



# Wembley Downs Primary School Newsletter

Issue #1 | 7th February 2023

## Important Dates

- Phys Zen - **Tuesday 7th February** - every Tuesday and Thursday for 4 weeks
- Yr 6 Rottnest Camp - **Tuesday 7th February** - **Friday 10th February**
- School Photos - **Monday 13th February**
- P & C AGM - **Tuesday 14th February**
- School Photos - **Thursday 16th February**
- Mini Assembly - **Friday 17th February**
- Parent Information Meetings - **Week 4 days TBC**
- Mini Assembly - **Friday 3rd March**
- Labour Day Holiday - **Monday 6th March**

## From the Principal's Desk



### Positive Behaviours

Welcome back to the new school year and I thank our school community for a great start.

Could I please encourage you to check you are all on Connect and have downloaded the Connect App? Communication is the key. If we have 100% of our school community on Connect, we can ensure clear lines of communication. Our school newsletters provide you with key information too as well as our website. If you would like more information please click this link:

[Slide 1 \(det.wa.edu.au\)](https://det.wa.edu.au)

I would like to take the opportunity to thank my Leadership Team, including, Mr George Tolev, Mrs Laura Mickler and Mrs Helen Willis, as well as Mrs Vicki Westcott, Mrs Catherine Smith and Mrs Julia Crosweller who have all worked so hard on ensuring we had a smooth start. I would like to also thank all our Teachers and Education Assistants for making sure their classrooms are warm and inviting for all our students, especially after our ceiling upgrades thanks to the Department of Education.

I would like to thank and acknowledge our gardeners and cleaners for their fantastic work over the holiday period. It was great to return to a clean and tidy work environment. We are very thankful to have Mr Peter Waltham (Head Cleaner), Mr Reno Copolla (Cleaner) and Mr Garry Oliver (Gardener). Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Deputy Principals	Mr George Tolev and Mrs Laura Mickler (Mrs Rachel Martino on Parental Leave Term 1)
Manager of Corporate Services	Mrs Helen Willis
School Officers	Mrs Vicki Westcott Mrs Catherine Smith and Mrs Julia Crossweller
Library Officer	Ms Julia Crossweller
Kindergarten Room 1-	Miss Kelsee Palmer and Miss Merrilee Edgar (Wednesday)
EC1 – Pre-Primary A	Miss Joy Facchin and Miss Merrilee Edgar (Thursday)
EC2 – Pre-Primary B	Mrs Beth Westerlund and Miss Merrilee Edgar (Tuesday)
Year 1 – Room 6	Miss Rachel Griffin while Miss Elizabeth Henley is on leave
Year 1 – Room 7	Mr Junior Pelesasa
Year 2 – Room 8	Mrs Michelle Adams and Mrs Leanne Cameron
Year 3 – Room 9	Miss Katherine Sellenger while Mrs Laura Mickler is Deputy Principal Term 1
Year 2 – Room 12	Mrs Elise Tavra
Year 3 – Room 13	Miss Rebecca Lane
Year 4 – Room 14	Miss Claire Williams and Mrs Caroline Anderson
Year 4 – Room 15	Mrs Harvinder Singh and Mrs Linda Johnson
Year 5 – Room 16	Mrs Michelle Paterson and Mrs Linda Johnson (Wednesday)
Year 5 – Room 3	Mrs Sue Akerstrom
Year 6 – Room 4	Mrs Christine Burchard
Year 6 – Room 10	Mrs Laura Walker (Monday)
Music Teacher	Ms Laura Walker
Languages Japanese Teacher	Mr Mark McGuffin
Physical Education Teachers	Miss Merrilee Edgar (PP-2) and Mr Paul Rosier (3-6)
Science Teacher	Ms Megan Donegan (Monday- Thursday)
Education Assistants	Mrs Joanne Cujini (Special Needs Education Assistant) Mrs Debbie Daniels (PPB) Mrs Jacqueline Greetham (Special Needs Education Assistant) Ms Amber Howard (Long Service Leave Term 1) (Special Needs Education Assistant) Mrs Chamaine Holt (PPB) Ms Jade Hunter (PPA, Long Service Leave part of Term 1, Mrs Chantelle Ranuaro relieving) Ms Rosa Maddaffari (Special Needs Education Assistant) Mrs Vicki Lewis (Special Needs Education Assistant) Ms Kelsie Mills (Special Needs Education Assistant)
School Psychologist	Ms Kathleen Purser (Tuesday and every second Wednesday)
School Chaplain	Mr Daniel Bonallack (Monday, Tuesday)
Cleaners	Mr Peter Waltham (Head Cleaner), Mr Reno Coppola
Gardener	Mr Garry Oliver

We adopt the WA Positive Behaviour Support Program, led by Miss Merrilee Edgar and use this whole-school approach to:

- build on our school's existing strengths, positive behaviour programs and strategies;
- develop a consultative and collaborative community-owned process which is facilitated through a school-based WA PBS leadership team;
- build a consistent approach to positive behaviour expectations;
- develop common language and understanding of positive behaviour;
- develop procedures for responding to behaviour errors, with a focus on re-teaching; and
- identify when behaviour should be managed by the teacher or referred to school leaders.
- use discipline data to help:

- track progress;
- identify areas for intervention; and
- track the effectiveness of interventions.

### Health and Safety

Safety and health and well-being are a priority at our school. Just a friendly reminder that if your child/children are not well then please let them rest at home and get better. It will help keep all of our community safe.

I thank you all for your respect, care and vigilance during this ever-changing COVID-19 landscape. In the meantime, here is a link to the latest information:

[Protect yourself and others from COVID-19 | Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care.](#)

I would like to give you another friendly reminder about road safety and parking around the school, especially in wet weather. Here is some information from the City of Stirling Website regarding safe parking around schools:

*Unlawful parking in school areas is a major safety hazard that poses a risk to children, pedestrians and other road users.*

#### **School parking**

*It is an offence to stop or park a vehicle:*

- *In No Stopping or No Parking areas*
- *So that it obstructs a footpath*
- *On a verge without the owner's consent*
- *Facing the wrong way*
- *So that it is double-parked*
- *Within three metres of a continuous dividing line or median strip*
- *Within 10 metres of an intersection/corner (without traffic control signals)*
- *In a manner that blocks a driveway*
- *On a median strip or traffic island*
- *So that any portion is within a bus zone.*

*Please be aware that infringements may be issued for these offences.*

[Safe parking at schools - City of Stirling](#)

Thank you for keeping us all safe.

Also, remember that dogs are not permitted (even on leashes) on our school grounds. This is a School Education Regulation 2000 (Regulation 70) and again we appreciate your support with this matter.

#### School Information

Our before-school routine for student safety is going well. Our school gates open at 8:30 am and the students assemble near the Library/playground area will continue. This is a quiet time for students to have the opportunity to catch up with their friends and me; it is not playtime. At 8:40 am students are dismissed to go to class. If you are with your child/ren you may walk to their classroom and wait there during this time. If it is raining the students are directed to sit on the benches outside their classrooms and wait to be invited in by their classroom teacher. Members of the Leadership Team will walk around the verandahs to supervise the students.

After school, we have several families playing on the school grounds. Once the children are dismissed and with you, our duty of care is discharged. If students are not with family members they will be asked to come to the office until they are picked up so we can make sure all students are safe while under our care. I encourage you to take advantage of our wonderful Nature Playground on the oval or the playground in the park if you would like to play rather than on the school grounds so we can ensure our duty of care.

Next week, Mrs Beth Westerlund and Miss Joy Facchin will be administering the Pre-Primary, On-Entry Assessment. The main purpose of the On-entry Assessment Program, (which is part of the state assessment schedule with the Education Department) is to provide teachers with information about the skills and understandings that a child brings to school. Conducting this assessment early in the year ensures that your child's teacher has information about the current skills and understandings of each child to assist in the planning and development of targeted learning programs that address the needs of each individual and identify children who may require early intervention or extension. This approach is supported by national and international research into the early identification of students' literacy and numeracy skills. The teachers will share this information with parents once it has been finalised.

Furthermore, Mrs Mickler is working behind the scenes to set up our NAPLAN for our Year 3 and Year 5 students. As children progress through their school years, checks must be made along the way to see how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and mathematics – skills that will set them on the path to success as adults. NAPLAN is a point-in-time assessment that allows parents to see how their child is progressing in literacy and numeracy against the national standard and compared it with their peers throughout Australia. At the classroom level, NAPLAN provides additional information to support teachers' professional judgement about student progress. Information regarding NAPLAN for our Year 3 and Year 5 students was sent home today. If you did not receive this information, please contact Mrs Mickler.

Today is Safer Internet day! Marking its 20th year, [Safer Internet Day](#) is here and we are calling on everyone to **Connect. Reflect. Protect.** whenever they are online.

**Connect safely** by keeping apps and devices secure and regularly review your privacy settings.

**Reflect** on how your actions may affect others or jeopardise your safety.

And **protect yourself and loved ones** by visiting [esafety.gov.au](https://esafety.gov.au) for advice and support, or to report serious online abuse.

All the best to our Year 6 students, who all went on the Year 6 Camp today! Thank you to our teachers Mrs Christine Burchard and Mr Ken Etheridge as well as our Deputy Principal, Mrs Laura Mickler who are on Rottneest making this a special event for our students.

I look forward to our first P&C General Meeting next Tuesday evening. Please come along and support our wonderful school! Thank you to our wonderful Uniform Committee who have helped get our students into their school uniforms this term! Our Year 6 Leavers Shirts look smart and there will be a customised version coming soon!

Our next newsletters will be published in Week 6 and Week 10.

Thank you

Anne Christodoulou

**Principal**

[Anne.Christodoulou@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Anne.Christodoulou@education.wa.edu.au)

## SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING!

Dear Parents,

Your school photo day is coming! Every student will receive a personalised flyer to bring home from Kapture Photography containing your child's unique codes for ordering school photos online either today or tomorrow.

### Order EARLY for sibling photography

Sibling photos can ONLY be ordered online. Once you receive the personalised flyers for your children, it is imperative that you order your sibling photo early to avoid missing out! There is a physical limit in the school schedule to how many sibling photos can be taken. Once the maximum capacity of sibling orders has been reached, no more sibling orders can be placed.

If maximum capacity is not reached, sibling orders **close 12pm midday sharp, one business day prior** to the first photo day.

*The school or the photographers cannot accept late orders for sibling photography. Please do not ask as your request simply cannot be accommodated.*

### Order EARLY for discount photo day prices

Order your photos within 10 calendar days of photo day to receive discount photo day prices. Late orders are handled separately to the school delivery and incur a \$30 custom service charge.

### Other information

Please note; class, individual and sibling portraits are not available to view online prior to purchase.



Kapture offer a money back guarantee for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photo package. Should you have any queries before or after photo day, please check the FAQ's on the Kapture website.

*All students will be photographed individually on photo day for school administration records AS WELL as included in their class group presentation available for purchase to all families. Should there be any reason why your child should **NOT** be included in the photo shoot –please contact the school office.*

## Congratulations

### Champion U/10 Relay Team wins Gold

Room 14 Year 4 student Soli, and three other boys from the UWA Little Athletics Club, competed on the weekend at the WA State Relay Championships powered by Go For 2&5.

Soli and his team won the gold medal in a time of 58:31 seconds.

Wembley Downs Primary School would like to congratulate Soli and his team for this fabulous achievement.



## P&C



The P&C AGM is on Tuesday 14th February from 7:00pm in the staff room. All are welcome, even if you'd just like to sit in and see what being involved with the P&C is all about.

## Kooka Canteen

# KOOKA CANTEN MENU

## CANTEN CODE WHAT DO THESE DOTS MEAN?

● Everyday foods  
GF Gluten free CM Canteen Made V Vegetarian

### RECESS ONLY

● Pikelet <b>CM</b>	(1) .40
● Pizza Toast <b>CM</b>	(3) \$1.00
● Banana Bread <b>CM</b>	\$1.00
● Piece of fruit <b>V</b>	\$1.00
● Mini Fruit Salad <b>CM GF</b>	\$1.50
● Fruit Smoothie <b>CM GF</b>	\$1.50
● Pasta Cup <b>V</b>	\$1.50
● Milo (warm) <b>V</b>	\$1.50
● FroyoGo <b>V</b>	\$2.50
● Snack Box - with Muffin <b>CM GF</b> - with Pikelet <b>CM</b>	\$3.00

### SNACKS (ALL DAY)

● Seaweed <b>GF</b>	\$1.00
● Popcorn <b>GF</b>	\$1.00
● Fruit Strap <b>GF</b>	\$1.00
● Pirana Chips <b>GF</b>	\$2.00
● Veggie Chips <b>V</b>	\$2.00

### SANDWICHES (FRESH) ● CM GF

Vegemite	\$2.50
Cheese	\$3.00
Cheese and Salad	\$3.80
Ham	\$4.00
Ham and Cheese	\$4.00
Ham and Salad	\$4.00
Chicken	\$3.80
Chicken and Cheese	\$4.00
Chicken and Salad	\$4.00
FRESH WRAP	add \$1.00

### SANDWICHES (TOASTED) ● CM GF

Cheese	\$3.00
Cheese and Tomato	\$3.50
Ham	\$3.80
Ham and Cheese	\$4.00
Ham, Cheese and Tomato	\$4.20
Chicken	\$3.80
Chicken and Cheese	\$4.00
Chicken, Cheese and Tomato	\$4.20
Baked Beans	\$3.50
WRAP OR TURKISH BREAD	add \$1.00

### HOT LUNCH

● Hot Dog (with or w/o sauce) <b>CM</b>	\$3.50
● Spinach & Feta Triangle (3) <b>V</b>	\$3.80
● Sausage Roll <b>CM GF</b>	\$4.00
Sauce	.30
● Stuffed Spud (2 pieces) <b>CM</b>	\$4.00
● Fried Rice <b>CM</b>	\$4.00
● Mac and Cheese <b>CM GF</b>	\$3.50
- Small	\$4.50
- Regular	\$5.00
● Hot Chicken Roll <b>CM</b> (w/ Gravy, Mayo, Plain)	\$5.00
● Nuggets and Salad - 4 piece	\$4.00
- 6 piece	\$5.00

### FRIDAY SPECIALS ●

Peko Peko Sushi (CHICKEN, TUNA, SALMON, VEG)	\$6.50
Peko Peko Rice Paper Rolls (CHICKEN, BEEF, VEG)	\$6.50

### SALADS (LUNCH ONLY)

● Fruit Salad	\$3.50
● Picnic Box	\$5.00
Pic, carrot & cucumber sticks, cherry tomatoes, rice crackers & cheese slices	
All - Chicken, Ham or egg	\$10

### ICE CREAM (LUNCH ONLY)

● Quelch Stick	.50
● Calipo	\$1.0
● Paddle Pop	\$2.0
● FroyoGo	\$2.5

### DRINKS (ALL DAY)

● Flavour Milk	\$2
Strawberry, Choc, Banana	
● Juice Box	\$2
Apple, Orange, Tropical, Apple & Blackcurrant	
● Water	\$1

### ORDERING

Orders close at 3:00pm  
Wednesday & Friday

#### AT CANTEN

1. Brown paper bag for recess. White paper bag for lunch.  
2. Write students full name and room number, along with their order on a paper bag.  
**DELIVER:** Create an account for your child at schoolKantao, to view the full canteen menu and place your order online at your convenience.

#### VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer times are:  
9:00-10:30am or 10:30-1:00pm  
Wednesdays and Fridays.

Our canteen needs volunteers to help our Manager each service day. Your child's year group will be assigned one week per term in which parents, carers, grandparents or others are asked to assist. Please contact your class rep or the Kooka Canteen with your availability. [canteen@pcamblydowatps.wa.edu.au](mailto:canteen@pcamblydowatps.wa.edu.au)

Canteen will open next Wednesday 15th February



Orders close at 8:45am

Canteen is open on Wednesdays and Fridays

**Please remember to update your room number of School24**

To create an online account - go to to [school24.net.au](http://school24.net.au) to view the full canteen menu and place your order online at your convenience. Wednesdays and Fridays.

*The canteen relies on volunteers and the P&C has therefore allocated a year group each week of the term to support the canteen staff and deliver this essential service.*

The canteen is open twice a week and the busiest times (when volunteers are most needed) are 9 – 11:45 and then 12 – 1:45 with Friday being the busiest day.

Volunteers are welcome help in whatever capacity they can, for as long as they can. No prior experience is required. Shifts can also be split between more than one volunteer. If you turn up on the day, Bec Mountain (the Canteen Manager) will point you in the right direction. Children are also not allowed in the canteen for safety reasons.

Please let your class rep know if you are able to help! We promise you'll have fun, and the students LOVE to see you helping. EVERY volunteer can select a FroYo2GO FREE for their child.

If you're unable to fill the roster, please email [canteen@pc.wembleydownsps.wa.edu.au](mailto:canteen@pc.wembleydownsps.wa.edu.au) as early as possible.

Room		Wednesday	Friday
Year Group		Morning (9 - 11:30am) 2 volunteers Afternoon (12:00 - 1:45pm) 1 volunteer	Morning (9 - 11:30am) 3 volunteers Afternoon (12:00 - 1:45pm) 2 volunteers
1	Closed (Cleaning)	01/02 CLOSED	03/02 CLOSED
2	Closed (Food prep)	08/02 Closed	10/02 Closed
3	Year 5	15 Feb	17 Feb
4	Year 6	22 Feb	24 Feb
5	Year 1	1 March	3 March
6	Year 2	8 March	10 March
7	Year 3	15 March	17 March
8	Year 4	22 March	24 March
9	Pre-Primary (both classes)	29 March	31 March
10	EVERYONE	5 April	Closed (Good Friday)

## Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop will be open fortnightly on Fridays from 8:30 am (10th Feb, 24th Feb, 10th March, 24th March). Online orders can be placed at anytime via [school24.net.au](http://school24.net.au)

## Community News



Term 1, 2023 –  
Before and After School Activities  
Wembley Downs Primary School



	MORNING			AFTERNOON		
Monday	Tennis	7:55am – 8:40am	<a href="mailto:angie@sharptennis.com.au">angie@sharptennis.com.au</a>	German Lessons	4:00- 5:30pm	
Tuesday	Basketball	7:45am – 8:35am	<a href="mailto:shawn@redhagebasketball.com">shawn@redhagebasketball.com</a>			
Wednesday	Tennis	7:55am – 8:40am	<a href="mailto:angie@sharptennis.com.au">angie@sharptennis.com.au</a>	MultiSport – PP-Year 3	3:30pm – 4:35pm	<a href="http://www.kidznsport.com.au">www.kidznsport.com.au</a> Corry Grosser <a href="mailto:corryg@kidznsport.com.au">corryg@kidznsport.com.au</a>
Thursdays				Cricket WA 16, 23 Feb 2, 9 Mar PP – Year 6	3:30pm – 4:30pm	WA Cricket – 9265 7330 <a href="mailto:Elyssa.Mullaley@wacricicket.com.au">Elyssa.Mullaley@wacricicket.com.au</a> <a href="http://www.wacricicket.com.au">www.wacricicket.com.au</a>
Friday	Tennis	7:55am – 8:40am	<a href="mailto:angie@sharptennis.com.au">angie@sharptennis.com.au</a>			
Saturday	Czech School Perth	9:00am – 1:00pm	<a href="mailto:czechschoolperth@gmail.com">czechschoolperth@gmail.com</a> Katerina Steffens	Marist Cricket Club	8:00am – noon	



**Hounds & Hot Dogs**



Bring your pooch to the park!

**3PM - 5PM | SUNDAY 26TH FEB**  
**BEECROFT PARK**

**PRIZES!**

- Best dressed
- Best trick
- Dog & owner lookalike
- Colouring-in competition for the kids

**Sausage Sizzle!**

donation

All proceeds



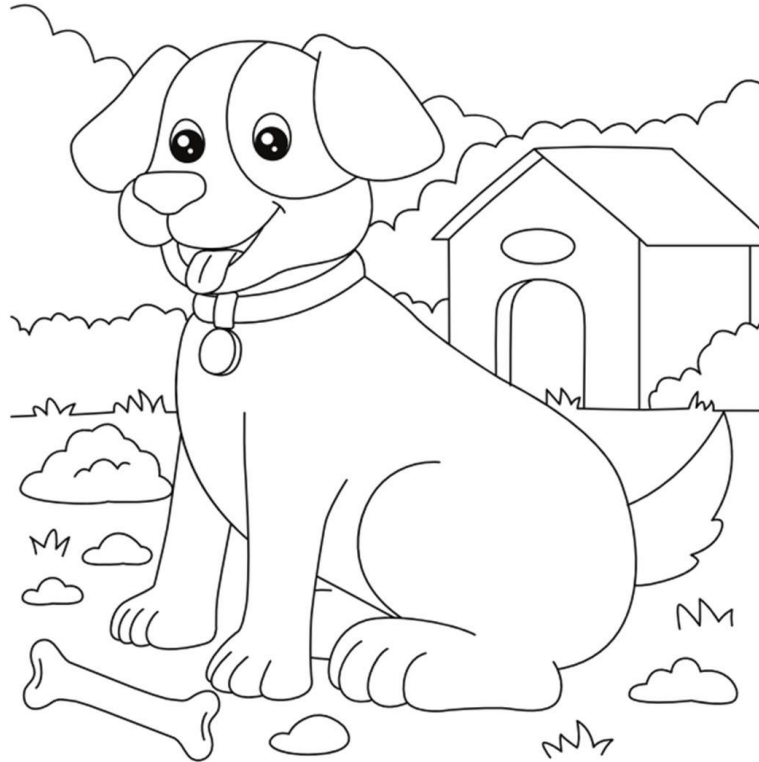
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For event information  
call 0484 222 220

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## COLOURING - IN COMPETITION



Bring your masterpiece to Hounds & Hot Dogs event at  
Beecroft Park on 26th February 2023.  
There will be prizes for the best colouring-in !

### JOEY SCOUTS (Wembley Downs)

Children aged 5-7. Term 1, 2023 enrolments are now open!

Does your child love nature, adventure, and learning about the world? Joey Scouts helps to build friendships, independence, and confidence through a variety of activities & adventures including crafts, games, cooking, camping, and exciting excursions.

Tuesdays 4.30 pm – 5.30 pm. Wembley Downs Scout Hall, Dover Crescent. Free trials are available this term! Contact: [donnapfarrell@gmail.com](mailto:donnapfarrell@gmail.com)





# BE ENTERTAINED

**Meet Your Period Power**

with



**LUCY PEACH**



**Wednesday 22 February 2023**  
 7.00pm to 8.00pm | Taryn Fiebig Concert Hall  
 Booking: <https://www.trybooking.com/CFSEN>

Lucy's entertaining and informative one hour session is for Year 5 and 6 parents and their daughters. It will provide the audience with a better understanding of the four stages of the female menstrual cycle to create pride and empowerment for your child. Many other schools have recently engaged with her with great reviews from mums, dads and their daughters.

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## Wembley Downs Primary School Pop-Up Cricket Program!

### 4 week Cricket Blast Clinic

Program for kids in Year 1 -6

The Pop-Up Blast program provides kids with the opportunity to come and sample the Woolworths Cricket Blast program delivered by WA Cricket coaches.

Cost - \$20, includes your very own Cricket Blast pack!

Where - Wembley Downs Primary School Oval

When - Thursdays Week 3-6 starting 16<sup>th</sup> Feb, 3.30pm - 4.30pm



Register Here:



<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/374404>

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Millie Monaghan  
[Millie.Monaghan@wacricicket.com.au](mailto:Millie.Monaghan@wacricicket.com.au)

Register today to avoid missing out!











## YMCC JUNIOR HOCKEY

### **NEW PROGRAM IN 2023! PRESEASON HOCKEY SKILLS PROGRAM FOR YEAR 1-4 KIDS !**

Starting Wed Feb 15 at Perry Lakes Reserve ,  
YMCC clubrooms

Time 5pm to 6pm FEB 15, 22 AND MARCH 1

3 weeks of hockey skills training for all in Year 1-4. NEW PLAYERS CAN LEARN HOCKEY SKILLS AND IF YOU'VE PLAYED BEFORE ITS GREAT PRACTICE FOR THE SEASON

BYO hockey gear but we also have enough spares for all.

**BOOK ON:**

<https://www.trybooking.com/CFSFE>



YMCC Hockey club is a fantastic place to play hockey, we have a successful, fun, and well organised competition every Saturday morning at Perry Lakes for all kids in Kindy to Year 4. The competition starts in May and teams are either school based or you can join a YMCC club team. Please see our website for all information on our club.

This year we are happy to announce a NEW Preseason Program to start improving your hockey skills. This is both for new players and returning players.

The 3 week program on Wednesday afternoons will include learning hockey skills, playing mini games, meeting friends and some general fitness work. Experienced coaches from our club will teach all fundamental hockey skills.

Please book early, any queries regarding this program or other information you may require please contact Kath Shelley on: [ymsubjuniorcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:ymsubjuniorcoordinator@gmail.com)

## Contact Us

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