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# KEILOR HEIGHTS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Thursday 29th August, 2024



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Term 3

**Friday 30th August - Father/  
Special Person Stall**

**Monday 9th September -  
Thursday 19th September  
Foundation - Y2 Swimming**

**Friday 20th September—  
Last Day of Term 3—  
Finish @ 2.25pm**

### Term 4

**Monday 7th October—First  
Day of Term**

**October 16th/17th—  
Lady Northcote Camp Y3-6**

**HATS MUST BE WORN  
FROM 1ST SEPTEMBER**



Hi everyone,

This last week has been an absolute whirlwind - figuratively AND literally! With so many events happening around the school, we have been very lucky that the wet and windy weather has not impacted greatly - yet.

### Book Week

Students celebrated Book Week last Friday by dressing up as a book character OR in their pyjamas. It was so good to see everyone get into the spirit of things, with costumes ranging from various superheroes to giant Oodies to Llamas in pyjamas to Willy-Wonka, and I'm fairly sure someone was dressed as a banana somewhere too. Students managed to raise \$236 in gold coin donations that the SRC will use to re-stock some of the KHoIn Shop prizes.

### Writing Competition

Congratulations to ALL of our amazing authors who entered in the KHPS Writing Competition last week. I personally read a number of these stories and was captured by the great use of "voice" and ability to take me to another world! The topic "Reading is Magic" was well and truly encapsulated by our students. These authors are listed below:

#### Year 1:

Jakob, Scarlett, Josh, Christian, Ella, Darcy, Sylvie, Will

#### Year 2:

Micheal, Aria and Stacie, Eloise, Aurelia, Elora, Mila, Maggie, Cyrus, Kingsley and William, Pippa, Aiden, Kiara and Danny

#### Year 3/4:

Vihana, Nevaeh

#### Year 5/6:

Monisha, Alexia V, Seattle, Ava, Isobella M, Amy o, Alex G and Clarabelle, Lisa and Elizabeth



Keilor Heights Primary School acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet and learn together, the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation, and we recognise their enduring connection to the land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



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**Aria and Stacie, Vihana Monisha**

### Victorian State Schools Spectacular

Our VSSS students, along with Ms Caruana, Ms Carden and I, ventured into the city on Wednesday for their second full day rehearsal at the Melbourne Town Hall. Here, they joined the other members of the Mass Choir and rehearsed for the big event. This rehearsal also included the rhythm section of the band, the VSSS Choir, the Lead Vocalists and the Backing Vocalists to begin putting things together. Students enjoyed learning new choreography and meeting the other cast members. It was amazing to see such talent in such young performers, and I'm sure it inspired many of our students to continue on their musical journeys. If you were lucky, you might've caught some of the footage on Channel 9 News last night!

### School Saving Bonus

The School Saving Bonus was announced earlier this year as part of the 24-25 Victorian Budget. This provides a one-off \$400 support for students in Victoria in Term 4, 2024, for use on 2025 school costs. More detailed information about how to receive and use these vouchers is on page 5 & 6, **but I will take this opportunity to remind families to ensure their contact details are correct and up-to-date on Compass to ensure they receive their School Saving Bonuses.**

### Road Safety

A reminder to all families to ensure they are conscious of the road safety rules to ensure a safe school community environment. This includes driving under 40km in a school zone, parking in designated parking spots only (no double parking), and encouraging our children to cross at pedestrian crossings using the "**Stop, Look, Listen, Think**" steps. Please remain vigilant and patient, particularly at peak drop-off and pick-up times.



### Father's Day/Special Person's Day Stall

Tomorrow our PFA team will be running a stall for students to purchase gifts for their Special Person to celebrate this weekend. See flyer on page 3.



I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, see you next week.

Rosie Valentine

Acting Principal



## **BOOK CLUB**

Book Club **Issue 6 Catalogue** has been distributed,

If you are interested in placing  
an order please do so by

**Wednesday 4th September, 2024**

**Using Scholastic Book Club LOOP online**

**ORDERS ARE NOT TAKEN THROUGH THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

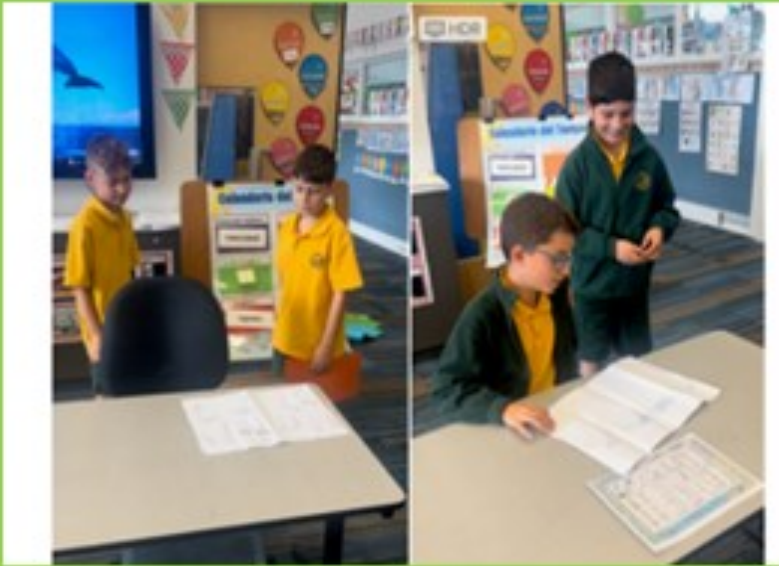
# FATHERS/SPECIAL PERSONS DAY STALL

FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST  
(DURING SCHOOL HOURS)

**GIFTS BETWEEN  
\$2-6  
CASH ONLY**



**DON'T FORGET TO BRING A BAG  
TO HIDE THE GIFTS IN**



## *3/4 ITALIAN*

*Very proud  
of our 3/4  
students  
who  
finished off  
their unit  
on Il Cibo  
(food) by  
writing  
and acting  
out their  
own  
restaurant  
scenes.  
Bravi!*



# School Saving Bonus

## Information for government school parents and carers

### About the School Saving Bonus

The Victorian Government is making life that little bit easier for families by providing a one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

This support will help cover the cost of school uniforms, textbooks, and school activities like camps, excursions and sports.

The School Saving Bonus is in addition to existing and continuing means-tested supports for Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) and the Affordable School Uniforms Program.

The School Saving Bonus will be provided to schools and families in Term 4, 2024.

### Who receives the School Saving Bonus

The School Saving Bonus is available for parents and carers of all Victorian government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025, except for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

### Actions for parents and carers

Parents and carers of children who meet the School Saving Bonus eligibility above are required to do the following by **Friday 18 October 2024**:

- **Complete enrolment**

If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025, please complete enrolment. For more information, read about [Enrolling in School](#).

- **Check your contact information**

Ensure your contact information is up to date with your school. You can check this information by contacting your school directly.

### Accessing the \$400 School Saving Bonus

You do not need to apply for the School Saving Bonus.

The Department of Education will email you in November 2024 with your \$400 School Saving Bonus. You will be able to access it via an online system.

You can decide how to best use the School Saving Bonus for your family's needs. You can choose how to allocate the \$400 in the online system.

The bonus can be used towards 2025 school costs, which may include:

- camps, trips, excursions and incursions
- swimming and sporting programs
- outdoor education programs
- graduations
- school uniforms
- textbooks.

The bonus can be used at your school's approved textbook or uniform suppliers either in-store or online, or through State Schools' Relief. The list of suppliers may include a school uniform or bookshop. Any amount that you choose to allocate to textbooks and uniforms will be valid until 30 June 2025. It will then transfer to your child's school account for future activities.

Funds will roll over for use in future years if it is not all spent in 2025.

### Families with more than one eligible child

Families who have more than one child at the same school can combine their School Saving Bonus payments to use on one child, or for a specific activity. So, for example, a family with 3 children who are all government school students would receive support to the value of \$1,200 and choose how they spend those funds. The School Saving Bonus cannot be combined across different schools.

### More information

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus visit [vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus](https://vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus). Translated information will also be available on the School Saving Bonus website in the next few weeks.



# COULD YOU FOSTER A CHILD?

We **URGENTLY** need **Foster Carers**  
**in your area.** Enquire now on how  
you can help change a child's life.

[CanFoster.com.au](https://CanFoster.com.au) | 1800 932 273

Instrumental Music Lessons - on school campus  
Places still available for next term!



### Small Group & Private Lessons

- Primary Music Institute offer instrumental music lessons right here on school campus!
- To find out all about the music lessons please visit PMI's website. You can check which instruments are available, get up to date program details and apply for lessons online
- Please **ENROL TODAY** via PMI's website
- Lessons are held once per week on campus – with lessons typically during school hours
- Private lessons (1-on-1) and pair lessons (max 2 students) are also available
- Online lessons (after hours) are also available direct to your home – contact us to find out more
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination, IQ, abstract reasoning, performance confidence... and is great fun!





# Italian Day

## Thursday 10th October

- Order a pizza for lunch!
- Buy a Gelati from the Gelati van!
- Dress up in **Italian Theme** - prizes for best dressed.
- Lunchtime Entertainment!
- Fun Italian activities throughout the day.
- Class performances at a special Assembly at 2:30pm.

**Parents, Carers and Friends are welcome and encouraged to attend throughout the day.**



You can order your child's pizza lunch and pay for lunchtime music entertainment on Compass NOW.

Learn Italian with Signora Di Sipio



This week we start our unit on 'The weather'. Here are some words students in F-2 will be learning.

## Che tempo fa?

|   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
|   |  |  |
| È brutto tempo.   | È bel tempo.  |  |
|  |  |  |
| Fa freddo.  | Fa caldo.   | Fa caldissimo.   |
|  |  |  |
| C'è il sole.  | C'è vento.  | C'è la nebbia.   |
|  |  |  |
| È sereno.   | È burrascoso.   | È nuvoloso.  |
|  |  |  |
| Grandina.   | Piove.  | Nevica.  |

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WHY NOT TAKE  
ADVANTAGE OF

# THE PANCAKE PARLOUR 1/2 PRICE WINTER MENU WHEN TEMP BELOW 10o



Download **THE APP**  
And sign up for  
Rewards



Head to  
**Highpoint SC**  
and enjoy!

**SCHOOL RANKING**  
**No. 1 at**  
**Highpoint store**  
**15th in State**

Lets Win prizes  
to benefit  
the School



# Big Spring

time Spectacular!



Book Online



**big**  
CHILDCARE

**big HOLIDAY CARE**

"WHERE EVERY HOLIDAY ADVENTURE BEGINS"

**2024 SPRING HOLIDAY CARE**



**Week 1 | 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> September**



**MON 23 Everyone's Birthday \$75**

Love birthdays but hate waiting for them? We've got you covered! Join us for Everyone's Birthday, where each child gets a special gift. Enjoy a day filled with fun, games, and treats, making it a celebration to remember for everyone!



**TUE 24 Werribee Zoo \$75 + \$50**

On this day out you can see a whole range of animals on this open range adventure. You have the chance to go on a safari and get up close with some of the most incredible creatures Australia has to offer!



**WED 25 Big Camp Out \$75**

Experience the adventure of Big Camp Out! Come in your PJs, pitch tents, make snacks, and enjoy campfire stories. Connect with the outdoors for a day of fun, laughter, and unforgettable memories!



**THU 26 Football Frenzy \$75**

Join us for a day packed with exciting sports action, including AFL, rugby, soccer, and more. Whether you're kicking goals, scoring tries, or making epic passes, it's all about fun, teamwork, and thrilling games. Don't miss out on this sports-filled extravaganza!



**X FRI 27 OFFLINE – No Care Provided**

Big Childcare is offline today in observance of the public holiday. It's our time to recharge, and we hope you get the chance to do the same with your family. Enjoy the day!

**Week 2 | 30<sup>th</sup> SEP – 4<sup>th</sup> October**



**MON 30 Kid's On Wheels \$75**

Get ready for Kid's On Wheels! Bring your bikes and roll into a day of wheeling good fun. Learn how to maintain your bike and enjoy thrilling rides and games. It's a day packed with skills, excitement, and plenty of bike adventure!



**TUE 01 BIG Show Day \$75 + \$75**

Step right up for the most spectacular Show Day ever! Dive into a carnival extravaganza with exclusive access to thrilling rides, exciting games, and fantastic entertainment. Did we mention that everyone gets a show bag? Don't miss out on this spectacular highlight!



**WED 02 Picnic In The Park \$75 + \$32.50**

Pack your picnic basket! Enjoy a delightful day outdoors with tasty treats, fun slides, swings, and classic park games. It's the perfect chance to relax, connect, and have a blast with friends and family under the sun!



**THUR 03 Balloons, Balls & Bubbles \$75**

Step into a world of fun at Balloons, Balls & Bubbles! Enjoy a mix of cooking, physical activities, crafts, and science experiments. From bouncing balls to bubbling concoctions, it's a day of creativity, learning, and excitement for everyone!



**FRI 04 Movies \$75 + \$42.50**

Settle in the corns a poppin', the movies where the bus is stoppin'! The lights are dimmed, and the screen is set for a fun for all ages movie. Check with your centre manager to see what we'll be watching today!



# Keilor Heights

**Program Address** Ronald Grove, KEILOR EAST VIC 3033

**Program Mobile** 0401 152 851 **Program Email** keilorheights@bigchildcare.com



7:00am - 6:00pm

NO CARE PROVIDED ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND WEEKENDS.

OUR SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS ARE BASED ON THE CHILDREN'S INTERESTS. WE PREDOMINANTLY TRAVEL BY BUS TO OUR ON TOUR LOCATIONS AND DO OUR BEST TO MEET ALL THE NEEDS OF THE CHILDREN.

## How To Attend



NO

### How To Enrol



a) Scan QR code to Enrol online (best option)

OR

b) Contact your Centre Manager via email, mobile or in person at our centre. See contact details above.

YES



### How To Book



a) Scan QR code to book via our XAP portal.

OR

b) Complete the booking form at the end of this brochure and submit it to our centre in person or by email.

Availability for some On Tour activities are strictly limited.

Please book as soon as possible to secure your child's place and avoid disappointment.

- CCS CHILDCARE SUBSIDY -



Scan QR code or call Services Australia on 13 61 50 between 9am and 5pm (local time) weekdays to apply or to find out more.

If you have not used Big Childcare for 14 weeks, you must confirm us as your service provider again on your MyGov account.

### CCS Estimate Guide

ESTIMATE

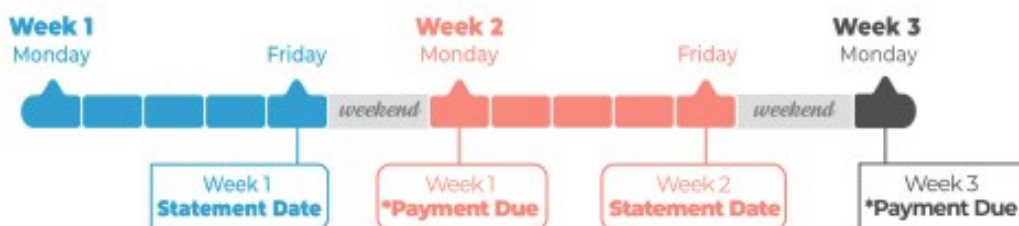
FULL FEE **\$75** AT **90% CCS** PAY AS LOW AS **\$15**

Scan or click on QR code to find out how much CCS you can get.

## Program & Payment Dates

Holiday Care Start

Holiday Care End



\*Payments will be direct debited



## Holiday Program Preparation Guide

### Activities



HOMEBASE



ON TOUR

**ON-TOUR ACTIVITIES** will depart at approximately 8.30am unless otherwise specified.

#### What to wear?

Children are encouraged to wear comfortable, weather appropriate clothing, with closed toe shoes.

#### Safety attire

Every child is provided with a bright coloured Big Childcare vest with centre contact details attached. For water events, every child is provided with a Big Childcare rashie for protection and safety.

#### What to pack?

Backpack, lunch, morning and afternoon tea, water bottle, hat, sunscreen, change of clothes. For water events, bring bathers, towel, plastic bag and change of clothes.

#### What NOT to pack?

We strongly encourage children to leave valuables at home as Big Childcare will not be responsible for any loss or damage. We kindly ask that you do not provide your children with spending money.

#### Disclaimer

Excursion locations may be subject to change. You will be notified via email or text when this happens.

#### HOME-BASED ACTIVITIES:

During a Home Base day (HB) at Big Childcare, you're welcome to drop off your child at any time within our opening hours. We'll keep you informed about any special items your child might need for these days. Hosted by the center, Home Base days feature engaging themes tailored to children's current interests. Our dedicated team work hard to make sure that each Home Base day is filled with exciting themes and activities that captivate your child's imagination, all at no additional cost to you.

### Booking changes

#### Changes

If making a change to your booking you will need to do this by **Wednesday 18 September 2024**

#### Cancellations

Cancellations are not permitted during school holiday program. Amendments to bookings will need to be made prior to the holiday program starting.

#### Refunds

No cancellations or refunds are permitted during holiday care as staff, resources and/or venues and transportation have been secured based on your confirmed booking

### health & Safety

#### Medical Plan

If your child has a medical condition, you will need to provide medication(s) along with the relevant completed action plan before your child can attend. Medication must be in the original packaging, clearly labelled with the child's name. The packaging must also clearly state the dosage and be within the expiry date. Additionally, you must complete a medication consent form filled out at your centre. Please note that without clearly labelled medication and consent form, children will be unable to attend the holiday program. Please allow time to process this when enrolling and booking

#### COVID-19 Safe

Our service follows the advice mandated by the Department of Health and Department of Education. Our COVID-19 Safe Plan is available to view at the service.

# 2024 Spring Holiday Care Booking Form

## Keilor Heights

Address: Ronald Grove, KEILOR EAST VIC 3033

Program Mobile: 0401 152 851

Program Email: keilorheights@bigchildcare.com

Please complete this booking form and submit it to our centre in person or by email.

### 1. ENROLMENT STATUS - Does your child attend a Big Childcare Service? Please tick the appropriate box.

Yes  Proceed to section 2

No



Scan or click on QR code to enrol online now. You must be enrolled for your booking to be accepted.

### 2. CHILD/REN ATTENDING

|          | First Name | Last Name |
|----------|------------|-----------|
| CHILD #1 |            |           |
| CHILD #2 |            |           |
| CHILD #3 |            |           |
| CHILD #4 |            |           |

### 3. DAY(S) ATTENDING – Please tick the corresponding checkbox for each child attending

| CHILD #1                 | CHILD #2                 | CHILD #3                 | CHILD #4                 | Date                      | Program  | Type | Base Fee | *Activity Fee |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--|------|----------|---------------|
| <b>WEEK 1</b>            |                          |                          |                          |                           |  |      |          |               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Monday<br>23 September    | <b>Everyone's Birthday</b><br>HB                                 |      | \$75     |               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Tuesday<br>24 September   | <b>Werribee Zoo</b><br>K Rd, Werribee South VIC 3030             |      | \$75     | \$50          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Wednesday<br>25 September | <b>Big Camp Out</b><br>HB  |      | \$75     |               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Thursday<br>26 September  | <b>Football Frenzy</b><br>HB                                     |      | \$75     |               |
|                          |                          |                          |                          | Friday<br>27 September    | <b>OFFLINE</b><br>PUBLIC HOLIDAY – NO CARE PROVIDED              |      |          |               |
| <b>WEEK 2</b>            |                          |                          |                          |                           |  |      |          |               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Monday<br>30 September    | <b>Kids On Wheels</b><br>HB                                      |      | \$75     |               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Tuesday<br>01 October     | <b>BIG Show Day</b><br>5A Jamieson Street, St Albans VIC 3020    |      | \$75     | \$75          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Wednesday<br>02 October   | <b>Picnic In The Park</b><br>Birdwood Avenue, Melbourne VIC 3004 |      | \$75     | \$32.50       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Thursday<br>03 October    | <b>Balloons, Balls &amp; Bubbles</b><br>HB                       |      | \$75     |               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Friday<br>04 October      | <b>Movies</b><br>80 Harvester Rd, Sunshine VIC 3020              |      | \$75     | \$42.50       |



# 2024 Spring Holiday Care Booking Form

## Keilor Heights

Address: Ronald Grove, KEILOR EAST VIC 3033

Program Mobile: 0401 152 851

Program Email: keilorheights@bigchildcare.com

### PARENT CONTACT

First name:

Surname:

Best contact number:

personal  home  work

Secondary contact number:

personal  home  work

Enrolment Email Address:

If you have not enrolled, please enter the email that you will be using to enrol. Your booking confirmation and statements will be sent to this email.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have completely read and fully understood the following terms & conditions:

- I have a current / I have attached a copy of the Big Childcare enrolment form (in addition to the holiday booking form) and understand that my child cannot attend, unless all the details in this form have been completed.
- I acknowledge that if my child is prescribed with any medication to be administered at the service, that it is provided to staff before attendance, along with medical action plan, medication consent form and the risk minimisation and communication plans; completed in consultation with the centre manager.
- I understand that full payment on statements emailed to me upon the conclusion of each week's Holiday Program will be payable in arrears the following Monday.
- I understand there will be no refunds once my booking has been accepted and confirmed.
- I am aware that 'On Tour' and 'Super Base' days will be an additional cost to the Home Base Price, as outlined in the brochure, specific to my service.
- I give permission for my child/ren to be taken outside of the education and care service for all 'On Tour' activities I have authorised them to attend. Big Childcare determines means of travel; this is predominantly bus travel. Seatbelts may be provided and requirement to wear them will be as per jurisdictional regulation.
- I acknowledge the ratio of 1 educator to 15 children. I understand approximately 30 children attending the excursions there will be a minimum of 2 educators.
- Proposed time away from the service will vary and is approximately between the hours of 8.30am to 3pm. Exact excursion departure and return times will be communicated closer to the excursion date.
- Risk assessments have been prepared in accordance with regulation 101 and I am aware they are available to view at the service.
- I understand that further information regarding the description of the proposed destinations and/or activities to be undertaken are available in the holiday program brochure. I understand that risk assessments including but not limited to "On Tour" venues can be found on the parent table at the centre.
- I am aware that children are not allowed to make any purchases whilst on any excursion. I will not provide my child/ren with extra money to spend unless specified by management.
- I understand my contact details may be provided to 'On Tour' venues, this may include but not limited to the purpose of contact tracing.
- I am aware that extra bookings can be made during the school holiday program, subject to availability.
- I have read and agreed to further terms and conditions outlined in [www.bigholidaycare.com/terms-conditions/](http://www.bigholidaycare.com/terms-conditions/)
- I am aware that excursion locations and/ proposed activities may be subject to change, and I will be notified via email/text when this happens. Excursion locations can be found on the Big Holiday Care website: [www.bigholidaycare.com](http://www.bigholidaycare.com)

Parent / authorised guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Disclaimer:** In order for bookings to be confirmed, you **MUST**

- be enrolled with Big Childcare, ----->
- received booking confirmation from the centre manager
- By filling out this document or submitting a booking for school holidays via XAP Online, you agree to the terms and conditions displayed in the brochure and acknowledge the individual excursion authorisations for your service.



If you currently have not enrolled Scan or click on QR code.

### OFFICE USE ONLY



Entered by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_