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Sports Day 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Our school Sports Day will be taking place next Friday (28th March) and we are looking forward to a day of activity, competition and fun! This document includes a range of information regarding Sports Day. We hope it helps to answer some frequently asked questions and ultimately help us achieve our goals and visions for this special day in our school calendar.

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1. Purpose of Sports Day at Good Shepherd

To build community through healthy competition, in a supportive and safe environment.

This looks like:

- Respecting diversity
- Encouragement
- Trying our best
- Good sporting attitude

These attributes are encouraged throughout the day with the awarding of points not only for athletic achievement but also for the above traits.

2. House teams

Kardla (Red) Tirntu (Yellow) Wirra (Green) Pari (Blue)

Each of these teams are named after the Kurna words for Fire, Sun, Trees and Water respectively.

3. Timetable Highlights

8:30am – Students should arrive at school at the regular time, with classrooms opening at 8:30am. This is a great opportunity for teachers to take photos, and complete attendance procedures.

8:40am – Classes move to the oval.

8:50am – Opening Ceremony commences (including the procession of Stage 1 students).

9:00am – Events commence. Each class moves to various stations around the school. Please see Sports Day program for further information.

10:20am – Recess commences. All students will move to their classrooms for the recess break. They will be able to re-apply sunscreen and prepare for the remainder of the day. Students should bring their recess from home, as there is no canteen offered on this day. **A lemonade Zooper Dooper will be provided for each student and will be delivered to their class.**

Parents and guests are asked to stay outside during this time. They are encouraged to catch up with others within our community and make use of the coffee van.

10:50am – Tabloid events re-commence.

12:10pm – Relays.

12:40pm – Presentation of the shield.

12:45pm – Conclusion of day. Students return to classrooms and dismissed by their teacher. OSHC commences.

4. What to wear

We ask that children come to school in their sport uniform (including hat – reversible hats with house colours are now available in the uniform shop) and invite them to wear an alternate t-shirt to identify the colour of the team they represent. We also encourage parents and visitors to accessorise using ‘creative colour’ to further identify the team to which they belong.

5. Canteen and food options

There will be no canteen access this year. Students should bring their recess from home. A lemonade Zooper Dooper will be provided for each student and will be delivered to their class.

Parents and other guests will have access to a coffee van. EFTPOS will be available.

6. Parent and guest involvement

We encourage parent and guest attendance and participation during Sports Day. It is fantastic to have students being supported by their family and friends. We encourage parents to be positive and active supporters at each event.

Teachers and staff also value parents and guests who can assist at each tabloid event, perhaps by scoring, retrieving equipment or supporting the positive behaviour of students. If you are willing and able to help during specific times throughout the day, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

7. Student self-regulation space

There are times when students can become overwhelmed by various activities and environments, and Sports Day can be one of these times. To help students to achieve success in this highly stimulating environment this year, we are providing students with a space to self-regulate these emotions in the LINC Hub.

The purpose of this room is to provide and maintain equal opportunities and a space for students to self-regulate throughout the day. This will give the students tools to be successful in participating in sports day activities.

This space is for students only, where Learning Enrichment teachers will work closely with each student who arrives. Generally, students will be spending 10 minutes per visit in this space. This time will be monitored and managed by staff.

This year we are also introducing a 'quiet tent' which will be located on the north side of the oval. This provides a quieter option for students not wanting to be in the marquees with the other students during the loud cheering and chanting.

8. Play spaces

Due to the recess break being held inside for students, the Junior Primary playground is available for supervised play for non-school children. The Upper Primary playground is out of bounds for the day, as it is being used by students for a Sports Day event.

Kind regards,

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