



NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL – TRAVIS BRAITHWAITE



DIARY DATES

- **Mon 21st September**
Subway & Sports Day
Donut and drink orders due
- **Wed 23rd September**
Volleyball Carnival – Finals Day
- **Friday 25th September**
Sports Day

Last day of term – 2:10 pm dismissal
- **Monday 12th October**
Term 4 commences
- **Friday 6th November**
Colour Blast Run

It is with great excitement that I can share that I will be continuing as Principal of Paradise Primary School for the long-term journey ahead.

Our Governing Council, students, staff and leadership team have been working together to develop the strategic priorities that will guide our school over the coming years.

Schools already have annual improvement plans that direct resources, professional learning and initiatives in place. Our strategic priorities are there to provide a broader, longer-term direction for Paradise Primary School. Following extensive consultation, we have established three priorities:

Inclusivity • Agency • Visibility

Thank you to the parents, students and staff who have contributed to this important work. You will have already seen progress across these priorities through our grounds improvements, new school website, Positive Behaviour for Learning and Berry Street approaches, new student leadership model, and much more this year.

PARTNERS IN PARADISE

We are excited to launch a new volunteer program at Paradise Primary School. We know that a strong school is built by a strong community – and we would love you to be part of ours! **Partners in Paradise** brings together parents, carers, grandparents and community members who can contribute to our school in ways that suit their interests, skills and availability.

You might be able to:

- Listen to students read
- Help paint and improve our school grounds
- Assist with gardening and working bees
- Support fundraising activities and school events
- Share a skill, culture, hobby or area of expertise
- Help with excursions, clubs or special projects
- Join our Governing Council
- Volunteer occasionally or become a regular helper



FROM THE PRINCIPAL – TRAVIS BRAITHWAITE (CONTINUED)

To register your interest in joining **Partners in Paradise**, complete the survey on ClassDojo, speak with our front office team or contact the school.

PUPIL-FREE DAY

Our staff spent the recent pupil-free day undertaking important professional learning and planning. Teachers worked with the new South Australian Curriculum dispositions to strengthen teaching and learning across the school. Staff also developed a shared Berry Street agreement, establishing consistent approaches that will support student engagement, wellbeing and learning throughout the school day.

This work will help ensure that every student experiences high-quality, consistent teaching and support across Paradise Primary School.

SHOWCASE EVENING

Wow – this year's Showcase Evening was truly impressive!

The high quality of teaching and learning taking place across our school was proudly on display, and the turnout from our community exceeded our expectations.

It was wonderful to speak with so many families about the rich learning happening at Paradise and to hear such positive feedback about our students, staff and programs. I may have also spent some time afterwards bragging to other principals about the evening and our fantastic school community! Thank you to everyone who helped make the evening such a success.

SAPSASA AND SPORTS UPDATE

Congratulations to Mr Nathan and our volleyball teams. Our students represented themselves and Paradise Primary School with great pride – and one of our teams has made it through to the finals! The students are incredibly excited, and I know Mr Nathan will have them well prepared for the big event. Go Paradise!

SPORTS DAY

Sports Day is fast approaching! Our tribe captains have done an excellent job preparing the Health Hustle and leading tribe meetings. We look forward to seeing their leadership on display as they guide their tribes throughout the day, help set up equipment, lead chants and encourage their teammates. We hope to see many families joining us for what promises to be a fantastic day.

FACILITIES UPDATE

New carpet will be installed throughout the administration building during the school holidays. We hope this will create a brighter and more welcoming environment for students, families, staff and visitors to our front office.

Damaged and watermarked ceiling tiles are also scheduled to be replaced over the coming month as we continue improving our school environment.

Kind regards,

Travis Braithwaite

Principal

ATHLETICS

On the 21st of August, Paradise Primary School had 12 students represent the school at the District Athletics Carnival at Bridgestone Athletics Stadium in Salisbury. We were up against schools in the Torrens River sports district, together with schools in the Adelaide North East district, who were competing, but not against us.

We had students competing in sprints (100m, 200m), high jump, long jump, discus and shotput. We were up against some tough opposition and our students competed extremely hard and never gave up.

We had some notable performances in four events:

Catrina came 2nd in the 10 year old shotput.

Bunshiro came 5th in the 10 year old discus.

David came 4th in his 100m sprint and 5th in his heat of the 200m. He would have qualified for the final of both races had there been a final.

I'm extremely proud of how well we did. It was great to see our students enjoy the competition and cheer on their fellow Paradise Primary brethren as they competed and celebrate in their achievements.



VOLLEYBALL

On the 31st of August Paradise Primary School entered 2 teams into the Volleyball Primary School Carnival. We had a team represented in 5/6 Girls competition and the 5/6 Mixed competition. A special shoutout to the students from Roma Mitchell Secondary College who refereed the games all day and did an excellent job throughout.

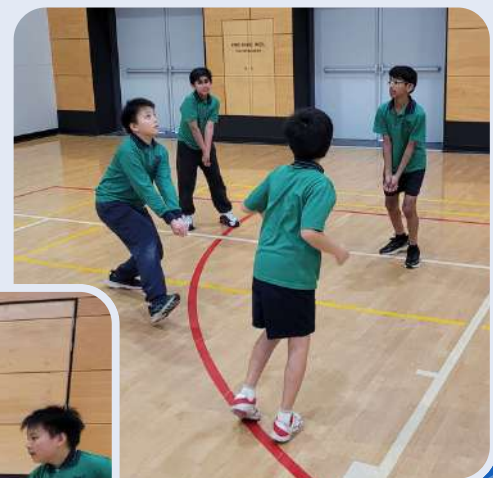
The 5/6 Girls team played 5 games overall throughout the day. Due to circumstances, the team had two year 4 girls in the team, which had them behind the 8-ball before the first game. We were the most inexperienced team in the competition; however they battled hard throughout the day including a nail-biter in their very first game together. Unfortunately, the girls weren't able to get a win on the day, but that doesn't make me any less proud of how well they performed.



The 5/6 Mixed teams fared a little better. Three of the four team members had previous volleyball experience, and this served them well. They played 6 games for the day, and after a shaky start losing their first 2 games, they got settled and won their next four games, including beating a previously undefeated team, who have a special interest volleyball program at their school in their final game. Overall, they finished 2nd in their pool and outright 3rd overall. This meant that the boys' team were successful in qualifying for the Primary School Volleyball Carnival Finals and will compete to be the champion school in week 10 of this term.

It's such a delight watching our students compete and supporting each other as they play. I know the students revel in the sound of their friends cheering and supporting them as they play.

Mr Nathan (Health/P.E. Teacher)



ART

During Term 3, students explored different threads and textiles and learnt how to sew and weave. Learning sewing and weaving required a high level of patience, fine motor skills and spatial awareness. Sewing proved challenging to many students in the early lessons but with practice, students were able to sew novelty keyrings and knick knack holders independently. Weaving and mastering the under and over technique was also difficult at first but with perseverance, some masterpieces were produced.



The students were always so proud of their creations and eager to take them home and share with their families that I never had anything to hang up in the Art room!

Mrs Retallick

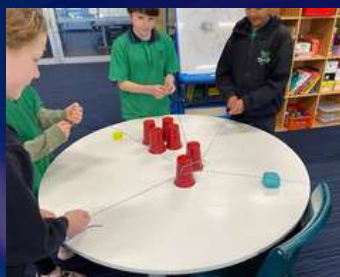
STEAM

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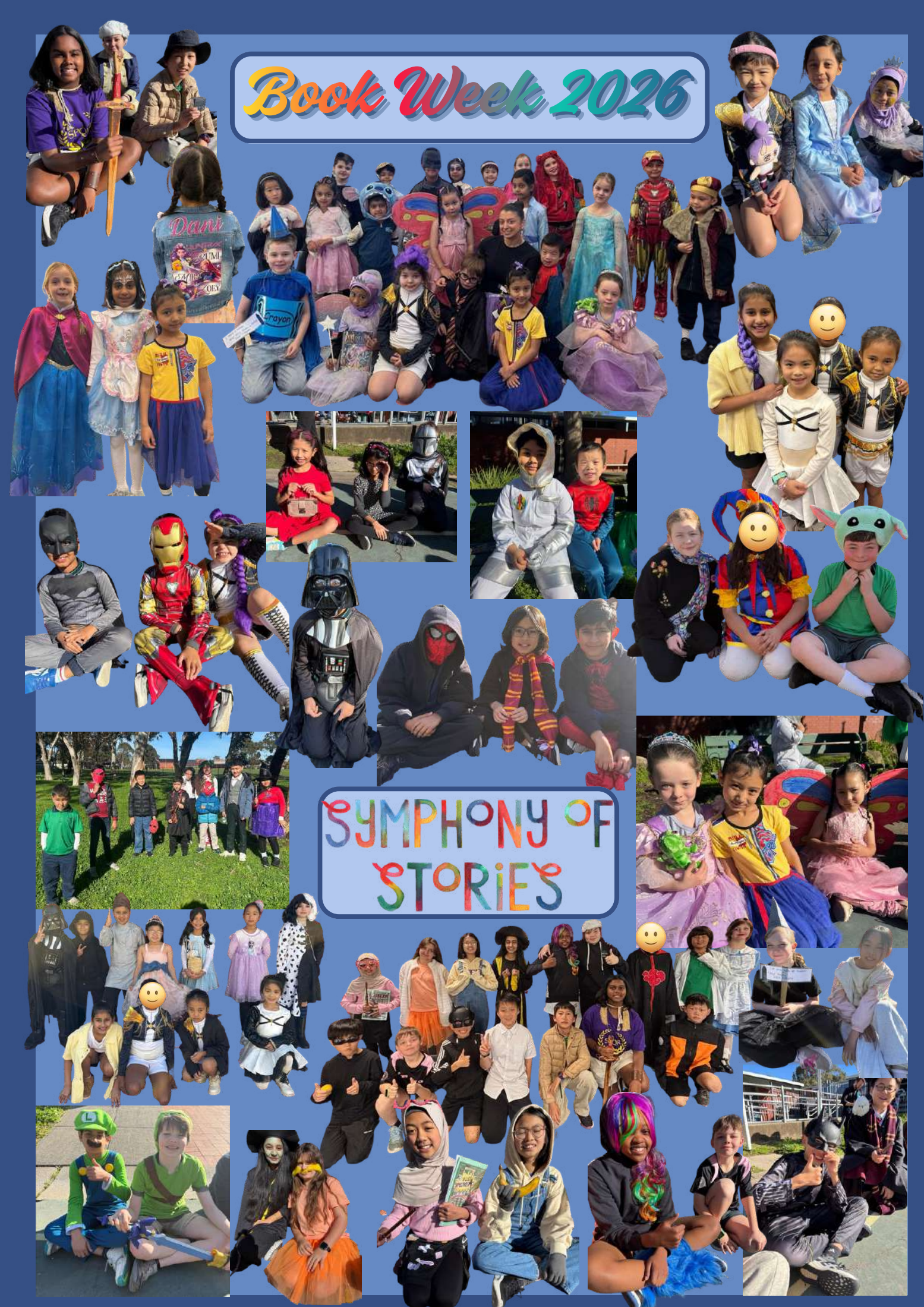
What a busy Term 3! Students have been working really hard in STEAM with a variety of activities.

The older classes have been using their design thinking skills in a program that is run by Makers Empire. Paradise Primary is part of a pilot program with another handful of schools participating in the **Careers Under Construction School Program**. Students had to come up with ideas with what our local community or school needs. They then had to plan, construct and 3D print parts of their construction. Some of the designs will showcased later next term at an expo.

In STEAM classes have been looking at 'Matter', 'What Things Are Made Of', 'Living Things' and 'Forces'. They have also been doing some construction activities.



Book Week 2026





W6



Over the last few weeks, students in W6 have been busy creating models and dioramas for our school showcase. We loved working alongside our buddies in K2 to bring our ideas to life. Some students created Australian bush landscapes, while others designed animal habitats and even an underground outback house.

Once our models were complete, we worked together to create posters and an artwork. We had so much fun working together and are very proud of what we have made!



W5

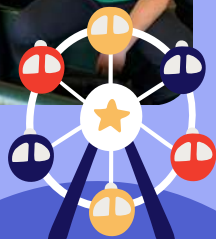
Over the past few weeks, we have been busy designing our very own theme parks! We needed to follow a set of criteria and specific measurements, including an entrance, car park, 3 to 5 rides, food stands, a lost and found area, and toilets. Once our designs were complete, we used our understanding of area and perimeter to calculate the measurements of each section of our theme park.



N3

Last week N3 enjoyed an exciting excursion to the Royal Adelaide Show! Throughout the day we explored a range of exhibits that helped us to develop our understanding of agriculture, food production and the importance of farming in South Australia. We also learned about animal care and enjoyed seeing the different animals, especially the babies!

Our highlights included seeing the insect stall, brushing a cow and watching the horse jumping events while we ate our lunch. We had a wonderful day!



K4



During National Science Week, K4 took part in a variety of exciting science experiments! We made crystals using pipe cleaners, salt and water, grew bean stalks, placed gummy bears in water to observe what would happen and explored the effects of pepper and soap.

Before each experiment, students made predictions about what they thought would happen. Afterwards, they carefully observed the results and recorded their findings through drawings. It was a fun and hands-on week of scientific discovery!



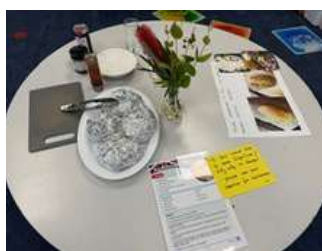
N4

It has been a very busy and exciting time for N4, just like the rest of the school. We had a wonderful time celebrating Book Week. Students dressed up as their favourite book characters and enjoyed taking part in the parade. We also celebrated Father's Day by creating special art and craft activities..



Our class were very busy preparing for our showcase, **"The Great Australian Bush"**. Students helped make damper, went on bush walks, and explored nature using their senses. We talked about what things look like, smell like, feel like, taste like, and sound like.

The students had so much fun getting ready for showcase night. It was a great opportunity to share responsibilities, work together as a team, and learn through hands-on experiences. We are very proud of all that the students have achieved.



MATHEMATICAL PROBLEM OF THE WEEK IN N6



The Pond

At the pond there are 20 animals. There are some ducks, fish and frogs.

There are more fish than ducks.
There are more ducks than frogs.

How many of each animal might be at the pond?



K6

In Maths, we have been learning about 3D shapes. We learnt about the properties of 3D shapes, including faces, edges and vertices and had lots of fun exploring them! We learnt that a pyramid has a common vertex and the name is determined by its base shape. We made examples of 3D shapes using toothpicks and playdough, and enjoyed sharing our property findings with each other.



In Week 8, we celebrated our showcase themed around **'The Great Australian Bush'**. With our buddy class, W5, we made Australian Bush dioramas, damper with Australian ingredients and participated in a tasting Australia experience, rating Australian foods out of 5. We enjoyed learning about lemon myrtle, wattle seed and saltbush and how they can be used. We enjoyed sharing our learnings and findings through hands-on craft, cooking, videos and sensory stations with our friends, families and the wider community.



K2



During Book Week, we loved exploring a range of wonderful books! One of our favourites was **Frogs Are Our Friends**. We were inspired by the story to create beautiful artwork featuring a healthy and magical garden where our frogs could live happily.



We continued our love of frogs by exploring **The Frog's First Song**. Through this story, we learnt about the different stages of a frog's life cycle, from an egg to a tadpole and finally to an adult frog.

We also discovered how frogs contribute to healthy gardens and our environment, including how they help control insect populations and play an important role in our ecosystems.

It was a wonderful week of reading, creating and learning all about these amazing little creatures!



Term 4

ParadisePrimary

PLAYGROUP

Monday's 9:30am - 11:00am - School Hall

12th October

No Playgroup



19th October

Fruit

26th October

Halloween



2nd November

The Circus



9th November

Messy Play

16th November

Families



23rd November

The Beach

30th November

Christmas





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JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST MND!

**THURS 8 OCTOBER 2026
9:30-11:00AM
ATHELSTONE FOOTBALL CLUB**

**Football clinic, ice bucket
relay, prizes and giveaways!**

DANIHHER'S DRIVE

RALLY FOR FIGHT MND

**FUN FOR
THE WHOLE
FAMILY**



BASKETBALL SKILLS CAMP

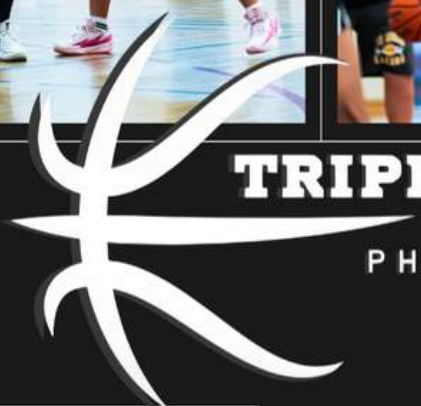
SEPT 28 & 29
CEDAR COLLEGE,
NORTHGATE



REGISTRATION

U12-U14
9:30AM TO 12:30PM

U14-U18
1PM TO 4PM



TRIPLE THREAT FITNESS

PHYSICAL · MENTAL · SKILLS

Children under the age of 12 must be supervised by an adult guardian at all times.

Bookings open from 10am 2 weeks before a session runs.

Bookings to be done via Humanitix –

events.humanitix.com/host/campbelltown-library-sa



Cat Crimes

All School Holidays

Find the cats and solve the puzzles.

Front Desk – Library

Ages: ALL | FREE | Drop In



Felt a Scarf

Monday 28 September

2pm–3.30pm

Create a beautiful unique scarf!
Wear old clothes to this wet felting session and closed-in shoes.

Makerspace

Ages: 8–12 | \$5 | Bookings Essential



Sci-World

Colours We Can't See Show

Tuesday 29 September

1.30pm–2.30pm

Thermal Imaging and a InfraRed camera – exploring the world!

Children's Area

Ages: 8–13 | \$5 | Bookings Essential

Chinese Painting & Calligraphy

Thursday 1 Oct 10.30am–11.30am

Explore Chinese traditional painting techniques, using specialty inks, paper and brushes.

Library Meeting Room

Ages: 10–14 | \$5 | Bookings Essential



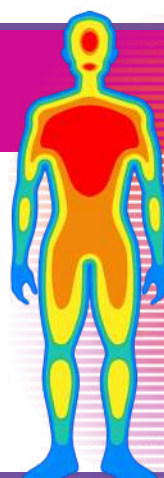
Lego Boxed Battle

Friday 2 October 1pm–2pm

Three audience members will battle it out to build identical lego boxed builds!

Library Meeting Room

Ages: 7–10 | FREE | Bookings Essential



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Lego Boxed Battle!

Lego & Duplo Weekend

Friday 2 October 2pm–5pm

Saturday 3 October 9.30am– 1.30pm

Sunday 4 October 1pm–4.30pm

Build whatever you fancy! All Weekend.

Library Meeting Room

Ages: ALL | FREE | Drop In

Teddy Sleepy-Time Show

Tuesday 6 October 5pm–6pm

Alive show with One More Story, stories and gentle Guitar. BYO

favourite stuffy & kids in PJs!

Children's Area

Ages: 4–8 | FREE | Bookings Essential



Spring chicken marionette.

Tuesday 8 October 10.30–11.30am

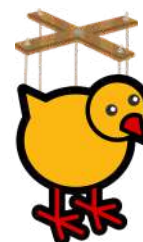
Make a marionette using a wooden template and string!

Decorate to make your chicken creative and unique.

Meeting Room

Ages: 6–10 | \$5

Bookings Essential



PG Movie

Friday 9 October 1pm–3pm

A movie starring a lot of sheep and a detective.

Library Meeting Room

Ages: ALL | FREE

Bookings Essential

Slime -Time!

Wednesday 7 Oct 1.30 OR 3pm

Make three amazing slimes. Crunchy slime; Floam and Butter Slime!

Makerspace

Ages: 8–12 | \$5 | Bookings Essential



Languages Alive!

Term 3 Holidays 2026

Experience the delight of other languages and cultures.

Languages Alive! is a program of engaging and interactive language and cultural experiences for **R-6 students**



Delivered by highly proficient speakers of each language, run during the upcoming school holidays across the state!

Cost: \$10 per day

**FREE for School
Card or Health Care
Card holders**

Wednesday 30 September School of Languages, Croydon	Indonesian, Croatian, Punjabi
Thursday 1 October School of Languages, Croydon	Korean, Japanese, Spanish
Friday 2 October Bridgewater Primary School	Indonesian, Hindi, Japanese
Tuesday 6 October Mount Barker Waldorf School	Japanese, French, Nepali
Wednesday 7 October Athelstone Primary School	Indonesian, Korean, Italian

