



Havenlee School – Yarn Up

Newsletter

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From the Principal

COVID update

Welcome to the start of Term 3, after hopefully enjoying a safe and enjoyable winter break. I want to give you an overview of how the Department of Education are continuing to ensure our school remains COVID-safe throughout this term.

As the Department of Education continues to prioritise student and staff learning and wellbeing while at school, there layered COVID-smart measures for Term 3. These 'baseline measures' are aligned to the NSW Government's general community settings and include:

- staying home and getting tested if unwell, and only attending school when symptom free
- strongly encouraging mask-wearing for all staff and students, particularly in the first 4 weeks of term
- rapid antigen testing for symptomatic students and staff, and household contacts attending school to learn and work

- **Strongly encouraging COVID-19 vaccinations for students, staff and their families, including a booster shot in SSPs**
- **Maintaining double vaccination and mask-wearing requirements for staff in working with students at greater risk of serious illness should they contract COVID-19 for SSPs**
- Strongly encouraging students, staff and their families to get a flu vaccination
- **Strict requirements for household contacts attending school for SSPs including restricting household contacts from attending SSPs**
- Good hygiene practices
- Maximising natural ventilation
- Boosted cleaning during the day, with particular attention given to high touch surface areas
- Responding to local COVID-19 conditions when necessary, by working with the department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing team.

Continuing these baseline COVID-smart measures allows us to prioritise student and staff wellbeing while giving our learners a consistent and productive learning environment this term.



What's new in Term 3?

As winter continues, the Department of Education COVID-smart measures have been updated in consultation with NSW Health to provide appropriate protection to our school community.

- **FOR SSPs: Vaccinations.** The department has updated its policy regarding COVID-19 vaccination for employees following an independent risk assessment of school (and corporate) settings and consultation with unions and relevant stakeholders. While vaccination will no longer be a requirement for most department staff from 1 August 2022, staff working in SSPs are still required to be at least double vaccinated against COVID-19 (or hold a valid medical contraindication) to provide additional health protection for our students who may be at greater risk of severe illness. Beyond our staff, we will continue to strongly encourage our wider school community to keep up to date with their COVID-19 vaccinations as a way of protecting themselves, our students, and our school community more broadly.
- **Boosted day cleaning.** The department has made a slight change to its cleaning process. Cleaning of school sites will now be more concentrated during the day, with an increase in cleaning in school hours, and a subsequent reduction out of hours. Boosted day cleaning will continue to focus on high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas.

What's continuing for Term 3?

- **Masks.** Masks are an effective way of minimising the transmission of respiratory viruses and infections, and protecting our community, especially those who are at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and flu. We **strongly encourage** all students and staff wear a mask for the first 4 weeks of Term 3, particularly in indoor settings or when distancing is not possible. **Masks remain required for staff who work with students at greater risk of serious illness should they contract COVID-19 (ie SSPs).** The latest NSW Health advice also recommends wearing a mask for people who have recovered from COVID-19 and recently completed their 7-day isolation period for an additional 3 days (from days 8 to 10 after receiving a positive COVID-19 result). Additionally, as outlined in the below section on household contacts, mask wearing is mandatory for staff and high school students returning to school as household contacts for 5 school days and strongly recommended for primary school students returning to school as household contacts for 5 school days. Students or staff identified as household contacts who are unable to wear a mask will be supported to learn or work remotely.



- **Rapid antigen tests (RATs).** The department has sent another round of RATs to Havenlee school early this term, which we will provide to you in the form of 1 pack of RAT kits per student. These RATs can be used as required for symptomatic testing, such as if your child is displaying even mild symptoms. Havenlee school will be maintaining a reserve stock of RATs onsite to support symptomatic testing in the event of an outbreak in our school community. Let us know if you would like more RATs sent home. Please also remember that positive RAT results must be registered with ServiceNSW, and students who test positive to COVID-19 must not attend school until their isolation period ends and they are symptom free.
- **FOR SSPs: Household contacts. The rules regarding household contacts in SSPs, and students using assisted transport programs remain unchanged. Students in these settings are not allowed to attend school as household contacts, and will continue to be supported to learn remotely. Additionally, visitors identified as household contacts are not allowed to engage directly with students in these settings.**
- **Responding to our local situation.** We will continue to liaise with NSW Health and the department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing Case Management team to ensure our COVID-smart settings keep up with the latest developments. If local conditions require it, this may mean reintroducing temporary additional COVID-smart measures to act as a 'circuit breaker',

including: postponing or limiting non-essential activities like excursions, indoor assemblies and visitors to the school directing cohorts to learn remotely for short periods of time.

- **Maximising natural ventilation.** The department has reviewed environmental differences across NSW as part of their winter ventilation planning to ensure that local climatic conditions at each school are considered. The department will continue to provide local guidance to schools, including advice on maximising natural ventilation while balancing thermal comfort and the use of indoor and outdoor learning areas for school activities to support schools to adapt to local climate conditions throughout the winter months.
- **Reducing the risk of illness this winter.** Finally, it is important to note NSW Health's advice to reduce our risk of not only COVID-19, but other illnesses that may affect our school at this time of year such as the flu and [y syncytial virus \(RSV\)](#)[External link](#), both of which can be serious in younger people. We can all protect our loved ones and our community by:
 - staying home and getting tested if unwell or displaying any symptoms
 - keeping up to date with our vaccinations – including the flu vaccine, which is available from your local GP, pharmacy or Aboriginal Medical Service now
 - flu vaccines are free for all children aged 6 months to under 5 years, or for a small charge for those aged 5 years and older



- getting tested immediately for COVID-19 if you become symptomatic and isolating until you receive a negative result and are symptom free
- practicing good hand hygiene by washing regularly with soap and water
- taking a RAT before visiting vulnerable loved ones or going to large gatherings and events.

Term 2 Principal RAP Award Party

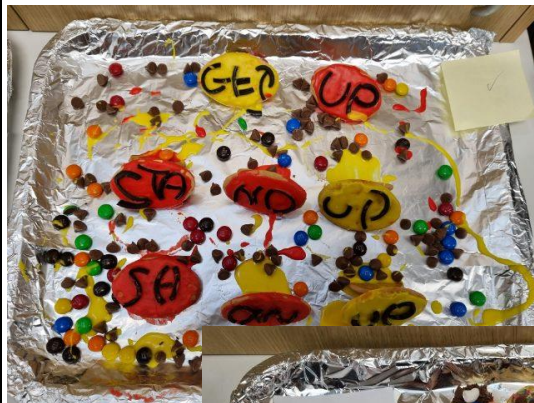
On the last day of term the 15 RAP award students came to the Term 2 Principal RAP award party. The students had balloons, music, dancing and playing the marimba! All students were given a party bag to take home.

Changes over the holidays

During the holidays, work was done across the school on fencing. We have now more gates and swipes to different parts of the playground, a couple of safe space fencing have been modified and the new swing area is now finished. These changes will benefit the whole school with ease of access and safety.

NAIDOC Activities

On Wednesday 27th July the school had NAIDOC activities. The students came in mufti and participated in activities such as weaving, creating an Aboriginal flag by making lots of red, black and yellow pom poms and sand pit play doing aboriginal art. We had a fun cook off with the theme of “Get! Stand Up! Show up!” using biscuits, icing and lollies to represent the theme. Prizes were for “best representation of the theme” and “creativity”. The two classes who won were Acacia and Tea Tree.



Staff Changes

Hayley has gone on Maternity leave for the rest of the year. As a result, Deanne and Amanda C will be taking her Hydrotherapy sessions. We also welcome Belinda Bell as a teacher, covering Kiah Johnston's Maternity leave. She is now job sharing on Waratah and Myrtle.

PLP Reviews

Teachers will be holding PLP review meetings over the next three weeks. Notes have gone home with suggested appointment times. If you cannot come to the designated time for your child, please contact the school as soon as possible so we can try to re-schedule it to another time. Also if you would like any other people present at the meeting you may invite them and let the school know (eg; therapists, health professionals). Thank you for those who have replied. It is very important that we can work as a team in reviewing what your child has been working towards so far this year and prioritising what is important for your child for the future. We look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks.

Combined Education Week/Book Week Assembly

Save the date: Havenlee School will be having their combined Education week/ Book Week assembly and open classrooms on Monday 22nd August. Parents are invited to attend the assembly and then afterwards go onto their child's classroom. A note will go home with details of times and events closer to the day.

Reminder...

School Photos are coming up on Monday 29th August.

Kind Regards,



Katrina Eyland
Principal
Havenlee School



Up and Coming Events

Term 3 Week 3

Monday – Hydrotherapy
 Tuesday – Hydrotherapy & PLP Meetings
 Wednesday – Hydrotherapy & PLP Meetings
 Thursday – Hydrotherapy & PLP Meetings
 Friday – PLP Meetings

Term 3 Week 4

Monday – Hydrotherapy
 Tuesday – Hydrotherapy & PLP Meetings
 Wednesday – Hydrotherapy & PLP Meetings
 Thursday – Hydrotherapy & PLP Meetings
 Friday – PLP Meetings

Weeks 1-3 Responsible 'When I ask for help'

In weeks 1-3 of this term the PBL focus is responsible and students asking for help. Explicit lessons are being taught in classrooms including initiating communication, responding to a cue, making a choice between 2, 3 and an array. Asking for help can be demonstrated in classroom activities including the use of Picture Communication Symbols and iPads with students and through verbal and non-verbal communication. PBL tickets are given out to students asking for help.



Worm Wee
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Havenlee School is operating a school based vermiculture (worm farming) industry to provide our students with authentic "real world" school to work skills.

We would like to supply local businesses and community members with worm wee to fertilise local gardens. We will be delivering our product one day per week in the local area.

If you would like to purchase a 200ml bottle of worm wee for \$2.00 or castings (when available) for \$4.00 per 650ml container, which includes delivery, please place your order in one of the following ways:

1. Phone the school on 4421 3777.
2. Email the school at havenlee-s.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Please provide your address and contact number. Payment is required on delivery.

The project involves all our students through our whole school vocational education program.

Thank you for your support.



Havenlee Canteen Price List (Term 2 2022)

Open Thursday 9:45 am to 10:30 am
 in Lilli Pilli Classroom

How to order: Write your child's order in their student diary or on a paper bag and place their money with their order. Your child will be taken to the Havenlee canteen to purchase their items.

Mini Blueberry Muffins	60c
Mini Choc Chip Muffins	60c
Mini Chocolate Muffins	60c
Apple Juice	\$1.00
Tropical Juice	\$1.00
Sipahh Flavoured Drinking Straws with milk	60c
Chocolate, strawberry, banana, mint chocolate, cookies and cream.	
Choc Chip Biscuits mini bag	60c
Fruit Toast 2 slices with butter	\$1.00
'Winter Special' Cheese Toastie	\$1.00
Arnott's Shapes mini bag (Pizza, BBQ or Chicken)	60c

Havenlee Café

Myrtle will be running the Havenlee Café **every Friday** for lunch.

Please send your child's order in their communication book

3 x chicken nuggets	\$1.50
6 x chicken nugget	\$3.00
1 serve of chips (with chicken salt)	\$1.00
Tomato sauce	50c
Barbeque sauce	50c
Chocolate milkshake	\$1.00
Strawberry milkshake	\$1.00



Snuffle Mats

Snuffle mats are interactive feeding mats for dogs (can also be used for cats and guinea pigs). It keeps them entertained looking for food treats that you can hide in the snuffle mat.



Our Year 12 students (and Myrtle) are making snuffle mats to sell as gifts for pets. Money raised will support Vocational Education programs at Havenlee School.

Cost: \$20 per snuffle mat (cash only)

Please phone the school office on 4421 3777 if you would like to purchase a snuffle mat or write a note in your child's communication book



Chaplains Chat

The old staff room sprang back to life on the last day of term 2 for the RAP Award Principal's Party. It was filled with balloons and poppers and fun making music on the marimba. Congratulations to all the recipients. Hope you all had a good break.

The first week back for Term 3 was a bit wet but that didn't stop students from finding fun things to do on those rainy days. They invented a game which I have called 'see how far you can jump', they learned how to bake delicious scones and they played dress-ups! (Sonny and Cher were in the building!).

Stay well and safe.

Julie



Kids Big Day Out

Dragons Community is very aware of all the wonderful things that associations like Havenlee School are involved in, and very aware of the difficulties many of your families are faced with. In our small way, we would like to support and contribute.

On Sunday, August 21, during the Dragons v Titans NRL matches, we will be conducting our annual 'Kids Big Day Out'. It's a very special day on our calendar.

Dragons Community, with your assistance, would like, once again to invite families from your association to our '**Kids Big Day Out**' at **WIN Stadium on Sunday, August 21st**.

The day will commence at **12.00 noon** in the **Champions room at WIN Stadium (beneath the Northern Grandstand)** and finish **after the NRL game at 3.30 pm**.

(NRLW fixture at 12.00 noon and NRL fixture from 2.00pm – 3.30pm)

Access will be via the WEC entrance adjacent to Gate A in Harbour Street. For our guests with mobility issues, wheelchair access is via Gate B entrance, under Western Stand.

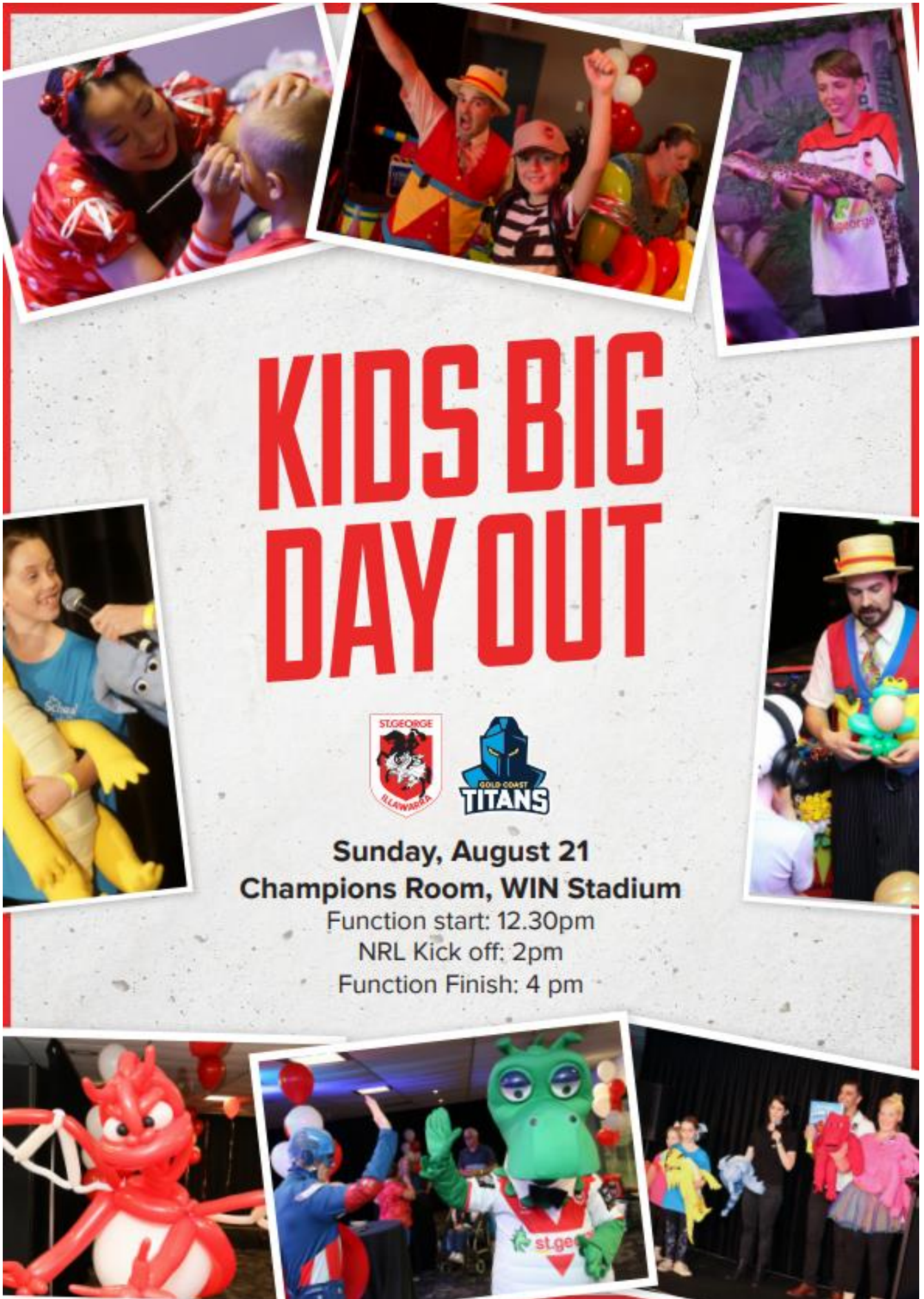
We will have a carnival theme: face painting, balloons, kid's entertainment and obviously the footy game. Pre-game snacks and drinks will also be available. There is no charge.

The invitation extends to the whole family.



We would like to pass on **30 tickets** to distribute.

Please RSVP numbers to Havenlee School by Friday, August 5.





KIDS BIG DAY OUT



Sunday, August 21
Champions Room, WIN Stadium
Function start: 12.30pm
NRL Kick off: 2pm
Function Finish: 4 pm



Back to school road safety reminder – Term 3

Children's Crossings

Children's crossings are usually part-time crossings that operate before and after school hours, or at other times that may be approved by local councils. Aside from these times, the area is not a pedestrian crossing. When in use, orange flags displaying the words CHILDREN CROSSING are used. Drivers must slow down and halt before the stop line when a pedestrian is on the crossing or waiting to cross – and remain stopped until all pedestrians leave the crossing.

Children's crossings and pedestrian crossings

This animation highlights the difference between children's crossings and pedestrian crossings, and what motorists need to do on approach to each type of crossing.

<https://youtu.be/ihOrXAqxSZg>

For further information on school road safety please visit Transport for NSW Centre for Road Safety <https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe> and help keep our kids safe.



Book Club

Book Club orders are due by **Monday, 8th August 2022.**



We are giving away FREE books on this issue to help celebrate and spread the love of reading in your school.



Let parents know they can get up to 3 free books on issue 5:

<i>Receive</i>	<i>When you spend over</i>
<i>1 Free Book</i>	<i>\$30</i>
<i>2 Free Books</i>	<i>\$50</i>
<i>3 Free Books</i>	<i>\$70</i>

SPREAD THE NEWS

Keep an eye out in your email inbox for resources to share this great offer with your school community.

 SCHOLASTIC





meet our support team

At Aruma, we offer a range of specialist therapeutic support services to people with a disability, so they can live a great life.



Get in touch

Talk to our team if you have any questions

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Therapeutic Support Services (TSS) - Southern NSW & ACT



Positive Behaviour Support (PBS)

Our team of practitioners provide positive behaviour support to children aged 7+ right through to adults.

We work closely with customers, families, carers, and other involved professionals to provide solutions tailored to meet our customers' unique needs.

Where we can help:

- Provide advice & support on positive behaviour strategies
- Tools to manage complex situations to keep you & others safe
- Conduct Functional Behaviour Assessments
- Develop & implement Behaviour Support Plans
- Undertake reviews of the use of Restrictive Practices
- Provide education & training for families and carers
- Consultation & debriefing sessions with advocates & family members.

Our locations

We provide services in both regional and metro Shellharbour with offices in Lake Illawarra, Nowra, Goulburn and the ACT. Our team are happy to travel state-wide for in person sessions. We also offer virtual sessions as well so we can visit you in the convenience of your own home. Talk to us to find out more.





Cook Chill Chat Cooking Workshops

Do you want to **meet new people**
while **learning healthy cooking**
tips and kitchen tricks?

Join Us!

Family Services Australia

1/80 Park Rd, Nowra

Date: Starting Wednesday 3 August for 8 weeks

Time: 10:30am – 1:30pm (lunch included)

Cost: FREE

Bookings: To book your spot, call Katie on 0439 887 554
or Linda on 4283 8111

Free child minding available – bookings essential

Cook Chill Chat is a weekly community cooking program to
increase social connections, happiness and healthfulness.





PARENTING GROUP-Nowra

BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS

Bringing Up Great Kids (BUGK) aims to help parents and carers of children aged 0-12 years develop confident, loving and positive relationships.

You Will Learn

- The magic of the human brain
- How to send helpful, loving and positive messages to ourselves and our children
- Practical information to support parenting
- Build positive relationships with your children
- Learn more on our website www.familyservices.org.au

When and Where

This free group runs over 4 sessions during School Term 3, 2022

- Thursday's from 10am to 12 noon
- 1 to 22 September, 2022
- Family Services Australia
Cottage 1, 80 Park Road, Nowra

Bookings Essential

To register

- Email Joanne.Cunningham@familyservices.org.au or
- Phone 0408 258 605 or 1800 372 000 Option 5
- Free childminding available

Do you have a State Debt?
We may be able to help you pay off your fines with a Work & Development Order



Family Services Australia



Australian
Childhood Foundation
Protecting Children



Havenlee Fire Bricks



Going camping?

Have a firepit?



**Buy some of our fire bricks to get
your fire started!**

**\$3.00 for 6 fire bricks or
50c each (Cash Only).**

Made from shredding in Vocational Education

