

## Term Dates 2019

Term 3: Wed 31 July – Fri 27 Sep

Term 4: Tues 15 Oct – Wed 18 Dec

## Term Dates 2020

Term 1: Thu 30 Jan – Thu 9 April

Term 3: Wed 29 July – Fri 25 Sep

Term 2: Wed 29 Apr – Fri 3 July

Term 4: Tues 13 Oct – Wed 16 Dec

### Term 3

| This week         |                 |   |
|-------------------|-----------------|---|
| Sat 14 September  | 6.30-10pm       | <b>Trivia Night Fundraiser</b>  |
| Week 8            |                 |   |
| Mon 16 September  | 9.45am for 10am | <b>Whole Preschool Photo * change of date</b>                         |
| Tues 17 September | 9am-11am        | <b>Preschool Morning Tea – please bring a plate to share</b>          |
| Weds 18 September | 10.30am         | <b>Whole Primary Photo * change of date</b>                           |
| Thu 19 September  | 11.30am         | <b>Progressive Lunch</b> – RSVP with any special dietary requirements |
| Week 9            |                 |   |
| Mon 23 September  |                 | Whole School Excursion, Apex Park, Mona Vale                          |
| Fri 27 September  |                 | Term 3 ends   |

# Kinma Trivia Night

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This is on tomorrow!

6.30pm-10pm

The Auditorium, Pittwater RSL

(the club closes at 3.30am - anyone who would like to stay on and party is welcome!)

**Kinma Kitchen Fundraiser Online Auction - IS NOW LIVE! There are over 50 items to bid on!**

<https://airaucioneer.com/kinma-kitchen-fundraiser>

All auction items will end at 9pm sharp on the Trivia Night, Saturday 14th. You will have the opportunity to bid at the event on the night, or at home if you aren't joining us.

**Every cent we raise will go towards our new kitchen!**

Bring cards and cash, including gold coins are there will be games to play and points to earn.

**Parking: the three lower levels of the outside carpark (from the futsal courts up) will need to be clear of cars by midnight. If you think you might stay longer it's best to park elsewhere at the RSL.**

# Progressive Lunch

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September

11.30AM – 2.30PM

This is happening next Thursday and is a community event, where all Preschool and Primary families are invited to join then for a Progressive Lunch. Each class plans a dish to serve and all the children are involved in preparing and serving their meal to the families. The lunch begins everyone meeting in the Preschool with *apéritifs* then moves to the Primary for entrées, main and dessert. Yum!

11.30am Apéritifs at Preschool

12.00pm Entrées in Group 1

12.30pm Main in Group 3

1.30pm Dessert in Group 2

Beverages made and served by Group 4.

**RSVP with any dietary restrictions by letting Admin know, or replying to the Facebook invitation**

<https://www.facebook.com/events/531217767682339/>



# Admin

## WHOLE PRESCHOOL AND PRIMARY PHOTOS

These are planned as follows with our 2019 photographer Cristina Mahony.

### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Whole Preschool photo \* change of date**

9.45am for 10am photo at Preschool – if your children do not normally attend on this day, please bring them in at 9.45am, then depart after the photo.

### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September – Whole Primary \* change of date**

10.30am Whole Primary photo

Individual Preschool and Primary photos will continue next week on Monday, Wednesday, and if needed, Friday.

## SCHOOL FEES

Fees are now due, please contact the office or make your payment by direct debit.

## WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION

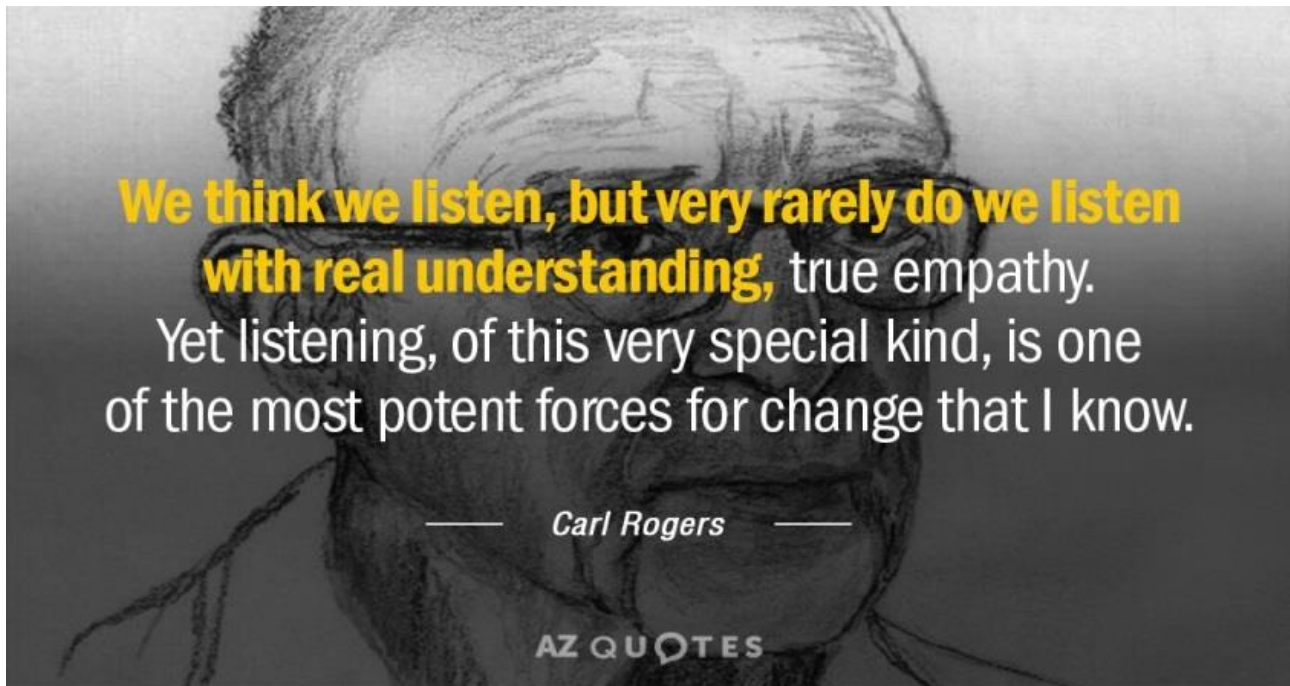
On Monday 23rd September we are taking the whole school to Apex Park, Mona Vale, where we'll meet up with some Jarjum College juniors. They so loved their visit to Kinma recently, that we wanted to catch up together again.

We are organising a bus to take us there and bring us back again.

Permission slips will be sent out shortly.

Julie, Claire, Carin, & Narelle

# Education Leader



## OUR STAFF TRAINING

Over the last few teacher training days the staff and I came together and explored conflict resolution, effective communication and relationships skills. The core of this process is conflict transformation as described beautifully by Doctor Buck in a discussion with Brene Brown

*“Conflict Transformation,” suggests that by creatively navigating the conversational landscape of differences and disagreements, we have the opportunity to create something new.*

**Dr Michelle Buck**

We are opening the wonderful, writhing can of worms called conflict. We are picking out the pieces and looking at them, dissecting the intricacies of our thoughts, feelings and fears around this daily phenomenon. We began the first session by looking at the physical and psychological effects of long-term unresolved conflict. This began the process of working toward seeing these situations as wonderful opportunities for change. To find “something new” so our relationships are stronger and richer. We have delved into what empathy really means and how listening is the beginning of a deeper understanding and respect. We will visit the effects of power and how we manage our emotions, which are the building blocks to the skills of negotiation and mediation. Each session is guided by recent events and real scenarios; each session is building a set of skills that endlessly evolve and change as our understanding of ourselves grows.

I have been running these courses for teachers, parents and children for over 25 years, from a grass hut in a Bhutanese refugee camp in Nepal, to corporate offices in the city. The skills have no cultural biases, no language barrier. The wonderful thing is I am still learning and getting a deeper understanding every time I work with a new group of people. There is nothing more rewarding, gratifying and exciting than watching a group of people discuss, debate and devise amazing solutions and knowing they are walking away stronger because of it.

I had a conversation with a teacher who taught anger management in a prison. In one of the sessions he shows a video that we made of three and four year old's managing their conflicts. After the participants had viewed this snapshot they often asked "Why did we not learn this at school?" or say "Maybe I wouldn't be here if I had these skills!"

The aim is to empower our children with an understanding of themselves, to have empathy for others, have the confidence to take on their own struggles, and have stronger and richer relationships.

Fran McCarthy

# Preschool

## Real Life Learning at Kinma Preschool

Authentic learning describes the active engagement of children in experiences that are relevant and meaningful to them. Motivation is high when children can see how learning relates to their own lives.

At Kinma Preschool, children are involved in real jobs, gardening, sharpening pencils, hanging out washing, chicken care and cooking. These experiences are familiar and provide a setting where children can feel at home. Characteristics of purpose and responsibility develop and children thrive in their sense of independence, competence and belonging as they collaborate and problem solve together. Educators have a learning plan but follow as children take the learning in another direction.

Snack Attack is a weekly event where everyone shares a meal. In preparation, children position and cover tables, ensuring a place for everyone. Plates are carried from the kitchen, a washing up station is created.

In the afternoon, a teacher invites help to count the Snack Attack money. Her plan is numbers and coin shapes and sizes. Four children are keen to help, two of whom are familiar with numbers and eagerly share this knowledge. Conversation flows.

“Is this for charity? My mum gives money to charity”

“What’s a charity?”

“It’s when you give your toys to a shop and other people buy them. Some people are sick and have no house”

“We don’t buy many toys because my family is saving to buy a house. We are so close! Then we might have a dog and a trampoline”

The conversation continues as the children sort and count.

Real life learning is one part of our curriculum which also offers opportunities including creativity, dramatic play, French, music, dance, yoga, construction and basketball.



**Preschool Morning Tea is happening this Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 9am-11am. All welcome. Please bring a healthy plate to share.**

# Andy's Group 4

After a few weeks holiday we have begun to wonder what happened to our Bushwinkle friends. Without any sign of them we wondered if they had moved on. In order to find out we created 'Wanted' posters detailing their appearance, interests and the last place we saw them. We hope for the community to respond any minute now.



We delved a bit deeper into why the Bushwinkles are moving around and looking for a quieter home. Through Jeannie Baker's book 'Window' we followed the life of a boy through his bedroom window. As he grows up and has his own children, the landscape changes dramatically.

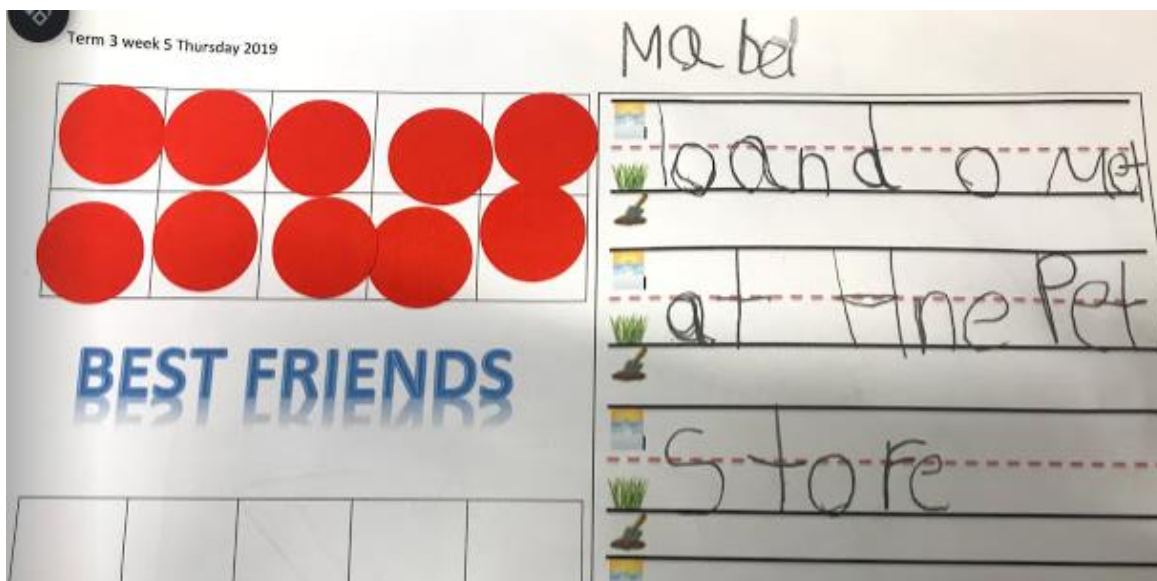
This opened up a plethora of conversations about the materials we need to build our homes, the land we need to farm for food and the resources we have in our classroom. Where did they all come from? We continue to explore the origin of our resources and help create connections to our natural environment.





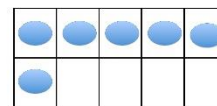
Following on from the children's request to do more cooking and filming, we created a Group 4 cooking show! With many suggestions to ponder on the children finally settled on 'Cooking in the Bush'. Deviding the steps of a gluten free, dairy free muffin recipe, the children chose a job and set about learning their script. With the set decorated the children were super excited to get filming and at the end of the day, produced one of the most delicious muffins I have ever had (If I ever work out how to format it and send it , you will soon see).

In maths we have created a few new games and created stories about how numbers became best friends. Specifically, numbers that add up to ten are best friends and the children worked with tens frames to figure out who were best buddies. After they chose their favorite and wrote about how they became best friends.



Alex wrote that 10 and 0 met while getting ice-cream.

These activities serve many purposes though speaking mathematically it works for many different levels. Knowing 'friends of ten' is essential for addition and subtraction. By using the tens frame we can see the dots and the spaces, helping to show difference. 6 dots 4 spaces, the difference between 10 and 6 is 4.



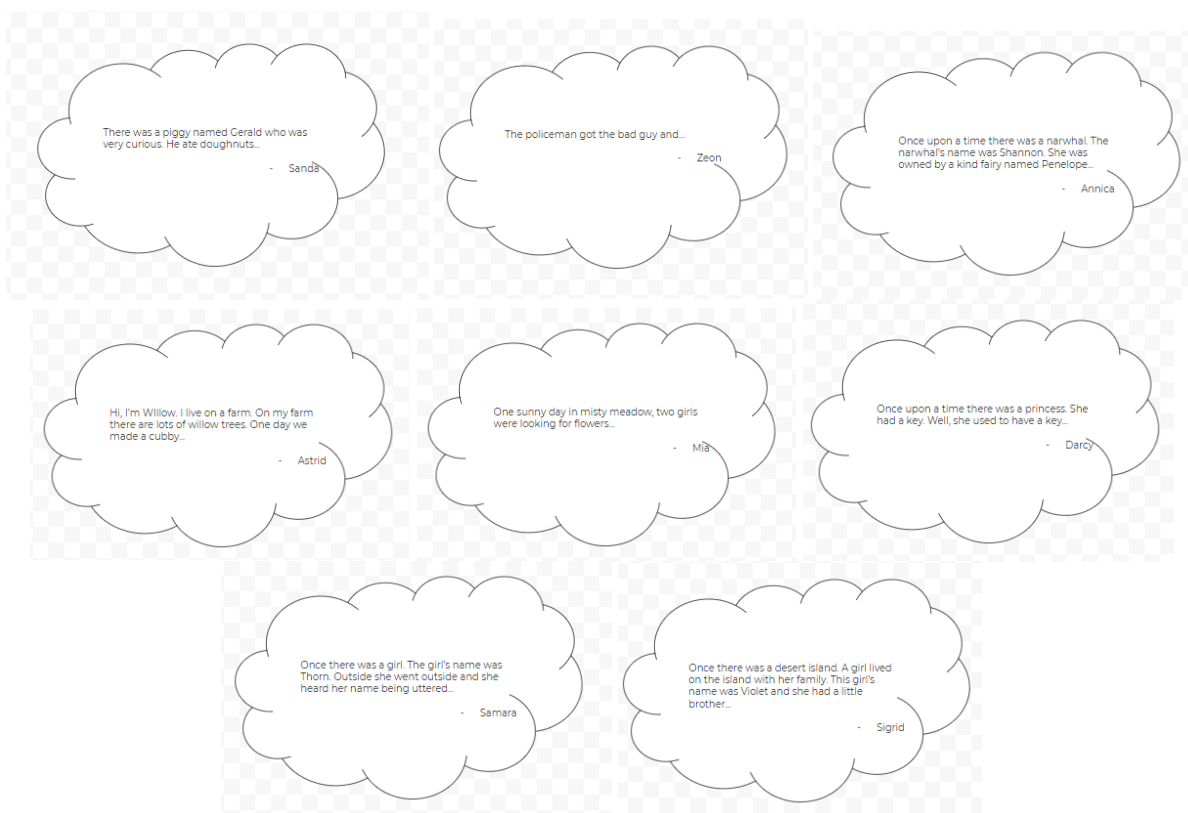
This concept of difference is the underpinnings of subtraction and shows how addition and subtraction are so very similar.

Or it is just a fun experience talking about numbers sharing an ice cream!

# Group 1 News

## Writing Journals

The last few weeks has seen an evolving literacy program for our Group 1 authors. Most days, we dive into our writing journals during a time solely designated to all the processes around authorship. Twenty minutes of silent writing time - each child and their writing journal. During these times we don't focus on spelling or punctuation of correct letter formation, it is a free time to get down ideas on paper and give it a go. For some this meant that the creative ideas came flowing out, whilst others experienced some writer's block at times. Either way, it is all a part of the writing process. Our next step will be engaging in conferencing processes where we look at editing and ultimately the end goal is publishing each child's work. Here are some beautiful examples of where our creative Group 1 minds have started off and have us hooked in as an audience...



### Mandalas with Sasha

We welcomed Sasha in for a morning of pure zen recently whilst focussing our energy on the exploration of crystals and constructing mindful mandalas. Positioned in the morning sun whilst focussing on such a mindful task, allowed everyone the opportunity to experience being in the moment whilst being creative with our mandalas. Thank you Sasha!



### Musica Viva

We welcomed Musica Viva once again this term to explore all things rhythm and body percussion! As always, it was an incredibly informative and engaging experience for all involved. Some even volunteered to perform on stage!





## Money and measurement

More recently, our investigation of money has led us to explore the decimal point. For example, creating combinations that made up 150c and knowing that is the same as \$1.50. We have been exploring currencies from all over the globe and comparing quantities and value. What an exciting and engaging way to further explore number, place value and multiplication. Combining this with our animal inquiries, naturally led us to make the connection between dollars and cents, and centimetres and metres - particularly around our investigation of the sizes of different species of whales! We had to take these measurements outdoors within teams to experience and measure out the sheer size of some of these creatures!





### **Animal Inquiry**

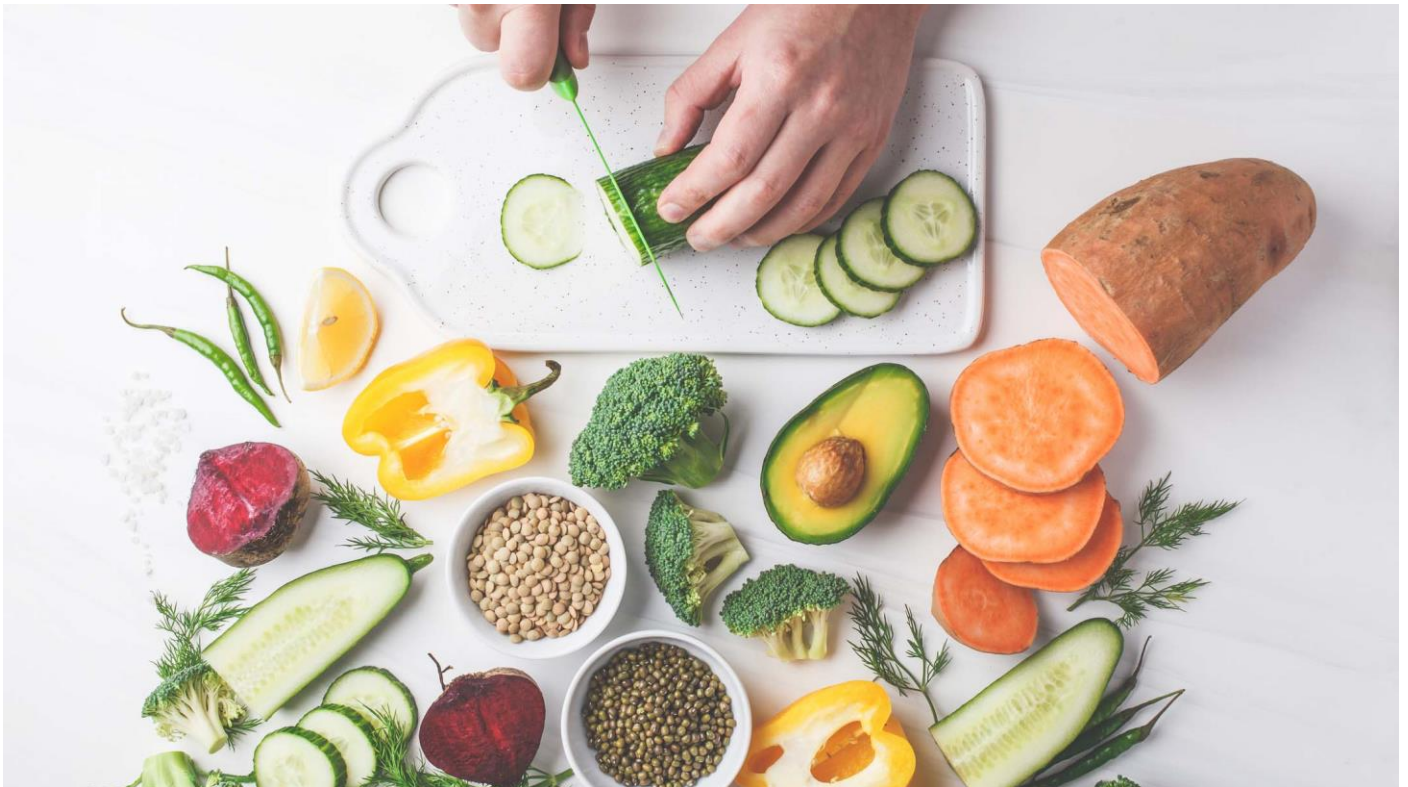
This term's Ocean Odyssey has resulted in the investigation of many underwater creatures and species and the acquisition of newfound facts. Did you know there is a species of shark that can walk on land?!

Each and every Group 1 child now has the task of investigating one species of animal of their choosing - focussing on habitat, size, descriptions, how it moves, threats to its existence and finally exploring the prospect of creating an ideal habitat for their chosen species, given their new knowledge of their ocean creature. Stay tuned!

For these habitat creations, we have been slowly collecting cardboard and other recyclables to use in these creative ventures. Group 1 would greatly appreciate any donations of cardboard or other recycled materials for the process. Thank you in advance!

Group 1, Michelle, Tom and Alley :)

# Snack Attack



Can you serve? Shop for food? Make mains, or part thereof? Make dessert? Make it at home and drop off, or make it here? See the folder in the Primary kitchen for ideas and ingredient amounts.

Sept 18 ***3 helpers needed if it is to go ahead***

Sept 25 Michelle McPh, Dee, Micha

Please let Hayley know if you can help, email [hayleyjl@tpg.com.au](mailto:hayleyjl@tpg.com.au)

# Green Umbrella



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## Green Umbrella OSHC news

On Tuesday last week the children had a visit from Jen from Monika's Doggie Rescue. She spoke to the children about the centres they run at Ingleside and in the country, explained why they should not buy pets from pet shops because of the way those animals are bred, talked about the lives of rescue dogs, cats, guinea pigs and rabbits and answered lots of questions from the children. She was thrilled with all the old blankets, towels and the doggie bed. A big thank you to all the families who donated these items. All the children were able to take home a calendar and information about the rescue service.

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September the Green Umbrella children will be running a homemade lemonade stall down on the basketball court at 3 pm. The cost of a cup of lemonade will be 50 cents and the money raised will be donated to Monika's Doggie Rescue.

Can you or do you know of anyone who might be able to donate some lemons? If so could you please take them to the hall on Tuesday or Wednesday next week.



# Extras



## EVOLVE TENNIS ACADEMY Multi-Sport Holiday Camps

### ✓ CAMP DATES

Week 1: 30th – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
Week 2: 8th – 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019

### ✓ CAMP PRICING

#### Full Week - 5 Day Camp

Full Week Full Days \$185 (EQUALS \$37 DAILY)  
Full Week Half Days \$145 (EQUALS \$29 DAILY)

#### Single Day Pricing

Full Day \$60 (9-3pm)  
Half Day \$45 (9-12pm)

### ✓ HOW TO BOOK

By email : [evolvetennis@evolvetennisacademy.com](mailto:evolvetennis@evolvetennisacademy.com)

By Phone: 9971-0644

ONLINE : [www.evolvetennisacademy.com](http://www.evolvetennisacademy.com)

### ✓ WHAT TO BRING

- A racket, if they have one (if not, we have plenty spare)
- A hat & sunscreen + water bottle
- Morning Tea & Lunch (if staying full day)
- YES, we have Pro-Shops at each venue which sells treats, drinks etc...

### ✓ DETAILS & MORE INFO

- FREE Before & After Care (7.30 - 5pm)
- Ages 4 to 16yrs welcome
- Experienced, Qualified Coaches
- Hotshots Tennis & MULTISPORT Format
- Prizes, Fun & FREE Pizza Each Friday
- Camps run rain, hail or shine

- ✓ CAREEL BAY TENNIS CLUB - Hitchcock Park, AVALON
- ✓ COLLAROY TENNIS CLUB - Griffith Park, COLLAROY
- ✓ WYATT PARK TENNIS CENTRE - Wyatt Ave, BELROSE



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