

Park Orchards Community House & Learning Centre

Term 2, 2025 Courses & Activities

New Courses & Workshops

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Floristry Workshops

Create a stunning floral arrangement in a charming hatbox, with vibrant, hand-selected blooms! Learn the fundamentals of floral design, gaining skills that could inspire a new hobby or creative passion. Perfect for beginners and flower enthusiasts alike, this hands-on experience will guide you in crafting a beautifully balanced display. All materials are provided—just bring your creativity!

Saturday 10 May, 10:30am - 12:30pm - Great idea for Mother's Day! \$95 Saturday 28 June, 10:30am - 12:30pm \$95



Japanese Bookbinding Workshop

NEW!

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Do you love beautiful books and exquisite papers? In this hands-on workshop, learn how to create a traditional, Japanese style bound books. Make two elegant books to take home. Beautiful, Japanese decorative paper will be used for the covers of each book. Attendees will also learn about a range of other Japanese bookbinding styles and gain insights into bookbinding design. By the end of the class you will have learned all of the necessary skills to repeat the book making process independently at home. This workshop is suitable for anyone new to bookbinding as well as those with prior experience. All materials included.

Saturday 17 May, 9:30am - 1:00pm



Cockatoo Workshop with Terry Napier



In this workshop, participants will have the opportunity to closely observe and illustrate the vibrant and charismatic Sulphur Crested Cockatoo and Gang-Gang, two of Australia's most recognisable and beloved birds. Through a combination of observing photographs and detailed study of taxidermy specimens of the Sulphur Crested Cockatoo and Gang-Gang, students will be able to get up close to see the detail of the eyes, pattern of the feathers, shape of the beak and feet. Students will also receive a line drawing to trace, and then move straight on to painting if they prefer. Whether you're an experienced artist looking to refine your skills or a beginner eager to explore the world of nature illustration, this is a great and rare opportunity to get up close to two of Australia's great birds, blending art with scientific observation to foster a true appreciation for Australia's native birdlife!

Saturday 24 May, 9:30am - 3:30pm \$140

Graphite Workshop with Peta Harrington

NEW!

Discover the art of creating stunning greyscale nature drawings in our Graphite Pencil Workshop with Peta Harrington! Perfect for both beginners and experienced artists, this hands-on session will guide you through essential shading and blending techniques to bring depth and realism to your work. You'll start by practicing fundamental skills before applying them to draw beautifully detailed gum leaves. A small materials list will be provided upon enrolment. Come along and elevate your drawing skills in a relaxed environment!

Saturday 7 June, 9:30am - 3:30pm

\$120

Candle Making Workshop

POPULAR!

Ignite your creativity in our candle-making workshop!

Perfect for beginners, you'll work with soy wax, essential oils or fragrances, and dried flowers to craft your own unique candles. Each participant will create two beautiful candles to take home, along with step-by-step instructions so you can continue your candle-making at home. This workshop is also a wonderful opportunity to create thoughtful, handmade gifts for family and friends. All materials are provided.

Saturday 3 May, 10:30am - 12:30pm

\$70

Learn Local - Pre-accredited Training



Learn Local courses can help you get the skills you need for study, work and life. Learn Local courses are government subsidised and are offered at low or no cost to eligible Victorian adults. Class sizes are small, with training delivered by highly experienced professionals in a relaxed environment. Check our website for more details or contact us.

Introduction to Mental Health & Peer Support NEW! Write Your Memoir

Embark on your journey into the mental health industry. Develop This course will help you capture your memories in a way that facing mental health challenges, and provide peer support. Take the career in this rewarding field.

This course is a pathway into CHC43315 - Certificate IV in Mental Health and CHC43515 - Certificate IV in Mental Health Peer Work

Thursday 29 May - 3 July, 12:30pm - 2:30pm, 6 weeks \$60 (Concession \$35*)

Introduction to XERO (Online)

Acquire practical skills and knowledge to effectively navigate Xero's features, covering basic bookkeeping tasks to advanced financial management. Master the essentials, equip yourself with tools to make informed financial decisions. This course is excellent for those at your own pace, making it easy to fit into your schedule. who wish to begin using the program, or those already using the Commences Wednesday 23 April program who need further assistance to navigate features.

Tuesday 13 May - 1 July, 7:00pm - 9:00pm, 8 weeks \$65 (Concession \$35*)

Floristry

Learn floral design skills, from wrapping and tying to arranging, as you create a variety of beautiful floral arrangements, including charming hand-tied posies, elegant gift boxes, and exquisite corsages. Our hands-on approach ensures you receive practical experience, working directly with a diverse selection of flowers and foliage. This method helps you build both confidence and creativity as you learn to handle and arrange materials with precision and flair. As you progress through the course, you'll refine your techniques and discover new ways to express your creativity through floral design. The fees include all materials and flowers. There is an optional fee of \$30 to receive your own toolkit to keep.

We have two levels available for this program. See below for details. **Introduction to Floristry**

Friday 2 May - 23 May, 12:00pm - 2:00pm, 4 weeks \$120 (Concession \$90*)

Level 1

Tuesday 22 April - 27 May, 10:00am - 12:00pm, 6 weeks Tuesday 22 April - 27 May, 12:30pm - 2:30pm, 6 weeks \$175 (Concession \$135*)

Preserve Your Memories

Rediscover your cherished memories and bring them to life in new and meaningful ways! This course will guide you through organising, preserving, scanning and copying your photos, negatives, and slides so they can be enjoyed for years to come and safeguarded against losing precious photos from potential disasters like fire or flood. You'll learn straightforward photo editing techniques and explore how to take better pictures with your smartphone or camera. Get inspired with creative ideas like designing photo books, personalised calendars, and heartfelt gifts that showcase your treasured moments. Monday, 28 April - 23 June, 9:30am - 11:30am, 8 weeks \$85 (Concession \$50*)

Get the Most from your iPhone or iPad

Designed for beginners or those looking to improve their skills, this course will help you use your devices effectively for communication, online services, and everyday tasks. Learn how to use various features of your device, send messages and Would you like to explore your creativity and express yourself and explore and download apps. The course will also cover privacy protection, staying safe online, and avoiding scams. get the most out of the course.

Wednesday 7 May - 25 June, 12:00pm - 2:00pm, 8 weeks \$15 (Concession \$5*)

foundation skills that can help you connect with others, understand feels real and meaningful, whether you're new to writing or have individuals' needs and build collaborative relationships with those some experience. With helpful prompts and guidance, you'll work on creating a personal memoir that reflects your unique story. first step towards making a positive impact and pursuing a fulfilling Importantly, there's no pressure to share your writing with others, so you can fully embrace the personal nature of this journey.

> Friday 2 May - 20 June, 1:00pm - 3:00pm, 8 weeks \$85 (Concession \$50*)

Introduction to Creative Writing (Online) FREE

Whether you're a complete beginner or an experienced writer looking to refine your craft, you'll find valuable insights and practical techniques tailored to your needs. Over the duration of the course, you'll engage in a variety of writing exercises, participate in interactive workshops, and receive streamline your accounting processes, and empower yourself to personalised feedback. Our flexible online format allows you to learn

Flexible online format, self-paced exercises

FREE*

All Abilities Courses

These courses are specially designed for individuals with additional learning needs. Our activities are tailored to enhance communication, literacy, and numeracy skills, while also fostering resilience, confidence, and friendships for people with disabilities.

- All activities are customised to meet the specific needs and goals of our participants.
- Carers, support workers, and assistance animals are welcome. A free trial class is available. Please give us a call to discuss your individual needs!



Let's Cook!

Unlock your cooking skills with our course designed especially for adults with disabilities. Work with our friendly trainer to make tasty dishes you can easily recreate at home, such as tacos, pies, pancakes with different toppings, fresh salads, and more! You will learn basic kitchen skills and how to prepare meals, plus important tips on food safety and hygiene. At the end of each lesson, you can stay and enjoy the meal you have cooked, sharing it with the class in a fun and relaxed setting.

All ingredients are included, so just bring your appetite and enjoy!

Monday 28 April - 30 June, 12:00pm - 2:30pm, 9 weeks - NEW! \$162* \$180* Friday 2 May - 4 July, 9:30am - 12:00pm, 10 weeks

Creative Art

emails, use Zoom, browse the internet safely, use social media, through art? You'll have the chance to try different materials and mediums such as watercolours, acrylic paints, clay, and more to make your own unique pieces in a fun, social and supportive environment. Please bring your own device (smartphone, iPhone, iPad, or tablet) to We provide all the materials you need—just bring your imagination! Friday 2 May - 4 July, 12:45pm - 2:45pm, 10 weeks \$100 per term*

*Concession prices for ACFE courses are capped at \$50 tuition per calendar year. Course fees may incur additional costs such as administration, materials, amenities, etc. For more information about the fee structure for pre-accredited courses please speak to one of our friendly staff.

Nature in Art

nurturing their unique style.

Natural History painting focuses on accurately portraying the natural world, blending artistic creativity with scientific precision. Artists may use tools like microscopes for detailed accuracy or explore freer wet-on-wet techniques. Subjects are often painted from life, though photographs may assist when necessary. Students are encouraged to experiment with different techniques and mediums, guided by Nature in Art tutors to achieve accuracy while

Visit our website to learn more about our trainers and their unique styles!

Learn more at: <u>www.parkorchards.org.au</u>

Terry Napier

Join Terry Napier, an accomplished botanical artist and founder of the Nature in Art program, as he shares his expertise in Natural History watercolour painting. Terry has been teaching and sharing his talent for over 25 years. With his gentle and patient teaching style, Terry will guide you in the art of creating realistic depictions of plants, native animals, and birds, while helping you develop skills in painting techniques and colour mixing. Whether you're a complete beginner or an experienced artist, this course is suitable for you.

Monday 28 April - 23 June, 8 weeks 7:00pm - 9:30pm \$270 Tuesday 29 April - 24 June, 8 weeks 9:30am - 12:00pm \$270 1:00pm - 3:30pm \$270



David Reynolds

David is an award-winning Australian watercolour artist and specialises in Australian flora and fauna, exotic plants and wildlife. His style is described as 'Accurate Realism' and is always looking to portray his botanical and wildlife subjects with the most accurate detail possible, yet doing it in a 'painterly' way honouring the watercolour medium. Join him in his structured term classes where he will guide students to hone their craft and explore new mediums all while developing their own unique sense of style in their work.

Wednesday 30 April - 18 June, 8 weeks 12:30pm - 3:00pm \$250



Peta Harrington

Peta will guide you through the techniques to produce realistic Natural History watercolour paintings using flora and fauna as your subject. Suitable for beginners and experienced artists alike. Peta will work with students at their level to achieve their artistic goals.

Wednesday 30 April - 18 June, 8 weeks 9:30am – 12:00pm \$230 Friday 2 May - 20 June, 8 weeks 9:30am – 12:00pm \$230



Peta McDonald

The integration of Science and Art can be quite alluring. This course is designed to equip you with the skills needed to accurately depict natural subjects through drawing. Whether you are a complete beginner or have some drawing experience, these structured classes will guide you through sketching, shaping with shading, recognising colours and adding texture and detail to your drawings. Starting with graphite and progressing to coloured pencils, you'll be amazed at what you can accomplish with a willingness to explore and experiment!

Friday 2 May - 4 July, 10 weeks 1:30pm - 4:00pm



\$285

\$220

Children's Art & Craft

Join us for this course for children aged 7 - 12 years. Come after school for weekly activities in arts and crafts! Children will work on projects like macramé, painting, papier mache, and more. Explore new art forms and spark new interests, all the while having fun and making friends! All materials provided.

Tuesday 6 May - 24 June, 8 weeks 4:00pm - 5:30pm



Beekeeping Club FR



Join us to make new friendships, seek advice, share innovative ideas, and celebrate our shared passion for these amazing pollinators! Build connections with other beekeepers in the area and enjoy a range of activities, discussions and projects will help you grow and gain confidence as a beekeeper

Join us on the first Tuesday of each month! Next meeting 1 April 6:00pm - 7:00pm FREE

Tutoring



Gain confidence and reach your potential in our supportive small group tutoring environment.

Our tutor specialises in making mathematics, physics and chemistry approachable and exciting for all levels from primary school through to VCE with a focus on the practical applications of the subjects.

Tuesday 4:00pm - 4:50pm Tuesday 5:00pm - 5:50pm Tuesday 6:00pm - 6:50pm 29 April - 1 July, 10 weeks

\$400

Biggest Morning Tea



We're excited to host our Biggest Morning Tea again this June!

Come along and enjoy a lively morning filled with delicious food, refreshing drinks, inspiring guest speakers, live music,—all while supporting a truly meaningful cause. Take part in our exciting raffle, featuring fantastic prizes, with every dollar raised going to the Cancer Council. Entry is by gold coin donation, so bring your friends, and help us support this important cause!

Bookings are essential! Thursday 10:30am - 1:30pm 19 June, 2025 at Domeney Recreation Centre, Park Orchards

Health and Fitness



Regular group exercise is a great way to improve both physical health and mental well-being. Join us at Warrandyte South Hall for classes that are suitable for all fitness levels, led by our experienced and supportive instructors. Enquire about a FREE trial session!

Monday

Yoga and Mindfulness

Yoga and mindfulness helps to improve focus and self-awareness. In these classes you will practice Hatha Yoga which involves exploration of breath, postures and meditation to reduce stress and anxiety. This wonderful, inclusive class is suitable for all levels and abilities.

Monday 6:30pm - 7:30pm 28 April - 30 June, 9 weeks

\$145

Tuesday

Yoga

Enjoy this practice which is shown to reduce stress, improve flexibility and mobility. Start your day and week right with this safe, inclusive and encouraging class for all levels of ability.

Tuesday 9:30am - 10:30am 22 April - 1 July, 11 weeks

\$175

Stay Fit/ Live Fit

A fitness class for our 50+ community. Combine strength, fitness and balance training while making friends and having fun. The class will involve resistance exercises, and weight training to help develop self-confidence, flexibility and cardio health.

Tuesday 12:30pm - 1:30pm 22 April - 1 July, 11 weeks

\$120



Belly Dance

This is a low impact class, suitable for all ages. Learn basic Belly Dance moves to hypnotic and invigorating beats from the Middle East. Increase your energy, improve your metabolism and cardiovascular system, tone your body, increase fitness and stamina levels, plus so much more. Most of all, it will leave you smiling! 'Yalla' let's shimmy!

Tuesday 7:00pm - 8:00pm 22 April - 1 July, 11 weeks

\$197

Wednesday

Yoga

Increase your health and wellbeing with this gentle, relaxing yoga practice suitable for all ages and levels of fitness. Leave feeling uplifted and ready to start your day!

Wednesday 9:30am - 10:30am

23 April - 2 July, 11 weeks \$186



Thursday

Tai Chi

Tai Chi is a gentle exercise that combines slow, smooth movements to relax both the body and mind, effectively reducing stress and anxiety. This continuous, flowing practice enhances physical balance and flexibility and also promotes mental clarity.

Thursday 9:30am - 10:30am

24 April - 3 July, 11 weeks

\$175

Saturday

Nia Dance Fitness

Nia dance is a unique blend of nine different movement forms and is inspired by elements from the dance arts, martial arts and healing arts. Nia is always about the joy of movement and feeling good, allowing the body to move in fun and free ways that increase well-being and vitality. The class is suitable for any age, no experience necessary.

Saturday 10:30am - 11:30am 3 May - 5 July, 10 weeks





School Holiday Childrens Fitness - Tiger Paw

Tiger PAW (Physical Activity and Wellbeing) is a fun and educational program, with a football theme run by Aligned Leisure and Richmond Football Club. The Program aims to provide elements of creating a healthy body, healthy mind, and healthy team through physical activity games, as well as focusing on developing basic movement skills and knowledge.

Tuesday 15th April Ages 3-5 years, 10am - 11am | Ages 6 - 12 years, 11:15am - 12:45pm Location: Park Orchards Community Centre Indoor Sports Facility (Basketball Centre)

Bookings essential, \$5 per session

Are you a carer? A carer provides unpaid support to a family member or friend with a disability, illness, or age-related care needs. Carers receive 5% off any course with the Carer Friendly symbol.

Clubs and Groups FREE

Genealogy

Research and share knowledge about tracing your family tree.

First Saturday 2:00pm - 4:00pm (monthly)

Garden Lovers

Help keep our garden beautiful in the company of other passionate gardeners. Tuesday 10:30am - 12:00pm (weekly)

Social Walking Group

Explore new and interesting places, enjoy a leisurely walk as you meet new people and enjoy lunch together.

Third Thursday 9:30am - 1:30pm (monthly)

Weekly Walkers

Join our weekly walks for relaxation, fitness, or simply to connect with others.

Tuesday 9:00am - 10:00am (weekly)

Photography

Connect with fellow photography enthusiasts, share ideas, and embark on exciting photography adventures.

First Thursday 7:00pm-8:30pm (monthly)

Book Club

Connect with fellow book lovers and enjoy discussions about your favourite reads in a relaxed, welcoming setting. Join us to meet new people and explore the world of books! First Monday 7:30pm – 9:00pm (monthly)

Beekeeping Club

Connect with local beekeepers and take part in activities, discussions, and projects and gain confidence as a beekeeper.

First Tuesday 6:00pm - 7:00pm (monthly)

Dance it Up!

Enjoy dancing to diverse tunes, meeting new people, light refreshments. All are welcome! Last Monday of each month, 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Scones Together

Seniors, join us for this social event with free scones, jam, cream, and coffee & tea!
First Monday of each month, 1:30pm - 3:30pm

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Manningham City Council



Adult Community & Further Education(ACFE)



Accredited Training is delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth Government Funding



Government Funded places will be offered to eligible applicants as indicated by the Department of Education and Training

Vocational Education & Training



Our courses are led by highly experienced trainers with extensive training and industry experience. They possess an in-depth understanding of adult learners, especially those who are returning to study. Our small class sizes provide personalised attention for each student. UPDATE: Government subsided places are available regardless of whether you already have a higher qualification.*To be eligible for Skills First funding, you must be an Australian citizen, or an Australian permanent resident, or a New Zealand citizen and physically present in Victoria while participating in training and

Certificate III in School Based Education Support CHC30221

Are you interested in assisting children in schools? As a qualified Education Support Worker, you can pursue a fulfilling career in education, playing a vital role in supporting students with diverse learning needs and contributing to their educational journey. You will provide support to both teachers and students within the school environment. This Nationally Recognised Training is ideal for employment as an Education Support Assistant, Support Worker for children with disabilities, or a Teacher's Aide. Additionally, this certificate can serve as a stepping stone for further study in the field of education.

Classes in Upper Ferntree Gully

Commencing 22 July 2025 (Tuesday and Thursday), 9:15am - 3:15pm Face-to-face or in real-time via Zoom

Classes in Park Orchards

Commencing 25 August (Monday and Wednesday), 9:15am - 3:15pm \$438.99 or \$276.85 (concession)*

Face-to-face classes

Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care CHC30121

Are you passionate about making a difference in children's early years? Discover a rewarding career that allows you to inspire and shape the future generation. Our nationally recognised and accredited Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care is your gateway to becoming an Early Childhood Educator, Kindergarten Assistant, Nanny, or working in Out of School Hours Care. This comprehensive course harnesses your creative and communication skills while providing essential knowledge for nurturing and supporting young children's development. Embark on a fulfilling journey in the early childhood industry and gain the vital skills needed to make a positive impact on young minds.

Commencing 26 May 2025 (Monday and Wednesday), 9:15am - 3:15pm Mondays face-to-face, Wednesdays via real-time Zoom

\$493.66 or \$286.12 (concession)*



Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care CHC30121 via Recognition of Prior Learning

Are you interested in attaining CHC30121 Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care without attending training? If you are currently working in Early Childhood and hold an earlier Certificate III in Children's Services (CHC30402, CHC30708, or CHC30712) you may be eligible for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). Upgrading to this qualification not only recognises your existing skills but also meets the prerequisite for enrolling in a Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care, paving the way for further career advancement.

This is an individual RPL process with no set intake dates, allowing you to enrol anytime. No class attendance required.

Contact us to find out more.

NEW Certificate IV in Training and Assessment TAE40122

This nationally recognised and accredited course qualifies you to deliver nationally accredited vocational training in registered training organisations (RTOs), TAFEs, enterprises, community organisations, and schools. You will develop skills in the design, delivery, and assessment of vocation-based training. After completing the course, you will have gained knowledge on how to perform competency-based assessments, develop learning programs based on national training packages, deliver presentations, train groups and individuals, and address learners' language, literacy, and numeracy skills.

Commencing 30 April 2025 (Wednesday), 9:00am - 4:30pm \$895.50 or \$368.25 (concession)*



NEW Certificate IV in Training and Assessment TAE40122 - Upgrade

Now is the perfect time to upgrade to the latest TAE40122 qualification. Our upgrade program is designed specifically for experienced VET Trainers and Assessors who hold TAE40116 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment and have accrued at least two years of training experience delivering nationally recognised qualifications or units of competency within the past four years. This is an individual RPL process with no set intake dates, allowing you to enrol anytime and complete the process online, with no class attendance required.

\$400 - \$500* (variation based on units eligible for credit transfer)

Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care CHC50121

Early childhood education offers a fulfilling path where you can make a significant impact on a child's development and character formation. Exceptional Early Childhood Educators have the power to shape a child's future, fostering success, well-being, and a lifelong love for learning. This course covers essential topics such as learning frameworks, child health and well-being, leading educational teams, and much more. Completing the Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care provides you with the opportunity to advance your career, deepen your knowledge, gain professional recognition, increase your earning potential and make a lasting impact as a leader in the field.

Commencing 4 April 2025 (Friday), 9:15am - 3:15pm Commencing 20 June 2025 (Friday), 9:15am - 3:15pm \$537.00 or \$294.00 (concession)*

*See our website or contact us for more information on fees. Would you like to work in Aged Care or Health and Leisure?

North Ringwood Community House offer CHC33021 Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing) and CHC43415 Certificate IV in Leisure & Health - For more information call 9876 3421. RTO 6434.

Early Learning Centre

At our wonderful centre, your child will be encouraged to explore their imagination, creativity and social skills in a warm, caring, multiage, friendly environment that offers children a choice of indoor or outdoor play.

Operating Monday to Friday during school terms, our Early Learning Centre welcomes children aged 0-6. With both permanent and casual booking options available, you have the flexibility to tailor care to your needs. At our service, we believe in fair and transparent fees - you only pay for the care you use. We do not charge for public holidays or absences (with a minimum of 48 hours notice given).



Benefits of Multi-age group in Early Learning

We have been offering childcare in a multi-age group setting for over 30 years and have found there are many benefits for the children and their families.

- Children develop friendships and engage in learning with peers of various ages and abilities.
- Older children act as mentors, supporting younger ones and fostering responsibility, leadership, and knowledge through teaching.
- Having a sibling at childcare can be comforting and beneficial during arrival and transitioning into childcare.
- Multi-age settings foster a strong sense of belonging and cohesion among children and families.
- Children in multi-age groups build positive relationships that enhance their self-esteem and confidence.
- Our educators focus on children's interests, tailoring programs to their needs and providing ample opportunities for active participation and skill development.

Overall, multi-age group settings reflect the diversity of real-life social interactions, preparing children for future experiences in school, work, and community settings.

Sessions and Fees - 2025

Monday to Friday

8:30 am - 1:00 pm \$84.50* 8:30 am - 4:00 pm \$140.90* Annual Enrolment fee \$20

A SunSmart hat will be provided to each child.
*Fees listed are before Child Care Subsidy (CCS) has been applied.

School Holiday Childcare Sessions

We offer school holiday care during each of the term breaks throughout the year, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please contact office@parkorchards.org.au or call us for more information on (03) 9876 4381.

Safe Sleeping Tips from Red Nose

- Always place babies on their back to sleep
- Keep baby's face and head uncovered
- Keep baby smoke free before and after birth
- Safe sleeping environment night and day
- Sleep baby in their own safe sleep space in the same room as their parent or caregiver for at least the first 6 months

World Bee Day - May 20



We are excited to celebrate World Bee Day with a special incursion from a local beekeeper! The children will have the opportunity to learn about the importance of bees, how they help our environment, and what we can do to protect them.

This year's theme, "Bee Inspired by Nature to Nourish Us All", reminds us that bees do more than just make honey—they play a crucial role in food production and keeping our natural landscapes healthy.

Unfortunately, bees face many threats, including habitat loss, farming practices, and disease. By learning more about these incredible pollinators, we can all do our part to support and protect them.

We look forward to a buzzing-good time as the children discover the wonders of bees!

International Compost Awareness Week



We are excited to celebrate International Compost Awareness Week Sunday 4 May – Saturday 10 May 2025 by teaching the children about the importance of composting—something we already practice in our playground garden beds! Composting is a great way to recycle food scraps and organic materials, turning them into nutrient-rich soil that helps our plants grow. By using compost, we can reduce waste, improve soil health, and support a more sustainable environment.

Through hands-on experiences in our garden, the children learn how composting works and why it's important for our planet. These small actions help them understand how they can make a difference in caring for the earth. We love watching little hands dig, explore, and discover the magic of composting—helping to create a greener future for everyone!

Find out more: https://www.compostweek.com.au/

Tiger P.A.W - School Holiday Program

We are excited to offer children attending our School Holiday sessions this April the opportunity to attend a Tiger PAW (Physical Activity and Wellbeing) session, where they will spend some time in this great program run by the Richmond Football Club participating in physical activity. Suitable for those 3 - 5 years old.

Tuesday, April 15 from 10am - 11am

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