

# ANAKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Grade 5 Camp @ Cave Hill Creek	20 Grade 5 Camp @ Cave Hill Creek	21 Grade 5 Camp @ Cave Hill Creek	22
23 Assembly	24	25	26	27 Royal Flying Doctor Service Incursion	28	

March 2025

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2	3	4	5 Preps start full time	6	7 Curriculum Day	8
9	10 Labour Day Public Holiday	11 Responsible Pet Incursion	12 NAPLAN 3&5 Writing	13 NAPLAN 3&5 Reading	14 NAPLAN 3&5 Language Conventions	15
16	17 NAPLAN 3&5 Numeracy	18 Whole School Cross Country	19 NAPLAN 3&5 Make Up Tests	20	21	22
23	24 Assembly	25	26	27	28 Grade 5/6 Parliament Excursion	29
30 SAM-IPM Anakie Community Day	31					

FRIDAY 21ST OF FEBRUARY 2025



### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

In the spirit of reconciliation, Anakie Primary School acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Country and their continuing connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

### A MESSAGE FROM MRS. DARLING



A Wonderful Start to the School Term!

We have really kicked off this school term with excitement, energy, and enthusiasm! Our Starting Right program has seen many engaging lessons being delivered within classrooms and has supported new friendships to blossom, it really has been a wonderful start for our students.

### Term 1 Curriculum Day

Anakie Primary School will be having a Whole School Curriculum Day on Friday March 7th. This will be a communal curriculum day with many other schools as teachers work on developing their numeracy instruction and our Education Support staff further their knowledge around inclusive practices.

This day will be a Pupil Free day as all staff will be working at an alternative school.

There will be no OSHC on this day also.

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## School Parking

We would again just like to remind people to be mindful and alert regarding school drop off and pick up at any point throughout the school day. Our school has grown and fronts onto what is a VERY busy road. Please show patience and support to our community at these times. We also kindly ask that parents refrain from using the Staff Car Park and ensure this is kept for our staff who have various start and finish times across the school day and require all parks available in this space.



## NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It is a nationwide measure through which parents/carers, teachers, schools, education authorities, governments and the broader community can determine whether or not young Australians are developing the literacy and numeracy skills that provide the critical foundation for other learning and for their productive and rewarding participation in the community.

NAPLAN will this year take place for our Year 3 and 5 students between the 12th – 21st of March 2025. We look forward to supporting our students to give this their best. Families can refer to the flyer posted on Compass for further information.

## School Signage

The next phase of our school signage is now complete, and it looks wonderful! Thank you to Awesigns and Cheaper Signs for all their work in updating our signage across the school. We love it!



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## Welcome Picnic

What a lovely afternoon and turn out we had at our Welcome Picnic last Wednesday. Plenty of ice cream was consumed and we thank you all for coming. These events are so important for our school community and we enjoy being able to get together and enjoy each other's company.



## Starting Right

Staff members at Anakie Primary school have worked hard on delivering our Starting Right program over the first 3 weeks of school. We have been so impressed with how well students have settled back into school routine and their efforts towards their learning. As part of our Starting Right program we are asking that parents assist us with developing student independence and going forward, drop their children off outside of the classroom. Parents are welcome to walk their children into the school and stay until the bell goes but, we ask that they refrain from entering the learning space where possible. We will always have staff available to assist them with their bags if needed, although we are also so impressed with the amount of students already doing this independently. We thank you for supporting us in our Starting Right program.

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## **Annual privacy reminder for our school community**

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy and the Schools' Privacy Collection Notice.

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy which is located on our school website, describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education] safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education], please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' privacy policy: information for parents.

## **Child safety and wellbeing at Anakie Primary School: information for families and the school community**

Anakie Primary School is committed to providing an environment where students are safe and feel safe.

Our child safety framework includes policies, codes and procedures that explain how we support and maintain the safety and wellbeing of our students and protect them from harm. These documents are available on our website.

We are also committed to continuous improvement of our child safety framework. We are currently reviewing our child safety policies and practices to ensure they are up-to-date and effective.

Our students and families are important partners in this process. We welcome your feedback or ideas on ways we can improve our approach to child safety and wellbeing.


If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact Karina Darling via [anakie.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:anakie.ps@education.vic.gov.au)


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## Foundation Students Begin Their Maths Journey!

Our Foundation students have been eagerly engaging with early maths concepts in the classroom! Over the past week, they have been learning to count small groups of objects, focusing on groups of 1, 2, and 3. Through hands-on activities and interactive games, they are developing their ability to:

 Count groups of 1 and 2 objects

 Recognize that the last number counted tells us how many objects are in the group

 Read and write the numbers 1 and 2, and recognize their number names

Building on this foundation, they have also explored counting groups of 1, 2, and 3 objects arranged in a line, further strengthening their number recognition and counting skills.

It has been wonderful to see their excitement as they begin to make connections between numbers, counting, and the world around them.

We encourage families to support this learning at home by practicing counting everyday objects like toys, buttons, or fruit.

We look forward to seeing our young learners continue to grow in confidence with their maths skills! 🎉





# THE MUSIC BUS

GET ON AND **ROCK!**

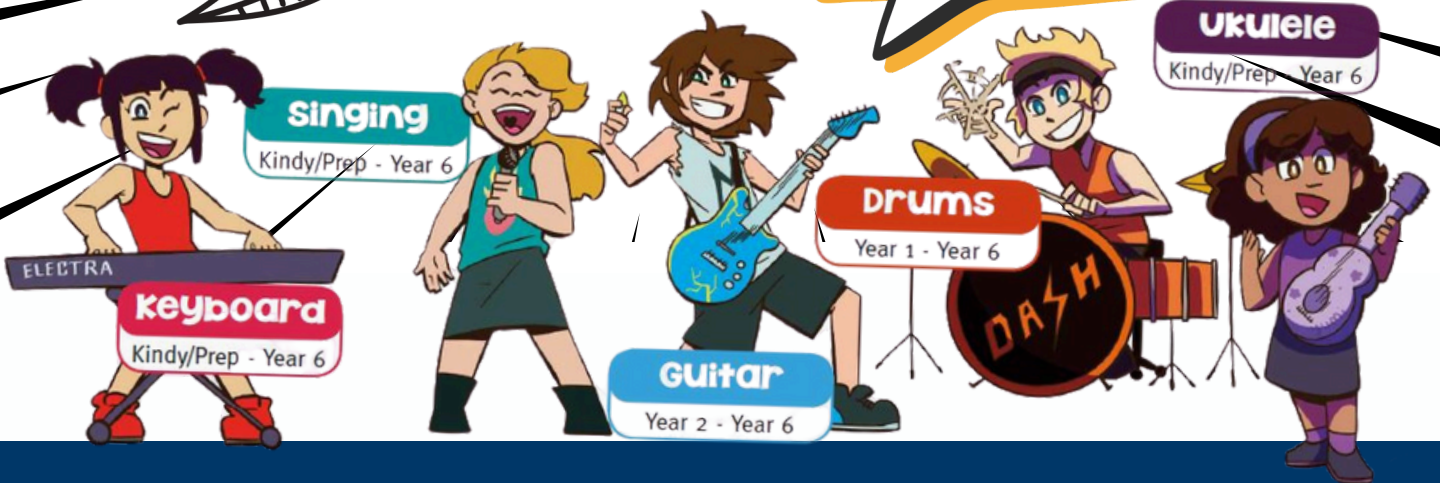


'Highly recommend for any parent wanting their child to start learning a new instrument'

'she will sacrifice any activities but NEVER The Music Bus'

'helped him develop skills to improve his concentration'

'daughter raves about her sessions'



**BOOK NOW** - phone 1300 168 742 or visit [www.themusicbus.com.au](http://www.themusicbus.com.au)

Not at your school yet? No problem - get in touch regardless and we can help you get started!

Note: Music Bus lessons are also available at Vacation Care, OOSH and Home School.

**BOOK NOW!**



## Why we are different!

### 1. We come to your school

We offer all students, regardless of background or prior experience, specialist instrument lessons right on school grounds. That means less travel time for busy families.

### 2. We're affordable

Our lessons are around half the price of private tuition. We also supply all the instruments during class, taking the burden off having to buy one right away.

### 3. Learning is fun

The customised curriculum is set in a fun environment, focusing on music reading, playing, arranging and performing to help build skills and self-esteem.

### 4. Glowing reviews

The award winning Music Bus program has received positive feedback from the Dept of Ed and NSW Creative Arts Department - not to mention from countless parents and Principals in your community.

Cost: \$22 per weekly 30 min lesson (Drums \$24)

Lessons paid by the term on commencement

## Expression of Interest

Scan the QR code (at right) or easily fill out an expression of interest online by visiting: [tiny.cc/themusicbus](http://tiny.cc/themusicbus)



### Online Shop

We have our own online shop to buy curriculum and budget friendly instruments



### Especially for Primary Age

Our comic book style curriculum is designed especially for primary aged students



### Amazing Tutors

We have a great team of tutors who make lessons fun and engaging



### Mobile Classroom

High Tech mobile classroom that comes to the school doorstep!

Call us for more info



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# STUDENT AWARDS

## FOUNDATION - ASHTON PAGE

Well done Ashton for demonstrating the school value of Excellence. Ashton has shown dedication in the classroom by applying himself to his independent work, supporting his own self-regulation, and developing his fine motor skills. His commitment to improving his tripod pencil grasp is a testament to his perseverance and growth. Well done, Ashton!

## 1/2 - SOPHIE DOLLAN

Congratulations Sophie. You have demonstrated our school value of Responsibility by listening wholeheartedly and making good choices within our classroom. You also showed Respect and kindness to your new Foundation friends when you voluntarily supported them to learn the routine during Mindfulness sessions. Well done on making such a positive start to the school year, Sophie.

## 3/4 - SOPHIE CACHIA

For displaying the school values of Respect, Resilience, Responsibility, and Excellence by listening attentively when others are speaking, encouraging others when they are struggling, being prepared for learning with the right materials and mindset, and taking pride in their work by presenting it neatly. Soph you got the Anakie quaddie!

## 5/6 - WILLOW GRANT

for making a Responsible start to Grade 6. Willow, you have been applying yourself to learning tasks, completing home learning nights and seeking support when you are facing challenges. Your dedication to learning is impressive. Keep up the great work!

## PE- MATHEW QUARRELL

For showing continuous persistence in our lacrosse clinic, even when it was challenging. You should be proud of your effort!

well done!

## AUSLAN - WILLOW GRANT

For trying so hard in our Auslan Word Battle. Your word recall has improved enormously.

You even surprised yourself with how many words you knew! Keep it up!

## SAKG - KADE WATTS AND SOPHIE CACHIA

For showing great responsibility and teamwork assisting the Foundation students in their first kitchen lesson. You went out of your way to help other students to learn the correct techniques so that we are all using our knives in a safe and responsible manner. Keep up the great work!

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARD - WILLOW GRANT

For showing our school values of respect and resilience, and for so often putting others before yourself. You are such a kind hearted girl who has stepped so seamlessly into your leadership role this year.

## ART-

Artist of the Month - Henry Matisse Paper Collage - 'Painting With Scissors'

Danny Hruska  
Sophie Cachia  
Reeve Spalding  
Aldous Koorn

CONGRATULATIONS



# DONATIONS

Some of our classes are looking for donations of things that you may have lying around at home. If you have any of the below items, we would be very grateful for them.

**Artroom** - Any old newspapers that you no longer need.

**Foundation** - Any old electronics that you have laying around for our Developmental Curriculum. (These do not have to be working)

**Kitchen Garden** - 2 medium sized ceramic pots and 2 old umbrellas.

## OUR VALUES

### Respect



Katie Koala

Katie Koala represents the school value of Respect. Katie Koala actively listens to the speaker. She is honest, takes turns and includes others.

### Excellence



Otto Owl

Otto Owl represents the school value of Excellence. Otto Owl always tries his best. He follows instructions, uses a growth mindset and takes learning risks.

### Resilience



Kapa Kangaroo

Kapa Kangaroo represents the school value of Resilience. Kapa Kangaroo knows it's okay to make mistakes. She keeps trying her best and asks for help when she needs it.

### Responsibility



Ezra Echidna

Ezra Echidna represents the school value of Responsibility. Ezra Echidna keeps his hands and feet to himself. He chooses to be safe and fair. Ezra uses appropriate voice volume.

### Our School Values

At Anakie Primary School, we RESPECT ourselves, others, our school and the environment around us. We show RESPONSIBILITY with everything we do and make safe and sensible choices. We show RESILIENCE when things don't go to plan and bounce back with a positive attitude. We aim for EXCELLENCE in our learning, trying hard at all times, to be the best person we can be!

- Have RESPECT
- Be RESPONSIBLE
- Show RESILIENCE
- Aim for EXCELLENCE

# What sort of start is your child getting?

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>Half a year</u>
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 year</u>
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 and a Half years</u>
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over <u>2 and a Half years</u>

*Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?*

*That's when every minute counts the most!!*

## ***EVERY DAY COUNTS!***

Every Day Counts – is your child at school today?

Being at school every day counts. If your child is absent one day per week, this quickly adds up to two months of missed school in a year.

1. All children should be enrolled at school and attend on every school day.
2. Schools should monitor, communicate and implement strategies to improve regular school attendance.
3. Truancing can place a student in unsafe situations and impact on their future employability and life choices.

# Fedcare

## Psychology Services

### Affordable Psychological Support for Adults and Children

FedCare Psychology Services provides psychological services to members of community within Ballarat and surrounding districts. Our first consultation is free, ongoing sessions are \$10 per session or \$5 for concession card holders. You do not need a GP referral to access our services.

Psychological services will be provided by provisionally registered psychologists, who are currently undertaking advanced training in the Master of Psychology (Clinical) and the Master of Professional Psychology programs. All services provided are closely supervised by a team of highly-experienced registered psychologists, all of whom hold both endorsement in clinical psychology and registration as clinical supervisors with the Psychology Board of Australia in APHRA.

We offer a range of psychological services for children (5 years and older), adolescents, adults, including psychological and educational assessment, and the psychological treatment of various behavioural and emotional problems, such as:

- Depression
- Anxiety and phobias
- Anger management
- Trauma and grief
- Eating-body image problems
  - Sleep disturbances
    - Bullying
    - Stress
  - Grief and loss
- Relationship difficulties
  - Sexual issues
- Parent-child conflict
- Bed-wetting and toileting problems
  - Adjustment problems

We currently have appointments available for adults and adolescents and short waitlist for children. Our waitlist for cognitive and educational assessments is open for the second half of 2025.

If you would like to see one of our Provisional Psychologists, you can contact us:

Phone: (03) 5327 8483

Email: [psychology.services@federation.edu.au](mailto:psychology.services@federation.edu.au)

FedCare Psychology Services

Suite 4, Greenhill Enterprise Centre (GEC)

Mt Helen Campus, Tech Park

University Drive, Mount Helen

## **HELP ME RAISE FUNDS BY DONATING YOUR CONTAINERS**

### **Every eligible drink container can earn 10 cents for a good cause – Our School!**

Hello,

We are collecting empty drink containers to help Anakie Primary School raise \$2000 for Junior School Council to spend on their goals through Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme (CDS Vic).

CDS Vic is a state-wide recycling program that enables charities & community groups the opportunity to receive donations or to fundraise by hosting a container collection drive – all while keeping the environment clean.

Every eligible drink container is worth 10 cents, which can really add up! Junior School Council are asking friends and neighbors to help raise funds by also saving their empty containers and bringing them into school.

If you would like to donate to Anakie Primary School, please collect your empty drink containers and bring them to us at school or take them to a return point, selecting Anakie Primary School as your donation.

Thank you very much for your help (and empty drink containers!).

### **What can be donated for a 10 cent refund?**

Most aluminium, glass, plastic, and liquid paperboard (carton) drink containers between 150mL and 3 litres are eligible. This includes plastic soft drink bottles, glass beer bottles, soft drinks and alcohol sold in cans, and small fruit juice cartons.

Check for the 10c mark



Visit [cdsvic.org.au](https://cdsvic.org.au) to find out more about the scheme.



# NETBALL PLAYERS WANTED!

Seeking players for all junior sides for the 2025  
Junior Netball Season!

(13 & Under, 15 & Under, 17 & Under, 19 & Under)

Pre-Season starts Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2025 from  
5:15pm @ Anakie Reserve



Any inquiries? Please feel free to contact us via...

**Phone:** 0421 977 414 – Meagan Sproule (Netball Coordinator)

**Email:** [netball@anakiefnc.com](mailto:netball@anakiefnc.com)

If interested, please  
scan the QR code  
above and fill out the  
google form.



## Volunteer with Anakie Fire Brigades

CFA is a volunteer-based organisation that works to protect the lives and properties of millions of Victorians. We have 54,000 members working in over 1,200 brigades across Victoria, ranging from small rural towns to outer metropolitan suburbs. Callouts at brigades can vary between one and 1,000 each year.

Our volunteers undertake a range of tasks such as fighting fires, road rescues, emergency medical response, fundraising, marketing and community education and engagement. We work together to connect with and help others in the communities in which we live and work.

### Firefighters (Operational Volunteers)

Firefighters (operational volunteers) respond to fire, road accidents and other incidents where risks are posed to life and/or property. Operational roles may also involve management of vegetation, fire equipment or assisting other emergency agencies.

### Non-Operational Volunteers (Support)

Non-Operational (Support) roles do not fight fires directly yet provide vital support to brigades.

Non-operational roles may vary between brigades but commonly include:

- Relationships, engagement and education across local communities
- Coordination of fundraising, campaigns, events and activities
- Media, promotion and publicity
- Administration, logistical and financial support
- Brigade training and equipment maintenance
- Brigade health and safety management
- Community education and preparedness
- Coordination of brigade meetings and representation of brigade in group meetings Junior leaders

Non-operational volunteers also attend brigade meetings and other brigade events.

We look forward to welcoming you into our CFA community!

For further information or to complete an online expression of interest please visit [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) or scan the QR code.



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Lara District

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Parents and prospective students are warmly invited to our

# *Open Night*

*Thursday 6th March, 2025*

Commencing 6.00pm



Presentation  
**6.00 – 6.20pm**

Self-guided tours  
and specialist  
information sessions  
**6.30 – 7.30pm**

Details of our Select Entry Accelerated Learning, Scholarships and Excellence in Sport Programs will be provided at the Open Night.




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# Come and See **OPEN DAYS 2025**

**Wednesday 12, Friday 14, Friday 21 March 2025**

## **Multiple Information and Tour Sessions**

**Bookings are essential** and can be made online from Monday 20 January 2025

**[clonard.vic.edu.au](http://clonard.vic.edu.au)**

Tours can be scheduled outside of Open Days by contacting Clonard College on 5278 2155 and making a booking with the Registrar.



Clonard College is a Kildare Education Ministries Catholic School in the Brigidine Tradition



SEASON STARTS APRIL

# JUNIOR INDOOR CRICKET

**6A-SIDE TEAMS**

60 Minute Games - Short and Sharp - Everyone Bats & Bowls - 18 Over Games - Refine Your Skills

**JUNIOR LEAGUES U12'S U14'S U16'S**

All Game Equipment Provided - Multiple Divisions To Cater For All Skill Levels - Hone In On Your Game In The Offseason

**FRIDAY & THURSDAY NIGHTS**

4:30PM ONWARDS - ON COURT ASSISTANCE BY LEVEL 1 COACHES AT ALL TIMES

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96-102 FURNER AVENUE, BELL PARK GEELONG

SEASON STARTS APRIL 19TH

# JUNIOR INDOOR SOCCER

**5A-SIDE TEAMS**

40 Minute Games - Short and Sharp - 4 Outfield Players + 1 Goalkeeper - Split into 4 Quarters - Refine Your Skills

**JUNIOR LEAGUES FROM U9'S U12'S U14'S**

All Game Equipment Provided - Multiple Divisions To Cater For All Skill Levels - Hone In On Your Game All Year Round

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**

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## JUNIOR CRICKET AT NIMBLEHITS INDOOR SPORTS STADIUM

*Stadium Managers photographed above (Vedant Ahlawat, Vihang Ahlawat)*

NimbleHits Indoor Sports Stadium was awarded "Indoor Facility Of The Year 2020/2021" & Runners Up "Indoor Facility Of The Year 2022/2023" by Cricket Victoria at the Community Cricket Awards for our Active Contributions Towards the Growth of Cricket Within the State of Victoria at the Grassroots Level.

We strive to be "Geelong's No.1 Family Sports Stadium" by creating a inclusive, welcoming, and social environment for all ages regardless of skill and background to play Cricket.

NimbleHits Indoor Sport's Junior Indoor Cricket Program has grown every year of its operation having over 120+ children registered in 2024 over Terms 2 & 3.

NimbleHits is All Inclusive Friendly by being the home of The Victorian Lord Taverners Side For Indoor Cricket For The Past 7+ Years.

NimbleHits is Home of the U16's Boys Victorian Indoor Cricket Team from 2024 - Present.

The North Geelong SuperCats Indoor Cricket Club operates out of NimbleHits Indoor Sports providing a pathway for Juniors/Seniors to play for Victoria In Indoor Cricket with The club already recording 10+ players who have played for Victoria and 2 players taking a step further and playing for Australia.

Our Junior program is designed to improve and up skill Juniors in the Winter in a fun, safe, social environment to gain a competitive advantage when transferring over to outdoor cricket. Many Professional Cricketers have used Indoor Cricket as a useful tool to hone in on fielding, batting, and bowling throughout their junior cricketing journey. Including Cricketing Greats such as Micheal Clarke and The Waugh Brothers to name a few.

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## JUNIOR SPORT AT NIMBLEHITS INDOOR SPORTS STADIUM

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NimbleHits Indoor Sport's Junior Indoor Soccer Program has grown every year of its operation having over 90+ children registered in 2023 over Terms 1 & 4.

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