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Dear Parents and Carers

Term 1 is now at an end after what seemed like nine short weeks. It certainly has been very full on with a huge amount of learning having occurred.

Ripper Recess

Our Year 6 students conducted the first Ripper Recess where they held stalls and games for the whole school to participate in as their Year 6 Camp fundraiser. All of our students had an amazing time and supported the Year 6 fundraising efforts which enabled them to raise just over \$1400 on the day. I would like to acknowledge the work by Miss Barnes, Miss Bygrave and all our students in Rooms 5 and 6 for their efforts in making Ripper Recess so successful.

Harmony Day Picnic

It was fantastic to see so many of our families come together and share a Harmony Day Picnic with their children. The smiles on all our student's faces certainly showed how much it meant to them for their family to share it with them. I would like to thank all our families for coming along, and acknowledge that it is often hard to be able to get time away from your work to participate in events such as these. I also want to thank Mrs Phoe Rafferty for organising the Harmony Day Picnic and associated activities that teachers and students undertook in their classrooms.

Year 4-6 Swimming Carnival

The Year 4-6 Swimming Carnival was conducted on Wednesday 24th March. Whilst I was unable to attend it myself, I am assured by Mrs Harrington that the day was super fantastic with great sportsmanship shown throughout. Congratulations to Red Faction for winning and to the students who were individual Champion Boy and Girl and Runners up.

Thank you to Mr Robson for the fantastic organisation of the carnival.

Students arriving at school before 08:30 am

Throughout this term we have had students arriving at school well before their classroom doors open at 08:30 am. In some cases students are arriving at school at 07:40 am. This means those students are not supervised and are left at risk due to not being with an adult. I fully understand how we as parents have to be at work by certain times and the issue it creates for school drop off. It is particularly daunting for the younger students in Kindy and Pre-primary to be left unsupervised prior to classroom doors opening at 08:30 am.

From the commencement of Term 2 any student who arrives at school prior to 08:30 am without their parent being with them is required to move directly to the undercover area where they will be seated in their class groups and supervised by myself or another staff member until the classroom doors open at 08:30 am. Students who need to have breakfast from the breakfast club will be released to go and select their breakfast and then return to the undercover area. At 08:30 am all students will be released from the undercover area and are required to go immediately to their classroom.

Parents who bring their child to school and remain with them until the classroom door opens at 08:30 am are asked to either sit with their child outside their classroom, attend breakfast club with their child or bring their child/ren to the undercover area to sit with their class.

Also, a reminder that school finishes on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 3 pm and of a Thursday at 2:30pm. Once they are released from their classrooms they are no longer supervised by an adult unless they are catching one of the dedicated school buses. Therefore it is essential that children are picked up on time by parents. In most instances this is the case, however, at times we as parents may be running behind due to unforeseen circumstance, if that is the case please call the school so we can ensure your child/ren are notified and supervised until you arrive.

In taking this action we will be ensuring the safety of all students.

School Development Day- - Thursday 1st April 2021

On Thursday the 1st April teaching staff will be undertaking professional learning about our Whole School Talk for Writing program. Our teachers will be joined by teachers from Avonvale PS and undertake a full days Talk for Writing Planning Masterclass. The training will look at using the Talk for Writing process in an effective planning model that guarantees a positive impact on writing standards. This will involve looking at yearly, termly and unit planning; linking units together; and creating the connection between toolkits and grammar teaching.

Our non-teaching staff will undertake a range of other activities on that day related to the roles they perform within the school.

Of course, given it is a School Development Day this means students do not attend school on Thursday 1st April 2021, as indicated within the Term planner.

Anzac Day Service

Northam PS will be holding our ANZAC Day Service on Wednesday 28th April 2021 commencing at 09:30 am in the stage area (near our flag poles).

We would love for all our families to join us at the Service.

Positive Behaviour Support (PBS)

Northam PS bases our behaviour management on the Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) program and as such our whole school behaviour management practice is expected to be consistent within every classroom and by every staff member. The PBS program focuses on recognising positive behaviour and uses this as mechanism to change unacceptable behaviours. All classrooms in Northam PS are required to follow the PBS model, and they are supported by a PBS committee who provide teachers and support staff with guidance on managing student behaviour.

As the Principal of Northam PS I am required to follow the Department of Education's directives around behaviour management. In particular, I am required to ensure that there is a zero tolerance of violence in schools. This directive was outlined by the Minister for Education at the end of 2018 and is headed under the banner "Let's Take A Stand Together", a copy of which is on our school website. This involves a 10-point plan under which point one states that "there is to be an automatic suspension for students who attack other students or start fights."

I have made both staff and students are aware that within Northam PS there is a zero tolerance for swearing, physical assault or bullying. Students have been encouraged to report any incidences to their classroom teacher who will then investigate and deal with the issue. Should it be required, then either Mrs Harrington, Mrs Donaldson or myself will deal with incidences involving swearing, physical assaults and bullying. I want to reassure every student and parent that action will be taken in all instances. It is imperative that both staff, parents and students work together to ensure we have the highest standards of behaviour at all times. So again, I reiterate that any physical violence will result in an immediate suspension for those involved. Also, any use of inappropriate language towards staff by a student will be dealt with by a member of Administration and may result in either an in-school or out of school suspension.

As part of PBS our behaviour expectations are:

* Responsible Respect Persevere Care

I would also like to point out that at times children tend to play roughly with each other which can be seen as being violent to one and other. In instances where it is clearly evident that someone was hurt through rough play that all parties were doing, I have instructed the Associate Principals to use that as a teaching moment for those involved and work with them to work out why rough play is not allowed and what they can do differently. Sometimes this means changing the rules of a game or in fact not playing that game. In these instances, I generally would not support suspending a student, unless they intentionally tried to hurt another student.

The policies titled 'Student Behaviour Support Policy and Procedures' and the 'Good Standing Policy' can be found on our school website. These policies have been reviewed and endorsed by the School Council.

www.northamps.wa.edu.au under About Us/Policies.

On behalf of the staff I wish all our families a very happy Easter and a great holiday break. We look forward to seeing all of the students return on day one of Term 2, Monday 19th April 2021.

Mark Donaldson
Principal

HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS Assembly Week 7

Room A	Kaylah B-C	Addicus C-J	Room 10	Braxton P	Khloie A
Room B	Joshua J	Blaynne B-H	Room 4	Luke S	Kiara P
Room 3	Vittoria F	Lillian E	Room 5	Gregory C	Zara C
Room 11	Mason S	Nicole L	Room 6	Dakota B	Jake S
Room 12	Taitum S	Lealand M	Science	Room 1	
Room 7	Ruby R	Kayde G	Sport	Room 3	



100% ATTENDANCE as of Mon 29/3/2021

Well done to all of our 100 percenters!

Kindy	Annabelle B	Tristan C	Lillyanah I	Rosamina L	Brylee M	Amity M	
	Legacy P	Cassandra R	Oscar S				
Pre Primary	Cassie B	Tarkyn C	Hunter G	Scarlett M	Ruby O	Sienna W	
Year 1	Madison C	Strahn D	Blythe G	Caleb M	Ryan R	Scarlett V	
Year 2	Elodie A	Shaun B	Cara— Jane D	Lucy E	Nicole L	Lealand M	Taylor N
	Alexander R	Rhonda T	Ink W	Joshua W			
Year 3	Peter C	Sherry E	Ruby R	Mikayla W			
Year 4	Devansh K	Joel L	Dustin M	Jaei M-L	Bailey M	Ellyssa M	Bentlee M
	Declan M	Brax S					
Year 5	Astrid B	Christian C	Gregory C	Alexandra G	Robyn H	Malou J	George L
	Kiara M	Samara P	Charlotte R	Grace S	Riley W		
Year 6	Alexander A	Tyttan B-H	Charlotte C	Lilly C	Bree F	Kysha F	Jakob F
	Lincoln G	Hope H	Lewis L	Kobe L	Christine N	Jessica N	Lilly N
	Noah R	Marianne T					

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KINDY

In Kindergarten we have been having fun learning and singing the nursery rhymes 5 Little Ducks Went Out One Day, Incy Wincy Spider, 5 Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed and Little Peter Rabbit. We have been busy making creatures with playdough, building with blocks, painting and playing shopkeepers as well as learning to identify long and short words, name shapes and label feelings and which colour that

is in the Zones of Regulation.



ROOM A

Over the past few weeks our class has been learning all about special places and how to take care of them. We have been looking at how to look after our home, school and other places that are special to us. We have painted our own houses and used lots of different types of blocks to build them. We know that it is important to care for these places so that everyone can enjoy them!



ROOM 1



This week in maths our year 1 students have been focussing on double-digit numbers and counting by tens. Our pre-primary students have been learning about the teen numbers using hands-on materials. In literacy we have been busy becoming superstars at blending and segmenting words using single sounds. We are excited to see what the rest of the year brings!

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ROOM 3



In room 3 we have been busy learning lots of new things. We have been practising retelling the story Jack and the Beanstalk with puppets. First we filmed each other doing the retell and then we watched ourselves on the iPad. We had lots of fun having potato races

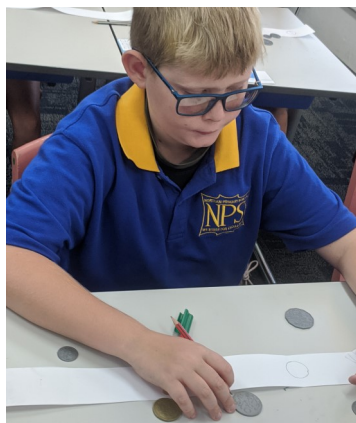
in Maths to learn about ordinal numbers. We also made a beautiful Harmony Tree for harmony week in Art and learned about all sorts of other cultures.



ROOM 4

Room 4 has been very busy the last two weeks doing swimming lessons. We have some top swimmers who are able to save a person in the water from drowning. They are learning to use their ability to identify any rips when swimming in the ocean. Well done Room 4. Thank you to the wonderful parents and staff who walk with our class to and from the Northam swimming pool. During the week Room 4 used play money to devise a money line up to one dollar. We drew the coins and wrote about how 50c was halfway along the line, which is a part of a dollar as a decimal “.50” and a fraction “50/100”. Room 4 wishes everyone a safe and happy

holiday and we are looking forward to Term 2.



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ROOM 5 and 6

This week are so grateful for the ongoing support from our school community in their generous donations and time put into fundraising for our wonderful Year 6 camp. We have completely surpassed our goals for fundraising and are pleased to announce that:

1. Not only have we received consistent support from the P&C this year to fundraise, but we have also received a wonderful donation of \$1,000 from them.
 2. We have been gifted a generous donation of \$1,000 gifted by Beyond Cabinets and Renovations
 3. At Ripper Recess, our Year 6s fundraised a total of \$1,449.05.
 4. Our total fundraising for Year 6 Camp (including Crazy Hair Day, the Election Day Sausage Sizzle and our generous donations) has now closed at \$4,547.15
- A big thank you to the P&C, Beyond Cabinets and Renovations, and our students, staff and community for a sensational effort to fundraise for our Year 6 camp!



Year 6 students and families will be made aware of the new camp cost as soon as possible.



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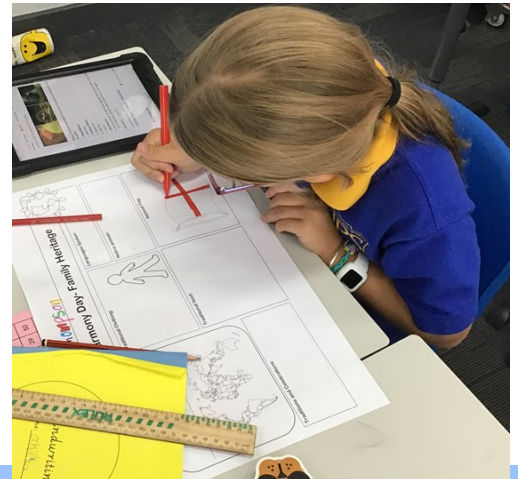
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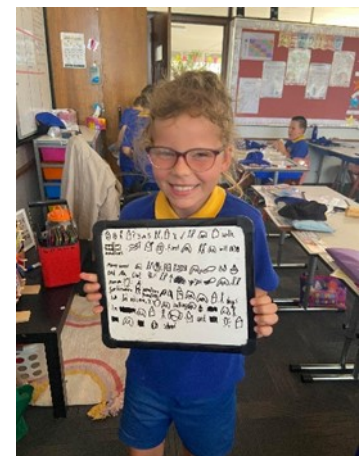
ROOM 7

On Wednesday the 17th of March, we learned about Harmony day and explored what Harmony day is all about. Harmony day is a celebration of our cultural diversity. The Year 3's completed a fun activity, which required researching their family's backgrounds traditions such as: traditional foods, celebrations, clothes worn, native animals, language spoken, national flag of their families' country of origin. It was a great way for students to learn about their classmate's cultural backgrounds, as well as their own backgrounds.



ROOM 9

For our new topic of Talk for Writing, the students in Room 9 participated in a classroom code cracker where they were required to piece the clues together using QR codes to predict what our new persuasive text would be about. They figured out that our new text was Should Students Be Allowed to Bring Their Pet Walrus to School? Since then, we have learnt so much more about making paragraphs with burgers and using more detail to convince Miss Fordyce that the students in Room 9 should not receive homework. Our classroom AFL Multiplication Round 2 continues Friday, unfortunately the West Coast Eagles and the Fremantle Dockers aren't doing so well. I wonder who can multiply the most goals this round?



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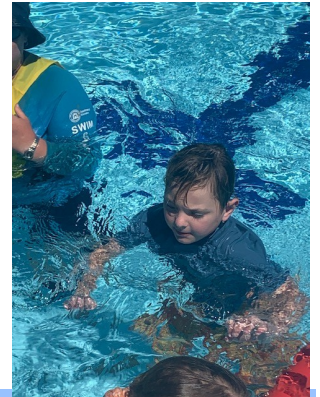
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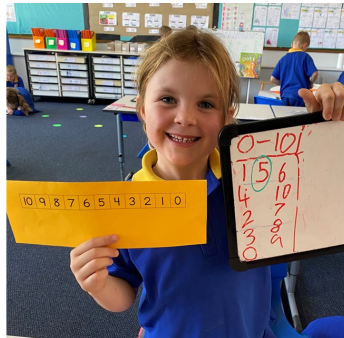
ROOM 10

Room 10 has had a very busy fortnight, as we have been attending swimming lessons. Each day our class walked down to the swimming pool. Sometimes it was very hot, so we were very enthusiastic about jumping into the pool for a swim. All of us really enjoyed learning how to use different swimming strokes. The best part was receiving our certificates. Room 10 also spent as much time as we could learning the song "We Are the World" for our assembly item. We sang the song using actions. It was a lot of fun performing for the parents and other students.



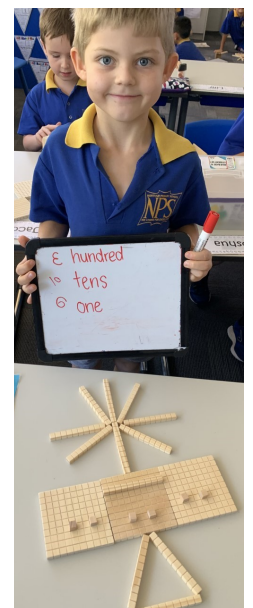
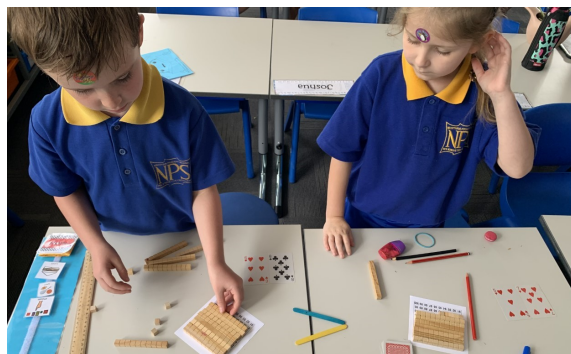
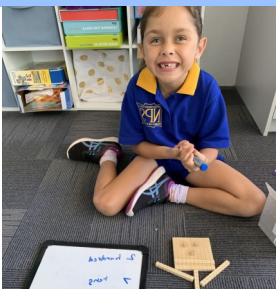
ROOM 11

This fortnight in Room 11 we saw our magical beans grow into a giant beanstalk! We have been writing our own narrative based on Jack and the Beanstalk and created some innovative and imaginative texts – some including giant mushrooms and powerful pixies! We have been investigating number lines, and celebrated Harmony Week by trying to sprinkle kindness and embrace our differences.



ROOM 12

Room 12 have been using many hands-on resources when learning place value in Mathematics. We are all loving the new whole school Top Ten mathematics program. Students have enjoyed making their names using MAB block and counting the tens and ones they used. We also made robots and counted the thousands, hundreds, tens and ones blocks we used. Keep up the great work Year two's!



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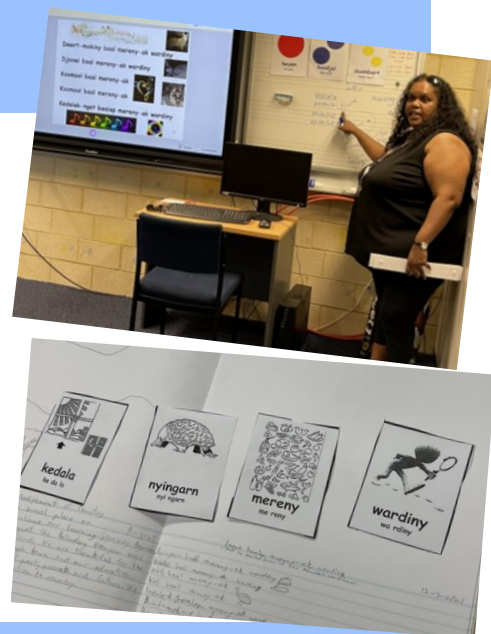
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Language Year 3 to 6

Barna Kedala wer kedalak mereny- ak wardiny



The students are all buzzing about Language. Language for students in Year 3 to 6 is taught by Miss Stack, a Balladong Noongar woman from Northam, being both the Noongar Language Teacher and Aboriginal Islander Education Officer. We are learning about day and night animals searching for food and singing a song about the animals hunting and searching in Noongar written by Miss Stack. We are reading, saying and beginning to write sentences in Noongar language. Noah and Tyttan from Room 5 and 6 think that Language is 'mooditj (good) and love learning Language every week.



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SCIENCE



Our junior students in Science has been closely investigating the physical features of living things. Under close inspection they have looked at the different parts of a plant and how they help the plant to grow and illustrating them in their books. It has been brilliant to see these little minds at work and their creativity and knowledge coming to life in their learning. Keep it up all of you.

FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Wednesday 24th of March, Year 4 to 6 students went to Northam Aquatic Centre and participated in the annual swimming carnival. The conditions were perfect, and the students were excited to race against some of their classmates. With a close battle between the factions, Red faction came out on top and took home the trophy! The students were well behaved and gave their best in every race. Thanks to all the parents and staffs for their involvement to make this carnival run smoothly.

Year level	Student name	Points
Year 4 Champion Girl	Sophia S	13
Year 4 Runner up Girl	Summer S	7
Year 4 Champion Boy	Toby E	15
Year 4 Runner up Boy	Bentlee M	7
Year 5 Champion Girl	Grace S	13
Year 5 Runner up Girl	Ella B	10
Year 5 Champion Boy	Leo D	13
Year 5 Runner up Boy	Zane C	8
Year 6 Champion Girl	Indyana W	15
Year 6 Runner up Girl	Zara C	9
Year 6 Champion Boy	Noah H	15
Year 6 Runner up Boy	Lincoln G	8

Overall winner

Faction	Total Points	Place
Red	158	1 st
Blue	102	4 th
Green	129	3 rd
Gold	131	2 nd



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TERM 2 CALENDAR 2021

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY EARLY CLOSE 2.30PM	FRIDAY
1	19 April School commences	20	21	22	23
2	26 ANZAC DAY	27 School Council Meeting	28 ANZAC Day Service P&C Meeting	29	30
3	3 May	4	5	6	7 Assembly Rm 12
4	10	11 NAPLAN Years 3 & 5	12	13	14
5	17 NAPLAN Years 3 & 5	18	19 Newsletter	20	21 Winter Carnival Years 5—6
6	24	25 Year 6 Camp	26	27	28
7	31	1 June	2 P&C Meeting	3	4 Assembly Rm 11
8	7 WA DAY	8 School Development Day	9 School Cross Country	10	11
9	14	15	16	17	18 Assembly Rm 7
10	21 Interschool Cross Country	22	23	24	25 Assembly Rm 12
11	28	29	30 Newsletter	1 July	2 Last Day term 2 P&C Disco

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Northam Springfield Football Club Have a Go—Soccer Day Jubilee Oval (Peel Tce, Northam)

Saturday 17th April 2021—10am to 12pm

Kick a Goal Comp
Free Sausage Sizzle
Soft Drinks
Icy Poles



Have a go and kick some goals!
Register on the day.



Northam Junior Football Club

The Northam Junior Football Club is seeking expressions of interest from coaches, umpires and players for the coming 2021 season. Coaches and umpires will be required to complete an online course, which the club will reimburse the costs. Registrations are open for boys and girls for Under 9, Under 11, Under 13 and Under 16.

All enquiries to northamjuniorfootball@gmail.com or please find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/northamjuniorfootballclub>

Auskick 2021

Auskick 2021 will kick off on Friday 14 May from 4:00-5.00pm on Bert Hawke Oval for eight weeks.

Auskick is for boys and girls from 5 to 8 years of age. It helps build ball-skills, hand-eye coordination and teamwork. It is a requirement that you register and pay online to secure your place and we strongly suggest that you register early so that your child receives their Auskick pack before the first session. Cost is \$70 per player.

To register visit <http://www.play.afl/auskick> If you are experiencing difficulties registering your child please email aflauskick@afl.com.au Please keep in mind that this program is only possible with parent assistance to help keep the evening running well.

Please consider registering yourself to lend a hand when registering your child.

NORTHAM HOCKEY CLUB

The Northam Hockey Club is part of the Avon Hockey Association.
We have a brand new synthetic playing turf located at the Bert Hawke Reserve, Suburban Road Northam.

Games are played on Saturdays in Northam, York, Beverley and Wongan Hills.

Season: Hockey is an outdoor sport played during winter, usually starting the first weekend in May and finishing with finals in September. (actual dates TBA)

Divisions: Our Juniors play in 3 mixed divisions; 5/6s (school year 6 and under), 7/9s (school year 7 to 9), 10/12s (school year 10 to 12)

Minkey: is our learn-to-play coaching for school years 3 and under.

Adults: Men and Women.

Registration: Early registrations are open online at <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/northamhc/registration/>

Fees: Hockey Australia Levy: Payable online at registration: Juniors \$31.50, Adults \$42

Club fees: Juniors \$100 per player – all payment types accepted



We are a Kidsport eligible club. Eligible children can use their \$150 kidsport voucher towards all registration fees.

Events: The club is hosting an Anzac Day Festival on 24/25th April.

We also join the Avon Association to go Club championships in Perth and/or the Narrogin Hockey Competition.

Equipment required: All players require their own hockey stick, shin pads, and mouth guards. Socks and bottoms usually are in common football colours. Team shirts are supplied by the club.

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Contact us: At northamhockeyclub@gmail.com



Djeran Koolankas Holiday Activities



Boomerang Painting, Crafting, Story Telling & Treasure Hunt
Date/Time: We are offering 12 session options across the two weeks of holidays for these activities. Parents/Carers nominate which session they'd like their child(ren) to participate in. Enquire for more information on session times.

Cost: \$10.00/child or \$8.00/child for 2 or more. (Price includes Sausage Sizzle lunch and Entry to Exhibition Space)
Maximum Number: 20 children per session.

Ages: 5 – 12 (PrePrimary to Year 6)

Registration: Register by phone @ Bilya Koort Boodja (9622 2170)

Other Requirements: Bring own drink bottle and hat.