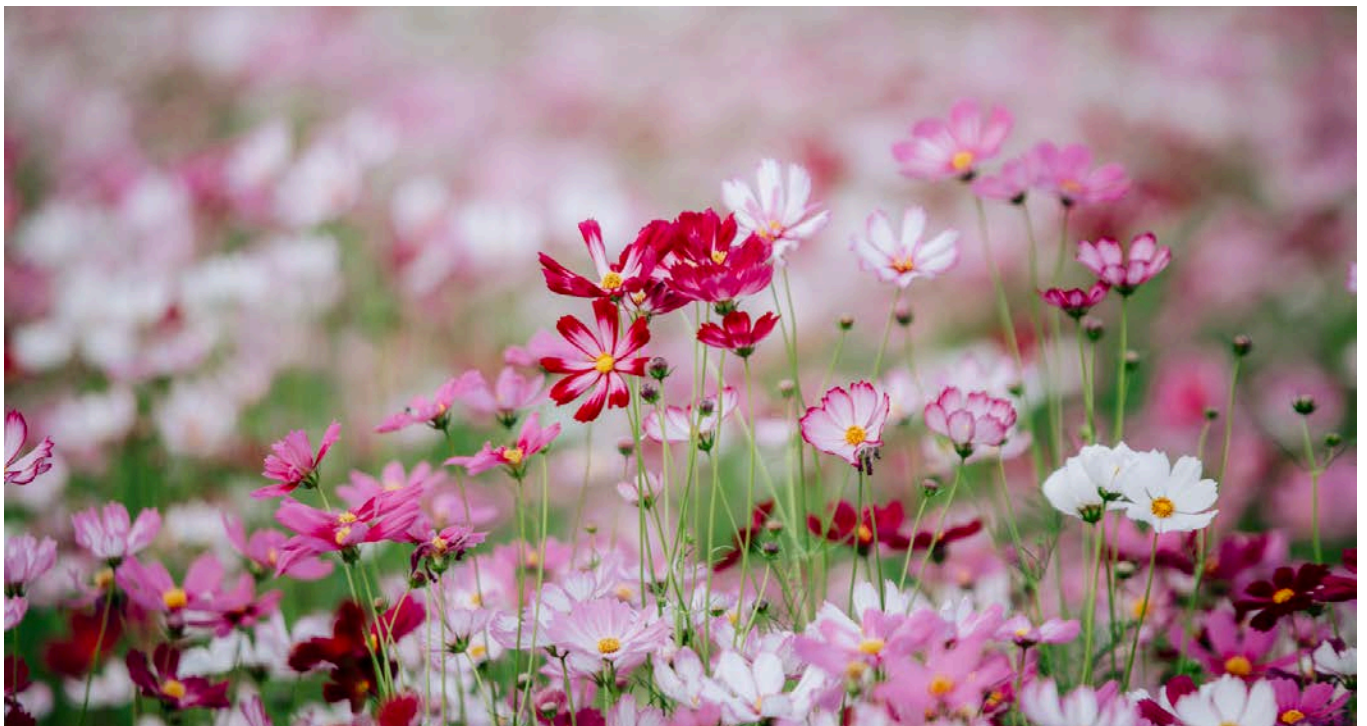


Sweet Porridge



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We are honoured to share in the continued care of this land, with its wetlands and river, its stones that sleep in the depths of the Earth, its plants and trees that reach for the Sun, and all the creatures that know it as home. We respectfully acknowledge the ancient and enduring culture of those who have walked this land in the past, which will continue to enrich the lives of our community into the future.



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As Term 3 comes to an end, the holidays offer us a chance to slow down, rest and gather ourselves before the final term of the year.

Rest does not always mean doing nothing. Sometimes it means choosing the things that nourish us. I am choosing being outside in the spring sunshine, reading a good book, baking something delicious, making something with my hands, spending time with family, or simply having nowhere to go or to do. There is something valuable in being a little bored, too. When every moment is not planned for us, we have the chance to wonder what we might like to do next. Boredom certainly open the door to creativity, curiosity and unexpected adventures.

In this issue, we celebrate spring and all the small things that can restore us: flowers appearing around us, the warmth and importance of the sun, time in nature, a delicious cake to share, stories, craft and ideas for unhurried holiday days.

We hope these holidays bring you time to rest, play, notice what is growing around you, and do the things that leave you feeling nourished and ready for the final term.

Enjoy this issue, and have a beautiful spring holiday.



Poems

A Child of Spring

by Ellen Robena Field

Where am I going? I don't quite know.
Down to the stream where the king-cups grow—
Up on the hill where the pine trees blow—
Anywhere, anywhere. I don't know.
Where am I going? The clouds sail by,
Little ones, baby ones, over the sky.
Where am I going? The shadows pass,
Little ones, baby ones, over the grass.
35 If you were a cloud, and sailed up there,
You'd sail on water as blue as air,
And you'd see me here in the fields and say:
"Doesn't the sky look green to-day?"
Where am I going? The high rooks call:
"It's awful fun to be born at all."
Where am I going? The ring-doves coo:
"We do have beautiful things to do."
If you were a bird, and lived on high,
You'd lean on the wind when the wind came by,
You'd say to the wind when it took you away:
"That's where I wanted to go to-day!"
Where am I going? I don't quite know.
What does it matter where people go?
Down to the wood where the blue-bells grow—
Anywhere, anywhere. I don't know.

SPRING MORNING

by A.A.Milne

I know a little maiden,
She is very fair and sweet,
As she trips among the grasses
That kiss her dainty feet;
Her arms are full of flowers,
The snow-drops, pure and white,
Timid blue-eyed violets,
And daffodillies bright.

She loves dear Mother Nature,
And wanders by her side;
She beckons to the birdlings
That flock from far and wide.
She wakes the baby brooklets,
Soft breezes hear her call;
She tells the little children
The sweetest tales of all.

Her brow is sometimes clouded,
And she sighs with gentle grace,
Till the sunbeams, daring lovers,
Kiss the teardrops from her face.
Well we know this dainty maiden,
For April is her name;
And we welcome her with gladness,
As the springtime comes again.





THE FROST KING AND HOW THE FAIRIES CONQUERED HIM

Louis M. Alcott



The Queen sat upon her throne, and all the fairies from the four kingdoms were gathered for a grand council. A very important question was to be decided, and the bravest, wisest elves were met to see what could be done. The Frost King made war upon the flowers; and it was a great grief to Queen Blossom and her subjects to see their darlings die year after year, instead of enjoying one long summer, as they might have done but for him. She had sent messengers with splendid gifts, and had begged him to stop this dreadful war, which made autumn so sad and left the fields strewn with dead flowers. But he sent back the gifts, sternly refused her prayers, and went on with his cruel work; because he was a tyrant, and loved to destroy innocent things.

"My subjects, we will try once more," said the Queen, "if any one can propose a plan that will touch his hard heart and make him kind to the dear flowers."

Then there was a great rustling of wings and murmuring of voices; for all the elves were much excited, and each wanted to propose something. The Queen listened, but none of the plans seemed wise, and she was sadly perplexed, when her favorite maid of honor, the lovely Star, came and knelt before her, saying, while her face shone and her voice trembled with the earnestness of her words, "Dear Queen, let me go alone to the Frost King and try what love will do. We have sent presents and prayers by messengers who feared and hated him, and he would not receive them; but we have not tried to make him love us, nor shown him how beautiful his land might be, by patiently changing that dreary place, and teaching his people to plant flowers, not to kill them. I am not afraid; let me go and try my plan, for love is very powerful, and I know he has a heart if we can only find it."

"You may go, dear Star," answered the Queen, "and see if you can conquer him. But if any harm happens to you, we will come with our whole army and fight this cruel King till he is conquered."

At these brave words all the elves cheered, and General Sun, the great warrior, waved his sword as if longing to go to battle at once. They gathered about Star, some to praise and caress her, some to warn her of the dangers of her task, others to tell her the way, and every one to wish her success; for fairies are gentle little creatures, and believe heartily in the power of love.

Star wished to go at once; so they wrapped her in a warm cloak of down from a swan's breast, gave her a bag of the seeds of all their sweetest flowers, and with kisses and tears went to the gates of Fairyland to say good-by.

Smiling bravely she flew away toward the North, where the frost spirits lived. Soon the wind grew cold, the sunshine faded, and snow began to fall, making Star shiver under her soft cloak. Presently she saw the King's palace. Pillars of ice held up the roof fringed with icicles, which would have sparkled splendidly if there had been any sun. But all was dark and cold, and not a green leaf rustled, or bird sang in the wide plains, white with snow, that stretched as far as the eye could see. Before the doors stood the guard, frozen to their places, who lifted their sharp spears and let Star go in when she said she was a messenger from the Queen.



Walls of ice carved with strange figures were round her, long icicles hung from the roof, and carpets of snow covered the floor. On a throne hung with gray mist sat the King; a crown of crystals was on his white hair, and his mantle was covered with silver frost-work. His eyes were cold, his face stern, and a smile never moved his hard lips. He frowned as he saw the fairy, and drew his cloak closer, as if afraid the light of her bright face might soften his heart.

Then Star told her errand, and in her gentle voice begged him to be kind. She described the sorrow of both elves and children when his frost killed all the flowers; she painted a bright picture of a world where it was always summer, and asked him to let her show how lovely flowers made any spot, by planting some in his bleak fields.

But he only scowled and ordered her away, saying harshly, "I will do as I please; and if your Queen does not leave me in peace, I will go to war and freeze every fairy to death."

Star tried to say more, but he was so angry that he called his people and bid them shut her up till she would own that he was right and promise to let him kill all the flowers he liked.

"I never will do that," said Star, as the Frost people led her away to a dark little cell, and left her alone.

She was cold and tired and very sad because the King would not listen to her, but her heart was brave, and instead of crying she began to sing. Soon the light of her own eyes, that shone like stars, made a little glimmer in the dark, and she saw that the floor of her cell was of earth; and presently she heard the tinkle of water as it dripped drop by drop down from the snow above. Then she smiled, so that it seemed as if a ray of light had crept in.

"Here is earth and water, I will make the sunshine, and soon by my fairy power I will have a garden even in Frostland." As she spoke she pulled out the seeds and fell to work, still singing, still smiling, still sure that in time she would do the hard task she had set herself. First she gathered the drops in her warm hands and moistened the hard earth; then she loosened it and planted her seeds along the walls; and then, sitting in the middle of the narrow room, she waved her wand and chanted the fairy spell that works the pretty miracle of turning seeds to flowers.

"Sleep, little seed,
Deep in your bed,
While winter snow
Lies overhead.
Wake, little sprout,
And drink the rain,
Till sunshine calls
You to rise again.
Strike deep, young root,
In the earth below;
Unfold, pale leaves,
Begin to grow.
Baby bud, dance
In the warm sun;
Bloom, sweet rose,
Life has begun."



As she sung, the light grew stronger, the air warmer, and the drops fell like dew, till up came rows of little green vines and plants, growing like the magic beanstalk all over the walls and all round the room, making the once dark place look like a bower. Moss spread like a carpet underfoot, and a silvery white mushroom sprung up under Star, as if she were the queen of this pretty place.





Soon the Frost spirits heard the music and went to see who dared sing in that gloomy prison. They were much surprised when they peeped, to see that instead of dying in her cell, the fairy had made it beautiful, and sat there singing while her flowers bloomed in spite of all their power.

They hurried to the King and bade him come and see. He went, and when he saw the lovely place he could not spoil it till he had watched Star at her work, and tried to see what magic did such wonders. For now the dark walls were hung with morning-glories, ringing their many-colored bells, the floor was green with soft moss, the water-drops made music as they fell, and rows of flowers nodded from their beds as if talking together in a sweet language of their own. Star sat on her throne still singing and smiling, till the once dark place was as bright as if a little sun shone there.

"I am strong, but I cannot do that," said the King. "I love power, and perhaps if I watch I shall learn some of her magic skill to use as I please. I will let her live, but keep her a prisoner, and do as I please about killing other flowers."

So he left her there, and often stole down to peep, and wonder at her cheerfulness and courage; for she never complained or cried, though she longed for home, and found it very hard to be brave and patient.

Meantime the Queen waited and waited for Star to come, and when a long time passed she sent a messenger to learn where she was. He brought back the sad tidings that she was a prisoner, and the King would not let her go. Then there was great weeping and wailing in Fairyland, for every one loved gentle Star. They feared she would be frozen to death if they left her in the cruel King's power, and resolved to go to war as he would not set her free.

General Sun ordered out the army, and there was a great blowing of trumpets, beating of drums, and flying of flags as the little soldiers came marching from the four quarters of the kingdom. The earth elves were on foot, in green suits, with acorn cups for helmets and spear grass for lances. The water sprites were in blue armor made of dragon-fly scales, and they drew shells full of tiny bubbles that were shot like cannon-balls, upsetting their small enemies by the dozen. The fire imps wore red, and carried torches to burn, and little guns to shoot bullets of brimstone from, which killed by their dreadful smell. The air spirits were the finest of all; for they were in golden armor, and carried arrows of light, which they shot from tiny rainbows. These came first, and General Sun was splendid to behold as he led them shining and flashing before the Queen, whose great banner of purple and gold streamed over their heads, while the trumpets blew, the people cheered, and the elfin soldiers marched bravely away to fight the Frost King and bring Star home.

The Queen followed in her chariot drawn by white butterflies, with her maids, and her body guard of the tallest elves in Fairyland. They lived in the pine-trees, and were fine strong fellows, with little cones on their heads, pine needles for swords, and the handsome russet scales for chain armor. Their shields were of sweet-smelling gum, like amber; but no one could approach the Queen when they made a wall about her, for whoever touched these shields stuck fast, and were killed with the sharp swords.

Away streamed the army like a wandering rainbow, and by and by reached the land of frost and snow. The King had been warned that they were coming, and made ready by building a fort of ice, laying in piles of snow-balls, and arming his subjects with sharp icicles. All the cold winds that blow wailed like bagpipes, hailstones drummed on the frozen ground, and banners of mist floated over the towers of the palace. General Fog, in a suit of silver, stood ready to meet the enemy, with an army of snow men behind him, and the Frost King looked down from the walls to direct the fight.



On came the fairy folk, making the icy world sparkle so brilliantly with their light that the King was half-blinded and hid his eyes. The elves shivered as the cold wind touched them, but courage kept them warm, and the Queen, well wrapped in down, stood up in her chariot, boldly demanding Star at the hands of the King.

"I will not give her up," he answered, scowling like a thunder-cloud, though in his heart he wondered more and more how the brave fairy had lived so long away from such lovely friends as these.

"Then I proclaim war upon your country; and if Star is dead we will show no mercy. Sound the trumpets and set on!" cried the Queen, waving her hand to the General, while every sword flashed out, and an elfin cheer rung like music in the air.

Ordering the rest to halt, General Sun led the air spirits to battle first, well knowing that nothing could stand long before a charge of that brilliant troop. General Fog did his best, but was driven back against his will; for his snow men melted away as the arrows of light struck them, and he could not stand before the other general, whose shield was a golden sun, without feeling himself dissolve like mist at noon.

They were forced to take refuge in the fort, where the King himself was ordering showers of snow-balls to be shot among the fairy troops. Many were wounded, and carried from the field to the tent where the Queen and her maids tended them, and by their soft magic soon made them fit to fight again.

"Now, a grand attack. Bring up the sappers and miners, Captain Rock. Major Flash, surround the walls and melt them as fast as possible, while the archers shall go on shooting," commanded General Sun.

Then a company of moles began to dig under the fort; the fire imps banged away at the walls with their cannon, and held their flaming torches close till the blocks of ice began to melt; the air spirits flew high above and shot their golden arrows down at the Frost people, who fled away to hide in the darkest corners, dazzled and daunted by these brave and brilliant enemies.

It was a hard battle, and the fairies were obliged to rest, after killing General Fog, destroying the fort, and forcing the King to take refuge in the palace. Among the prisoners taken was one who told them where Star was, and all she had done in her little cell. Then they rejoiced, and the Queen said, "Let us follow her example, for these prisoners say the King is changed since she came; that he goes to peep at her lovely bower, and does not spoil it, but talks kindly to her, and seems as if his hard heart might be melting a little. We will not fight any more, but try Star's gentle way, and besiege the King till he surrenders; so we shall win a friend, not kill an enemy."

"We will; we will!" cried all the elves; for they did not love to fight, though brave as little lions to defend their country and their Queen. They all took counsel together, and the Frost people were surprised next day to see the army busily at work making a great garden round the palace instead of trying to destroy it. Creeping to the holes in the walls they watched what went on, and wondered more and more; for the elves worked hard, and their magic helped them to do in a day what it would have taken years for mortals to do.

First the moles dug up the ground, then the Queen's guard sowed pine seeds, and in an hour a green wall fenced in the garden where the earth fairies planted seeds of all the flowers that grow. The fire imps warmed the air, and drove away every chilly wind, every gray cloud or flake of snow that dared come near this enchanted spot. The water sprites gathered drops from the melting ice palace and watered the budding beds, after the imps had taken the chill off, while the air spirits made sunshine overhead by flying to and fro with tireless wings, till a golden curtain was woven that shut out the cold sky and made summer for the flowers.





The Queen and her maids helped, for they fashioned birds, bees, and butterflies with magic skill, and gave them life to sing, buzz, and flutter in the new world, growing so fast where once all was bare and cold and dark.

Slowly the ice palace melted; for warm airs stole through the pines, and soon the walls were thin as glass, the towers vanished like frost-work in the sun, and block after block flowed away in little rills as if glad to escape from prison. The King and his subjects felt that they were conquered; for the ice seemed to melt from them also, and their hearts began to beat, their cold faces to soften as if they wanted to smile if they knew how, and they loved to watch and wonder at the sweet miracles the elves were working all about them.

The King tried not to give up, for he was very proud, and had ruled so long it was hard to submit; but his power was gone, his palace crumbling about him, his people longing to join the enemy, and there was nothing for him to do but lay down his crown or fly away to the far North and live with the bears and icebergs in that frozen world. He would have done this but for Star. All the while the battle and the siege were going on, she lived in her little cell, knowing nothing about it, but hoping and waiting, sure that help would come. Every time the King visited her he seemed kinder, and liked more and more to listen to her songs or the stories she told him of life in Fairyland, and the joy of being merciful. So she knew that the seeds she sowed in his heart were beginning to grow like those planted in the cell, and she watched over them as carefully.

One day her loveliest roses bloomed, and she was singing for joy as the pink flowers filled the cell with their sweet breath, when the King came hurrying down to her and falling at her feet begged her to save his life. She wondered what he meant, and he told her of the battle, and how the elves were conquering him by love; for the palace was nearly gone, a great garden lay blossoming all about it, and he had nowhere to go unless she would be his friend and ask her people to forgive and pity him.

Then Star felt that she had done her task, and laying her hands on his white head, she melted the last frost from his old heart by saying in her tender voice, "Do not fear my people; they will welcome you and give you a home if you will promise to hurt no more flowers, but always be as gentle as you are now. Come with me, and let us teach you how beautiful sunshine and love and happy work can make you."

The King promised, and Star led him up to the light again, where his people waited to know what was to become of them.

"Follow me, follow me, and do not be afraid," called Star, dancing before them, so glad to be free that she longed to fly away. Everything was changed; for as they came up from the cell the ruins of the palace melted into a quiet lake, and under the archway of the pines they passed into a new and lovely world of sunshine, flowers, and happy elves. A great cry went up when Star was seen leading the King, with his few subjects behind him, and every one flew to welcome the dear fairy and the captives she brought.

"I am your prisoner, and I submit, for I have no kingdom now," said the King, as he bowed before the Queen.

"These are the only chains you shall wear, and this is your new kingdom," answered the Queen, as her maids hung wreaths of flowers on the King's arms and put a green crown on his head, while all the fairies gathered round to welcome him to the lovely garden where he was to reign beloved and happy, with no frost to spoil the long summer he had learned to love.

There was a great feast that day, and then the elfin army marched home again, well pleased with the battle they had fought, though all said that it was Star who had conquered the Frost-King.



Flowers Around Us

Spring is unfolding all around us. Along roadsides, in gardens, beneath trees and through the bush, flowers are opening after the quieter months of winter. Some are bold and golden, others tiny and easy to miss.

Look out for wattle, with its soft yellow blossoms; violets, hiding close to the ground; blossom trees, covered in clouds of pink or white; cheerful daffodils; and Victoria's delicate native orchids, which can appear in surprising places

Wattle

One of Australia's best-known native flowers, wattle blooms in soft clusters of yellow or cream. Many species flower from late winter into spring, bringing a bright golden colour to roadsides, bushland and gardens.



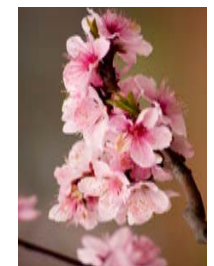
Violets

Small and easy to miss, violets often grow in cool, shady places. Their delicate purple, blue or white flowers sit close to the ground and are a lovely reminder to slow down and look carefully.



Blossom Trees

Cherry, plum and other ornamental trees burst into clouds of pink or white flowers in early spring, often before their leaves fully return. Their blossoms are beautiful but short-lived, making them one of spring's most magical sights.



Daffodils

Bright yellow or white daffodils are among the first garden flowers to announce that winter is ending. They grow from bulbs and return each year, often appearing in large cheerful clumps.



Native Orchids

Victoria is home to many species of tiny terrestrial orchids. Some are colourful and showy, while others are so small they can be easily overlooked. Spring is a wonderful time to spot them in bushland and grassy areas



Craft Corner

Pressed Flower Bookmark

You will need:

- Small flowers, petals or leaves
- Plain paper or baking paper
- Heavy books
- Cardstock
- Clear contact paper or laminating sheets
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Ribbon or string (optional)

Nature makes the best art supplies

Take time for simple things



1 Press your flowers

Place flowers and leaves between two sheets of paper. Put them inside a heavy book and leave them for 1–2 weeks until flat and dry.



Time helps nature's beauty last

2 Cut the bookmark

Cut a strip of cardstock about 5 cm wide and 15–18 cm long.



A simple shape for a special creation

3 Create your design

Arrange the pressed flowers and leaves on the cardstock in any pattern you like.



Let your imagination grow

4 Seal it

Cover both sides with clear contact paper or laminating sheets. Smooth it down gently and trim the edges.



A little care makes it last

5 Add the finishing touch

Punch a hole at the top and tie on a ribbon or string if you like.

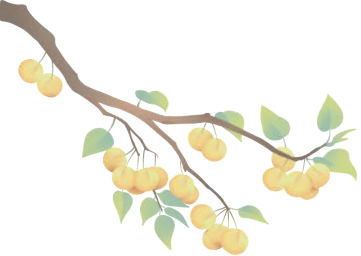


A little piece of spring



Little nature note:

Collect only fallen flowers or flowers from your own garden. Leave native wildflowers growing where they belong.



Recipe

Lemon Coconut Almond Cake

Coconut and lemon is a lovely flavour combination with the subtle flavour of almond meal. Lovely springy, moist crumb. It is a favourite!

Ingredients

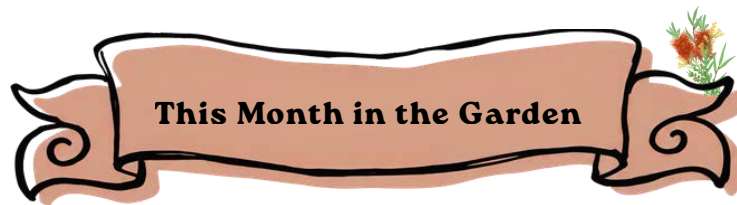
- 150g / 10 tbsp unsalted butter
- 4 large eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup caster sugar
- 1 1/2 cups almond meal
- 1/4 tsp cooking/kosher salt
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 3/4 cup desiccated coconut
- 1 1/2 tsp lemon zest (1 large lemon)
- 1/4 cup flaked almonds



Method

- **Preheat** oven to 180°C/350°F (160°C fan). Grease a 20cm/8" round cake pan (or springform pan) with butter then line with paper.
- **Melt butter** - Place the butter in a large microwavable bowl and melt in the microwave. Let cool for a couple of minutes.
- **Wet ingredients** - Add egg, vanilla and sugar and whisk until combined.
- **Dry ingredients** - Add almond meal, salt, baking powder, coconut and lemon zest. Whisk until combined.
- **Bake 40 minutes** - Pour into pan. Sprinkle over almonds. Bake 40 minutes. Cool 15 minutes in pan then carefully turn out onto cooling rack.
- **Cool** at least 1 hour before cutting slices to serve. Moist enough to serve plain - doesn't need cream or anything!





A Guide On Starting A Flower Garden In Australia

Dreaming of starting a flower garden but not sure where to start. Veggie&Flower garden seeds have a simple guide.

Setting up your space to grow

1. Size of the garden

Plan what you want to grow and work out how much space you will need. If you are just starting out in your cut flower garden journey, start small. Once you get the hang of growing flowers you can slowly extend your growing space. Make sure you can maintain what you have.

2. Planning

The variety you want to grow and the season will determine the garden size needed. Plan the space needed between plants so they have room to grow; this will help determine how many plants fit in your garden. Researching the height of the variety will also help you know where to place it in the garden, ensuring taller varieties don't shade shorter ones.

3. Sunlight

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4. Protected from wind

Choosing a sheltered area to prevent flowers later on snapping in the wind or young seedlings to be stressed. Less wind also means the soil will not dry out as quickly.

5. Fencing

Protect from wildlife, you may need to fence if you have wildlife visitors in your backyard. Possums and kangaroos will pretty much eat everything!

6. Water

The area needs easy water access for watering your plants.

7. Good soil

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9. Access

Make sure you can access the garden easily to tend to it after planting out.



Starting Growing Flowers From Seed

- If you are new to growing flowers from seed I recommend raising seedlings instead of direct sowing/scattering the seeds in the garden. If direct sowing the seeds they can be washed away with heavy rains or eaten by birds etc.
- Raising seedlings in a greenhouse-like environment ensures a more controlled environment. If you do not have access to a greenhouse you can grow them in a warm spot inside BUT it needs all-day sun otherwise your seedlings won't grow well or will become leggy.
- Choose low maintenance and easy to grow flower varieties to start with.
- I would recommend starting with flower varieties that have larger seeds that are easy to handle and sow. Sowing them in the correct season ensures the correct temperature for the seeds to germinate. Eg Cosmos in spring/summer, Zinnia in spring/summer, Sweet Pea in autumn/spring (cool climate). These easy-to-grow varieties will also germinate quicker and grow faster to flower.
- Sow the seeds into a punnet/ pot using the best quality potting mix, label and water carefully. Any heavy watering will cause the seeds to dislodge too far down the soil and prevent germination. Water teeny tiny seeds such as snapdragons and poppies using a fine mister.
- Keep the soil moist until the seeds have germinated, then water seedlings daily. If it's very hot, you may need to water twice.
- A fortnightly seaweed treatment will help with plant health and growth.
- Harden off the seedling for a week before planting to prevent transplant shock, leave the seedling outside for one hour then build up to a full day.
- Plant the seedling into the garden at around 6 weeks of growth (two sets of true leaves).
- Pinching out your seedling at around 15 cm tall or snipping off the first bud will tell your plant to produce more side stems which = more flowers. Do not do this if you are growing single stemmed plants eg stock.
- Make sure the seedling is protected from slugs and snails that love to eat them at this stage. You can get pet safe snail pellets at your local garden store.





Caring for your garden

- Plants will need to be **watered regularly** depending on the weather.
- **Mulch** around the base of the plant to keep weeds at bay and help retain moisture.
- Weed regularly.
- Watch the plant closely for any early signs of **pest or disease** and treat them quickly if needed as both can take over the garden very quickly.
- Implement **flower supports** where needed, if the plant will be tall it may need staking or flower netting. If it is a climbing flower like sweet peas it will need a trellis. Support will help the flowers to have straight stems and prevent snapping in the wind.
- **Deadhead** flowers once they have finished and gone to seed, or save the seed for next time!

Ideas of what to plant - Spring Season

Rudbeckia

Billy Button

Strawflower

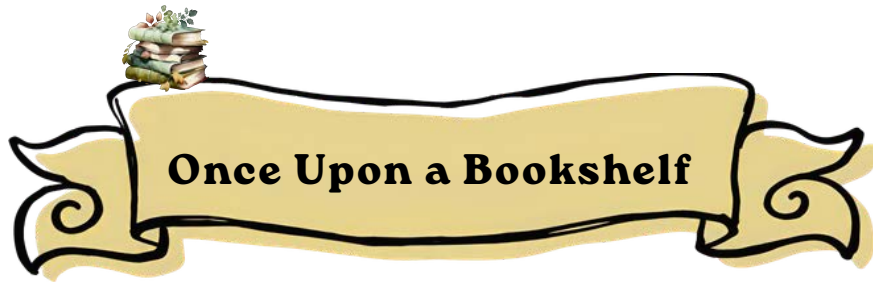
Dahlia

Corncockle

Delphinium

Aster





Once Upon a Bookshelf

Discover a selection of beautiful stories and thoughtful reads from our library. Whether you're looking for adventure, wisdom, or inspiration, these books invite readers of all ages to explore new worlds and timeless ideas.

Our school library has a growing **Parent Section**, with books offering inspiration, practical guidance and deeper reflections on parenting, education, creativity and community life. The books featured here are available to borrow, and parents are warmly invited to explore the shelves, discover something that speaks to them, and take a book home to enjoy.

Art in Felt & Stitch

Creating Beautiful Works of Art Using Fleece, Fibres and Threads

By: Moy Mackay

Felt Painting by Moy Mackay is a beautiful introduction to creating pictures with felt, using colour, texture, fibres and stitching to build landscapes, animals and still lifes. Inspired by the Scottish Borders, Moy guides readers through the feltmaking process and includes step-by-step projects to help beginners create their own richly textured felt artwork.

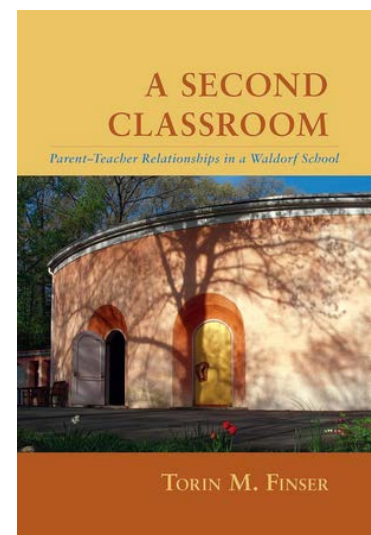


A Second Classroom

Parent Teacher Relationships in a Waldorf School

by Torin M. Finser

This book explores what truly makes a healthy and successful school, looking beyond test scores and measurable outcomes to the quality of relationships within the school community. With a particular focus on the parent-teacher relationship, it offers practical guidance on communication, meetings, conflict and changing levels of parent involvement, while also reflecting on the deeper spiritual dimensions of school life. Its aim is to encourage conversation, self-reflection and stronger relationships that help a school community thrive.



Music Register

Instruments for Sale

(Please email sweetporridge@lyss.vic.edu.au to add or remove an instrument)

Please note that music teachers are happy to assess if the instrument is the correct size for your child and advise if there are any repairs required prior to purchase. When discussing this with the seller please explain this may take a week as the teacher will need to fit time in for this around their busy schedule. If you require a valuation, it is best to take the instrument to a valuer for a valuation none of our staff are qualified to value. Please make sure that any instruments are clearly labelled with a contact phone number for collection

VIOLINS

- **1/4 Size Violin** – Hard foam case, good condition. \$250.
Contact Crystal – 0416 361 012
- **1/2 Size Enrico Violin** – Hard case, shoulder rest, bow, rosin and new strings. \$120.
Contact Kaku – 0435 798 714
- **1/2 Size Skylark Violin** – Bow, shoulder rest, rosin and hard case. Good condition. \$70.
Contact Vasudha – 0451 944 051
- **Full Size (4/4) Prelude Violin** – Copy of Stradivarius. Bow and case included. Valued at \$2,500. Selling for \$1,500.
Contact Aladdin Jones – 0490 123 199 or Tessa Priest – 0405 390 348
- **Full Size (4/4) Gliga III Violin**, Romania 2011 – very good condition, including the case and C.O.Reichel bow. \$250.
Contact Claudia – 0400 339 235

VIOLA

- **1/2 Size Gliga III Viola** (Romania, 2010) – Includes case, bow, shoulder rest and rosin. \$250.
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- **1/4 Size Salieri Cello** – Bow and semi-hard case included. Excellent condition. \$550.
Contact Monique – 0401 353 698
- **1/4 Size Chamber Student Cello** – Bow and soft case. \$400 negotiable.
Contact Cat – 0403 334 808
- **1/4 Size Cello** – Hard foam case and bow included. \$350.
Contact Crystal – 0416 361 012
- **1/4 Size Chamber Student Plus Cello** – Great condition. \$700.
Contact Nadine – 0423 539 718
- **1/4 Size Chamber Cello** – Hybrid Case – Good condition. \$575.
Contact Amber – 0417 590 359
- **1/2 Size Chamber Student Cello** – Bow, rosin and hard case included. Very good condition. \$750 ono.
Contact – 0458 254 828
- **1/2 Size Chamber 300 Cello** – Hybrid hard case included. Excellent condition. \$1,000.
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- **1/2 Size Cello** – Serviced.
Contact Rosemary – rbrennanherrera@gmail.com
- **3/4 Size Skylark Cello** – Case and bow included. \$400 negotiable.
Contact Luna – 0433 337 161
- **3/4 Size Arco Cello** (Animato Strings) – Hard foam case and bow included. \$550.
Contact Liz – 0401 054 881 or lizmynes3357@gmail.com
- **Full Size (4/4) Enrico Student Plus II Cello** – Near new. Bow and hard foam case included. \$800.
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Contact Kelly – 0414 391 039

GUITAR

- **Yamaha Steel 6 string guitar** – Good Quality. Well loved, playable, nice action (but needs new strings). No case. Very good condition. \$250. Please email Max on nsu.maxx@gmail.com. Thanks for your interest.

BASS GUITAR

- **SX Electric bass guitar** – With soft case and practise amp. Plays well and good for beginners. Very good condition. \$250. Please email Max on nsu.maxx@gmail.com. Thanks for your interest.

BANJO

- **Oakridge 5 string (steel string) banjo** – With humble 'Mother of Pearl' inlay, hard case & currently has nylon strings (for that 'Old-Timey' sound, Yee Hah!!). very good condition. \$250. Please email Max on nsu.maxx@gmail.com.

PIANO

- **Victor Upright Piano**, fully reconditioned, all felt on keys and some of the ivory on keys professionally renewed, some strings replaced, concert pitch tunes, in very good condition, plays well, beautiful warm sound, no longer needed as we have another piano. \$1100. Pick up from Yarra Junction. Sonja 0417 434 272.
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Little Yarra Steiner School
Yarra Valley's Independent K-12 Steiner School

Playgroup

Looking for a warm, welcoming space for your little one to play and grow? Join our playgroup community! Our playgroup is designed for children who are two turning three in 2026- a gentle, nurturing space to explore, play, and connect.

Tuesday or Wednesday Mornings
Register Your Interest using the QR Code
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Outdoor Classroom Holiday Workshop

with Luis Bernal

**A day in the outdoors doing traditional
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at Little Yarra Steiner school ground
October, Monday 5 and Tuesday 6,
9am - 3:15 pm

students in classes 1-5 only

One day \$85 p/child, two days \$150 p/child.

Expressions of interest welcome at
luisbernalt@gmail.com.

Michael Festival

"It is now time for me to haste away from this environment, for whensoever his sight can think

killeth me." - Ahriman from the forth mystery drama by Rudolf Steiner



Fire in the Heart - by Birgith Lugosi

We warmly invite you to participate in this years festival of St Michael.

Birgith Lugosi will present a lecture for us;
The path the seeker of the spirit walks.

The Drama group, directed by Johanna Schaefer, and the Aurora Australis performing artists will create a scene from Rudolf Steiners Mystery Play - The Soul's Probation.

Stay on for afternoon tea and a chat

**The Mystery Dramas by Rudolf Steiner are an Initiation path from different individuals meeting karmically again in the present time. The first two Mystery Dramas were spiritually perceived through Rudolf Steiner. The third and forth dramas he wrote himself.*

Sunday 11th October 2026 3pm

VENUE

2 Union Street Kew
Parking available at Kew Library

PRICES.

Members \$30
Friends \$35
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Email
birgith.lugosi@gmail.com

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Starting 5th October

Or Saturday mornings 10am - 11.30am

Starting 10th October

COST

\$200 for 4 weeks

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Aurora Australis

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The Christian Community in the Yarra Valley

Our activities are held at:
Little Yarra Steiner School
205 Little Yarra Road, Yarra Junction

Saturday Service - 29th August 2026

10am: The Act of Consecration of The Human Being

(please arrive at least 5 mins before)

11am: Morning-tea & Conversation - please bring a shared plate if you can.

11.30am: Talk: The Human Being was Made for Joy and Woe (Blake) -
contemplation with Cheryl Nekvapil.

All are welcome to join us for the service and/or for the talk.

Monday Night Study Group - 10th August, 14th September ...

The **2nd Monday every month, 7pm for a social 30 mins, 7.30pm start**, Movement Room, Primary School. We are currently studying Emil Bock's The Rhythm of the Christian Year. PDF's are available for those that do not have the book.

Wednesday Night Study Group - 26th August, 23rd September ...

The **4th Wednesday every month, 7pm for a social 30 mins, 7.30pm start**, Movement Room, Primary School. Study is on the Gospel readings of the Festival we are studying on the Monday night.

All Welcome. Each study group evening may be attended independantly. Donations for attendance are gratefully received for the work of The Christian Community, Melbourne and in Australia.

For more information please contact: Rev. Darryl Coonan: 0447 881 957 or
Lisa Ni Conchuir 0412 209 761

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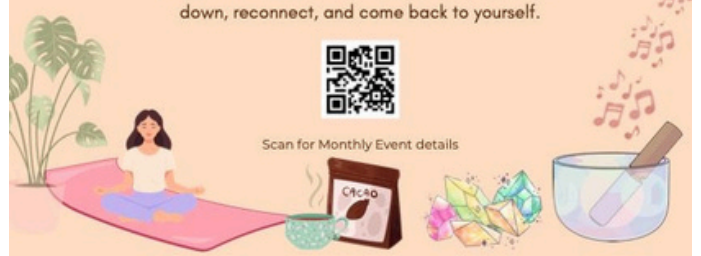
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COMMUNITY MARKET DAY



ECOSS Valley Market

Date & Time

4th Saturday of the month, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Location

Yarra Valley ECOSS, 711 Old Warburton Road, Wesburn

Highlights

Local produce, artisan foods, sustainability, permaculture, community workshops.

ecoss.org.au



ECOLOGICAL &
SOCIAL
SUSTAINABILITY



Millgrove Market

Date & Time

Selected Saturdays, 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Location

3060 Warburton Highway, Millgrove

Highlights

Handmade crafts, local produce, plants, community atmosphere.

ourranges.com.au

Warburton Valley Market

Date & Time

Monthly (check current dates)

Location

Warburton Arts Centre, 3409 Warburton Highway, Warburton

Highlights

Handmade goods, local artists, food stalls, live music.

warburtonvalleymarket.com.au



Upper Yarra Community Market

Date & Time

2nd & 4th Sunday of the month, 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Location

1 Park Road (adjacent to Recreation Reserve), Yarra Junction

Highlights

Fresh produce, handmade crafts, plants, family-friendly atmosphere.

www.upperryarracommunitymarket.com.au

Reimagining Mental Health

Integrative, Anthroposophic Medical and Therapy Conference 2026

STRENGTHENING OUR SKILLS TO LIVE WELL

Join us for a lively weekend exploring the nature of mental health itself and ways to meet its challenges in our communities. Our keynote speakers are:



Dr Judit Kedves and Dr Philipp Busche

Philipp is the head of Internal Medicine at the Arlesheim Hospital in Switzerland, and the director of the hospital's in-person physician training course together with its online Clinical Case Course. Judit is a specialist in Internal Medicine at the Ita Wegman Ambulatorium in Basle. She is also the programme director for the Foundation Studies in Anthroposophic Medicine at the Arlesheim Academy, an online one year study program for health professionals wanting to learn more about anthroposophic medicine and therapy.



The Arlesheim Hospital was the first anthroposophic hospital founded over one hundred years ago by Dr Ita Wegman. It has maintained its focus on anthroposophic, integrative medicine for its wide ranging activities today.



Dr Richard Drexel is a GP originally from Hamburg, now living and working in New Zealand in practices within mainstream and anthroposophic medicine. He has a special interest in developing new medicines from the substances and sources found here in Oceania.

Lisa Devine is a psychologist whose multifaceted work life bridges the worlds of teaching and counselling, as well as being an eurythmy therapist and priest of the Christian Community in Sydney and tutor in the Arlesheim Academy Foundation Studies.

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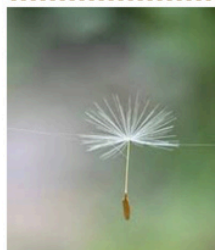
I am a retired teacher, librarian and qualified Equine Assisted Learning (EAL) practitioner, fully insured and WWCC verified, welcoming self-managed clients. I have also worked as tutor to both adults and children, and have experience in both Special Needs and ESL settings. Flexible to individual needs, I can offer a low demand morning routine, social exposure and community connection.



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Saturday 19th September 2026



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- *An introduction to Biodynamic practices
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- *Work with the rhythms of the Earth & Cosmos to enhance plant vitality.
- ***Seed sowing & Planting skills for your Flower, Herb & Veggie Garden.**
- *Inner Practices for Perceiving Nature
- ***Lots of time for your Garden questions.**
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*This workshop is learning Biodynamic theory and putting it into practice!
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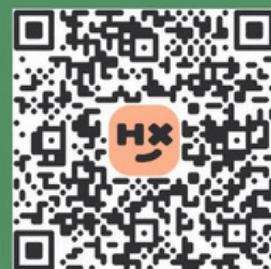
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Saturday 24th October

10am-4pm



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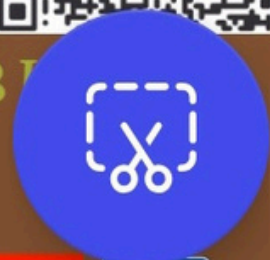
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 **17** Tuesday 1st September

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY WATER MARBLING ART SESSION WITH JUDI

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE



WHEN

Wednesday 23rd
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12:30pm - 2:30pm



WHERE

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WHAT

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What to bring

- ☐ A healthy morning tea and lunch
- ☐ A labelled drink bottle for water
- ☐ Suitable clothing for an active day – closed toe shoes and jacket if wet/cold
- ☐ SunSmart hat for Spring and Summer holidays
- ☐ Medical Management Plan & Medication if applicable – see below for details

Don't forget!

- ☐ Keep your lunchbox nut-free to keep everyone safe
- ☐ Do not include food items that need to be reheated
- ☐ Label all items with child's name!
- ☐ Bus departure and arrival times are indicative only. For an accurate estimated time of arrival and departure please contact your service directly.

Personal belongings

Electronic devices, money and other valuables should be left at home.

If brought to the service, these items remain the responsibility of the family. TheirCare does not accept responsibility for loss or damage.

TheirCare provides

- ☒ Breakfast and afternoon tea snack
- ☒ Sunscreen
- ☒ Water to refill bottles

Unexpected changes to activities

In the unlikely event that an activity is unable to run, an alternative activity will be provided.

Activities and times are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather or provider availability. If an alternative cannot be sourced we will update your invoice to reflect this.

General daily advertised activities are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, at the discretion of the service coordinator.

Serious stuff!

Medical Management Plan & Medication

All children who have been diagnosed with a medical condition including allergies, food/chemical intolerances, anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy will need to provide:

- ☐ a completed Medical Management Plan with a colour photo
- ☐ necessary medication

Please note it is a legal requirement under the Education & Care National Regulations and the Terms and Conditions for booking that these are provided.

In the interests of child safety, care may be refused on the day should the appropriate documentation or medication or medication not be supplied.

Child Care Subsidy

Please note that subsidised hours are calculated and allocated by Centrelink on a fortnightly basis. Check Centrelink for eligibility.

Fortnightly childcare subsidised hours

Each session is calculated using the full service operational hours, not the hours attended by the child.

Additional Child Care subsidy will not cover any hours beyond the subsidised hours per fortnight.

Refer to TheirCare Holiday Program FAQ <https://theircare.com.au/holiday-programs/> for further information and example.

Changes to your booking

Simply log into your account anytime to make the relevant changes or call us between 6:30am - 9:00pm weekdays on 1300 072 410.

Fees for changes to your booking

More than 5 days	Less than 5 days*	Less than 24 hours
No Charge	\$10.00	Full Fee

*Less than 5 days from the start of the session.

If child does not attend and we are not notified in advance, full fee plus \$10.00 fee is applied.

When making additional bookings, the \$10.00 fee is eligible for the Child Care Subsidy, which means you may only need to pay the gap, depending on your families' circumstances.



If you have any questions, please speak with one of our friendly Educators or call Customer Support on 1300 072 410.



*With the maximum CHILD CARE SUBSIDY. **Without the CHILD CARE SUBSIDY. Please note all prices are current at the time of printing and may be subject to change without notice.

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There are 2 types of Child Care Payments.

1. Child Care Subsidy

The amount you can get depends on:

- 1 your family's income
- 2 the type of childcare you use
- 3 the age of your child
- 4 the hours of recognised activities you and your partner do

Up to **90%** of Child Care costs can be covered by Child Care Subsidy!

2. Additional Child Care Subsidy

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- 2 families moving from an income support payment to work
- 3 those experiencing temporary hardship

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
21 SEP All Star Showdown Get ready for an All-Star Showdown. Bring your energy and competitive spirit as you take on a day packed with action, challenges and all-star moments. Test your speed with the Super Sprint Game, put your sports knowledge to the test with Sporting Bingo, create DIY Medals and warm up like a champion with a game, Mirror Mirror. From as low as \$8.34* Full fee \$83.36**	22 SEP Epic School v School Get ready for the ultimate All Star Epic Challenge Day. Represent your school as teams go head-to-head in an action-packed tournament, earning points every game count as you battle for the title of All Star Champions. Back at service, keep the winning streak alive with Crazy Game Changers and craft a Spring Butterfly Suncatcher. From as low as \$12.50* Full fee \$125.06**	23 SEP Pickleball Creations Design your very own Pickleball Kit using colorful marbled paint, then take your personalized paddle and set to the court for a fun-filled game. Keep the energy going with Victory Dance Challenges, before getting creative with Spring 3D Flowers to bring their artistic skills to life. From as low as \$8.86* Full fee \$88.57**	24 SEP Team Spirit Show your champion team spirit and get ready for a day of sporting fun. Work together to design your very own team flag before putting it to the test in the action-packed Team Flag Relay. Challenge your skills with Numbers Soccer, create your own DIY Cheer Pom Poms, and get ready to cheer on your team with a Crazy Popsicle. From as low as \$8.34* Full fee \$83.36**	25 SEP Service closed!
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28 SEP Pass the Popcorn Are you ready... SHUN THE SHEEP - THE BLAST OF PRIDE! BETTOP! sees the residents of Merry Bottom Farm looking forward to Halloween until the chucky Farmer and his sheep (the Fluffs beloved pumpkin patch) Afterwards, we will make Paper Bag Kites, and play Hoot on Air Hockey plus a special sports edition of Pledge to Win II. From as low as \$11.46* Full fee \$114.62**	29 SEP Team Extreme A special guest is joining us today to lead the ultimate Team Extreme Challenge. Work together, think fast and tackle a series of exciting team challenges guaranteed to bring plenty of laughter. The fun continues with a creative Number 1 Fan Craft and a hilarious game of Principals Office. From as low as \$8.90* Full fee \$89.99**	30 SEP Fuel to Win Fuel up and get ready to win. Discover how athletes power their bodies with sports snacks, teamwork and action. Create your own Fuel Time Energy Balls, blend up delicious Banana Power Boost Smoothies and enjoy a fun game of Fruit Salad before using your energy to take on the exciting Fuel to Win Relay Race. From as low as \$8.34* Full fee \$83.36**	1 OCT Epic Engineering Get ready for an Epic Engineering Games Day. Team up to become a Human Machine, build Crash-Test Cars, and tackle the Mystery Engineering Box using surprise materials to solve exciting STEM challenges. Then race through the Engineer Relay, completing fun engineering missions with friends, followed by choose your own adventure. From as low as \$8.34* Full fee \$83.36**	2 OCT Wildlife Wonders Get ready for a wild adventure. Embark on an exciting journey to the wildlife park, come face-to-face with animal friends and discover fun facts about wildlife. Back at service, keep the adventure going with a game of Octopus Tag, create a Handprint Giraffe Craft, and make a roaring Lion Bookmark to remember your wild day. From as low as \$11.46* Full fee \$114.62**



Dryad Drop-In at the Hellenic Museum

Step into the magical world of ancient Greek mythology these spring holidays. Dryad Drop-In is a story-led experience for children aged 3–6, where young explorers can hear tales of nymphs and dryads, handle real and replica ancient artefacts, create dryad-inspired artwork using frottage (texture rubbing), and meet presenters dressed as nymphs. Families can explore the museum at their own pace, join creative activities and drop into one of the scheduled storytelling sessions.

Dates: Sunday 27 September & Sunday 4 October

Time: 11:00am–2:00pm

Storytimes: 11:30am, 12:30pm & 1:30pm

Age: 3–6 years

Price: \$15 per child — includes entry for one accompanying adult

Location: Hellenic Museum

Address: 280 William Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

Bookings: Spaces are limited; advance booking is recommended.

Early Years 2026

School holiday activities

Spring 2026: Monday 21 September to Sunday 4 October



Bush Walk – Whose hiding at night?

- Thursday 24th September
- 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
- Mt Evelyn
- For all ages
- Booking required



Gondwana Cyanotype Printing for Kids

- 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
- 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM
- Yarra Ranges Regional Museum
- For all ages
- Booking required



Gondwana VR

- On display until Sunday 1st November
- Yarra Ranges Regional Museum
- For all ages
- Free entry

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Beauty and the Beast Ballet

- 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM
- The Memo Healesville
- For all ages
- Booking required



Coffee Painting Workshop

- 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM
- Arts Centre Warburton
- For all ages
- Booking required



Tiny Tunes

- 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM
- Belgrave
- For children aged 0 – 18 months
- Booking required



Making Music

- 10:45 AM – 11:30 AM
- Belgrave
- For children aged 0 – 5 years



Insect and Bug Headbands

- 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
- Yarra Junction
- For all ages
- No booking required



Let's Go Lawn Bowls

- 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
- Lilydale
- For children aged 4 – 12 years
- Booking required



Dad and Me Bowling

- 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
- Lilydale
- Age: 4 – 16 years
- Booking required



EEL Festival

- 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- Yarra Glen
- For all ages
- No Booking required

For more information and bookings

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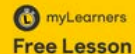
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Offering the best of both worlds, this charming Yarra Junction home combines peaceful rural living with easy access to town and the rail trail. Elevated to capture beautiful mountain views, it is surrounded by enchanting cottage gardens, fruit trees, berries and productive spaces, with chooks and bees adding to its abundant, self-sufficient feel. Inside, polished timber floors, a cosy wood fire, character-filled kitchen and generous natural light create a warm, welcoming home. A separate studio offers space for creativity or working from home. With north facing outdoor living, gorgeous gardens, woodshed and ample storage, this is nature connected living at its best.

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- Main living area with large picture window framing mountain views
- Master bedroom with ensuite and built-in robe
- Downstairs retreat/4th bedroom with kitchenette & bathroom
- Upper and lower level decks to enjoy the scenery
- Double carport, fully fenced yard, abundant storage, and close to

Warburton township, the Yarra River, bike trails & walking tracks

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- Walking access to cafés, restaurants, supermarkets,
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- Versatile separate bungalow for guests, a home office or studio
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