

Issue Date 27 June 2024



Upcoming Events

SACPASSA Netball Carnival

Date: Friday 28 June -Thursday 4 July Venue: Venue is N/A -

Book Club Playgroup 9:15am -10:30am.

Date: Wednesday 3 July Time: 9:15am - 10:30am Venue: St Raphael's School - Parkside

Principal's Tour

Date: Wednesday 3 July Venue: St Raphael's School - Parkside

Pupil Free Day

Date: Monday 22 July Venue: Venue is N/A -

Mini Monet's

Date: Friday 9 August Venue: The Monastery -

Winter woolies and tinned food day

Date: Friday 5 July Venue: St Raphael's School - Parkside

First day of Term 3

Date: Tuesday 23 July Venue: St Raphael's School - Parkside

Book Week and Catholic Schools Open Week

Date: Monday 19 August -Friday 23 August Venue: St Raphael's School - Parkside

Board Meeting

Date: Tuesday 30 July Venue: St Raphael's School - Parkside

SACPASSA Cross Country Carnival

Date: Wednesday 7 August Venue: Not at school -

Book Week Parade

Date: Friday 23 August Venue: St Raphael's School - Parkside

Community Fair Day

Date: Sunday 8 September Time: 11:00am - 3:00pm Venue: St Raphael's School - Parkside

Board Meeting

Date: Tuesday 27 August Venue: St Raphael's School - Parkside

Year 6 Mercy Day

Date: Thursday 19

stalls

Father's Day celebration

Date: Friday 30 August Venue: St Raphael's School - Parkside

Mercy Day at the Monastery and last day of Term 3

Date: Friday 27 September Venue: The Monastery -

SACPASSA Touch Football Carnival

Date: Tuesday 3 September - Thursday 5 September Venue: Not at school -

am - 3:00pm September Raphael's School - Parkside

From the Principal

The Importance of Communication in Today's Society

In an era where information flows incessantly from multiple channels, the significance of effective communication has never been more critical.

As a school community, how we convey messages and how we listen to feedback profoundly impacts our collective success and cohesion.

Communication today is a multifaceted and complex endeavour. We are inundated with emails, social media updates, instant messages, and numerous other forms of digital correspondence. While these tools have revolutionised the way we share and receive information, they also pose a unique challenge: important messages often get lost in the noise.

Recognising this challenge, we have made concerted efforts to streamline our communication processes. Our aim has been to ensure that every message reaches you clearly and efficiently, and that you have ample opportunity to provide your valuable feedback. However, despite these efforts, it seems that our current methods are not entirely meeting your needs.

Your input is crucial in refining our communication strategy. We believe that by understanding your preferences for receiving information, we can create a more effective and less overwhelming communication environment. To this end, we are seeking your feedback on your preferred communication channels.

Do you prefer receiving updates via email, or do you find instant messaging platforms more convenient?

Are social media updates sufficient for your needs, or do you prefer detailed newsletters?

Perhaps you appreciate the immediacy of text messages for urgent announcements but prefer other channels for regular updates.

Your insights on these questions will help us tailor our communication methods to better suit your needs.

Our goal is not just to disseminate information but to ensure that every member of our school community feels informed, engaged, and heard. Effective communication fosters a sense of belonging and ensures that everyone is aligned with our collective objectives.

We invite you to share your thoughts and preferences with us. Your feedback is invaluable as we strive to enhance our communication strategy. By working together, we can create a more streamlined, efficient, and responsive communication system that truly meets the needs of our school community.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement.

We look forward to hearing from you and working together to improve our communication practices.

Link to come for the survey.

Warm regards, Emma Fowler Principal

Important Update: Postponement of SEQTA Engage Setup

Dear Families,

As we strive to enhance our communication and provide timely updates, we recently attempted to distribute welcome and set up instructions to SEQTA Engage via email.

Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, it has come to our attention that these emails have not been reaching our families. To address this issue, we have decided to postpone the setup of SEQTA Engage to next semester. This decision will allow us to ensure that everyone is comfortable using it before we use this as a platform for distributing school reports.

In the meantime, we will host an evening event where families can come together and learn how to sign up for SEQTA Engage with the support of our dedicated school team. This hands-on session will provide step-by-step guidance and answer any questions you may have. Our aim is to make the transition to SEQTA Engage as smooth and straightforward as possible. We believe that this approach will better serve our families, ensuring that everyone is well-prepared and comfortable with the new system before it goes live. Your participation and feedback are crucial to the success of this initiative.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to improve our communication systems.

Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement. We look forward to seeing you at the event next term and working together to enhance our school community's communication experience.

Warm regards, Emma Fowler Principal

Finance Update

School fees statements for outstanding amounts have been sent home with students this week. We kindly request all families to review these statements and take appropriate action.

2024 School Card applications are now available online and in paper format. While awaiting approval or assistance, we encourage families to continue contributing towards their fees. To ensure smooth operations, please keep your fee payments up to date.

If you're experiencing any difficulties with payments, don't hesitate to reach out to me (Damian Emery, Finance Officer) or Emma Fowler (Principal) to discuss your situation.

Important notice: Our school's bank details have changed as of June 26 this week. Please ensure you use the updated information for any EFT payments.

We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining timely fee payments. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at:

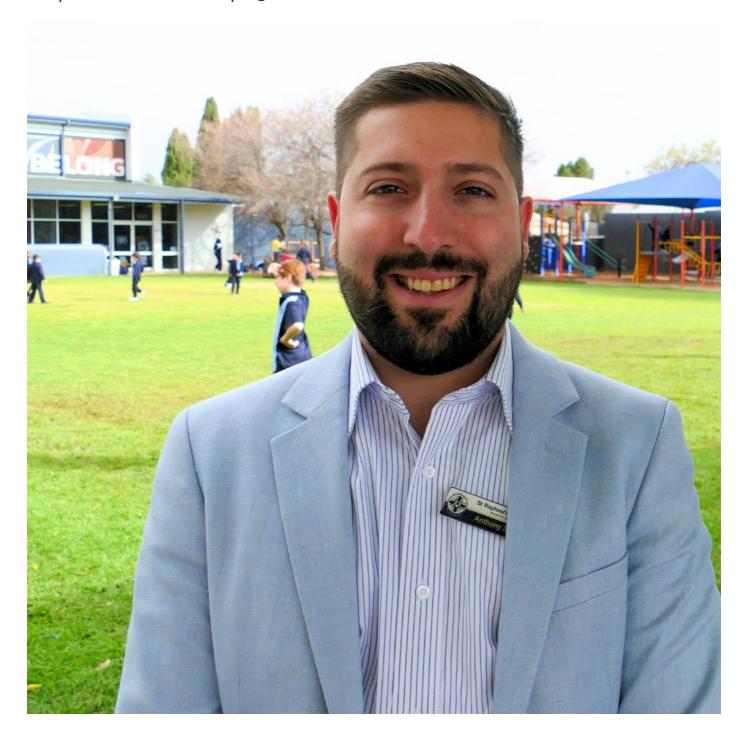
Phone: 8274 4900

Email: accounts@raph.catholic.edu.au

Thank you for your continued support.

Damian Emery Finance Officer

Anthony Sicari, recognised as one of Australia's 50 Best Teachers in the News Corp Best Teacher campaign.



It is with immense pride that we announce Anthony Sicari, our esteemed Assistant Principal Leader of Learning and Learning Diversity, has been recognised as one of Australia's 50 Best Teachers in the News Corp Best Teacher campaign.

This prestigious accolade celebrates Mr Sicari's unwavering dedication to educational excellence and his profound impact on countless young minds.

As a leader of our Year 6 cohort for many years, he has consistently demonstrated an exceptional commitment to addressing the diverse needs of every student with a kind and caring approach.

The quote from The Advertiser encapsulates Mr Sicari's invaluable contributions:

"Consistently goes above and beyond for every student, tirelessly addressing their diverse needs with a kind and caring approach. His leadership in extra-curricular activities like debating and STEM has enhanced our students' educational experiences."

Mr Sicari's inspirational, kind, and caring dedication to fostering a nurturing and enriching learning environment inspires both students and colleagues alike, making him a true embodiment of what it means to be an exceptional educator.

The Best Teacher campaign, now in its second year, recognises and honours outstanding teachers across Australia while raising their profile and acknowledging their profound influence on students and the wider community. This year, the campaign received over 1,320 nominations from peers, students, and parents, highlighting the heroic actions of some of our most humble teachers.

Please join us in congratulating Mr Sicari on this well-deserved recognition and thanking him for his exceptional service to our school community.

From the APRIM

St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Last Thursday, our entire school and our Parish Priest Fr. Tom, headed to the hall for a performance highlighting the early years of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop. It was a very engaging and interactive play, with a number of students volunteering to take on various acting roles throughout – which they did most convincingly and quite confidently too! We all got to know the person of Mary (Australia's first Saint) and understand more about her character, perseverance, compassion and determination to make a difference.

Teachers sought feedback from students about the play, which I share with you below...

"It was really cool, we got to meet lots of characters." Olivia

"Good, great actor and actress with lots of audience engagement." Renee

"Fun and exciting. I liked the end when Mary and her brother were in the billy cart going down the big hill." Keona

Some of our Yr.3/4 class who have recently being learning about St. Mary, critiqued the play...

"They didn't include the part where Sr. Mary got kicked out of the church by the Pope." Gabby

"The priest turned her into a Saint, but this doesn't happen until the person has died." Nathanael

"It wasn't 100% accurate." Julian

It is evident that their prior learning about Mary MacKillop was meaningful and that they had been highly engaged by the play, to notice these things. I think it was quite intriguing for our students, to have had the opportunity to 'meet' Mary MacKillop in this way. Suddenly, this famous, inspiring woman seemed like a real person, not just someone in a book from the past.

Vinnie's Winter Appeal

We have two donation bins – one just outside the new office area and a second near the drop off and pick up area. Please, if you have any warm, good-quality items of clothing you no longer need or spare rugs and sleeping bags, drop them in the collection bins. Many thanks!

On the last Friday of this term, we are having a Wear Your Winter Woollies Day – when students and staff are invited to come to school rugged up in casual clothes and bring along a can of food to donate.

Our senior students will coordinate the creation of a can line or picture under the central covered area, just for fun and to see how many cans we have donated. To make this more meaningful to the students, families may consider taking their child/children to the supermarket to select a can of food.

Vinnies recommend items such as canned vegetables, tuna, soup and meals - items that are nutritious, warming and delicious.

I will leave you with some wisdom from our own St. Mary MacKillop of the Cross...

"Find happiness in making others happy."

"Believe in the whisperings of God to your own heart."

"Never see a need without doing something about it."

Many blessings to you all,

Tanya Stott APRIM





Our Wellbeing Officer



Hello! I'm Amy Pellegrini, and I'm passionate about fostering the wellbeing and growth of children.

As a Wellbeing Officer, I play a diverse role in our community, working with children and families in various capacities. I help run the

playgroup, facilitate the Out of School Hours Care (OSHC), and work within the classrooms to support students' educational and emotional needs. I'm a qualified Youth Worker and Counsellor, and I'm currently on the path to becoming a certified teacher. This journey has equipped me with a deep understanding of the challenges and rewards of working with young people.

My mission is to create a safe and nurturing environment where children can thrive, learn, and grow into compassionate individuals. One of my key projects is running a program called "What's the Buzz," which is a neuroaffirming, evidence-based, social, and emotional literacy program. This program is considered the gold standard in teaching neurotypicals and neurodivergents alike the skills to live generously within a community. "What's the Buzz" embraces the idea that everyone experiences the social and emotional world differently, and it encourages children to express their feelings and actions in their own compassionate way.

We believe that there's no one-size-fits-all approach, and we celebrate the diversity of thought and experience.

In everything I do, my focus is on promoting the wellbeing of children and helping them develop the skills they need to succeed in life. Whether it's through playgroup activities, OSHC programs, classroom support, or now through the dedicated social and emotional wellbeing programs I lead, I'm dedicated to making a positive impact on the lives of the children I work with.

I look forward to connecting with you and your family to create a supportive and inclusive community together.

Find out more about our school's offer for Wellbeing and Inclusive Learning.

Amy Pellegrini Wellbeing Officer

Our School Counsellor



Hello! I am Sarah Byrnes. I'm a qualified counsellor and have been working in schools for over five years. School counselling is about providing a safe space for a child to be able to work through emotional wellbeing issues or situations.

Counselling encompasses a range of areas such as anxiety and worries, grief and loss, low self-esteem/self-confidence, friendship/social issues, anger strategies and self-harm. I support children through these issues with a child-led approach that can include talking therapy, activity books, games, mindfulness and coping strategies. I also incorporate psychoeducation to help children understand how the brain works and the links between thoughts, feelings and behaviours. I am here to guide children in developing essential skills, like resilience, and to manage adults' expectations of their ability to bounce back from certain situations.

Parents and caregivers play the biggest role in their children's lives, so I partner with them to implement strategies for supporting their children while maintaining confidentiality. Issues can often be resolved within three to six sessions. However, if counselling isn't suitable for a child or not sufficient, I will provide referral pathways to ensure the child still receives the best outcome for their wellbeing.

When a child is happy and content most of the time, they are at an optimal level for learning and socialising.

I feel privileged when children share their thoughts and feelings with me. They would never imagine how much I learn from them.

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Sarah Byrnes School Counsellor

Triarama's from Year 3 and 4

Recently, our Year 4 students have been engaged in an exciting project that combines aspects of the Geography and Biological Sciences Curriculum.

The task at hand was to design a triarama based on a habitat of their choice, including at least one animal that inhabits it.

Through this project, our students not only showcased their design and technology skills but also deepened their understanding of ecosystems and the importance of sustainable resource management.

As part of their research, the students explored various habitats such as rainforests, deserts, oceans, and grasslands. They identified the roles of different organisms within these habitats and developed an understanding of relevant food chains.

The triarama project has been a fantastic opportunity for our class to combine learning with their interests and creativity. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication.

Please check out the impressive triaramas. Each one is a testament to the students' curiosity, creativity, and commitment to learning about the world around them.

Mr Christopher Uzzell Year 3 and 4 Teacher



P.E. Update

In Physical Education, over the course of this school term we've been hard at work developing our skills in the sports of Lacrosse and Netball.

At the commencement of the term, students in Years 3-6 engaged in learning the sport of Lacrosse. For many, this was a new and daunting prospect, however, all things led to the highly successful and fun filled day at the SACPSSA Catholic Schools Lacrosse Carnival.

As the term progressed the school has been fortunate to have Basketball experts, and high level players in Joe Jackson (Woodville

Warriors) & Alex Starling (Adelaide 36ers) support our learners. With a focus on sportsmanship, resilience and skills, students have been challenged to develop their basketball abilities with the guidance of these experts. It has been an amazing opportunity which our students have thoroughly enjoyed. We thank Joe & Alex for all the hard work and care they have shown working with each of our aspiring athletes.

As this sporting semester comes to a conclusion, I'd like to thank not only the students, but also our St Raphael's School community of families for all the support I've been given over the course of my time so far at this school.

With my final weeks in Australia before making my move to the UK racing by, I truly can't put in to words the warmth and gratitude I've felt across the school. With all the positive growth and change around the school, I'm proud to have played a part in this. I'm also grateful for the opportunities I've been provided to grow at St Raphael's School in the various roles I've worked in, and the excellent educators that I've worked alongside. I'd like to thank the staff at the school who have supported me in every step along the way, and the leadership team who have guided me at every moment.

While I'm moving now, I cannot wait to see the journey this school continues to go on. After attending the Year 1 & 2 Soccer match on the weekend, it left me inspired, that we are on a positive journey with our supportive and amazing family community, as well as the cohort of staff and students we have at St Raphael's School.

St Raphael's School truly is a unique and rare school, which I couldn't have been more grateful to be apart of these last 3 years.

Announcements of who will be working within the PE/Sports Coordinator role & Year 1 classroom will be made in due course.

Thank you again and this is not a goodbye, its a see-you-soon.

Corey Tucker P.E. Teacher





Cake and Coffee at Book Club Playgroup



Join us in celebrating the final Book Club Playgroup of Term 2!

To show our appreciation for all the amazing adults who accompany their little ones, we are offering cake and coffee.

Who do you need to tell about our Book Club Playgroup?

Date: July 3 Time: 9:15 - 10:30 AM

We look forward to seeing you there!

Parents and Friends Committee News

P&F TEAMS Meeting:

Join the Conversation!

Date: Wednesday, July 24th

Time: 6:00 PM - 6:40 PM

We invite you to join our upcoming P&F TEAMS meeting as we kick off Term 3.

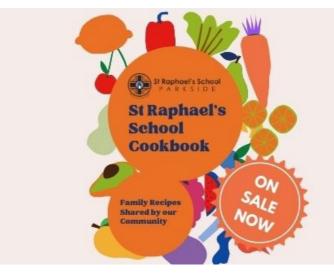
This session will cover:

- Survey results: Insights and feedback from our community
- Community Fair Day: Planning for our big event on September 9th
- Parent educative session around behaviour at home
- Cookbook sales update [very tasty]
- Strategic plans for Terms 3 and 4

Your participation is valuable, and we welcome everyone to be part of the discussion.

If you'd like to join, please email Katrina at ktucker@raph.catholic.edu.au

School Cookbook for sale now!



Discover the flavors that bring our community together!

Our cookbook is a celebration of our school's diverse culinary traditions. This 44-page collection features 24 delicious recipes and heartwarming stories from the families of St Raphael's School.

Inspired by Jesus's open table practice, this cookbook invites you to experience the inclusive spirit of our community through the universal language of food.

Get your copy for \$15 today and support this P&F fundraiser.

Proceeds will go towards enhancing our school community.

Purchase on the QRK! App or in person at the front office.

Community Fair Day



Celebrate with St Raphael's School at Our Community Fair!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 8th, from 11 am to 3 pm, as St Raphael's School invites you to join us for a day of family fun, community spirit, and exciting activities at our Community Fair!

Explore, Discover, and Enjoy!

Get ready for a jam-packed day filled with entertainment, exhibitions, and hands-on learning. Immerse yourself in live music performances and savour delicious treats from the food trucks. Don't forget to quench your thirst at our licensed bar!

Tours and Sneak Peeks

Take a guided tour of our school and get a glimpse into our brand-new buildings and learning spaces. Meet our friendly staff, current families, and students who will be more than happy to share their experiences and answer any questions you may have.

Picnics Galore

Spread out a picnic blanket and enjoy a leisurely afternoon with your loved ones. Feel free to pack your own snacks and beverages, or indulge in the delectable offerings from our food vendors.

Free Admission and Endless Fun

The best part? Our Community Fair is completely free! No need to worry about expensive ticket prices – simply come and enjoy a day of family-friendly entertainment, community spirit, and memory making.

Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of the St Raphael's School community.

We can't wait to welcome you and your loved ones to our Community Fair on Sunday September 8th!

Please register here.





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Peter Malinauskas 🤣

If you've got kids, you need to know this 👇

We're doubling the school sports voucher to two \$100 vouchers per kid, per year.

And we've now expanded it to include music lessons.





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NEW CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS

Applications for Year 7, 2027 will now close on Friday 20 September, 2024.

Please submit your application for enrolment if your child is in Year 4, by the end of Term 3.



The heart of our community



Eastwood Community Centre SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM COOKING GAMES FLOWERS Term 212024

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Interested in a school holiday cooking class

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For more information, call us on 8373 2225

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Lasagna Naan Pizza 9th July - Tuesday 10:30AM - 12:30PM Cost: \$ 25

Lasagna Naan Pizza: A Fusion Feast Awaits!

- 😵 Dive into the delicious world of lasagna naan pizza!
- *Description:* Learn to create this unique blend of Italian and Indian cuisine from scratch.
- Enjoy one for lunch and take another home. Don't forget your takeaway containers!
- 🐖 Guided by the skilled Chef Tony Adey.
- 🌟 Ideal for curious kids aged 8 and up.
- Pook your spot for an unforgettable culinary experience
- Q All aprons, ingredients, and cooking tools provided.
- Get ready for a flavorful experience!

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Creative Dots & Pots 8th July - Monday 9:30AM - 12:00PM Cost: \$ 25

Terracotta Pot Dot Painting: A Creative School Holiday Adventure!

- Onleash your creativity with the beautiful art of dot painting!
- Set hands-on experience in painting and decorating terracotta pots!
- / Take home your unique and colorful creations.
- 🧟 Guided by the talented artist Ruth Lemon
- Ideal for kids aged 8 and above.
- Secureyour spot for a fun and artistic school holiday experience!
- 🖾 All materials, paints, and pots provided. Just bring your imagination and enthusiasm!

Dried Arrangement Workshop 8th July - Monday 1:00PM-3:00PM Cost: \$25

Dried Flower Arrangement: Design Your Own Stunning Creations!

- Discover the art of creating beautiful dried flower arrangements!
- Get hands-on experience in selecting and arranging dried flowers.
- Take home your gorgeous arrangements. Don't forget your carry bags!
- 🤹 Guided by the expert florist, Ruth
- Perfect activity for kids aged 8 and up
- Reserve your spot now for a delightful and creative floral adventure!
- All materials, tools, and flowers provided. Just bring your love for nature and creativity!





Tabletop Games 8th and 15th July - Mondday 1:30AM - 4:30PM Cost: \$ 25

Join Us for an Exciting Tabletop Games Session

- Dive into a world of board games, card games, and dice games, perfect for children and teenagers!
- This fun-filled event fosters social connections and teamwork in a playful environment.
- Facilitated Sessions: Our facilitator will be on hand to explain rules, encourage participation, and ensure everyone is having a great time.
- 💿 Age Group: 5 to 17 years old

Dress in your winter woolies on Friday 5 July and donate tinned food for the Vinnies Winter appeal.



Winter Appeal

Vinnies bins are in the front

office.



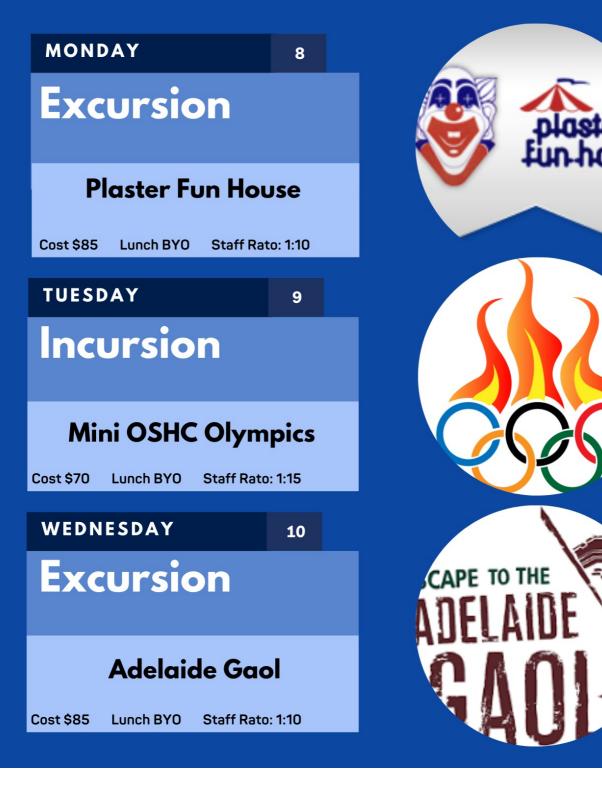
Vinnies is seeking donations of new or gently used winter items to help those in need stay warm.



Vacation Care

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS WEEK ONE - JULY 8 - 10 BOOK USING THE QR CODE









Vacation Care

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS WEEK TWO - JULY 15 - 17 BOOK USING THE QR CODE



MONDAY	15	
Excursion		
Laser Tag Cost \$85 Lunch BYO Staff Rato: 1:10		
TUESDAY	16	
Incursion		
St Raphael's Has Talent		
Cost \$70 Lunch BYO Staff Rato:	1:15	
WEDNESDAY	17	
Excursion		
Birdwood Motor Museum		
Cost \$85 Lunch BYO Staff Rato:	1:10	

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