

GORDON



PRIMARY SCHOOL

"OUR FUTURE STARTS HERE"

Newsletter

23rd February 2024

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

The Resilience Project Program

Working on gratitude helps us to be thankful and appreciate what we have in our lives, rather than focusing on what we don't have or what we want. When we practise being grateful, we start to scan the world to look for positives – this only takes 21 days! Practising gratitude every day increases our levels of energy, and helps us to feel happier and more focused, determined and optimistic. It even helps us have better sleep, lowers levels of anxiety and depression and we are less likely to get sick. So many benefits – let's all try to be grateful for the things and people in our lives every day!

Whole Family Activity:

Gratitude Scavenger Hunt

- As a family create a scavenger hunt list of things that make you happy or you are grateful for, you can make your own list or use the examples below:
- Something that makes you happy
- Something you love to smell
- Something you enjoy looking at
- Something that is your favourite colour
- Something you like in nature
- Something that is useful for you
- Each member of the family uses the list and has to find as many things as they can.
- You can hunt for things inside or outside, or both. You can hunt for real things, or you can also do this using magazines or pictures from the internet.

After a set amount of time hunting, come back together, have a look at what each person collected and let them explain why they are grateful for each item.

Family Habit Builder:

Every night at dinner, have each person talk about their favourite thing about that day.

THREE WAY CONFERENCES:

Three Way Conferences will be held on March 27th of this term - The teachers will offer the opportunity for parents to meet with them and their child to discuss their progress and learning goals. You can book your appointment via Compass. You will see the link at the top of your Compass news feed when bookings are open. We will send out a message to let you know when they are available to book. Please note there will be an early finish at 1:30pm on this day. OHSC will be open from 1:30pm on this day for those who require it.

Three Way Conferences give students an opportunity to share their learning achievements and goals with their parents or guardians, supported by their teachers. As a school community we want to develop great learners. If we think of the workplace, what are the skills and attributes of a great worker?

- Communication
- Collaboration
- Understanding of strengths and weakness
- Problem solving
- Leaders in their own learning
- Questioners
- Driven
- Resilient
- Determined
- Intrinsically motivated
- Risk takers (not scared of failing)

The media and sometimes education systems focus heavily on literacy and numeracy, it is given that schools will teach this, but the results of these two areas do not classify a great learner. When you're meeting with the teacher, please ask questions around the capabilities I mention above as these are the skills that determine a successful learner.

If you have any concerns about your child's education that you do not wish to discuss in front of them, please make a separate appointment to see your child's teacher. If you are having any problems with logging onto Compass, we encourage you to ring or come into see us so that we can assist you.

TENNIS – Congratulations to our tennis representatives. All students represented the school extremely well, well done!

VACATION CARE –

A reminder for families to book into vacation care through XAP as soon as possible. This will allow me to organise appropriate staffing for the two weeks. Please note that we will not operate on Easter Monday. Please see Kathy Thompson or Carol for assistance, if required.

SCHOOL COUNCIL -

I am pleased to inform you of the outcome of nominations and the election process for the Gordon PS. Nominations for School Council 2024 closed on Wednesday 14th February at the end of business. We had three nominations for the three vacancies. Therefore, a ballot was not required. I would like to congratulate Jason Bonar and Heather Dowling who have successfully renominated and will once again join us on School Council. I would like to welcome Beth Dawson as our newest School Council member, Congratulations to Beth! Sadly, we farewelled Jo Taylor who attended her last School Council meeting earlier this month, Jo was a long-time member on council who had a significant impact in policy development, risk assessment and capital works. On behalf of the school, we thank Jo for her efforts over the last 5 years.

Our School Council Members for 2024 are:

Principal – Russel Cowan

School Reps: Stacey Castles

Parent Members: Jason Bonar, heather Dowling, Ashlee Schumann, Michelle Tenerezza and Beth Dawson.

SWIMMING PROGRAM -

Our swimming program will shortly commence. Please let your classroom teacher know if there are any concerns regarding water-based activities. The university pool run lessons for a week, parents are more than welcome to observe. This is a valuable opportunity for students to continue to develop their swimming skills and water safety awareness in the comfort of a climate-controlled environment.

Russel Cowan

(Principal)

SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND CASUAL DRESS DAY

PROCEEDS TO AID FAMILIES OF POMONAL SCHOOL WHO HAVE RECENTLY BEEN AFFECTED BY BUSH FIRES.

On Friday 1st March we will be hosting a sausage sizzle, and a free dress day. We ask that you bring a gold coin donation, sausages will be \$2.00 along with a juice box which will be \$1.00. The sausage sizzle will be hosted at lunchtime so you may not need to supply lunch for your child/ren if they are planning on purchasing a sausage. School captains and JSC (Junior School Council) will be assisting with the sausage sizzle.

Thank you for your support.

School Captains

Maggie and Tommi

VALUES IN 2024 - Our school community will again embrace our values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. The teachers will be nominating students for our values badge when they see a student demonstrating the school values. Students who receive five nominations for one value will receive a badge. Students who have all three badges will be working towards additional badges each year .



Our award recipients this week are -

Resilience—Anaiya—Principal for 1 hour, Milo—Zoooper Dooper, Chaz—Hot Chocolate Levi—Arlo for 1 hour

Respect—Harlow—Teachers Chair

BIRTHDAYS

We would like to acknowledge students celebrating their birthdays. We will place your birthday bookmark in your teachers’ pigeon hole.

Happy Birthday to

(February 24—March 7th) Elsie Shugg, Alexander Meiss, Kade Camilleri, Jack Riddell, Zachariah Hose, Abigail Summerfield, William Meiss, Tyler Smethurst and Jett Hatcher.





- 26th February Dental Van Forms back
- 1st March Sausage Sizzle see page 3
- 4th—8th March Whole School Swimming
- 12th March Pupil Free Day
- 13th March History Box
- 15th March MCG Sports Museum
- 16th April School Photos
- 17th April Footsteps Dance Program begins
- 23rd April Athletics Day
- 7th June Pupil Free Day
- 23rd August Staff Professional Practice Day—pupil free
- 4th November Pupil Free Day

Grade Prep/ Ones exploring patterns in maths.



Jude and Elliott



Alfie and Hayden



Henry and Adam



Jose and Sophie

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Fredrik and Rhen



Caden and Hugo



Lexi and Evie

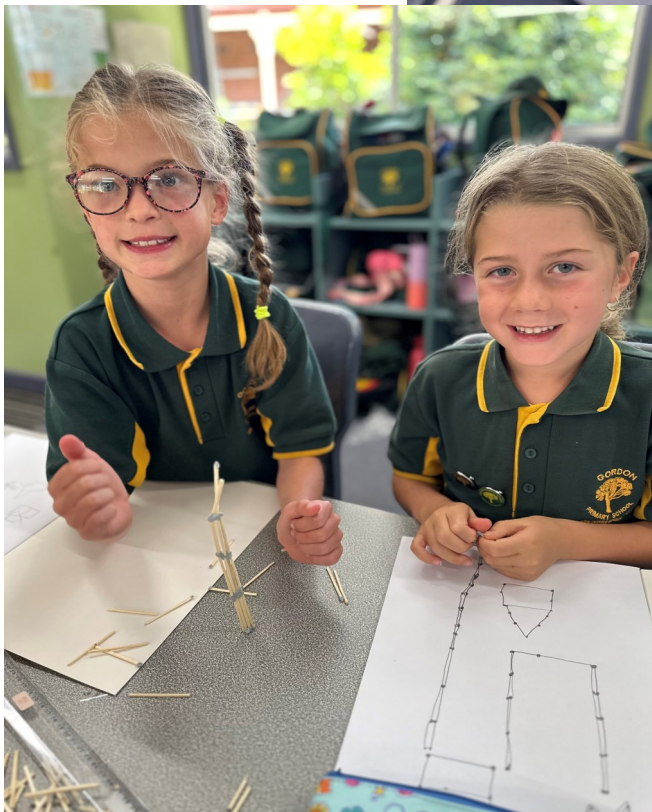


3/4W STEM

Making the tallest tower

Riley and Maddi

Tyson and Jake

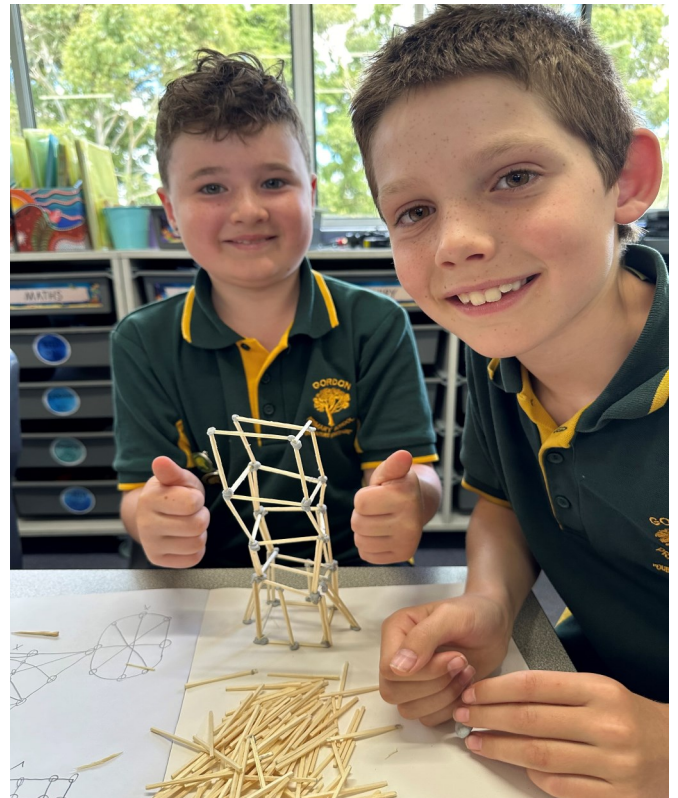


Lily and Evie

Zander



Harlow and Liam



Angus and Elliot

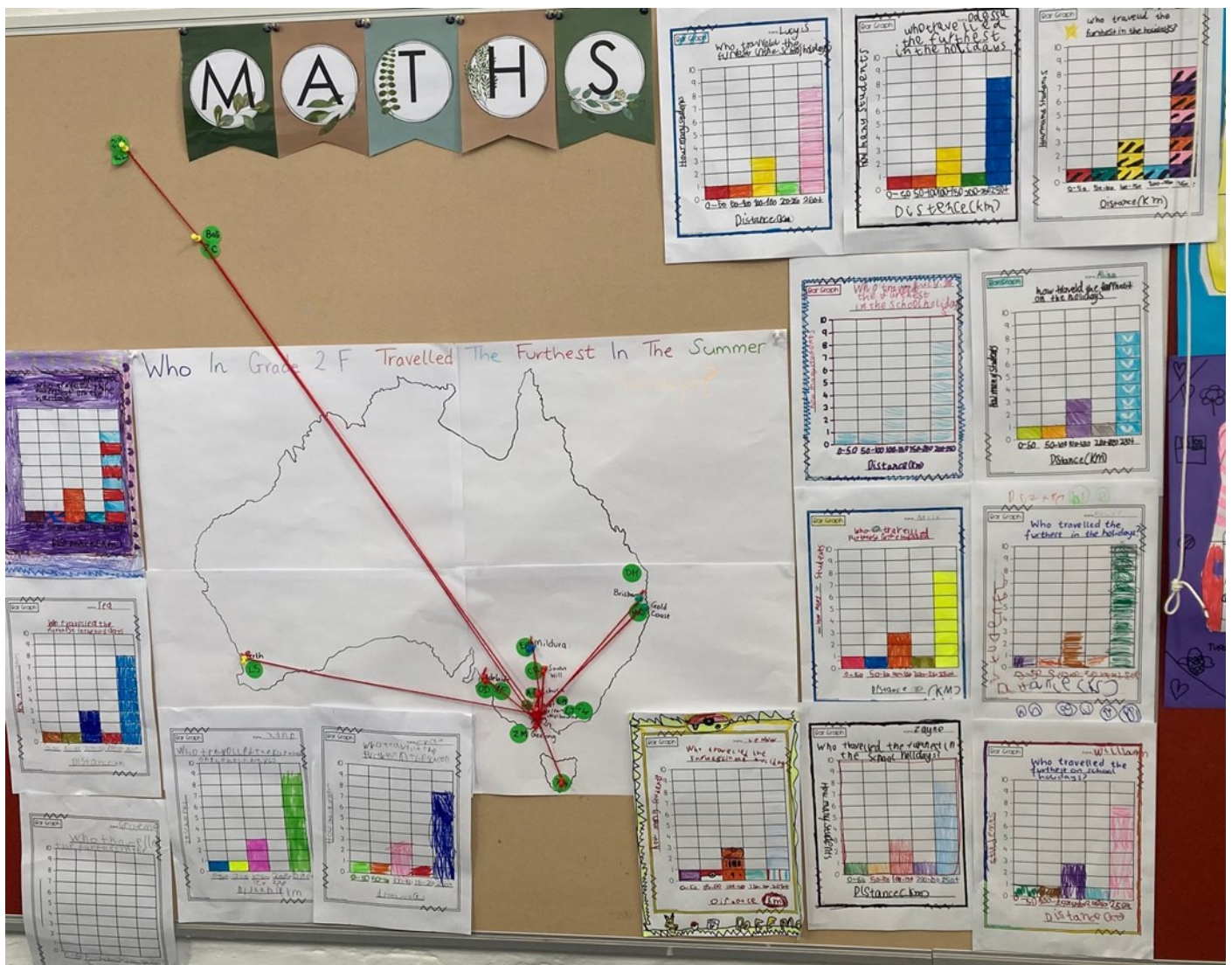
Grade 2F Postcard Delivery!

During Writing this term, Grade 2F have been creating and writing postcards about our school holidays. On Monday we walked down to the Gordon Post Office to mail our postcards home to our families as a thank you for all the fun activities we did in the school holidays. We had so much fun doing it!



Grade 2F Maths – Who Travelled the Furthest in the School Holidays?

In Maths, Grade2F have been exploring who travelled the furthest in the school holidays. We listed all the places we went as a class and made predictions about who we thought went the furthest. We used Google Earth and Google Maps to find the distance between Gordon Primary School and our destinations. We created a class map of Australia to see who went the furthest and then we collected our data for who travelled 0-50 km, 50- 100 km, 150 – 200 km and more than 200 km. We used this data to create our own bar graphs of number of students and the distance they travelled. We discovered Miss. Frew travelled the furthest on her holiday to Thailand! Well done, Grade 2s!



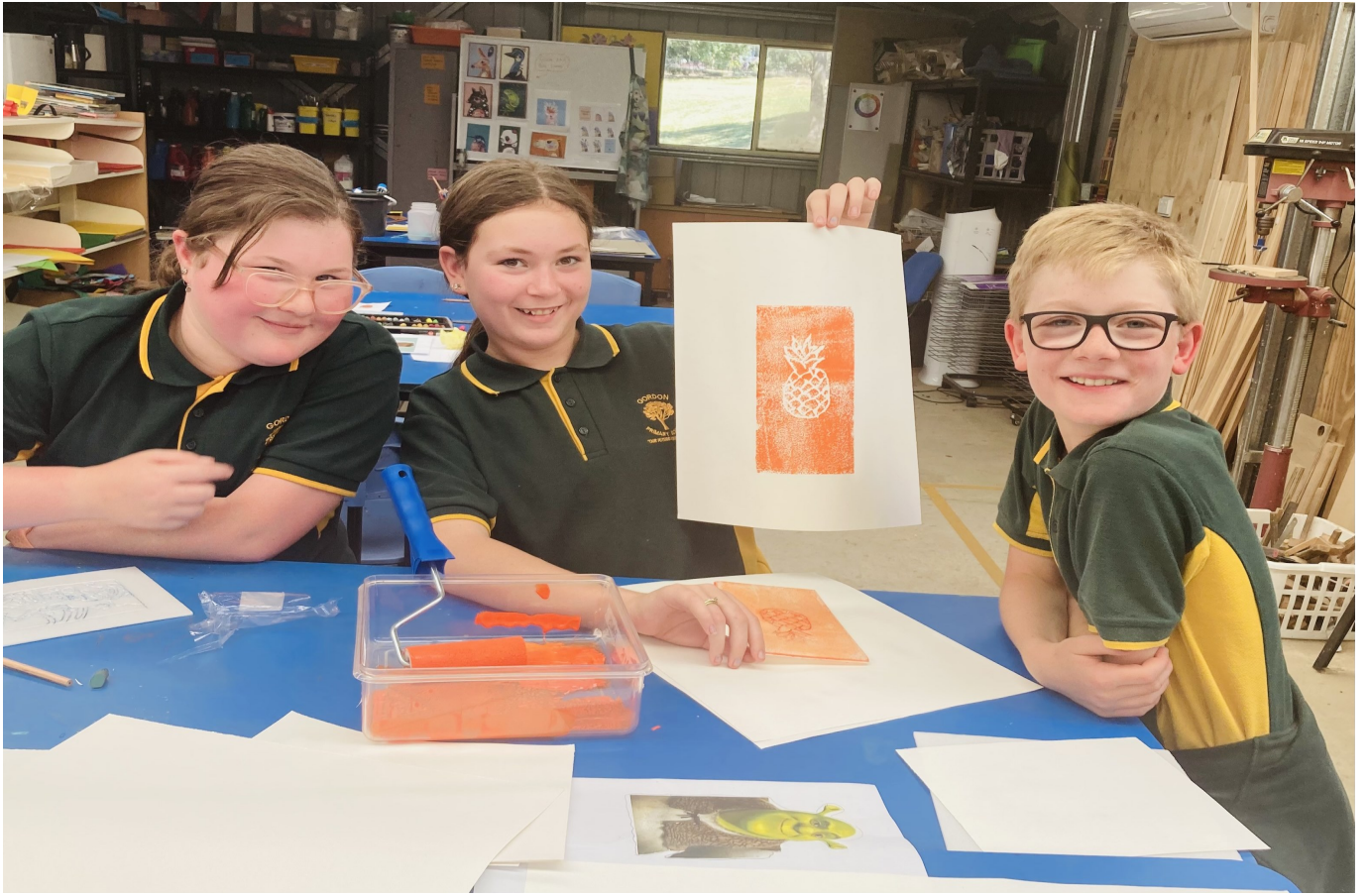
Students in grade 5 & 6 have been learning about the artist Andy Warhol. This week they began a print making process inspired by an image that they consider POPular.



Jye, Hudson, Zachariah and Benny



Wolfgang, Karmin and Maggie



Grace, Zoe and Tilman



Wolfgang, Maddi, Karmin and Maggie

TABLOID SPORTS

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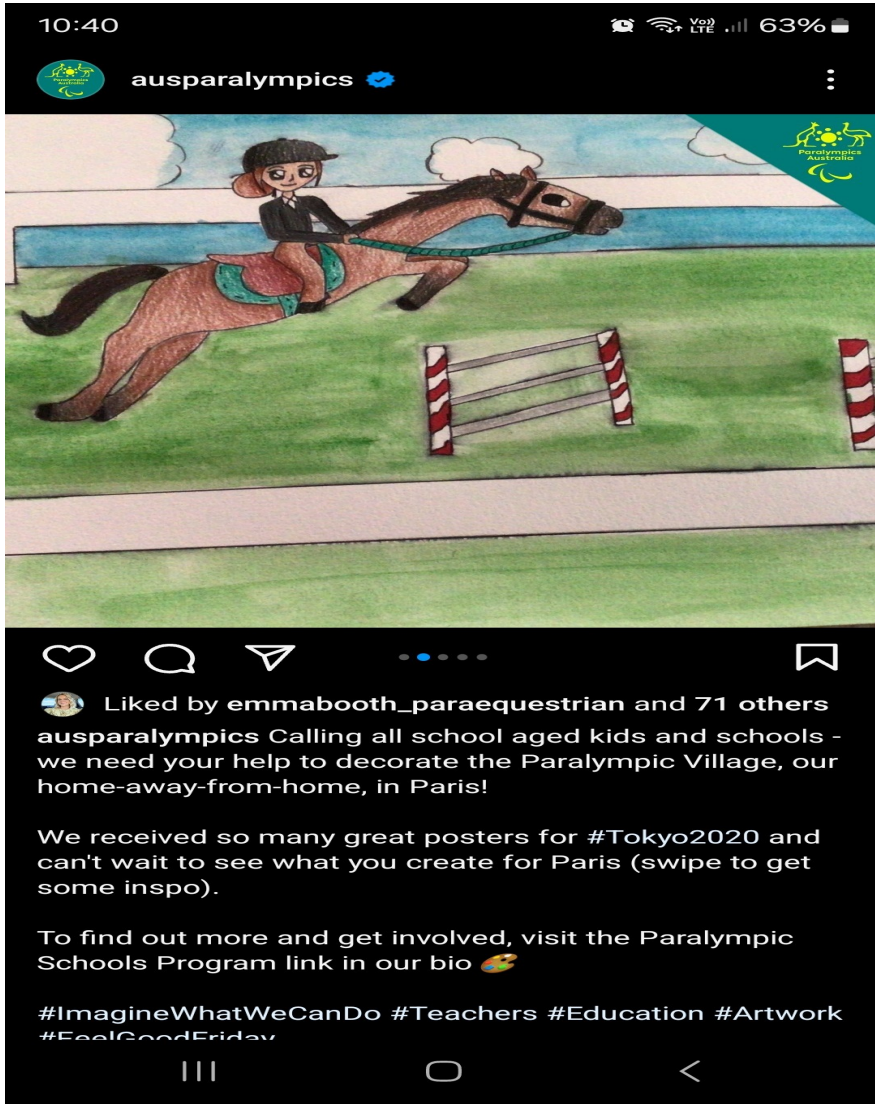
Zoe



Jay and Liam



Oliver



Calling all school aged kids! Help decorate the paralympic village for the Australian team at Paris 2024!

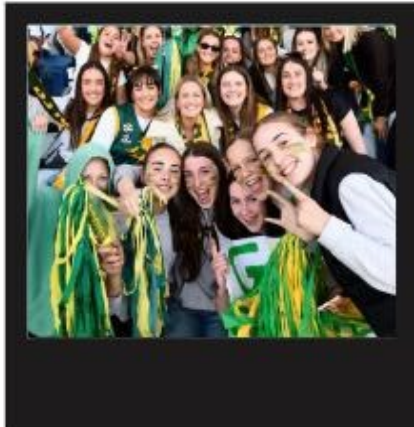
walk to a different beat...

Foster Care is about creating a safe space for children in our community. And we don't need superheroes, just everyday people who care.

FOSTER CARE

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Gordon FNC Community Day

24th of March 2024
10:00am - 1:00pm

@GORDON REC RESERVE

Colour Run (wear white)

Sliming

Facepaint

Food Available

Jumping Castle

And More ...

\$20 PER FAMILY
\$5 SINGLE ENTRY



<https://www.facebook.com/GordonFNClub>



GIRLS FOOTY CLINIC

OPEN TO ALL GIRLS AGED 8 AND ABOVE

- WHERE: WOODY YALOOK REC FACILITY (55 HEALES ST, SMYTHESDALE)
- WHEN: SATURDAY 23RD MARCH 2024
- TIME: 10AM – 2PM

| TAHLIA GILLARD

| SINEAD GOLDRICK

| ALYSSA BANNAN

| CASEY SHERRIFF



COST: \$69.00 PER PERSON
INCLUDES LUNCH AND SNACKS
FOR ENQUIRIES CONTACT JOHN ON
0402429471

