



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

The Oak Observer

Drouin West Primary School

Issue No 16 - Friday 13th September 2024 TERM 3



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WEEK
TO GO

parent & Friends

TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, Oct 4
\$20PP

Robin Hood Inn

Dinner available to purchase from 5:30, Trivia starts @7PM

Limited tickets via QKR

Spot Prize & Reward

FINAL REMINDER!
Tickets left!

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From the Principal

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

Dear Families,

With 'RUOK? Day' in mind this week, I am reminded of the profound impact of our school's values. 'RUOK? Day' is an annual reminder to check in with those around us and ask, "Are you okay?". This simple question embodies our value of kindness that has always been at the heart of our school community.

This year, we proudly mark 150 years of rich history as the oldest school in Gippsland – a milestone that underscores not only our longevity but also our enduring commitment to fostering a supportive and compassionate environment. Our long history is a testament to our dedication to nurturing not only academic excellence but also the emotional wellbeing of our students, staff, and families.

150 Years of Excellence and Empathy

For a century and a half, our school has stood as a beacon of learning and community spirit in Gippsland. Over the years, we have cultivated a culture where kindness and empathy are as valued as academic achievement. Our legacy is built on the belief that education extends beyond the classroom—it's about caring for one another and fostering a supportive environment where everyone feels valued.



Drouin West Primary School acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country and recognise their continuing connection to lands, water and communities.

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



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Honoring Our Legacy Through Action

By reinforcing our commitment to kindness, empathy, and support, we honor our past and build a brighter future for all. Together, we can ensure that our school remains a place where every member of our community feels connected, supported, and valued.

Thank you for being an integral part of our 150-year journey. Let's continue to uphold the values that have guided us through the decades and ensure that our legacy of kindness endures for generations to come.

The Power of Kindness and Self-Care

Let's reflect on how kindness and self-care have shaped our school's history and continue to influence our daily lives:

Check In: Make it a habit to ask those around you how they are doing. Your care and concern can make a lasting difference.

Listen with Empathy: Be present and listen when someone reaches out. Sometimes, being a good listener is the most impactful way to show support.

Encourage Support: Remind others that seeking help is a sign of strength, not weakness, and that they are not alone in their struggles.

Prioritize Self-Care: Remember that taking care of yourself is crucial. By valuing your own wellbeing, you contribute positively to our entire community.

Celebrating Individual Growth

The interviews were a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge and discuss the unique progress and achievements of each student. It is heartening to see so many parents and guardians actively engaged in their child's educational journey, recognizing their successes and working together to address any areas for growth. Your presence at these interviews underscores the strength of our school community and your commitment to your child's development. These conversations between parents and teachers play a vital role in creating a holistic view of each student's learning experience and helping to tailor our support to their specific needs.

Regards,

Kelly Halliday

2024 Termly Calendar

Term Three

- Tue 17th Sep** Parent Teacher Interview #2
Wild Robot Excursion Years 5/6A & B
- Fri 20th Sep** Last Day of Term 3 **(2:15pm Finish)**
AFL Football Colour Dress Up
- Fri 4th Oct** P&F Trivia Night - Tickets still available

School Saving Bonus

The Allan Labor Government is making life that little bit easier for families, by providing a one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

Every student enrolled in a Victorian government school for the 2025 school year will receive \$400 support.

It will help cover the cost of school uniforms, textbooks, and school activities like camps, excursions and sports.

You don't need to apply.

From November 2024, parents and carers will receive an email from the Department of Education providing details on how they can access the \$400 bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus is available for each child. That means a family with three school-aged children will receive a total of \$1,200.

The School Saving Bonus is available in addition to other financial support including the Affordable School Uniforms program and the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund.

To learn more about what the \$400 can be spent on, and other support available, visit [School Saving Bonus | vic.gov.au \(www.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.vic.gov.au).

It is important we have an email address on file for you. Please contact us if you need to update yours.

2024 Annual Calendar

Term Four – Hats Required!



Mon 7th Oct	First Day of Term 4
Thu 10th Oct	Year 5/6 Parliament House Incursion Years 5-6
Sun 13th Oct	10am-12pm 150 Year Anniversary Celebrations
Tue 15th Oct	Regional Athletics (Selected Students) School Council Meeting @ 7pm
Wed 16th – 18th Oct	Waratah Camp Years 3/4
Thurs 17th Oct	Year 5 – N.D.S.C Discovery Day
Fri 1st Nov	2025 Prep Transition Sessions
Mon 4th Nov	Student Free Day - 'TheirCare' Available for care
Tues 5th Nov	Melbourne Cup - No Students
Fri 8th Nov	Year 6 – Graduation Photos
Fri 15th Nov	2025 Prep Transition Sessions
Mon 18th Nov	Blue Rock Water Safety – Year 5&6
Tue 19th Nov	School Council Meeting @ 7pm
Tue 29th Nov	2025 Prep Transition Sessions
Tue 10th Dec	Statewide Step Up Day
Thu 12th Dec	School End of Year Concert
Mon 16th Dec	Year 6 Graduation Celebrations
Fri 20th Dec	Last Day of Term 4 (1:30pm Finish)

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



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Commemorate With Us!

Our Story

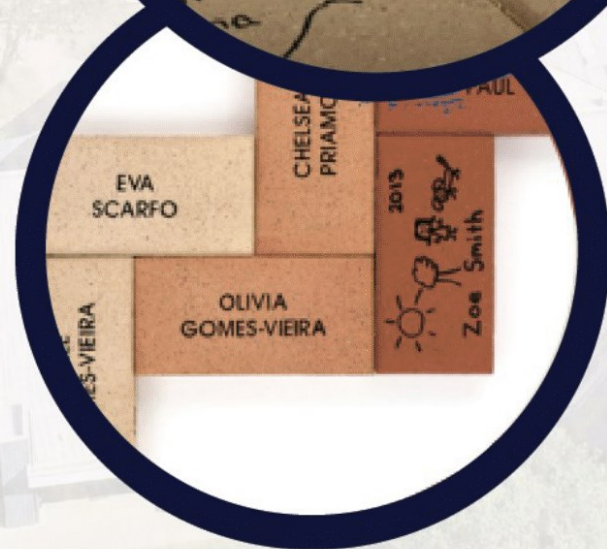
In 2024, Drouin West Primary celebrates 150 years of education. We are the oldest school in West Gippsland!

Commemorative Space

To honour this milestone, we intend to establish a paved space underneath a commemorative mural.

Get Involved

We would like to offer past and present families and staff the opportunity to leave a lasting mark on the school by being able to purchase a custom paver to be placed in this new area.



To order a brick and leave your lasting mark, please purchase via the QKR app.
<https://qkr-store.qkrschool.com/store/#/home>

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\$40 per paver **Paver or Brick Facings**

- * Max 3 lines per paver
- * Max 17 characters/line
- * Paver size 230x115mm
- * Brick facing 230x75mm



Family/Double Pavers

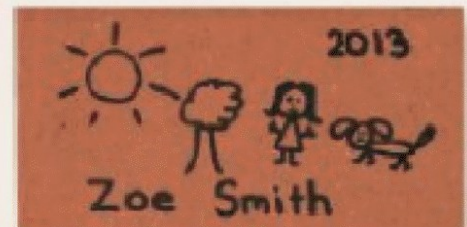
- * Max 6 lines per paver
- * Max 17 characters/line
- * Total size 230x230mm

\$75

Hand Drawn Pavers

- * Simple hand drawing
- * In black only
- * Paver size 230x115mm

\$50



Qkr!

Order by the 18th of October 2024

To order a brick and leave your lasting mark, please purchase via the QKR app.
<https://qkr-store.qkrschool.com/store/#/home>

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	Assembly



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.





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**Commemorate with us at School on
Sunday October 13th 10am to 12pm.**

**In 2024, Drouin West Primary celebrates
150 years of education. We are the oldest school in
West Gippsland! Activities on the day include:**

- 'Original School Building' Mural Unveiling
- Lowering of the Time Capsule
- Dahlia & Landcare Butterfly Gardens
- Dahlia Art Activity
- Coffee Van and P&F Morning Tea
- 'TheirCare' Sausage Sizzle
- Memorial Brick Sales
- Past Student Interview Panel
- Archival Material and Photographs on Display
- Open Classrooms History Presentations
- Cutting of a DWPS birthday cake
- Guest Book Signing
- Drouin West CFA Presence

Assembly Awards

'A big congratulations and well done!'



Super Bees - 30th August 2024 & 06th September 2024

Marley T & Peyton F (Prep A) | Lewis A & Pia D (Prep B)

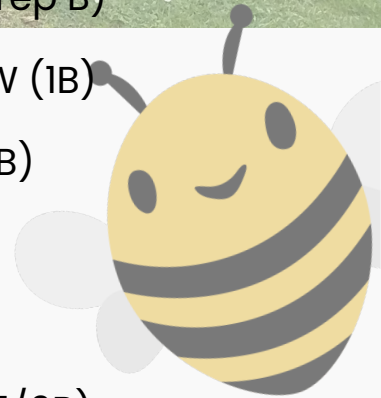
Mackenzie S & Macey G (1A) | Kayden S & Ben W (1B)

Dominic H & John D (2A) | Buck B & Lily M (2B)

Olivia W & James G (3A) | Rosie D (3/4A)

Xander O & Miranda F (4/5A)

Tasma S & Antony T (5/6A) | Lily C & Chloe C (5/6B)



Un-BEE-lievable Environment Award

- Mackenzie S & Hunter F

S.R.C Award

- Kai B & Kiara C



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Super Bees – 13th September 2024

Teddy Mc (Prep A) Lucy H (Prep B) Mia F (1A) Zali R (1B)

Nellie D (2A) Bobbi B (2B) Dylan Mc (3A) Sienna P (3/4A) Indiana S (4/5A)

Emma S (5/6A) Adrian M (5/6B)

Un-BEE-lievable Environment Award

- Ava L

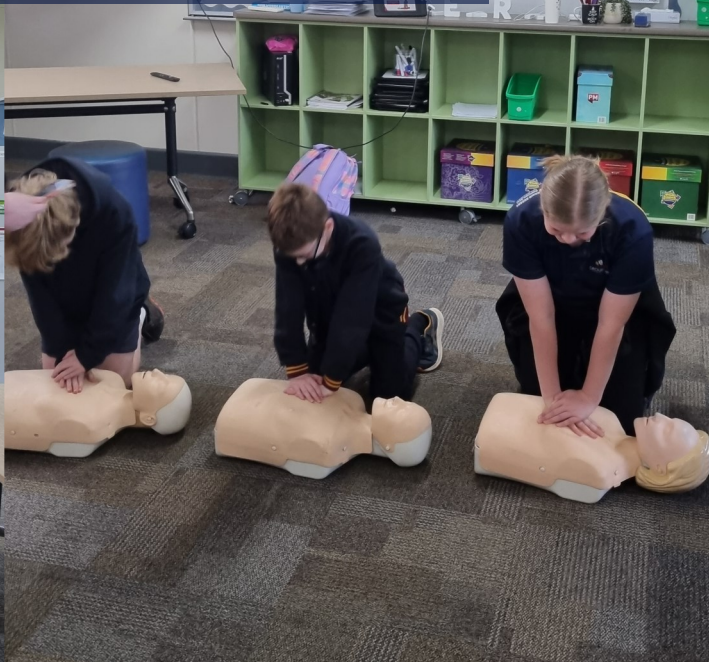
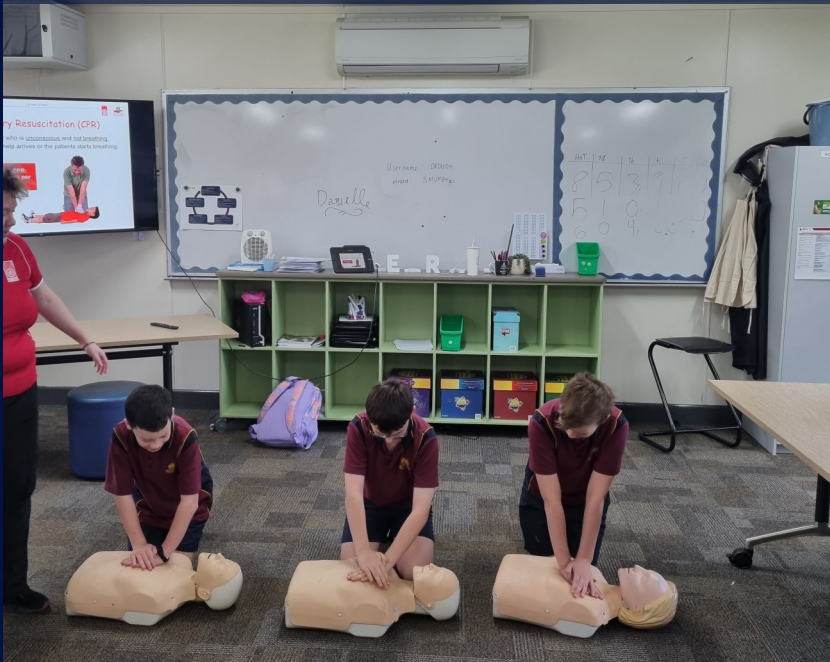
S.R.C Award

- Parker C

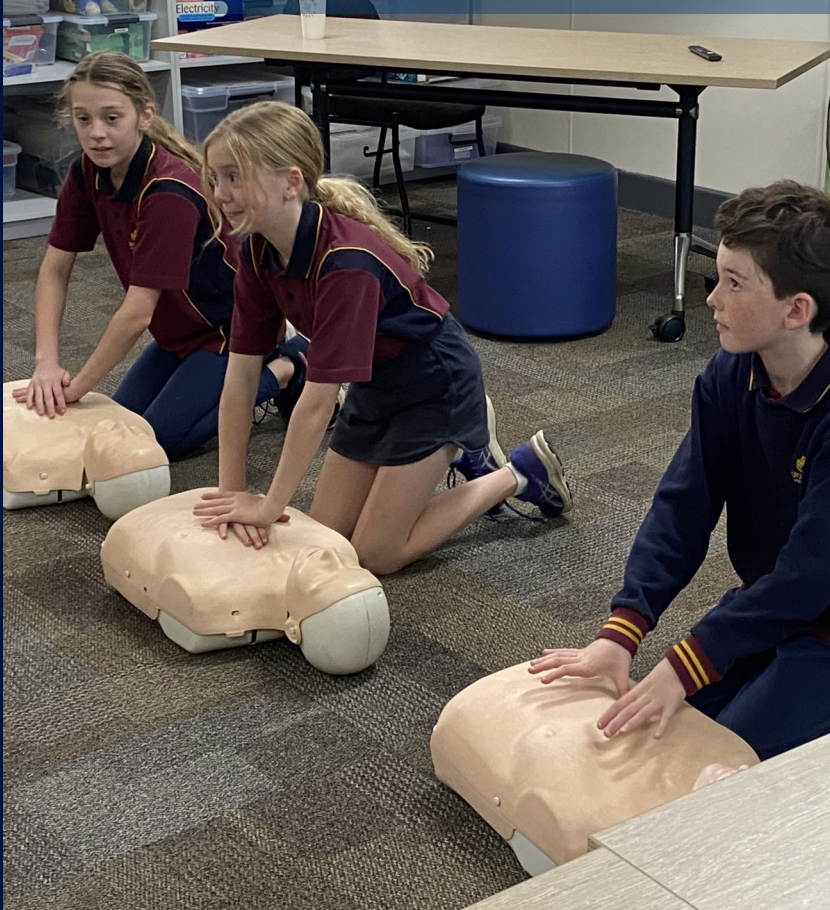


St John First Aid

5th AUGUST



On Thursday 5th August our senior students participated in a First Aid incursion run by St John. Students learnt how to preform first aid, put an injured person into the recover position, apply bandages and a whole lot more useful first aid strategies



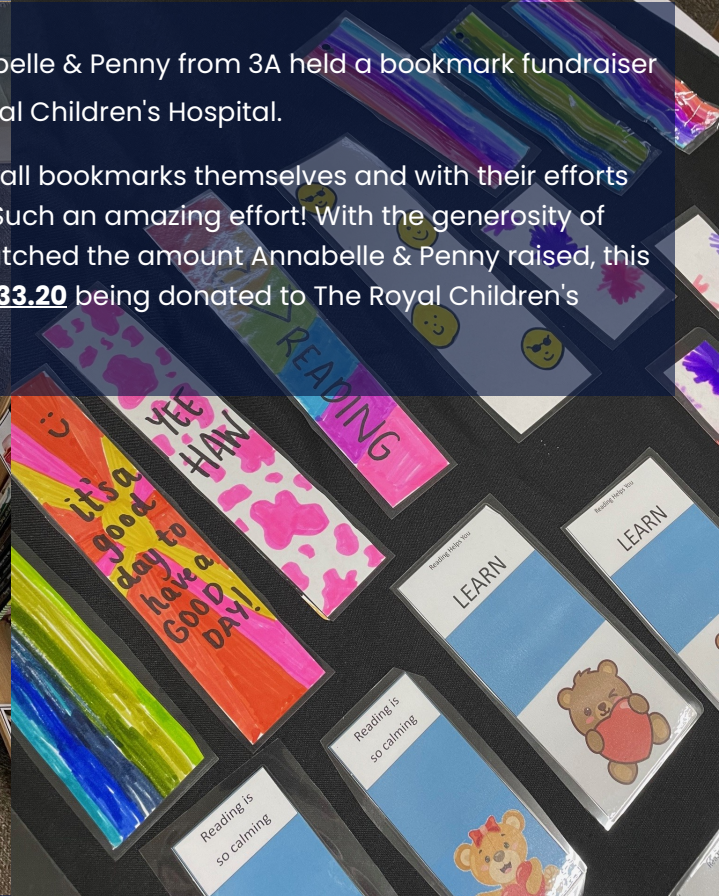
Bookmarks For a Cause!

06 AUGUST



On Friday 6th August, Annabelle & Penny from 3A held a bookmark fundraiser to raise money for They Royal Children's Hospital.

Annabelle & Penny created all bookmarks themselves and with their efforts they raised a total **\$116.60**. Such an amazing effort! With the generosity of Penny's family they also matched the amount Annabelle & Penny raised, this brings the grand total to **\$233.20** being donated to The Royal Children's Hospital.



Fathers Day Raffle

30 AUGUST



A big thank you to our P&F committee for wrapping our Father's Day raffles! With your support we raised **\$360.21** to be used towards school grounds improvements.

P&F meets regularly on Friday morning after drop off in the multipurpose room and new comers are welcomed.

School Nurse Program

SCHOOL NURSING NEWSLETTER



FREE HEALTH, WELLBEING & DEVELOPMENT CHECKS FOR PREP STUDENTS

The Primary School Nursing Program is a free health and wellbeing service offered to all Victorian students in their first year of school. The program aims to assist with the early identification of children with potential health, wellbeing or development concerns which may impact on their education and offers screening which may include:



Hearing



Vision



Speech



Dental



Motor Skills



Behaviour & social skills

The Primary School Nurse also provided advice, information & other health & support services



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FINDING THEIR VOICE: SPEECH DEVELOPMENT

Communication skills are the building blocks for success. Engage in conversations with your child and encourage them to express themselves verbally. Reading aloud together and singing songs are fun ways to boost speech development!

SCHOOL HEALTH PLANS

DO YOU HAVE YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH PLANS READY FOR SCHOOL?

Allergies & eczema plans available at: www.allergy.org.au

Asthma plans are available at: www.asthma.org.au
Please discuss your plans with your Family Doctor and once completed give a copy to your school.



2

CLEAR VISION FOR BRIGHT FUTURES

Healthy eyesight is essential for your child's academic success and exploration of the world around them. As parents, we can support their vision by encouraging breaks from screen time and facilitating outdoor play, giving their eyes the rest they need to thrive. It is recommended for all children commencing school to have an eye check at the optometrist. These assessments are typically free with a Medicare card at any optometrist. To find your nearest optometrist and book an appointment, visit www.optometry.org.au.

VISITING SCHOOL NURSE DETAILS:

Corinne
 0418622443
 corinne.heatley@education.vic.gov.au

School Nurse Program

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SWEET DREAMS: THE POWER OF SLEEP:

Did you know that adequate sleep is essential for your child's growth and development? Here are some tips to help your child drift into restful slumber: maintain a consistent bedtime routine, create a calm and cozy sleep environment, limit screen time before bed, and ensure they get plenty of physical activity during the day. By following these simple steps, you'll help your child develop a healthy sleep pattern that will benefit them for years to come. Sweet dreams!



4

EMBRACING EMOTIONS: EMOTIONAL REGULATION:

Help your child understand and manage their feelings in a positive way. Encourage your child to express feelings through words or creative activities like drawing. Teach deep breathing exercises and model healthy emotional responses. Create a safe space for open conversations about their day. With patience and understanding, we can help our children grow into resilient, confident individuals.



5

SAY CHEESE! ORAL HEALTH MATTERS:

Healthy teeth and gums are essential for overall well-being. Make brushing and flossing a fun and interactive experience. Limit sugary snacks and beverages, and don't forget to schedule regular dental check-ups to keep those smiles sparkling bright!

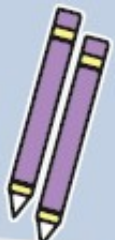
Latrobe Community Health Service Dental Clinics are located in Morwell, Moe, Churchill & Warragul & provide dental services for all children ages 0-17 years.

Eligible children can access free dental treatment up to the value of \$1,013 over two years at Latrobe Community Health Service community dental clinics. Families receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A, Disability Support Pension or other relevant Australian Government payments are eligible. The Federal Government will cover the cost. For children aged 12 years and below, dental treatment is free.



National Continence Helpline 1800 33 00 66
LCHS continence nurse: 1800 242 696
SafeSteps Family Violence support:
1800 015 188 or www.safesteps.org.au
Food Security: www.askizzy.org.au/food
Royal Children's Hospital- 9345 5522
The Orange Door: 1800 319 354

Anglicare/Parentzone parenting courses-
(03) 51 359 555 or
Parentzone.Gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au
Poisons information- 13 11 26
Parentline- 1300 30 1300
Homelessness assistance: 1800 825 955
<http://services.dhhs.vic.gov.au/getting-help>
LCHS Dental Service: 1800 242 696



Outside Advertising

Beleza 

ALL BELEZA RETAIL STORES

Will be closed for first week of School Holidays

- All Retail Stores will close at **2pm on Friday 20th of September**
- Stores will be closed from **Saturday 21st of September to Sunday 29th of September**
- All Stores will resume regular trading days & hours from **Monday 30th of September**

Shop online at beleza.com.au/online-store

LARDNER PARK GARDEN + HOME EXPO

Saturday 5th + Sunday 6th October

HAPPY THE COW SCHOOL ART COMPETITION

Celebrate the Garden Show by drawing, designing or making your very own **Happy the Cow** to be displayed!

Any media, medium and materials can be used. Creativity is key!

HAPPY 



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Upcoming...

ROADIES Day Trips!



13 - 17 YEARS OLD



Monopoly Dreams!

- Melbourne CBD

SEP
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Wetlands Mini Golf!

- Wheelers Hill

SEP
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Twisted Science!

- Moorabbin

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Phillip Island Go Karts & Chocolate Factory!

- Phillip Island

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Holey Moley & Arcade!

- Moorabbin

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NDIS Plan charges apply!