027 Foundation Enrolments



Statewide timeline for Foundation (Prep) enrolments.

Steps to enroll your child in Foundation (Prep) for the 2027 school year

To start primary school in 2026, your child will need to **turn 5 years old by 30 April 2027**. Schooling is compulsory for children who have turned 6 years old. If your child is starting Foundation (Prep) in 2027, you will be able to apply to enrol your child in a Victorian government primary school from the start of Term 2, 2026 (Monday 20th of April 2026).

What you need to do:

1. Use [Find my School](#) to locate your designated neighbourhood school (referred to as your local school) and other nearby government schools.
2. Contact a government primary school to book a school tour or to learn more about the school and the enrolment application process.
3. Download the Foundation (Prep) Enrolment Information Pack for Parents and Carers (released in Week 1, Term 2). This pack includes the application form.
4. The school may also provide you with a copy of the application form to complete or advise if they are using online enrolment.
5. Submit your enrolment application to the school by Friday 31 July 2026.
6. You will be notified of the outcome of your application between Monday 3 August and Friday 14 August 2026. The letter from the school will include the next steps. If you receive an enrolment offer, you should respond to the offer by Friday 28 August 2026.

Enrolment applications submitted after 31 July 2026 will be processed by the school as they are received.

Your child has a right to enrol at their local school. Your child's local school is determined by their permanent residential address. The [Enrolling in school](#) page can help you to confirm your child's address for enrolment.

If you are applying to a school that is not your child's local school, you should read about [school zones](#) and how they work. You should also read about how applications are prioritised using the Department of Education's Placement Policy found on the [Enrolling in school](#) page.



Classroom News



Here you can get an insight into some of the exciting things happening within our school.



Getting Ready For Book Week!

Grade 3



Our students have been busy reading and writing book reviews to help decorate our classroom library! Each finished review is being transformed into a cloud and displayed around our reading space.

We are working hard to make our library creative, colourful and inviting as we compete for the Best Decorated Classroom Library!

The winning classroom will be announced during Book Week, so we have our fingers crossed that all our wonderful reading and creativity will help us take out the prize!



Grade 5

Jeans for Genes!

Our Grade 5 students had a great time getting involved in Jeans for Genes Day! Students came to school dressed in their favourite denim outfits to help raise awareness and funds for vital research into childhood illnesses.

It was wonderful to see the students get behind this important cause while having a bit of fun with their outfits. Thank you to our Grade 5 families for supporting the fundraiser and helping our students make a positive contribution to the wider community!



School Wide Positive Behaviour

This term, we introduced our SWPBS Hour, which runs every Tuesday morning across the school. During these sessions, teachers explicitly teach and reinforce the positive behaviours we expect to see at school. Lessons focus on areas such as appropriate toilet use, safe play in designated areas, respecting personal space, and building trust and positive relationships with peers and staff.



Pentland Primary School School Wide Positive Behaviour Expectations							
 Penny the Pleskop	At All Times	Classroom	Transitions	Outside Play Areas	Community	Toilets	Digital
Respect <i>We value the feelings, rights, and belongings of ourselves and others.</i>	- use our manners, - actively listen, - use kind and positive language, - keep hands and feet to ourselves, - keep our environment clean.	- use kind words, - care for others belongings, - give and receive feedback, - follow teacher instructions, - follow school rules, - be polite to all.	- move around the school quietly, - play by the time, - follow teacher instructions, - keep our hands and feet to ourselves, - keep our environment clean.	- follow game rules, - use the equipment properly, - look after equipment, - give and receive feedback, - keep our environment clean, - use positive language when playing.	- use our manners, - respect others the way you want to be treated, - actively listen, - use and maintain school property, - participate in the national anthem.	- keep the facilities clean, - respect others the way you want to be treated, - use the toilet properly, - use the toilet quietly and politely, - use the toilet as intended.	- communicate with kind words, - help others with ICT, - acknowledge success of all students, - use devices as intended.
Trust <i>We will be honest, genuine and do the right thing.</i>	- make responsible choices, - follow instructions.	- tell the truth, - own up to our mistakes and actions.	- move safely, - follow the expected model of living up.	- remain inside the school grounds, - handle school property and equipment, - respect school rules, - ensure we only use the food items bring from home.	- act honestly and with integrity, - take ownership of our actions, - follow community rules and expectations.	- correctly use the toilet and sign, - use the toilet as intended, - use the toilet as intended.	- hand phone and smart machine use in the office before school, - show safety concerns with adults, - only access our work and learning accounts, - follow the ICT user agreement.
Pride <i>We will be proud of ourselves, our school and our belongings.</i>	- wear the correct uniform, - care for our environment, each other and our belongings, - try to lead, - be a positive role model, - use equipment appropriately.	- be on task, - have a growth mindset, - ask for help when needed, - care for our own and others belongings, - communicate our feelings positively.	- arrive to class on time, - move straight to our destination.	- be Sun Smart, - play in the correct peer level equipment, - ask for help from an adult on yard duty, - choose the right space to play our game.	- keep the appropriate voice level, - be a positive role model,	- wash quietly for my partner, - return to class quickly, - practice good hygiene.	- use our assigned iPad/laptop only, - use the approved apps and websites, - charge and return our iPad/laptop to the charging station, - report issues and inappropriate behaviours to an adult.
Teamwork <i>We work together by listening, sharing ideas and supporting each other to reach our goals.</i>	- encourage and include others, - share and take turns, - value problems together, - encourage and include others.	- celebrate all success with our team, - work patiently for our success, - encourage and include others.	- play together with the adult in our partner, - work patiently for our success, - encourage and include others.	- follow the rules of the game, - celebrate others achievements and successes, - use and maintain school property, - be a positive influence on others.	- use the toilet at appropriate times, - wait for our partner to use the toilet, - choose a suitable partner.	- help others when needed, - follow the school ICT agreement.	

Visual Arts



In Visual Arts, students have been learning about weaving.

Depending on the year level, students have been using different kinds of looms or frames.



Prep Art Room 18

Preps have been
working on painting
flowers in the style
of Georgia O'Keeffe.

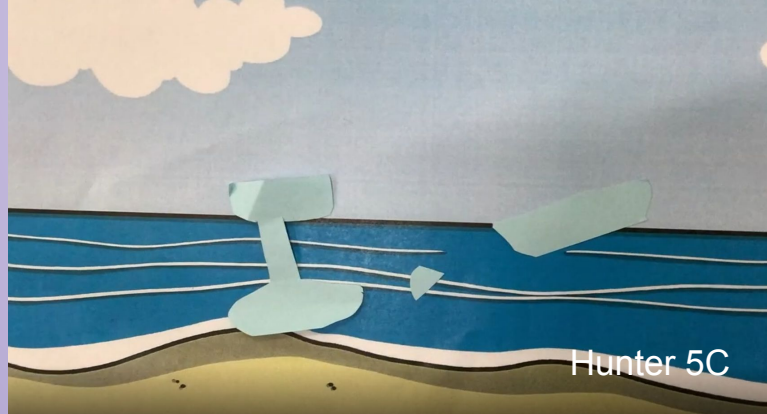


Media Arts

In our Media Arts classes students have continued to focus on creating stop motion animations and introductions to photography. It is wonderful to see the creative and inspirational ideas and stories they are coming up with!



Gunraaj, Darcy & Jordan 4B



Screenshots from some Stop Motion Animations made by students.



Ellie & Havya 5C

Mental Health in Primary Schools

The Importance of Arriving at School on Time

It has been a wonderful start to Term 3, and it has been great to see our students settle back into their learning routines so well.

I have noticed that an increasing number of students are arriving after the start of the school day. While occasional lateness is understandable, arriving on time each day is important. It allows students to begin their day calmly, connect with their classmates, participate in the morning welcome, and engage in the learning from the very start of the day. These routines help students feel connected, prepared, and ready to learn.

We kindly ask families to ensure that students arrive at school before **8:40 am**, as this is when the school day begins. Your support in establishing punctual routines helps set your child up for a positive and successful day at school.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any circumstances that may be affecting your child's arrival time, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

John Saliba
MHiPS Leader



2026

**MOORABOOL
YOUTH ART
AWARDS**

CELEBRATE THE CREATIVITY AND TALENT
OF YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 11-25
IN MOORABOOL SHIRE COMMUNITY

**ENTRIES OPEN
3 AUGUST**

**EXHIBITION
19 OCTOBER -
22 NOVEMBER**

**AWARDS NIGHT
26 NOVEMBER**

**EXHIBITION AT
LERDERBERG LIBRARY
19 OCTOBER -
9 NOVEMBER
8.30AM-5PM**

**EXHIBITION AT
BALLAN LIBRARY
10-22 NOVEMBER**

FOR DETAILS AND TO SUBMIT
YOUR ENTRIES SCAN THE QR CODE:



FOR MORE DETAILS
MOORABOOL.VIC.GOV.AU/YOUTHSERVICES





Mental Health in Schools

MOORABOOL'S 2026

**YOUTH
AWARDS**



**SPEAK UP,
STAND OUT**

RECOGNISING YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONTRIBUTIONS
AND IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITY

YOUTH AWARD CATEGORIES

- KIND SOUL
- HARD WORKER
- LEADER
- WILLPOWER
- TRAILBLAZER
- THRIVE
- CHANGE-MAKER
- TEAM PLAYER
- INFLUENTIAL ADULT

**NOMINATIONS DUE
24 SEPTEMBER**

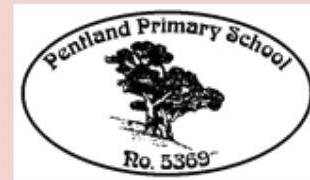
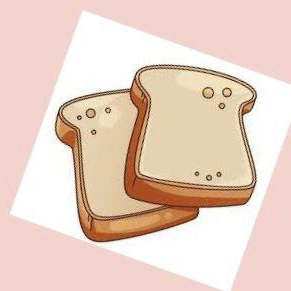
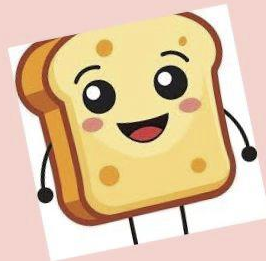
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PENTLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL'S SPECIAL BREAKFAST CLUB

Open Daily 8:10-8:40 in Room 8,
please advise staff of any dietary needs

Members of the Bacchus Marsh Police Station visited Pentland Primary School on Wednesday, the 5th of August, during our Breakfast Club from 8:15 am to 8:45 am.

This was a wonderful opportunity for our school community to welcome our local police officers, build positive relationships, and give our students the chance to ask questions and get to know the people who help keep our community safe.

In addition to our usual Breakfast Club menu, the students were able to enjoy pancakes!

We look forward to seeing you all at our next special breakfast club with the Police





VICTORIA POLICE

SPECIAL Breakfast CLUB



WE HAD A
great day
ENJOYING
PANCAKES!

LOOK FORWARD
TO SEEING YOU ALL
AT OUR NEXT
*special
breakfast!*



Attendance



PPS BELL TIMES

Time	Session
8:40am	First Bell
8:40 - 9:40am	1st Session
9:40 - 10:40am	2nd Session
10:40 - 11:05am	Recess
11:05 - 12:05pm	3rd Session
12:05 - 1:05pm	4th Session
1:05 - 1:20pm	Lunch Eating Time
1:20 - 2:10pm	Lunchtime
2:10 - 3:10pm	5th Session
3:10pm	Home Time

Why going to school is important

Going to school every day is an important part of your child's education. Children and young people learn new things at school every day, connect with friends, have fun and develop good habits that help them to succeed. Attending and participating in school will help your child:

- develop important skills and knowledge to help them learn
- develop social and emotional skills such as good communication, resilience and teamwork
- establish friendships with peers which help develop self-esteem and a sense of belonging.

There is no good number of days for missing school. **Being away from school for 1 day a fortnight adds up to missing 4 whole weeks of school a year.** Where possible, you should avoid your child missing school, for example, make appointments for your child outside of school hours and keep family holidays to outside term time.

When you are late: Ensure that you present to the office and sign in before getting a late pass to give to your teacher. The office ladies will help you with this.

Attendance

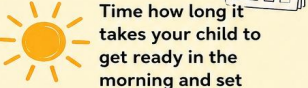
TIPS FOR PARENTS
GETTING TO SCHOOL
ON TIME!

attendance service
Tauranga Moana

Small steps in the morning and evening can lead to a **big difference!** ♥

TALK TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER


Talk to your child's teacher if you're having difficulty getting your child to school or if they are often upset in the morning.

PLAN AHEAD


Time how long it takes your child to get ready in the morning and set alarm with enough time for the **morning routine.** ♥

PREPARE


Get things ready the night before eg. pack school bags, make lunches, choose clothes. ♥

SWITCH OFF TO WIND DOWN


Switch off devices early in the evening and set a regular bedtime routine to help everyone have a **good sleep.** ★

ENCOURAGE


Try to keep a positive attitude – use rewards to encourage getting to school on time each day and give **positive feedback.** ♥

Let's work together for a great start every day! ★

YOU'VE GOT THIS!



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much but...



When you miss just...

you miss days per year

5 mins per day



=

3

days



30 mins per day



=

18

days



When you are late: Ensure that you present to the office and sign in before getting a late pass to give to your teacher. The office ladies will help you with this.

Lost Property

Lost property is located in the First Aid Office.

It's vital that if you want us to return items of clothing, drink bottles or lunch boxes to your child, please make sure that they are clearly named.

Black Coats – Lost Property

If you're looking for your child's black coat without a Pentland Logo and can't find it, please come and have a look in Lost Property. We have lots of black coats in various sizes, and all of them are unnamed.





First Aid



If your child has an Asthma Alert on file it is mandatory that you supply an up to date Action Plan, Ventolin and a Spacer to keep in your child's class locker for immediate use and excursions.

If your child no longer requires an alert, please send written confirmation via email to pentland.ps@education.vic.gov.au





Pentland Primary School
No. 5369

PARENTS CLUB PRESENT THE

FATHER'S DAY STALL

4TH SEPTEMBER

EACH GIFT BAG IS \$5

ALL STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE DURING CLASS TIME (MAXIMUM 2 BAGS). FURTHER BAGS CAN BE PURCHASED AT LUNCH TIME .

PLEASE ENSURE MONEY IS IN A LABELLED ENVELOPE OR WALLET



News from the Parents and Friends Association



Camp Australia OSHC Program



Your OSHC.

GET IN THE GAME!

Join us for a one-hour soccer program by Coles MiniRoos — packed with games, movement and confidence-building play.

Only in After School Care

Pentland Primary School

3 Sept | 3.30pm

This session takes place in Your OSHC After School Care, at no additional cost!

coles MINIROOS

SAVE
Eligible families can save up to 90% on fees with the Child Care subsidy.

What to expect

- Mini Games**
Build skills through active play
- Skill Challenges**
Fundamental movement games for all ages
- Mindful Movement**
Exercise that supports focus and mindset
- Team Activities**
Fun games that build teamwork and connection

Why families love it

- ✓ All abilities welcome
- ✓ Led by trained coaches
- ✓ Make friends & build confidence
- ✓ Fun games & activities
- ✓ No additional cost

BOOK NOW

campaustralia.com.au/Coles-MiniRoos

Camp Australia OSHC Program



To make a booking with Camp Australia
[Camp Australia - Parent Portal](#)



Newsletter



17/08/2026

Camp Australia Pentland Primary School OSHC

Your
OSHC.



Camp Australia Pentland acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation as the traditional owners of the land on which our service is built, we pay our respect to the elders, past, present and emerging, to the knowledge embedded within the community and the strength in their enduring connection to land and culture.

Hello Pentland Families,

Term 3 is flying by! With the cooler weather here to stay a while longer, we've been making the most of our indoor spaces, enjoying plenty of games, creative activities and opportunities to connect and play together. We're already halfway through the term and are super excited about all the fun and exciting experiences we have planned for the children this week and next.

We can't wait to see what adventures are ahead!

- **From Monday 17th August – National Science Week!**
This National Science Week, the children will enjoy a range of fun, hands-on science experiments and design activities! They'll have the opportunity to explore, create, problem-solve and discover how things work. A highlight will be making Oobleck! We're looking forward to a fun-filled week of exploration, creativity and discovery!
- **From Monday 24th August – Book Week!**
To commemorate Book Week, the children will enjoy plenty of fun art and craft activities inspired by their favourite stories and characters. It will be a wonderful opportunity for the children to get creative, celebrate their favourite books and bring their favourite characters to life!

We appreciate your ongoing support throughout the term. We're excited for another fortnight of fun, creativity and learning, as the children continue to discover new things, express themselves and enjoy time together.

Warm regards,
Service Leader & OSHC Team.

Activities coming up

- **National Science Week!**
- **Book Week!**
- **28th Aug Term 3 Big Art Comp Closes.**

Make a booking

Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers.

Book now

Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campastralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Community News

KIDS KARATE IN DARLEY

Increase your confidence & self esteem

- Learn control, respect & discipline
- Improve physical & mental health
- A safe space to build lifelong friendships
- Learn Self Defence techniques and skills
- Weekday and weekend classes available

2 FREE SESSIONS PLUS A FREE UNIFORM ON JOINING! (SAVING YOU \$115)

To register for your free sessions, please call OR text 0407-320-333

Or visit our website and complete an online enquiry form

<http://www.artofdefence.com.au>

A promotional graphic for 'Karate for Kids' by Art of Defence Australia. It features a group of six children in white karate uniforms with blue and green belts. The text 'Karate for Kids' is in large blue letters, with 'Now in Bacchus Marsh' in red below it. A blue banner says 'Free uniform on joining' and a red banner says '2 Free Sessions'. Contact information 'Contact us today 0407 320 333' and the website 'www.artofdefence.com.au' are at the bottom. The ADA logo is in the top right corner.

Karate for Kids
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Contact us today
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www.artofdefence.com.au

ADA
ART OF DEFENCE AUSTRALIA



DOJO ADDRESSES	
Bacchus Marsh	Darley Primary School Gym, Nelson Street, Darley
Diggers Rest	Diggers Rest Pavillion Community Centre, 48 Plumpton Rd, Diggers Rest
Taylors Hill	Taylors Hill Community Centre 121 Calder Park Dve, Taylors Hill
Sunbury	Sunbury Aquatic & Leisure Centre 20 Ligar Street, Sunbury
Thornhill Park	Thornhill Park Primary School Gym 61 Baxterpark Dve, Thornhill Park

DARLEY CRICKET CLUB

JUNIOR CRICKETERS WANTED

BOYS & GIRLS AGED 9-17

Information Night

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

4:30pm - Darley Park

Training Starts

Wednesday 9th September 2026

4:30pm - Darley Park



Junior Registration Fee

\$150* Registration only

*plus U11-U13s (WRJCA) \$37.45 (including Cricket Australia
Registration Fee & WRJCA Player Levy)

*U15-U17s (BCA) plus \$17.45 Cricket Australia Registration Fee



Community
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