

ALTONA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Knowledge and Nurturing by the Bay



MOTTO:

Be True

VISION:

Knowledge and Nurturing by the Bay

MISSION:

To provide a positive, challenging, innovative, caring and safe environment for our children, enabling them to learn academically, creatively, socially and emotionally in all aspects of life.

Principal's Corner

We had a fabulous Japanese day on Tuesday. The students' outfits were amazing and creative. A big thank you to the grade 5/6 students, Ms. Larter and the Japanese students who organised and ran the day. It was an enjoyable cultural day. The teachers said the grade 5/6 students would make fine future teachers the way they handled the students and activities. The Japanese students' song was a real highlight.

Our new School Councillors are: Aaron Hunt, Rebecca Letson, Monique David, Peter Sheehan, Victoria Cushing and Chris Graham. We did not require an election as the number of nominees and self-nominees equalled the positions available.

A big thank you to our retiring School Councilors: Prats Chebolu, Claire Carson, Karen Hudson, Ekrim Jeka and Peter Roberts, for their work during 2016. We really appreciate their commitment and work for the students of Altona P.S.

We have purchased new furniture for Grades 2W, 2M and 3/4H. There are 16 student tables outside the green shed, near the bike racks, that we have no room for. They are in very good condition. If you would like a free table or two please let us know. We also have some large whiteboards and display boards which families are welcome to.

A reminder that students should not arrive at school before 8:45. We have a number of students arriving around 8:00 am. There are no teachers on duty at this time and all of the gates are open. These students will have to go into before school care.

So far this year, in just four weeks, we have had 747 days of student absence: 392 females and 355 male. Of these 106 are unexplained with no reason for the absence given. This equates to 37 absences per day. At this rate we will have 7,470 by the end of the year or nearly 12 days per student. If your child is not sick, please make sure they come to school. We need your assistance to reduce these numbers. We also have a number of students arriving late. They miss the introductory focus to reading, writing or numeracy, disrupt the class and the teacher has to leave the group they are working with to re explain the lesson focus. Half an hour late each day is 2 & 1/2 hours per week or 1 day a fortnight of valuable learning time missed. Maximum attendance is part of our new Strategic Plan. From the data, Mr. McPherson tells me that only 347 out of our 635 students have not had an absence in the first 20 days. This means that 45% of our students have recorded at least one absence day already this year. Another concern is that 50 students have already had 5 or more absence days in the first 20 days. So 8% of our students have already missed an entire week of school in the first four weeks. That is a whole term over the course of the year. I don't want to labor the point but you can see the effect on the education of students. Being absent and/or late can also become a habit which is very hard to reverse in secondary school.

Well done to Mr. Morris and Mr. Corroon for the athletics day today. Thank you to all of the families that attended and assisted. We love the way the students participate and encourage each other. Days like this bring our wonderful community into the school.

Could all families please check their children's hair this weekend as we start the month of March.

Have a great weekend

Kevin Enright

Next week's events

3rd March 2017

Nude Food Day (Rubbish Free Day)

6th March 2017

School and House Captains photos

7th – 15th March 2017

Somers Camp

8th March 2017

Parent Education Program (Numeracy)

2017 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR (Community)

02/03/17

After School Activities: Dan-Sing Wed 3:20-4:20pm, Art Class Thurs 3:30pm-4:30pm, Science Class Wed & Friday 3:15-4:15pm
Guitar Group Wed & Thursday 3:15-4:15, Junior Ukelele Friday 3:15-4:00pm, Robotics (Snr) Wed 3:30-4:30pm,
Robotics (jnr) Tues 3:15-4:15. Fit-tastic Mon, Fri 3:15-4:15pm

Please be aware of the following changes to the Calendar

Thurs 16th March – new date for session 3 of the Parent Education Program (change from 1st March)

Friends and Family meetings have been added into calendar – note the various times.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	30 th Jan	31 st Jan	1 st Feb	2 nd Feb	3 rd Feb
	CURRICULUM DAY	CURRICULUM DAY	Students commence		
WEEK 2 FFC Icy pole day Wednesdays all term	6 th Feb	7 th Feb Swimming Trials FFC – meet and greet before school at the flagpole	8 th Feb	9 th Feb FFC – meet and greet after school at the flagpole	10 th Feb Summer Sports R
WEEK 3	13 th Feb	14 th Feb Altona District Swimming Carnival	15 th Feb School Council	16 th Feb Parent Education Program Session 1 – Literacy FFC – 3:15-4:15 Afternoon tea for Preps and their parents	17 th Feb Summer Sports R2
WEEK 4 Japanese Homestay Students all week	20 th Feb	21 st Feb FFC – 1 st meeting of the year (Staff room)	22 nd Feb Parent Education Program Session 2 – Literacy	23 rd Feb	24 th Feb Summer Sports R3 GRIP Student Leadership Program (House & School Captains) Grade Prep & Grade 1 “Marvellous Me” Incursion
WEEK 5 Japanese Homestay Students all week	27 th Feb	28 th Feb Japanese Cultural Day- whole school Shrove Tuesday	1 st March Starting the Learning Partnership Meetings Grades 1 – 6 11am – 7.20pm Student Free Day for all students	2 nd March APS Cross Country	3 rd March Summer Sports R4 Nude Food Day (rubbish free day)
WEEK 6 Shonelle & Jayme Somers Camp Finalised EOL Gr 1 & 2	6 th March School & House Captain photos 3pm (for office area)	7 th March Somers Camp	8 th March Somers Camp Parent Education Program Session 3- Numeracy	9 th March Somers Camp	10 th March Somers Camp Summer Sports R5
WEEK 7 Shonelle & Jayme Somers Camp	13 th March LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	14 th March Somers Camp	15 th March Somers Camp School Council	16 th March Divisional Swimming Parent Education Program Session 4 - Literacy (from 1 st March)	17 th March Summer Sports R6
WEEK 8 Planning Week	20 th March CURRICULUM DAY	21 st March FFC – 7:30pm APS Staff room	22 nd March 5/6 Sovereign Hill Excursion	23 rd March WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS	24 th March Summer Sports Round Robin Finals
WEEK 9 Planning Week	27 th March	28 th March WMR Swimming	29 th March	30 th March	31 st March End Term 1 1.30pm finish

	2017 TERM 2 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR (PARENTS)				
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	17 TH April	18 th April	19 th April	20 th April	21 st April
	EASTER MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Commence Term 2		FFC – 9am APS Staff room	
WEEK 2	24 th April	25 th April	26 th April	27 th April	28 th April
		ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	State Swimming		
WEEK 3	1 st May	2 nd May	3 rd May	4 th May	5 th May
	CURRICULUM DAY				Winter Sports R1
WEEK 4	8 th May	9 th May	10 th May	11 th May	12 th May
		Altona District Cross Country			Winter Sports R2
WEEK 5	15 th May	16 th May	17 th May	18 th May	19 th May
	APS Athletics Carnival at Newport		School Council	Backup Day APS Athletics Carnival at Newport	Winter Sports R3
WEEK 6	22 nd May	23 rd May	24 th May	25 th May	26 th May
		FFC – 7:30pm APS Staff room		GRADE 2 “Start Smart Incursion”	Winter Sports R4
WEEK 7	29 th May	30 th May	31 st May	1 st June	2 nd June
			Divisional Cross Country		Winter Sports R5
WEEK 8	5 th June	6 th June	7 th June	8 th June	9 th June
	APS Junior Athletics Carnival	5/6 Camp Group 1	5/6 Camp Group 1	5/6 Camp Group 1	5/6 Camp Group 1 Winter Sports R6
WEEK 9	12 th June	13 th June	14 th June	15 th June	16 th June
	QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	5/6 Camp Group 2	5/6 Camp Group 2	5/6 Camp Group 2	5/6 Camp Group 2 Winter Sports Round Robin Finals
WEEK 10	19 th June	20 th June	21 st June	22 nd June	23 rd June
			School Council	FFC – 9am APS Staff room	SCHOOL DISCO
WEEK 11	26 th June	27 th June	28 th June	29 th June	30 th June
	CURRICULUM DAY				End Term 2

	2017 Term 3 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR (PARENTS)				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 1	17 th July	18 th July	19 th July	20 th July	21 st July
	Commence Term 3			State Cross Country	
WEEK 2	24 th July	25 th July	26 th July	27 th July	28 th July
		FFC – 7:30pm APS Staff room			
WEEK 3	31 st July	1 st Aug	2 nd Aug	3 rd Aug	4 th Aug
WEEK 4	7 th Aug	8 th Aug	9 th Aug	10 th Aug	11 th Aug
WEEK 5 APS Gaelic Football Comp	14 th Aug	15 th Aug	16 th Aug	17 th Aug	18 th Aug
			Robotics State Finals School Council	FFC – 9am APS Staff room	
WEEK 6 APS Gaelic Football Comp	21 st Aug	22 nd Aug	23 rd Aug	24 th Aug	25 th Aug
			ART SHOW Opening night (adults only)	ART SHOW After school	ART SHOW After school Sat 26 th Aug ART SHOW am
WEEK 7 APS Gaelic Football Comp	28 th Aug	29 th Aug	30 th Aug	31 st Aug	1 st Sept
WEEK 8 APS Gaelic Football Comp	4 th Sept	5 th Sept	6 th Sept	7 th Sept	8 th Sept
		Altona District Athletics		Backup Day Altona District Athletics	
WEEK 9	11 th Sept	12 th Sept	13 th Sept	14 th Sept	15 th Sept
			Divisional Athletics		
WEEK 10	18 th Sept	19 th Sept	20 th Sept	21 st Sept	22 nd Sept
		FFC – 7:30pm APS Staff room	School Council		End Term 3

	2017 TERM 4 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR (PARENTS)				
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	9 th Oct	10 th Oct	11 th Oct	12 th Oct	13 th Oct
	Commence Term 4				
WEEK 2	16 th Oct	17 th Oct	18 th Oct	19 th Oct	20 th Oct
		WMR Athletics	School Council	FFC – 9am APS Staff room	
WEEK 3	23 rd Oct	24 th Oct	25 th Oct	26 th Oct	27 th Oct
					SCHOOL DISCO (Halloween theme)
WEEK 4	30 th Oct	31 st Oct	1 st Nov	2 nd Nov	3 rd Nov
	State Athletics WMR Summer Sports Finals 30 th – 3 rd Nov				
WEEK 5 APS European Handball Comp	6 th Nov	7 th Nov	8 th Nov	9 th Nov	10 th Nov
	CURRICULUM DAY	MELBOURNE CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY		WMR Hot Shots Final	APS House Colour Day
WEEK 6 APS European Handball Comp	13 th Nov	14 th Nov	15 th Nov	16 th Nov	17 th Nov
			School Council		
WEEK 7 APS European Handball Comp	20 th Nov	21 st Nov	22 nd Nov	23 rd Nov	24 th Nov
		FFC – 7:30pm APS Staff room (AGM)			
WEEK 8 APS European Handball Comp	27 th Nov	28 th Nov	29 th Nov	30 th Nov	1 st Dec
WEEK 9	4 th Dec	5 th Dec	6 th Dec	7 th Dec	8 th Dec
WEEK 10	11 th Dec	12 th Dec	13 th Dec	14 th Dec	15 th Dec
WEEK 11	18 th Dec	19 th Dec	20 th Dec	21 st Dec	22 nd Dec
					End Term 4

You can do it"

Week 5 – Term 1



Prep Awards		
Astrid	PK	<u>Persistence</u> – for using the illustrations to predict what a word may be while reading
Rylan	PT	<u>Resilience</u> – for displaying excellent effort in all learning areas.
Grade 1 Awards		
Xavier	1M	<u>Getting along</u> – for making friends and having a great start at APS
Andrea	1M	<u>Confidence</u> – for being an amazing ICT Whiz and helping Mrs Mathrick when she lost her planets Kodu Game – well done Andrea!
Andrew	1AV	<u>Persistence</u> – for persisting with a difficult writing piece and completing a great piece of work. Well done Andrew!

Lily	1B	<u>Confidence</u> – for demonstrating such outstanding effort and confidence when exploring graphs. Your use of vocabulary has truly been outstanding!
Griffon	1PL	<u>Confidence</u> – for completing his homework neatly and doing an excellent job.
Sophie	1F	<u>Organisation</u> – for putting an amazing amount of effort into her homework. Keep up the great work!
Grade 2 Awards		
Darcy	2N	<u>Getting along</u> – for being an excellent helper in the classroom.
Scarlett	2K	<u>Confidence</u> – for making up a coherent narrative using illustrations. I loved listening to your story about Jungle Play. Very imaginative – Well done!
Grade 3 Awards		
Hayden	3F	<u>Persistence</u> – for always giving everything you do a red hot go. You are a wonderful role-model Hayden
Ella	3M	<u>Getting along</u> – for her kind and caring attitude she shows towards her peers.
Grade 4 Awards		
Ruby	4B	<u>Persistence</u> – for working so hard on your “clarifying” reading goal. I am so proud of your dedication!

Ava	56H	<u>Persistence</u> – for embracing the See Saw app to demonstrate all of her individual goal achievements!
Ethan	56M	<u>Confidence</u> – for showing great confidence during his reading group discussion by expressing his opinions – Well done Ethan
Luke	56T	<u>Confidence</u> – for embracing a growth mindset and mastering decimal place.
Evie	56XV	<u>Confidence</u> – for displaying excellence in all her schoolwork. Well done!
Hannah	56M	<u>Organisation</u> – for being an excellent role model to our class of what great organisation skills look like – Keep it up Hannah!
Alyssa	56XV	<u>Confidence</u> – for confidently singing our National Anthem – you are a great role model Alyssa!



BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Issue 2 orders are due back Friday, March 17th. If your order is for a gift, please note this on the envelope and it will be left at the office for you to collect.



GRADE 4 NETBOOKS

Payments for Grade 4 leased netbooks and netbooks bought outright, are now overdue.

Please pay immediately, thank you to those parents who have already made payment.



CHICKENPOX

We have had a confirmed case of chickenpox in the grade 4 level.



APS ENVIRO NEWS

February 2017

Upcoming event:

'SCHOOLS CLEAN UP' & RUBBISH FREE LUNCH DAY

Fri 3rd March

Students and staff will be taking part in the national **Schools Clean Up Day**, which is an initiative of Clean Up Australia Day. We will be tidying up around the school not only to make our school grounds look great, but to investigate the type of litter found around school.

Grades will also be exploring ways to reduce the amount of waste we send to landfill.

We are encouraging ALL students to bring a **RUBBISH FREE LUNCH** on this day to see how easy it is to make a difference.



**When the rubbish is
gone, nature can
carry on**

Schools Clean Up Day
Friday 3 March 2017
www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au

Clean Up
Australia
Day

Other Clean Up Australia Day events will be held around Hobson's Bay on Sunday 5th March.
For more info please visit <http://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/>



Information for PARENTS



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WHAT IS NUDE FOOD?

NUDE FOOD is simply food that is not wrapped in foil, plastic or commercial packaging.

The best type of nude food consists mainly of fresh food, so that it is healthy and nutritious PLUS environmentally friendly.

Promoting Nude Food empowers students to make conscious choices about what they eat, and encourages them to think about their impact on the environment (and their health). You might be amazed with how enthused your child can become on this...



TO PACK A NUDE FOOD LUNCH OR SNACK, YOU WILL NEED:

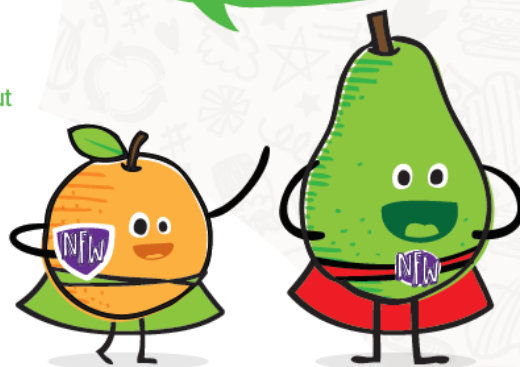
- Cutlery from home is better than throwaway plastic ones
- Plastic or metal drink bottles are recommended for refilling with water
- Reusable containers for putting all of your food, snacks and drinks into
- Lunch boxes that have lots of separate sections can be useful to avoid lost lids or containers



TRY TO AVOID:

- Zip lock or plastic bags, plastic wrap or aluminium foil
- Tetra packed drinks, single serve yoghurts and cheese
- Single use plastic forks and spoons
- Prepackaged food, i.e. biscuits, snack bars and chips

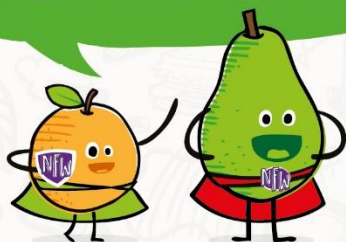
I'M A NUDE FOOD
WARRIOR



TIPS FOR PACKING NUDE FOOD LUNCHES:

- Try to involve the kids in helping decide what to take. This will help to avoid uneaten foods being thrown out, plus will save your family money as well. Also, remember to praise your child if they do eat something healthy which is new for them.
- Try to pack the lunches the night before and store in the fridge overnight to avoid the mad rush in the morning.
- If your child normally enjoys chips, yoghurt or other prepackaged snacks, buy these in a larger format and you can decant these into smaller reusable containers or lunchbox.
- If your child does enjoy chips, why not try making your own veggie versions using sliced beetroot, parsnip or sweet potato and baking in the oven?
- Try to use fruit and vegetables that are in season. Seasonal produce is friendly to the environment as well as to your budget, as less fuels are used to transport it into your supermarket.
- Go to www.nudefoodday.com.au/resources for Nude Food recipe ideas.

HOW TO PACK A NUDE FOOD LUNCH



The Nude Food Warriors have created a step-by-step guide to make packing a Nude Food Lunch easy as 1, 2, 3!

STEP 1

Choose the main lunch item, it may be something from the list below or a Nude Food creation of your own

Sandwich/ Roll
Wrap/Pita
Frittata/Quiche
Pasta/Pasta Salad
Salad
Sushi/Rice Paper Rolls
Noodles
Stir Fry
Egg Muffins

STEP 2

Select your fruit

Apple	Berries
Orange	Fruit Salad
Banana	Pear
Grapes	Mandarin
Watermelon	Kiwi Fruit

STEP 3

Pick a nutritious Nude Food snack

Yoghurt
Vegetable Sticks and dip
Cheese and crackers
Popcorn (natural)
Rice Crackers
Vege chips (homemade)
Pretzels

STEP 4

Dont Forget Hydration!

Fill your favourite reusable drink bottle with filtered of tap water! Remember to refill throughout the day to make sure you stay hydrated!

Stuck on what to pack your Nude Food Lunch in? Turn over for some great storage ideas!



Join the Nude Food
MOVEMENT



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5X7 ART PRIZE

5X7 ART PRIZE 2017
1ST - 20TH APRIL

JOEL GALLERY
 Louis Joel Centre
 5 Sargood St, Altona 3018

Artists from Melbourne's Western Region and Hobsons Bay Schools have created artworks in a 5" x 7" format to present to you the 3rd annual 5X7 ART PRIZE.
 This year's theme is **MY COUNTRY**

EXHIBITION HOURS:
 10am - 4pm daily
 Closed Public Holidays

LAUNCH
 Friday 31st March at 7pm
 All welcome

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Altona Primary School is taking part in the **5x7 ART PRIZE** this year with an entry by Grade 2W. This is a wonderful opportunity for family and friends to celebrate the artistic achievements of children from our local community. We hope to see you there!

Mrs Cain.

ARTROOM NEWS

Preps and Paint = Profound Possibilities...

It has been my pleasure to introduce another cohort of bubbly preps to the magic of creating masterpieces in our art room this term. We have had fun exploring self-portraits and trialing materials such as pastels and paints. Welcome to all our new families, we hope you enjoy viewing and discussing your child's artwork this year.

Mrs Cain



JAPANESE CULTURAL DAY

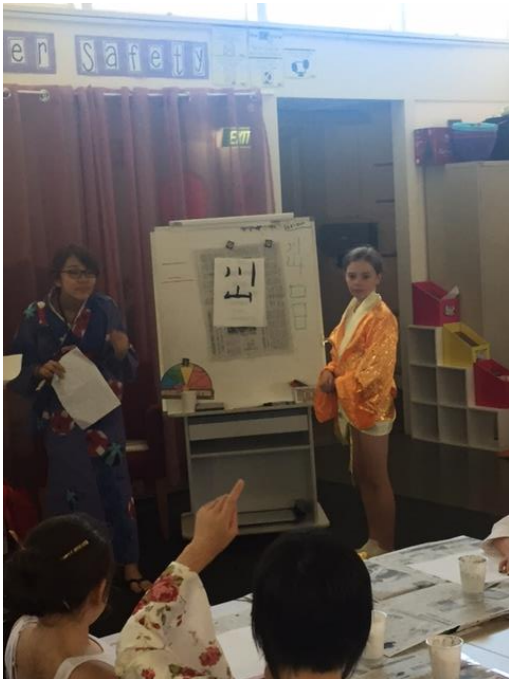
28TH FEBRUARY 2017

On Tuesday, the whole school took part in a full day of Japanese themed activities. The day started with a fabulous parade of all the students' costumes, followed by a traditional Japanese song by our visiting students from the Nagoya University, and lastly a terrific karate demonstration by Lance and Ken from the Twins Martial Arts in Newport.

Then all the students rotated through four different activities for each year level.

Our Grade 5/6 students did a fantastic job of organizing and running 10 of the days' activities. Their leadership and maturity on the day was impressive, well done!







To celebrate and encourage our local young writers, we are giving schools in Hobsons Bay the opportunity to win \$500 worth of books or an author visit for 2017.

Hobsons Bay Libraries are inviting young authors to flex their storytelling muscles and enter the fifteenth annual writing competition, relaunched this year as **Write by the Bay** with an exciting new category: songwriting! If you are a member of the library, go to school or live in Hobsons Bay, embark on your creative journey and enter your original short story, poem or song lyrics for the chance to win prizes, trophies and publication! Prizes presented by acclaimed special guest author Andy Griffiths at the Awards night on Thursday 8 June 2017 at Newport Community Hub.

Opens: Wednesday 1 February 2017

Closes: Tuesday 18 April 2017

For more information please visit the library website.

<http://libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au>

 The poster for the 'Community Fete' at Williamstown North Primary School is vibrant and colorful. It features a green header with the school's name. The main title 'Community Fete' is in a large, green, cursive font. The date 'SUNDAY 19 MARCH' and time '10am until 4pm' are in white circles. The location 'Melbourne Road, Williamstown' is listed. A tagline 'A fun community event not to be missed!' is in red. A list of activities (Stalls, Family activities, Rides, Entertainment, Music, Food court, Raffles & prizes) is in colorful circles. A circular callout mentions 'Get your reduced price RIDE BANDS' with a website and deadline. The bottom section lists sponsors: Williams, WERRIBEE AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, Advanced Velcore, BLOOM & Co., and Williamstown North Primary School.

Williamstown North Primary School

Community Fete

SUNDAY 19 MARCH

10am until 4pm

Melbourne Road, Williamstown

A fun community event not to be missed!

Stalls

Family activities

Rides

Entertainment including Shaun Micallef, Jason Heerah (X Factor)

Music

Food court

Raffles & prizes

Get your reduced price RIDE BANDS wnpsfete.org.au before 10 March

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Williamstown North Primary School

Beewal (Tree) Planting Day

In the spirit of reconciliation you are invited to attend a community tree planting event.
A day for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people to come together and celebrate our culture.

When: Saturday 3rd June

Time: 10:00 am - 3:00pm

Where: President's Park Wyndham Vale, McGrath Rd
Melways Ref 205 –E1

10:15am - Welcome to Country & Smoking Ceremony

10:45am – Tree Planting

12:30 – Lunch

1:30 – Tree planting

3:00 – Finish



Healthy BBQ Lunch & Aboriginal Food truck

Plant a tree to receive a free lunch

Grab a free information pack (including seedlings for your home garden)

For more information contact:

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