



Our hours of supervision are 8:45am-3:30pm

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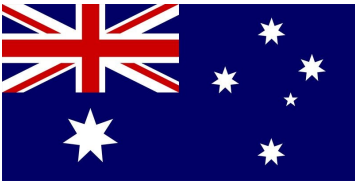
Congratulations Caleb!

We are pleased to let you know that Caleb Watkins has passed a Judo practical and knowledge test called a grading at the Ju You Kai Judo Club.

This is no easy task and requires a great deal of practice. The grade is awarded by the presentation of a coloured Judo belt.

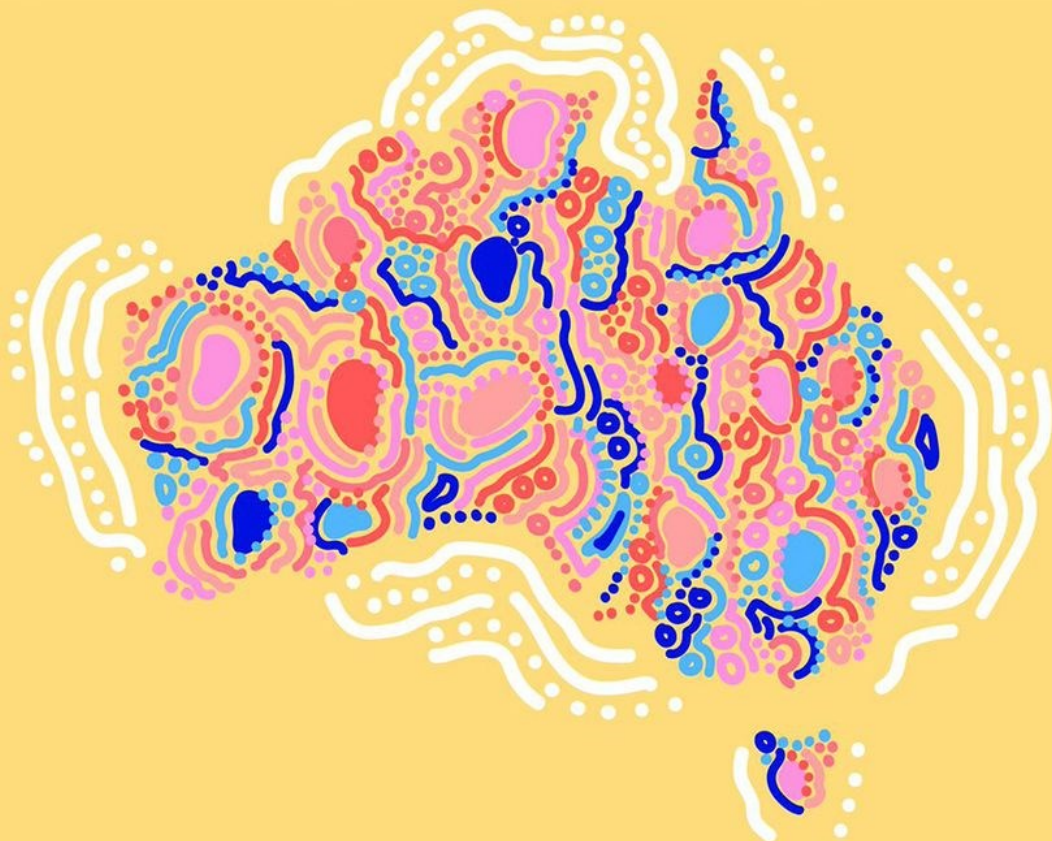
Junior Judo belts are in varying colours signifying age and expertise. Caleb has been awarded a White-Yellow belt.

Acknowledgement of Country



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country and recognise the continuing connection to lands, water and communities.

We pay our respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures' and to Elders past and present.





From the Principal

'Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Respectful, Be a Learner'

Dear Students, Parents & Guardians,

It is with great pleasure that I extend a warm welcome back to each and every member our beloved school community. Whether you're returning after a relaxing break or joining us for the first time, I am excited for the journey that lies ahead of us in the coming year.

As we embark on this new academic year, I urge everyone to embrace and embody our core values: **Be Kind, Be Respectful, Be a Learner, and Be Safe**. These principles serve as the foundation of everything we do, guiding our actions, interactions, and decisions each day.

Be Kind: Let kindness be the language that binds us together. In a world that can sometimes seem divided, a simple act of kindness can make all the difference. Whether it's offering a helping hand to a classmate, lending a listening ear to a friend in need, or showing compassion and understanding to those around us, let us strive to cultivate a culture of kindness that extends beyond the walls of our school.

Be Respectful: Respect is not merely a courtesy, but a fundamental aspect of building a community rooted in trust and mutual understanding. Respect for ourselves, for each other, for our differences, and for our shared humanity fosters an environment where everyone feels valued, heard, and appreciated. Let us treat one another with dignity, empathy, and respect, recognizing the unique contributions and perspectives that each individual brings to our community.



From the Principal

'Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Respectful, Be a Learner'

Be a Learner: Learning is a lifelong journey, and our school is a place where curiosity is celebrated, questions are encouraged, and growth is embraced. Whether inside the classroom or beyond, let us approach each day with a sense of curiosity and a willingness to explore new ideas, perspectives, and possibilities. Let us be open to learning from our successes and our failures, knowing that every experience is an opportunity for growth and development.

Be Safe: The safety and well-being of our students and staff are of paramount importance. Let us create an environment where everyone feels safe, supported, and empowered to thrive.

In closing, I want to express my sincere appreciation for the privilege of serving as your Principal. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to work alongside such dedicated students, parents, guardians and staff who are committed to making our school community a place where all individuals can flourish and succeed.

Together, let us make this year one filled with joy, growth, and endless possibilities. Welcome back, and here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Kelly Halliday

Term 1 Dates



Date

Event

Tue 30th Jan	Student Free Day
Wed 31st Jan	Student's First Day - All Students from Prep to Yr 6
Mon 5th Feb	Lunch Orders Commence
Tue 13th Feb	<u>Welcome back BBQ & open classrooms 2 - 5pm</u>
Tue 20th Feb	School Council Meeting @ 7pm
Thurs 22nd Feb	Whole School Athletics - Geoff Watt Track Warragul
Fri 1st Mar	Questacon Science Circus Incursion - Whole School
Fri 8th Mar	Whole School Photo Day
Wed 13th - Mon 25th Mar	NAPLAN
Fri 22nd Mar	Student Free Day
Thurs 28th Mar	Last Day of Term 1

Week 8 & 9 - Parent Teacher Interviews (Dates to be confirmed)

** Prep students do not attend Wednesdays in February. These dates are the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th February.

REMINDER

Term 1 & 4
No Hat, No Play!



Hats can be purchased from the office for \$10.00 each.

Attendance reminder: If your child is absent, please let us know by phoning the school or adding an attendance note directly into Compass.

Lunch Orders & Icy Poles

Mondays

Lunch Orders via Flexi Schools

Icy Poles available for purchase

Tuesdays

Wednesdays

Thursdays

Lunch Orders via Flexi Schools

Icy Poles available for purchase

Friday

Note:

Icy Poles are available for purchase during Term 1 & 4.

Tokens can be purchased via QKR or through the office. Cash & EFT accepted. Tokens are 50c each or \$5.00 for 10.



SUPER BEE AWARDS

'A big congratulations and well done!'

Term 1 - Week 1

Prep A Miss Thomson
- Theo M

3/4A Miss Baudinette
- Halle G

Prep B Miss Balfour
- Mya H

4/5A Miss Boyson
- Kayden B

1A Mrs Bull
- Macey G

5/6A Mr Gilcrist
- Sol S

1B Mrs Hudgell & Mrs
Edelmaier
- Kayden S

5/6B Miss Jessiman
- Mason M

2A Miss Buzasi
- Lara A

2B Ms Ambrose
- Tex C

3A Mrs Heath
- James V



Annual Calander

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Term 2

Mon 15th April	First Day of Term 2
Wed 17th—19th Apr	Grade 5/6 Urban Camp
Fri 28th June	Last Day of Term 2

Annual Calander

Term 3

Mon 15th July	First Day of Term 3
Fri 9th Aug	Student Free Day
Fri 20th Sep	Last Day of Term 3

Term 4

Mon 7th Oct	First Day of Term 4
Mon 4th Nov	Student Free Day
Fri 20th Dec	Last Day of Term 4

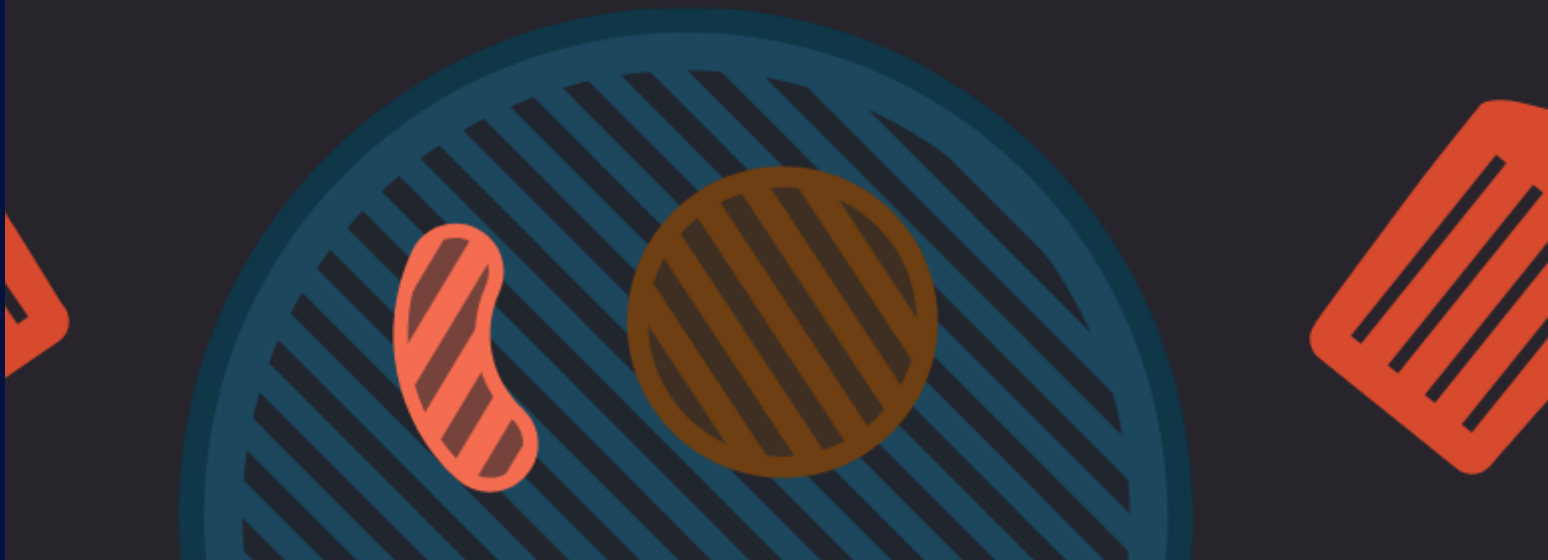
We're firing up the grill!

BBQ & Classroom Open Day



February 13th, 2024 | 2-5 pm

Come join us at DWPS for an open day
BBQ. Classrooms open from 2 till 5pm



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are seeking your help to support the students in our school with severe allergies.

Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction that is life-threatening. The most common causes of anaphylaxis in schools are allergies to food and insects (bees).

At Drouin West PS, we have students who have severe anaphylactic reactions to foods.

These include:

- **A student in Prep: Anaphylactic reactions to egg, nuts, milk, and dairy foods.**
- **Students in Years 5/6: Anaphylactic reactions to nuts.**

To help manage allergies and reduce the risk of severe allergic reactions we have regular training for our staff and will educate students about allergies and anaphylaxis.

We ask you to help us to raise awareness and reduce risks at school is by having conversations with your child. This could include:

- Understanding that egg, milk/dairy, and nuts are dangerous for some students at our school
- We all have different needs and it's important for us to keep each other safe
- The importance of following school rules and procedures around eating foods
 - Not sharing food
 - Eating at designated areas
 - Following handwashing procedures around eating times
- The importance of getting help immediately if a friend with an allergy feels sick

In the newsletter there is further information about how families can support allergy aware schools.

Thank you for helping make our school a safe place for our students!

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Holden

Assistant Principal



allergy AWARE

How can families support allergy aware schools?

If your child has an allergy:



- Tell the school about your child's allergies when you enrol them.



- Before your child starts school, give the school a copy of your child's ASCIA Action Plan.
- The ASCIA Action Plan should be completed by your child's doctor or nurse practitioner.



- Meet with the school to talk about what the school can do to care for your child while at school, at excursions and on camps.



- Give the school one of your child's adrenaline injectors (in date), along with any other medication (such as antihistamine and asthma reliever medication).



- Let the school know if your child's allergies change and give the school a copy of the updated ASCIA Action Plan.



- Work with the school to plan for activities that involve food (such as food technology lessons or social occasions) and talk to the teacher who is organising the activity.
- If your child is attending a school camp, talk to the teacher who is organising the camp or activity. Ask them for the contact details of the camp caterer so that you can talk to them about your child's food allergies.



- Teach your child about their allergy.
- This will depend on your child's age, allergies and abilities.

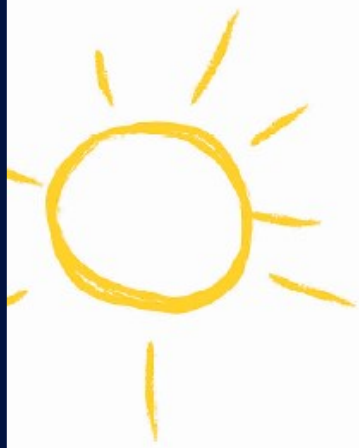


- Children with food allergy need to:
 - Learn about the food they are allergic to.
 - Learn how to talk with others about their allergies.
 - Wash their hands before and after eating.
 - Not share food.
 - Only drink from their own water bottle.
 - Only eat food provided by a trusted adult who knows about their food allergies.
 - Tell a teacher if they feel unwell.



- Children with insect allergy need to:
 - Learn about the insect they are allergic to.
 - Learn how to talk with others about their allergy.
 - Keep their shoes on when playing outside.
 - Be careful when at outdoor swimming events if they do not have shoes on.
 - Drink from a container with a lid and be careful if drinking from cans.

For more information visit: allergyaware.org.au



If your child does not have an allergy your family can support allergy aware schools in the following ways:



- Help the school look after children with allergies by supporting the ways the school reduces the risk of a child having an allergic reaction.



- Teach your child about how to care for their friends and other children with allergies.



- Talk to your child about how everyone has different health needs and teach them to be respectful of the needs of other children.



- Caring for children with allergies includes:
 - Washing hands before and after eating.
 - Not sharing food.
 - Only drinking from their own water bottle.
 - Telling a teacher if their friend is sick.



Student accident insurance, ambulance cover arrangements and private property brought to school

The Education Department and Drouin West Primary School does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents/carers of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport as well as any other transport costs.

In some circumstances, medical or other expenses will be paid by the Department where it is assessed that it is likely that the Department is liable for negligent acts or omissions of its staff or volunteers. More information about the claims process is available below.

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to investigate their preferred options in this regard. The Department cannot provide advice to parents/carers on the purchase of individual student accident policy or ambulance cover.

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. As the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property, students and staff should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

See [Policy and Advisory Library \(PAL\)](#) for policy and guidance for schools on:

- Mobile Phones
- Claims for property damage or medical expenses
- Legal claims, [subpoenas](#) and other legal documents.

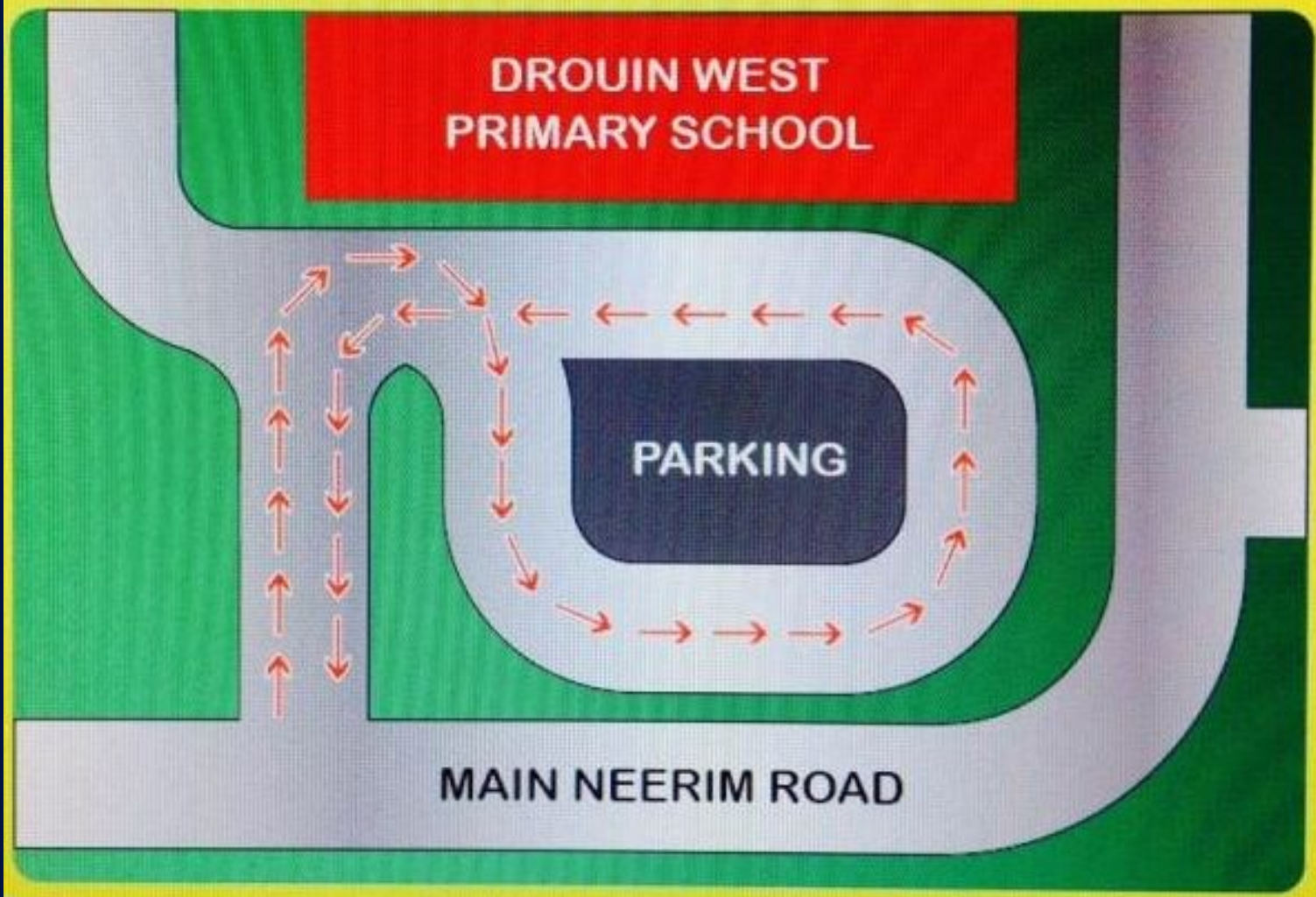
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CAUTION!

TRAVEL **ANTI-CLOCKWISE** IN CAR PARK.



School Supervised Hours

8:45am	<u>Yard supervision starts</u> & classrooms open/Teachers in their room
9:00am	Lessons Begins
11:00am	Recess
11:30am	Lessons resume
1:30pm - 1:40pm	Lunch eating
1:40pm	Lunch
2:15pm	Lessons resume
3:15pm	Dismissal
3:30pm	<u>Yard supervision ends</u>

Main Neerim Road closure

between Pepperell Drive and Walton Road, Drouin

Plan ahead from 8 January 2024

From 8 January 2024, APA Group will be undertaking necessary maintenance on a section of the Longford to Dandenong gas transmission pipeline in Drouin. This is one of the critical pipelines that supply gas into the Melbourne metro area.

Main Neerim Road will be closed between Pepperell Drive and Walton Road, with two detours in place to help you to travel around the area. Access for vehicles travelling northbound on Main Neerim Road up to the intersection of Pepperell Drive will be maintained.

Detour 1: Two-way traffic via Walton Road, Higgs Road, Buln Buln Road and Princes Way – for local traffic only.

Detour 2: Two-way traffic via Princes Way and Old Sale Road – for local traffic and all heavy vehicles.

This work is expected to take until the end of April 2024 to complete, so please plan ahead and allow for extra travel time and changes to speed limits in the area.

For safety, cyclists and pedestrians are advised to take alternative routes around the work site.

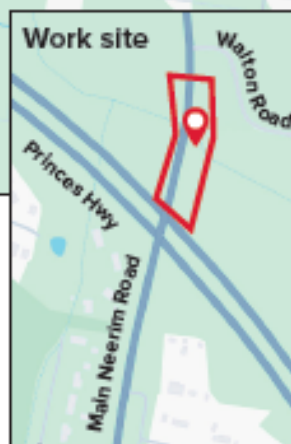
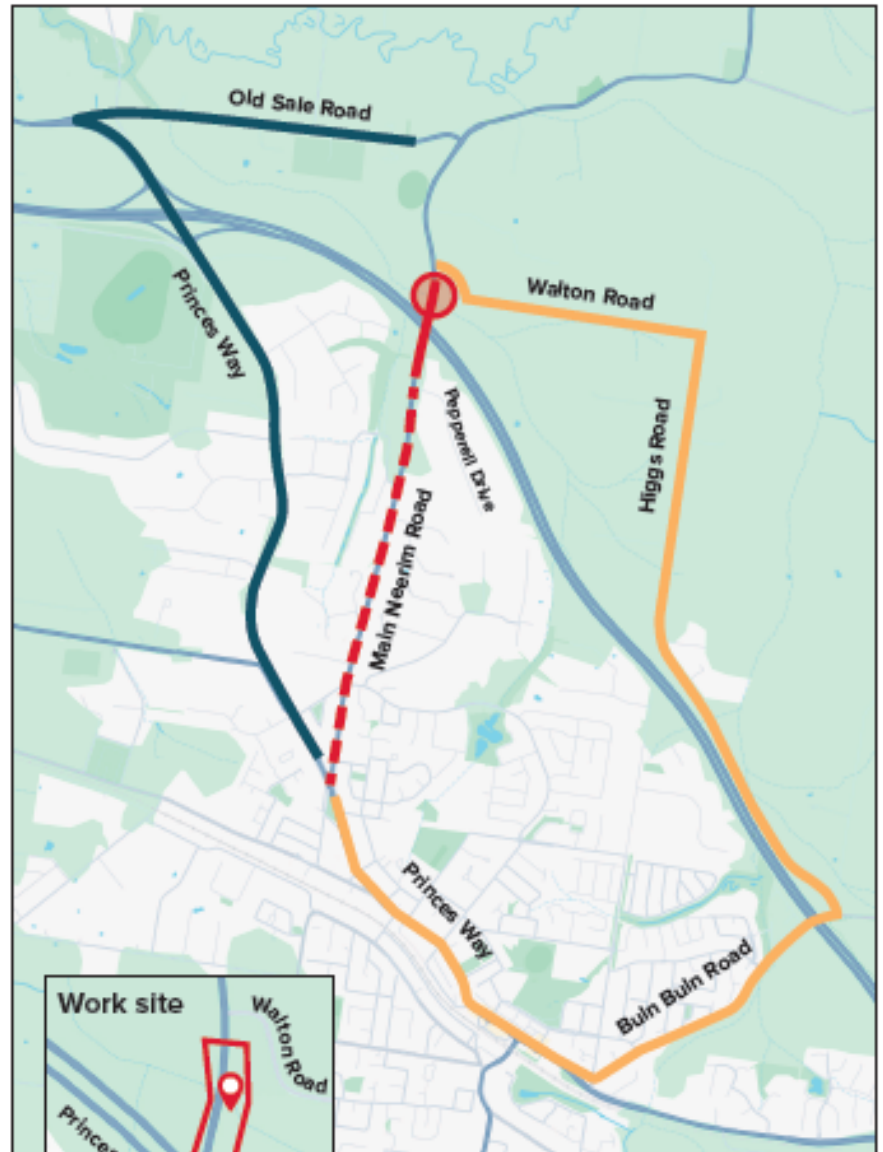
For more information

Scan the QR code to find out more about this essential work.

Contact the project team:

Phone: 0447 635 028

Email: maintenanceprojects@apa.com.au



- Road closure
- Work site
- Detour via Walton Road – local traffic only
- Detour via Old Sale Road – heavy vehicles and local traffic
- Local access up to the intersection of Main Neerim Road and Pepperell Drive



TheirCare
Where Kids love to be!

Bookings Now Open!

Bookings are now open for families.

To access, [click here](#)

<https://theircare.fullybookedccms.com.au/family/login>

Registration and bookings are completed online at www.theircare.com.au and usually takes approx. 15 to 20 minutes to complete.

Want to know more
about TheirCare?

Scan the code on your
mobile to watch
our introduction video!



FAQs can be located on our website:

<https://theircare.com.au/how-to-register/>

How to Enrol

GUIDE



Enrolment and bookings are completed online at **www.theircare.com.au** and takes around 15 to 20 minutes.



When doing your child's enrolment there will be some information and documents that you will need on hand to complete the process.

These include

- 1 Centrelink CRNs for yourself and the child you are enrolling
- 2 Credit card or bank account details for direct debit purposes
- 3 Emergency contact details in case you are not contactable in an emergency
- 4 Authorised nominees for drop off and collection
- 5 Doctor, Medicare, immunisations details for your child
- 6 Any medical or health details for your child



Enrolment takes approximately 15 – 20 minutes



See FAQs on our website **theircare.com.au/families**



Hello!

Get to know Prep:



Prep A - Teacher: Miss Thomson - Education Support: Miss Tanae



Prep B - Teacher: Miss Balfour - Education Support: Miss Kiera

Hello!

Get to know Year 1:



1A -

Teacher: Mrs Bull

Education Support:

Miss Georgia

1B -

Teacher: Mrs

Hudgell

Education Support:

Miss Tarn





Hello!

Get to know Year 2:



2A - Teacher: Miss Buzasi - Education Support: Mrs Ward



2B - Teacher: Miss Ambrose
Education Support: Mrs Ward



Hello!

Get to know Year 3 & 4:



3A - Teacher: Miss B - Education Support: Aaron



3/4A - Teacher: Mrs Heath - Education Support: Ceri



Hello!

Get to know Year 4 & 5:



3/4A - Teacher: Ms Boyson - Education Support: Mrs Gooding



Hello!

Get to know Year 5 & 6:



5/6A -

Teacher:

Mr Gilcrist

Education Support:

Mr Timewell



5/6B -

Teacher:

Miss Jessiman

Education

Support:

Mr Timewell