



קשר KESHER

Friday 4 September 2026
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פרשת נצבים-וילך



New Play Area

David Fisher, Head of Administration

We're thrilled to unveil our brand-new play area, purpose-built to give our primary school students even more room to run, climb, imagine and connect. Designed with input from students and staff, the space offers a variety of play experiences — from active climbing structures to quieter corners for creative and social play — supporting children's physical development, teamwork and wellbeing.

This exciting addition reflects our ongoing commitment to providing a safe, stimulating environment where every child can thrive both in and out of the classroom. We can't wait to see the laughter, friendships and adventures this new space will bring.

Come take a look next time you're on campus!



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Shabbat Times



Light candles 5:43pm

Shabbat ends 6:41pm

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Junior Kinder Book week

Isi Avayu Duenas, Junior Kinder

Last week the Junior Kinder cohort had a wonderful time celebrating Book Week! The children revisited the different parts of a book, including the front cover, back cover, title, author, illustrator, illustrations and blurb. Throughout the week, we also enjoyed sharing and reading the children's favourite books that they brought from home.

Our morning tables brought some of our favourite stories to life through play and hands-on experiences. The children explored *The Colour Monster* using soft toys and felt jars, and *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* using a playmat and wooden characters. It was lovely to see them using the books alongside the resources to retell the stories, role-play different parts and share the experience with their friends.

Other stories inspired different experiences. With *"The Day the Crayons Quit"*, the children used crayons and paper to recreate some of the letters they discovered in the story. During our *"Dear Zoo"* playdough activity, they found the different animals from the book and used craft sticks to build their own cages.

A special part of our Book Week was welcoming Luke's grandmother from JKA, who previously worked as the librarian at Yavneh School. She shared a story with the children and spoke about her experience as a librarian, including how books are organised and cared for. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn more about the role of a librarian and connect our Book Week learning with our own school community.

To finish our Book Week celebrations, the children came to kinder dressed as their favourite book characters. It was wonderful to see all the different costumes and the excitement the children brought to the day. We had so much fun celebrating and finishing a wonderful week filled with stories, books and imagination!





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Nuts & Bolts Prep Ma'avar Program

2027

Parents of 2027 Prep students will be introduced to the 'nuts and bolts' of our Prep Program and what to expect from the very first year of formal schooling

8 September 2026
7:30PM

RSVP: enrolments@yavneh.vic.edu.au

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Leibler Yavneh College Kindergarten to Prep Transition Program

Father's Day Fun at Yavneh

Yavneh Connect

What a great afternoon! ☀️ Yavneh Connect's Father's Day Sports Fun Afternoon brought dads, kids and families together for an afternoon of sunshine, sport and plenty of laughs.



The soccer was a particular highlight, with the dads vs kids games proving very popular and bringing out plenty of friendly competition! There were also lots of games and activities happening across the afternoon, with dads and their kids having fun, getting involved and spending quality time together.



Just as importantly, it was a wonderful opportunity for dads to connect with each other, chat and enjoy being part of the Yavneh community. It was exactly what we hoped the afternoon would be: a chance to strengthen connections between dads and their kids, while also building community among families.



A big thank you to Morah Shulah for joining us, and a massive thank you to Ari Fisher, who helped us get everything set up. Thank you also to Gila Adelstein and David Fisher for their help in the lead-up, and of course to the entire Yavneh Connect team for bringing the afternoon together.

It was a fantastic afternoon and a great way to celebrate the dads and special adults in our Yavneh community.

Y-Connect Grants: Turning Ideas into Connection

Our first Y-Connect Grants have already helped bring members of the Yavneh community together in meaningful ways. One of the grants supported a Year 1B volunteering experience with C-Care. Tahnee Kraemer, who organised the initiative, shared that the month of Elul is a special time for increasing our tzedakah and mitzvot as we prepare for Rosh Hashana. With the support of a Y-Connect Grant, Year 1B children and parents came together to prepare delicious honey cookies for members of our community.



"It was a wonderful way for both children and parents to connect outside of the classroom whilst demonstrating the importance of generosity, kindness and giving back to the community," Tahnee said. "Thank you Yavneh Connect for helping us make this experience possible."

Another grant supported Rachel Neumann in bringing together Mums from both Junior Kinder rooms for a relaxed pre-Chagim dinner. Thirteen mothers came along for a lovely evening of catching up and getting to know one another, with a special contribution from Chef Adi of Tavlin.



These two initiatives are wonderful examples of what Y-Connect Grants are all about: supporting parents and students to turn their ideas into meaningful opportunities for connection, participation and community.

JLife Happenings

Sara Amzalak, Jewish Life and Learning

Thank you to everyone who donated honey for CCare. The honey has been collected and will be distributed in the community.

Year 6 JLife Leaders have started collecting gold coins for their apple/lolly guessing competition, with all proceeds going to the Mizrahi Charity Fund.

Craft and Lego Club have been getting into the Rosh Hashana spirit. Students tried their hand at weaving – a first for many, with the results of their apples looking beautiful. Students also made Rosh Hashana placemats and were very keen to use the stencils and stickers.

Lego club saw students make, honey pots, apples, pomegranates and Shofrot.

Our Elul, Just Do It Mitzvah board is fast filling up with photos of children doing an array of Mitzvot at home. Keep them coming – one week to go!



Zio Camp

Noah Epstein, *Head of Jewish Life and Co-Curricular*

Zionist Camps are always an annual highlight on the Yavneh calendar, providing our students with a special opportunity to step outside the classroom and learn, connect and grow in a very different environment. More than simply a few days away from school, Zio Camps are designed as a vehicle for personal growth and self-discovery, and an opportunity for our students to explore, challenge and develop their Jewish and Zionist identities. This year's camp season was certainly no exception. Across each year level, we were blown away by the enthusiasm, buy-in and ruach of our students, who threw themselves wholeheartedly into everything camp had to offer.

Each camp is built around a central question appropriate to that stage of our students' journey through Yavneh. Year 9 explored what it means to be a Zionist, considering the different ideas, values and responsibilities that sit at the heart of Zionism today. Year 10 turned inward and asked what it means to be Jewish, exploring Jewish identity, belonging and the different ways in which our Judaism shapes who we are. Year 11 took this one step further, grappling with the question of why we should choose to be committed, connected and engaged Jews as we move towards adulthood.

Our Year 12 students had their final Zio Camp back in Term 2, where the focus shifted towards life beyond the walls of Yavneh: reflecting on everything they have gained from their years at school and considering how they can sustain, develop and take ownership of their Jewish lives once their formal schooling comes to an end.

Of course, these big questions were explored in true Zio Camp fashion! Each camp was filled with fun games and activities, deep and meaningful discussions, plenty of laughter, and endless energy and ruach. The unique environment of camp allows conversations to take place that simply cannot be replicated in a classroom, giving students the space to think deeply, ask questions, hear different perspectives and learn from one another.

As Josh in Year 11 reflected, "Zionist camps have always been a highlight of my year and yet again I was reminded of the incredible uniqueness and value of those few days away. The tochniyot were unforgettable and we were able to take away so much about who we are as students, Jews and young adults in an expanding world."

Similarly, Yosef in Year 11 described the value of having "a break from school to explore my Judaism on a deeper level," while Raph in Year 11 reflected that the experience helped him "strengthen my connection to the land of Israel" through meaningful discussions about Zionism and our community.



Zio Camp, continued...

None of these experiences happen without an enormous amount of work behind the scenes. A huge thank you to all of the teachers who gave up their time to attend camp and support our students, and to the Jewish Life team for the endless thought, creativity, planning and energy that went into making each camp such a success. Thank you as well to our incredible local madrichim, who volunteered their time to build relationships with our students, share of themselves and help our students learn and grow.

Finally, a particularly special thank you must go to our five Israeli madrichim – Hallel, Eitan, Nechemya, Gili and Yuval. Each of them put their lives on pause to travel across the world and give their time and energy to a community with which they previously had no connection. Over the course of the camp season, they became an integral part of our community, building genuine relationships with our students and bringing with them an incredibly powerful and personal connection to Israel. We are enormously grateful for everything they gave to our students and our school.

Ultimately, Zio Camp is special because it manages to combine so many things at once: fun, friendship, learning, questioning, inspiration and reflection. This camp season was filled with all of these in abundance, and we could not be prouder of the way our students embraced the experience.

Camp was an enormous amount of fun, an incredibly meaningful few weeks, and we already can't wait to do it all again next year!



Year 12 Mikvah Trip

Rivki Herzog, Primary & Secondary Jewish Studies

This week, as part of our short course on Taharat HaMishpacha, the Year 12 girls had the opportunity to visit the mikvah with Rivki Herzog, Mrs Adelist and Sivan Blitman. The trip gave our students a meaningful insight into this central mitzvah and the role it plays in Jewish family life. It was a valuable chance to connect our classroom learning with lived Jewish practice in a respectful and engaging way.



Upcoming Dates 2026

September:

Friday 11 – Erev Rosh Hashana (early dismissal) 1pm
ELC 12.45pm

Mazal Tov

Mazel Tov to **David Cohen** on his Barmitzvah

Mazel Tov to **Micah Blumenthal** on his Barmitzvah





Rosh Hashana Boxes 5787/2026

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