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### 2021 Term Dates

- 28th Jan - 1st Apr
- 19th Apr - 25th Jun
- 12th Jul - 17th Sep
- 4th Oct - 17th Dec

### What's on this Month

- Police in Schools program
- Swimming
- Casual Clothes Day
- Curriculum Day
- Whole School **Digital** Performing Arts Show
- Book Week Dress Up!
- Book Week @WYPS
- Young Authors Program - 'Write a book in a day'
- Gr 3 Aboriginal for a Dae
- Art Show

See page 5 for more details

### PERMISSION FORMS AND PAYMENT DUE

#### OVERDUE:

- Bus Travellers: Bus Stop Details

#### Due Thursday 12th

- CSEF \$125 applications close

#### DUE TUE 17TH AUG:

- Little Light Performance

# Woody Yaloak Primary School ROSS CREEK CAMPUS



"ACHIEVING TOGETHER"

Principal: Corey Pohlner PH: 5342 8565

Campus Head: Nathan Harris PH: 5342 0478

#### Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

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Website: [www.woodyyaloak.vic.edu.au](http://www.woodyyaloak.vic.edu.au)



*WYPS Ross Creek Campus was formed on the lands of the Wadawurrung people of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging. We also acknowledge the First Nations people throughout Victoria.*

## Woody Kid of the Month July



Congratulations to Miss Taylor G who has worked so very hard this year in grade one that she is receiving our Woody Kid of the Month for July. Each day Taylor comes to school with a big smile on her face and is a very helpful and friendly member of our class. Taylor always tries her very best with all work tasks, presenting everything with effort and precision, especially her writing! She loves to share her ideas and thoughts with all of her classmates and often has very interesting facts to add to class discussions. Well done Taylor for your outstanding efforts so far this year - we love having you as part of our class!

*Congratulations!*

### FROM THE CAMPUS HEAD

#### VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL DAY

This Friday, we are celebrating and thanking the work that our Principal, Mr. Pohlner does for our school. Particularly through the last 18 months, we have all developed a new appreciation of the value of schools in their local community and in their students' lives.

Through all the ups and downs that our communities have experienced, Mr Pohlner has been the person ready to step forward and willing to take the responsibility of leading our school. Along with this, Mr Pohlner has successfully secured wonderful opportunities for our school, including the recent announcement of 9.5 million dollars of funding.

Friday is a day to say 'thank you' to Mr Pohlner for the wonderful job he is doing. This week, the students have sent a message of thanks to Mr Pohlner and please feel free to send him a message of thanks yourself via email at [woody.yaloak.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:woody.yaloak.ps@education.vic.gov.au)



"IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL"



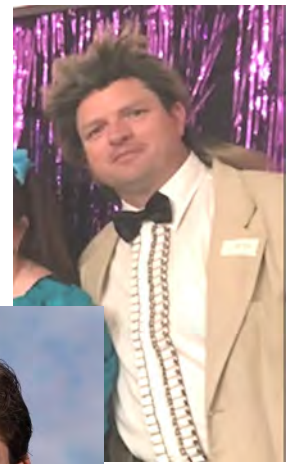
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CLASSROOM  
COMMUNICATION



ClassDojo

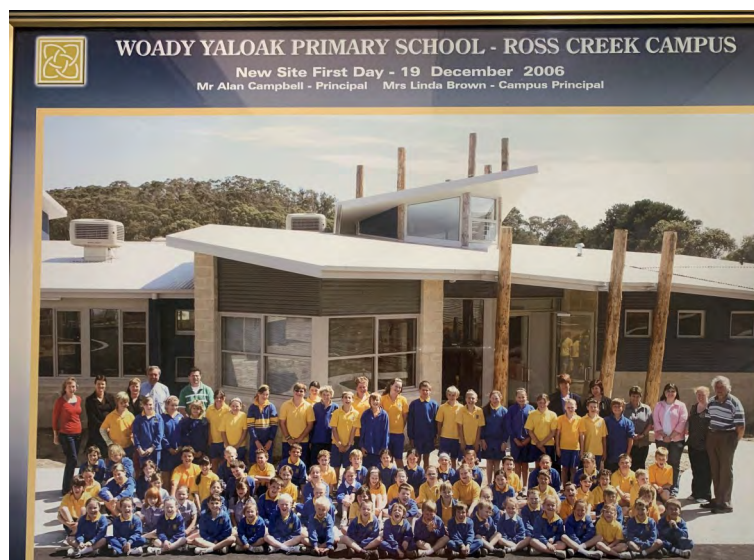


### FAREWELL MR SNIBSON

Sadly, this week is our final week of Mr Leigh Snibson being a part of the WYPS teaching staff. Mr Snibson has been a big part of the Woody Yaloak school for many years and will be sincerely missed by staff, students and families. Mr Snibson has been a huge part of the Woody team for over 15 years, having begun his teaching at WYPS in January 2006 in the old Ross Creek Campus building. On entry to the Ross Creek Campus office area, you will even spot Mr Snibson on the 'New Site - First Day 19th Dec 2006' picture! So safe to say, he has been a big part of many many students who have gone through Woody Yaloak Primary School.

Mr Snibson has gained employment at Mount Clear College and will begin his adventures there next week. Mr Snibson will be teaching in areas including science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) together. We know that this is right up Mr Snibson's alley and that he will thoroughly enjoy his new challenge!

A huge congratulations to Mr Snibson from all of the staff, students and school families on your new position and we wish you the very best in 2021 and beyond!



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## FOOTY TIPPING

Just a reminder that the \$10 tipping fee for all people that have registered is now due and payable to the Ross Creek Office.

Thankyou to all that have already paid.



### GRADE 5/6 CAMP

The grade 5/6 camp will be held at Camp Cooriemungle on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of October. We have chosen this camp due to Melbourne Camp being cancelled due to Covid restrictions and uncertainties. Camp Cooriemungle is located near Port Campbell in the South West region of Country Victoria. Some of the activities include canoeing on the lake, high Ropes course, flying fox, commando (bush) course, fitness classes, giant swing and more. Notes and more details will be out soon. We look forward to heading down to Camp Cooriemungle.  
Senior PLC team.



### PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thanks to all parents that booked in and contributed to the Parent Teacher Interviews that took place last in week 1 and 2 of the term. We are pleased that almost 80% of families were able to come in and discuss their child's progress and learning. At other times throughout the year we make regular contact with parents, as the need arises and we encourage all families to do the same. If you would like to discuss your child's progress at any stage during the year please contact your child's classroom teacher to organise an appropriate meeting time.

### CSEF – Camps, Sports and Excursion Funds

Do you have a Health Care Card? You are entitled to access the CSEF to support your child's learning. Fill in a CSEF form and provide a copy of your health care card and the amount of \$125 is added to your account to use for excursions/sports and camps. The date to provide your details has been extended to THURSDAY 12th AUGUST. Please contact Brenda in the office to ensure you are receiving these funds that you are entitled to.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### SWIMMING

Due to the recent lockdown unfortunately we missed a few weeks of our swimming program, and as the Aquatic Centre were unsure of their opening conditions regarding COVID restrictions, they cancelled any swimming lessons for week 3. Good news that this week we will be starting back with the usual program running from Thursday for Scarsdale, and Friday for Smythesdale, Snake Valley and Ross Creek.



As a result of missed lessons the Aquatic centre are unable to fit in make-up lessons, so \$5 for each lesson missed due to COVID restrictions will be credited to your child's account – Scarsdale students \$10, with remaining campuses \$15. Hopefully moving forward we will be able to complete the remaining lessons. Please note that in regards to spectators at our swimming lessons, until further notice as part of the Aquatic Centre's COVID policy, parents/carers are not allowed to attend lessons and watch their child. Thank you for your understanding of the current circumstances.

### WOODY ART SHOW – WEEKS 8 & 9

This year is our biannual Art Show. Due to the current climate we have decided to change the format of our Art Show, so that it can still go ahead and we can show all the wonderful work our students have produced. This year all students Art work will be set up in the hallway spaces in Weeks 8 and 9 (Monday 30th August – Thursday 9th September). Parents will be able to come in and look at the Artwork that is being displayed, at any time during those two weeks.

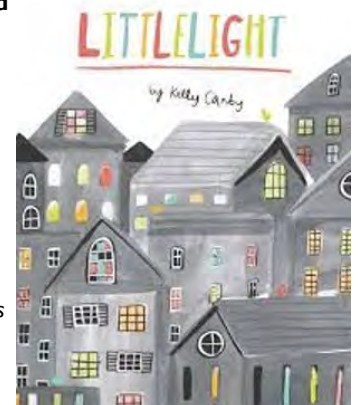


**If current restrictions are still in place and parents are unable to come onsite, we will create a video of all the Artwork and upload it to class dojo accounts for parents to view.**

### BOOK WEEK-(Monday 23rd August -Friday 27th August)

This year, students will celebrate Book Week with a digital performance of the Children's Book Council notable book 'Littlelight'. Students across our campus will be enthralled with an interactive show that challenges students to think about how they can be tolerant and accepting of others. So what is Littlelight about?

*When bricks start to go missing from the town of Littlelight, the mayor whips his citizens into a frenzy of aggravation. But when the townspeople find the thief, and her motive, they discover perhaps it is the mayor who is the problem. Illustrated in moody black and white with dynamic neon highlights, this is a thought-provoking tale of tolerance and acceptance.*



Permission notes have been sent home today with all students today, **notes and payment** are due Tuesday, 17th August.

**BOOK WEEK DRESS UP- MONDAY 23rd AUGUST**

As part of our book week celebrations, students are invited to dress up as their favourite book character on **Monday 23rd August**. This date coincides with our digital performance of 'Littlelight'. We will pop further reminders on Class Dojo in the lead up to the event.

**2022 ENROLMENTS**

It's the time of year where we start thinking about enrolments for 2022! If you have a child starting in Foundation next year or know of someone that does please encourage them to contact our office for an enrolment pack. Early enrolments help us to plan our classes for 2022, which starts in term 3.

**2022 ENROLMENTS NOW BEING TAKEN!****CAMPUS TOURS**

At this current point, we are unable to offer campus tours to prospective families.

**CAFS SUPPORT**

We have formed a partnership with a representative from CAFS (Child and Family Services) in Ballarat to support our families across the whole school. Olivia will be working from our Smythesdale campus each Monday and can be contacted for questions or support. She can assist families to engage with other agencies such as The Orange Door, Headspace etc. If you would like to meet with Olivia or get her to call you please contact your classroom teacher or myself.

**DENTAL VAN VISITS**

We are aware that only a portion of our students have been seen by the dental van (Australian Dental Health - <https://www.adhv.com.au/>) as of this current point due to various lockdowns and restrictions. They are trying to make their way back to our campus in the final sessions in term 4 but might find that difficult and as such it could possibly be pushed out until term 1 2022. We will keep our families informed as more information comes to us.

**STUDENT ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY – GRADE 4/5/6 - WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!**

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing, and quality instruction, and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school.

The AtoSS is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist our school to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, bullying and life in general.

Students from Year 4 through to Year 6 at our school will participate in the survey. Your child will complete the survey online during school hours using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Your child has the right to refuse or withdraw from the survey at any time.

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used to link data for statistical and research purposes only. All responses to the survey are kept anonymous in the response file. Personal identification data will not be recorded in the survey response file. This ensures that the confidentiality of your child's responses is protected at all times.

This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school over the period Monday 2nd August to Friday 6th August. The survey takes around 20-45 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time.

The survey results will be reported back to the school in an aggregate form throughout the survey period. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified. Data suppression rules are used for schools with low student numbers per year level.

If you would like more information, please speak to your child's teacher or visit: <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/data-collection-surveys/guidance/attitudes-school-survey>

**NATIONAL TREE PLANTING DAY 30TH JULY - ROSS CREEK WETLANDS**

Unfortunately due to our new operating restrictions at school, we were unable to have our students participate in the National Tree Planting Day activities that were set for Friday 30th July last week with our local Landcare group and Damascus College students. This is sadly the second year in a row we have been unable to proceed.

All of the trees that were ordered and gathered, along with the planting equipment, were still able to be used by the Ross Creek Landcare group and also the outdoor education program for Damascus students. We are excited that over 400 trees were still able to be planted ready for our spring time soon to hit.

Our students were able to still have the chance to head out to the Wetlands and wave to our planting group at a distance so that they could engage with the work that has been going on for months in the background and to gain excitement for the wetlands being looked after and developed.

IF IT'S ON  
YELLOW  
PAPER

READ IT

SIGN IT

PAY FOR IT

RETURN IT

THANK  
YOU

**NATIONAL TREE PLANTING DAY 30TH JULY - ROSS CREEK WETLANDS CONT...**

Thanks to all families for their understanding in this and a continued thank you to our local Landcare Group and the Damascus College students involved. Again a thank you to all families who also are involved in our Landcare group and also to the families who were able to provide time and effort during the school holidays to help prepare for this day.

We hope that in 2022 we can be 3rd try lucky!

**WETLANDS COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY**

The Ross Creek Landcare group are inviting all families and community members to come along and finish off the planting of 200 more trees and grasses that were not able to be completed last Friday. We hope that we can see as many families as possible make it along as we were not able to do this under normal school conditions last Friday.

The details of this planting day are:

**Date:** Sunday 15th August

**Time:** 10am

**Where:** Ross Creek Wetlands - near the staff carpark/behind the portable classrooms

This will be a great opportunity for our students to be involved with the landcare group and be a part of all the wonderful work being done.

**CASUAL CLOTHES DAY - FRIDAY 6TH AUG**

On this day we will be holding a casual clothes day for a gold coin donation.

All funds raised will be going towards the **Kids with Cancer Project**, which will be supported through the **Young Authors Program** and their **'Write a book in a day'** program.

**DISCO - FRI 10th SEP**

We sadly had to cancel our first disco of 2021 but we are most certainly hoping to proceed with the next one which is planned for Friday 10th September.

It will be a night of fun because we're having a 'Fluro Glow Party', with dancing and glow-in-the-dark games! As well as having fun dancing and playing with friends, great dancers will receive tickets to go in the draw to participate in a special student vs. teachers 'Frog in the Pond' race! This race is a no-hands, and face-only, race where you must be the first to get a chocolate frog from the bottom of a bowl of jelly to win! It's sure to be fun to watch!!

As usual, the PFAs will run the canteen, selling lollies and drinks for our disco groovers.

Tickets are \$5.

For any queries please contact Ms Sam Williams.

**CURRICULUM DAY – MONDAY 9th AUGUST**

Please add to your diaries that Monday 9th August is our curriculum day for term 3. This means that no students will be attending school on this day.

**CHEWING GUM**

Chewing gum is not allowed at school. It does not break down and can end up stuck to shoes / clothes / hair / furniture / carpet - many of you may have unfortunately experienced this and know what a mess it makes and how difficult it is to clean up! Please speak to your child/ren and remind them that gum is not to be brought to school.

**2022 SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACEMENT CONFIRMATION**

Parent/Carers of Gr 6 students will be notified by email tomorrow about their child's secondary school placement confirmation for 2022. If you have any queries please contact Sharon (Smythesdale Campus) on 5342 8565.

**LONG HAIR**

All students with longer hair need to have it tied back while at school for health, safety and hygiene reasons. This includes to prevent head lice transmission, as well as for students to be able to play and participate safely in the wide range of activities undertaken every day at school.

PIE WARMER LUNCHES

FRIDAYS ONLY

PLEASE NAME ALL LUNCHES

PLEASE ENSURE LUNCHES ARE WRAPPED CORRECTLY

APPROPRIATE LUNCHES FOR PIE WARMER ONLY  
NO MICROWAVING

**WOODY BEANIES HAVE ARRIVED**

**Please come in and see Brenda at the office and collect your Beanie.**

**BPAY, EFTPOS or payment over the phone is preferred.**



**\$15.00 ea**



**UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

Thur 5th Aug - Police in Schools program

Fri 6th Aug - Casual Clothes Day (gold coin donation for Kids with Cancer Project)

Mon 9th Aug - Curriculum Day (no students at school this day)

Mon 23rd Aug - Whole School **Digital** Performing Arts Show (Picture Book of the Year)

Mon 23rd Aug - Book Week Dress Up!

23rd-27th Aug - Book Week @WYPS

Wed 25th Aug - Young Authors Program - 'Write a book in a day'

Mon 30th Aug - Aboriginal for a Dae (Grade 3s)

Mon 30th Aug - Art Show display in halfway opens

Fri 3rd Sep - Casual Clothes Day - Student Leadership

Fri 10th Sep - School Disco

Thur 16th Sep - Student Leadership Forum (Phoenix College)

Fri 17th Sep - End of term 3

*Nathan Harris*  
Campus Head

**CASUAL  
CLOTHES DAY  
IS ON THE  
1ST FRIDAY  
OF EACH  
MONTH**



## CAPTAINS CHAT

Hello students, welcome back to term 3. We would like to thank everyone for being so flexible during the unexpected lockdown. This Friday will be a free dress day, and the donation will be for Cancer. Please remember to bring a gold coin donation to support cancer patients. This Friday will also be Australian Principals day so we would like to thank Mr Pholner for being a great Principal on behalf of Woody Yaloak, and Mr Harris for being the Campus Head for Ross Creek.



### WELLBEING SUPPORT CARD

If you or someone you know needs urgent help, feels unsafe or is at risk of harm always call 000

TelePhone, Text Message, Website, Web Chat, Email

### Local Police stations

Bannockburn 51 High St, Bannockburn  
5281 1260

Inverleigh 90 High St, Inverleigh  
5265 1211

Meredith 14 Wilson St, Meredith  
5286 1222

Rokewood 54 Ferrars Rd, Rokewood  
5346 1342

Smythesdale 4 Sebastopol Smythesdale Rd, Smythesdale  
5342 8524

Linton 82 Sussex St, Linton  
5344 7211

### For non-urgent medical advice

Nurse on Call free, 24/7 health advice from a registered nurse.  
1300 606 024

### Mental Health

LifeLine 24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services:  
13 11 14  
0477 131 134 (midday to midnight)  
lifeline.org.au (chat 7pm to midnight)

BeyondBlue this service is for everyone, inclusive and supportive.  
1300 224 636  
beyondblue.org.au

StandBy Support After Suicide, 24/7 outreach support for those impacted by suicide.  
0421 974 949

Butterfly Foundation free, support for individuals and families affected by eating disorders or body image issues.  
1800 334 673  
butterfly.org.au (Chat)  
support@butterfly.org.au

Mensline Australia free, 24/7 support, referrals & counselling services for men.  
1300 789 978  
mensline.org.au

Kids Helpline free, confidential 24/7 service for young people aged 5 to 25.  
1800 551 800  
kidshelpline.com.au (Chat)

QLife anonymous and free LGBTQIA+ peer support and referrals, 7 days.  
1800 184 527 (3pm to midnight)  
qlife.org.au (Chat)

Hesse Rural Health social connection programs, Home Care Packages, district nursing and allied health services.  
5267 1200

EACH supports people of all ages with, or at risk of developing a mental illness.  
1300 003 224  
each.com.au

Wellways supports people affected by mental health issues or disability, as well as their families, friends or carers.  
1300 111 400

### Addiction

Directline 24/7 confidential alcohol and drug counselling and referral for individuals or their families.  
1800 888 236

BCYF (Barwon Child, Youth and Family) programs and support for children, young people and their families.  
5226 8900

Bellarat Community Health alcohol and other drugs, counselling and support to individuals and their family.  
5338 4500

If you or someone you know needs immediate help or feels unsafe call 000



Translating and Interpretive Service  
131 450



National Relay Service  
133 677

### Legal Aid

Barwon Community legal service free legal information, advice, casework.  
1300 430 599

Bellarat and Grampians Community Legal Service provides free legal services.  
5331 5999

### Accommodation/Housing

Emergency Accommodation 24/7 state-wide support, speak with a housing and support worker.  
1800 825 955

Uniting Ballarat short term emergency accommodation for individuals and families in Ballarat.  
5332 1286 (Mon to Fri, 9am to 5pm)

Community Housing LTD for people who are homeless or are at risk.  
1300 245 468 (Ballarat service)

### Food Relief

Bethany Community Support - Emergency relief help for families in financial crisis needing immediate help.  
5278 8122

Council's delivered meal service for older adults, people with chronic illness or disability.  
5220 7111

### Financial Wellbeing

National Debt Helpline (NDH) free financial counselling.  
1800 007 007

Gamblers Help 24/7, free support for those affected by gambling.  
1800 858 858

CatholicCare Victoria emergency relief for food, fuel and no interest loans.  
5337 8999

### Sexual Health

1800MYOPTIONS free, confidential, pre-choice information on pregnancy, contraception and sexual health.  
1800 696 784

Barwon Health Sexual Health Clinic provides sexual health information, screening, treatment and advice.  
0466 376 158 (Tuesdays)

Bellarat Community Health sexual health services for all ages and genders.  
5338 4500

### Family Violence

Family Violence is against the law in Australia.

It can happen with a current or former partner, in same sex, gender diverse relationships, between a parent, carer, child, sibling or extended family.

The abuse can come in many forms including verbal, emotional, financial, technological, physical and sexual. The abuse often escalates over time, which is why it is important to know the early signs and what to look out for. This may include verbal abuse such as name calling, manipulation or using disrespectful/degrading language. It may also include emotional abuse such as controlling decisions, threats of harm/damage (e.g. property, pets, children, self-harm or suicide), monitoring whereabouts, withholding medication/aids, dishonesty about use of contraception, threats to tell others about sexual orientation or gender identity, or isolating person from friends, family or community. It may also include financial abuse such as controlling finances or limiting access to money or work.

If you are experiencing family violence it is never your fault and help is available.

1800RESPECT 24/7 sexual assault and family violence information, support and counselling.  
1800 737 732  
1800 555 677 (NRS)  
13 14 50 (Interpreter)

Safe Steps Victoria's 24/7 Family Violence Response Centre.  
1800 015 188  
safesteps@safesteps.org.au  
safesteps.org.au/chat (Chat Mon to Fri, 9am to midnight)

The Orange Door free for adults, children & young people experiencing or have experienced family violence.  
1800 312 820 (Central Highlands)  
1800 219 819 (Barwon)

Victorian Sexual Assault Crisis Line counselling services for people who have experienced sexual assault.  
1800 806 292

With Respect LGBTQIA+ family violence service.  
1800 542 847

InTouch Multicultural Centre against Family Violence supports women from migrant and refugee backgrounds. Mon to Fri, 9am to 5pm.  
1800 755 988  
intouch.org.au

Djirra legal and non-legal support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Mon to Fri, 9am to 7pm.  
1800 105 303

The Sexual Assault and Family Violence Centre free, sexual assault and family violence services.  
5222 4318 (Geelong Service)

Victims of Crime Helpline free, service offering information, advice, referrals.  
1800 819 817  
0427 767 891 (text)



## Just Mat Pilates




# MINDFUL MOVEMENT with Jennie Garnham

For every body's whole body  
Beginners to intermediate

**Where:** Morrissey Memorial (Ross Creek) Community hall.

**When:** 6 weeks - July 26-September 1

**Times:** Monday series - 5.30-6.30pm  
Wednesday series - 10-11am

**Cost:** Series pass (6 sessions) \$60  
Casual class \$12 (if vacancy)

**TO BOOK or find out more, contact JENNIE**  
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