בס״ד



קשר KESHER

Friday 27 November 2026
י״ז כסלו תשפ״ז

Mazel Tov to the Class of 2026

פרשת וישלח

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

Last Sunday, we gathered together to celebrate the graduation of the Class of 2026/תשפ"ז. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the unique and vibrant personality of this cohort and to mark the culmination of their journey through Yavneh.

The celebrations began with a beautiful ceremony in the afternoon. We heard an inspiring Dvar Torah from Rabbi Daniel Epstein, as well as a powerful message from Morah Shula, who reflected on the idea that it is our practices that build our identity and community, rather than the other way around. Our College Captains and Vice Captains delivered wonderful speeches, reflecting on their cohort's journey through Yavneh and expressing their gratitude to the many people who have helped them reach this milestone. We were also treated to some epic musical performances from our talented Graduation Band, bringing tremendous energy and ruach to the occasion.

A particularly special feature of the ceremony was the opportunity to hear from three graduates of the Class of 1992 – Daniel Parasol, Mark Franks and Daniel Bierenkrant – each of whom had their youngest child graduating that day. They shared some hilarious reflections on their own time at Yavneh, as well as sage advice for their children and the wider cohort as they embark on this next stage of life. Fittingly, they were introduced by none other than College stalwart Mr Alan Wing, who was a PE teacher to both generations of Yavneh graduates.

The ceremony was followed by a festive dinner, filled with gratitude and ruach. Each of our Year 12 teachers, as well as the broader staff, were personally thanked by members of the cohort. We also had the privilege of hearing from our peer-elected Valedictorian, Leah Spivak, who shared powerful messages about navigating the challenges that life throws our way and maintaining our faith throughout. We danced, we laughed, and in true Yavneh spirit, we brought the evening to a close with a beautiful tish, sitting together on the floor and singing our graduates out into the big wide world.

We are incredibly proud of the young men and women our graduates have become and look forward to seeing all that they will achieve and become in the years ahead. Mazel Tov to the Class of 2026/תשפ"ז!

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Shabbat Times

Light candles	8:04pm
Shabbat ends	9:09pm

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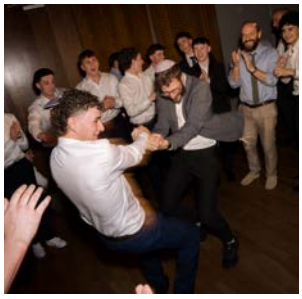

























Yavneh

Keeping our school safe together
Security Corner: A Familiar Face Still Needs a Check

Hisham, *EXEC Security*



Our security team may remember your face—even if remembering everyone's name takes a little longer! But recognising someone doesn't tell us why they're entering the school today. A familiar parent might be dropping off a forgotten lunch, attending a meeting or arriving to carry out maintenance. Each visit may need a different check.

That's why a friendly question at the gate matters. Please help by using the designated entrance, following sign-in procedures and allowing security staff time to confirm access.

Students can help too: if someone asks you to open a gate, direct them to security rather than letting them through yourself. A quick hello and a simple check help us keep our school welcoming and safe.

CHILD SAFETY AT YAVNEH

Victoria's 11 Child Safe Standards

Leibler Yavneh College is committed to the safety and wellbeing of every child. Since 1 July 2022, every Victorian school has been required to meet these standards.

1. **Culturally safe for Aboriginal children**
   Their identities and experiences are respected and valued.
2. **Leadership and culture**
   Child safety is built into how the school is led and run.
3. **Children's voices**
   Children know their rights, help make decisions and are taken seriously.
4. **Families and community**
   Families are informed and involved in keeping children safe.
5. **Equity and diversity**
   Every child's needs are respected, whatever their background.
6. **Suitable, supported staff**
   Everyone working with children is screened and supported.
7. **Child-focused complaints**
   Concerns are handled with children at the centre.
8. **Training**
   Staff and volunteers are trained to keep children safe.
9. **Safe spaces, online and off**
   Our physical and online environments minimise the risk of harm.
10. **Review and improve**
    How we meet the standards is regularly reviewed.
11. **Clear policies**
    Our policies and procedures show how we keep children safe.

Have a concern?

Contact our Child Safety Team, LT, HODs and HOYS

Primary sport wrap up

Charlene Orwin, Head of Yavneh Early Learning Centre

This week our JK children attended there first visit to Elsternwick campus to meet the SK teachers and new friends joining them in 2027.

It was a wonderful experience for all and we cannot wait for the next visit on 2 December.











A Heartwarming Siddur Concert Celebration

The Siddur concert, held in Lamm Hall last Thursday, was a truly heartwarming and uplifting experience. The atmosphere was electric, with Prep parents, grandparents, siblings and friends all in attendance, eager to celebrate this important milestone in the children's Jewish education. From the moment families entered the hall, there was an overwhelming sense of pride and joy, creating a warm and supportive environment for the young performers.

The stars of the show were undoubtedly the Prep Class of 2026/5787. The children performed and sang a beautiful selection of songs centred around their Tefillah. It was evident that they had put tremendous effort into preparing for this special occasion and had developed a meaningful connection to the words and messages behind the songs. Their performance was both moving and memorable, with each note reflecting the sincerity, enthusiasm and joy with which they sang.

The focus on Tefillah gave the concert a particularly spiritual and reflective quality, which resonated throughout the audience. Families watched with pride and emotion, enthusiastically clapping along, with more than a few tears shed along the way. The connection between the children and their families was truly special, and as their voices filled the hall, there was an unmistakable sense of collective joy and celebration.

The addition of Morah Shula accompanying the children brought another lovely dimension to the performance. Her presence provided familiarity, encouragement and guidance, helping the children confidently navigate their songs. It was clear that she has played a much-loved role in their journey of Jewish learning and growth.

Following the performance, the children and their parents moved to the hall foyer to participate in a wonderful hands-on activity designed to familiarise them with their new Siddurim. This thoughtful activity provided an opportunity for the children to explore their Siddurim together with their families, further strengthening their connection to the Tefillot they had so beautifully sung about. It was a meaningful way to extend the celebration beyond the concert itself.

Overall, the Siddur concert was a beautiful celebration of the children's achievements and an important milestone in their Jewish education. It served as a wonderful reminder of the power of Tefillah to connect generations, strengthen community and bring people together. The pride and happiness reflected on the faces of the children and their families made the occasion truly unforgettable. It was a celebration that captured the essence of Jewish tradition, community and the beauty of Tefillah.

















G&T Term 4 – Invisible Forces

Lina Robertson, *Primary General Studies*

This term, students in the Year 3-6 Gifted and Talented Program investigated the theme Invisible Forces, exploring the unseen influences that shape our world.

Through hands-on activities, discussions and inquiry projects, students examined forces such as gravity, magnetism and electricity, while also considering how motivation, friendship, leadership, persuasion and social expectations influence human behaviour.

Students were fascinated to learn that people make around 35,000 decisions every day, many of which are influenced by invisible forces we don't even realise are there. By connecting science with real-world examples, students discovered that invisible forces help shape everything from the movement of planets to the choices people make and the way communities function.

Alongside their inquiry learning, students continued to develop their coding and problem-solving skills through weekly DigiMaker sessions, applying creativity and computational thinking to a range of engaging digital challenges. It has been a term of curiosity, critical thinking and discovery as students explored the powerful forces that influence our world every day.

















Singing, Counting and Learning Under the Umbrella

Shiri Peres, *Primary Hebrew*

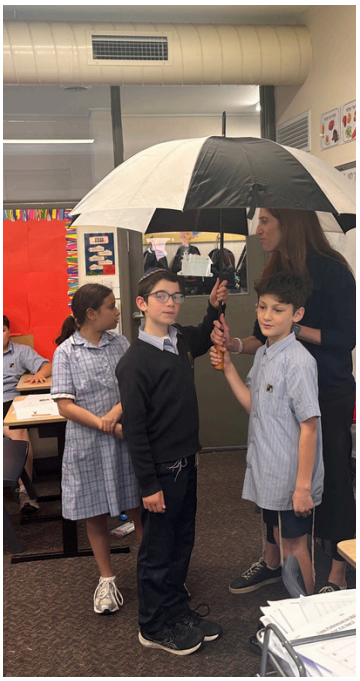
Year 4 students have been having fun learning one of the trickier parts of Hebrew: when to use masculine and feminine numbers. To help practise this concept, we learned the much-loved song "ילדים ומטרייה" (Kids and an Umbrella), which also linked perfectly with our current learning about seasons and weather.

As more children gathered under the umbrella, we counted together in Hebrew and worked out whether we needed to use the masculine or feminine form of each number. Learning through music, movement, and repetition helped make this challenging grammar concept more meaningful and memorable.

To bring the song to life, we even added a little "rain" with a water spray! There was plenty of laughter as students sang, counted, and squeezed under the umbrella together. It was wonderful to see the students building their confidence in Hebrew while having fun and reinforcing their weather and seasons vocabulary.

Who knew that an umbrella, a little rain, and a catchy song could make learning Hebrew numbers so much fun?

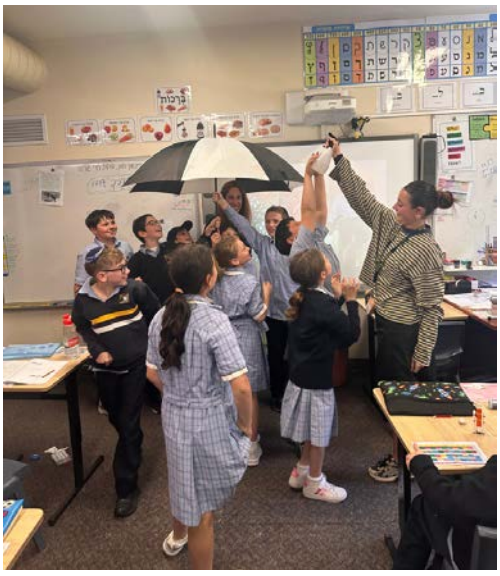
















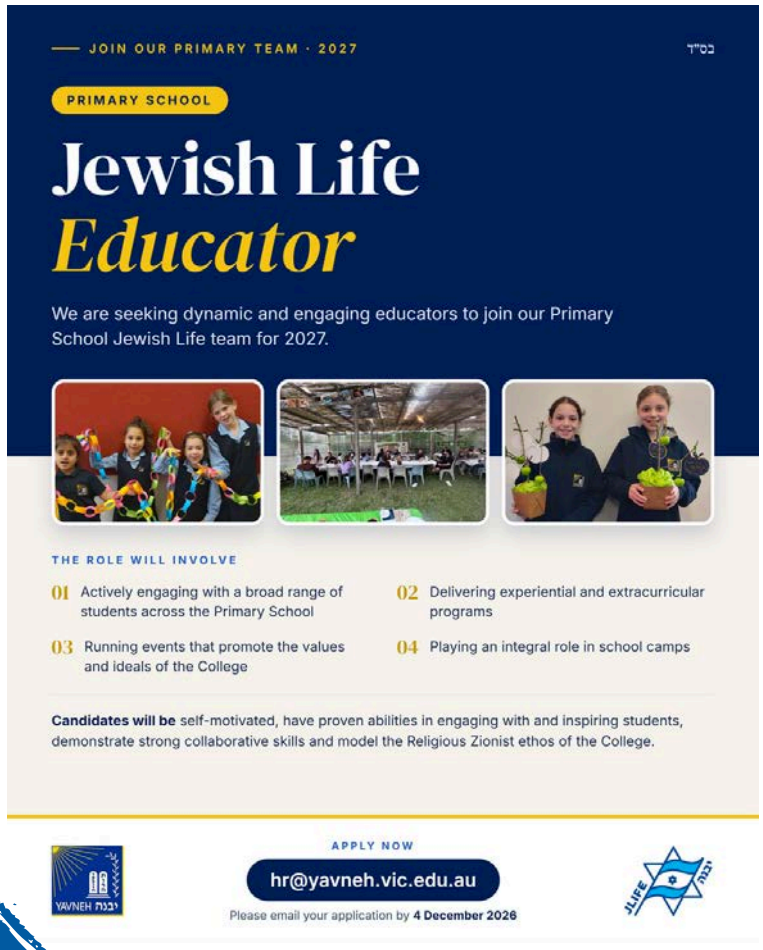
Channukah and Chessed

Sara Amzalak, *Head of Jewish Life and Learning (Primary)*

With Channukah fast approaching, once again, JLife Primary has teamed up with Smiles on Seniors to help decorate cards and bags for Channukah packages.

Year Three students, in their art lesson, got creative and messy, using cut out sponges in the shape of a Sevivon to make prints onto bags. Other students in Year Two, came at lunch recess time to paint the background of the bags and then stick a Channukah themed picture onto them. A variety of cards were decorated, and special messages were also written inside. We hope these bags, when packed with Channukah goodies, will bring a lot of joy and light up the lives of the seniors in our community.







Busy times at JLife

Ruby Alford, *Jewish Life Educator*

Jlife has been busy lately working with the captains to put on some incredible events! Despite the rain, "Mofest" was a success! Raising over $300 for men's mental health. There was leMOnade and MOnuts and lots of good vibes! More money was raised for Movember with the boys' lunch, where secondary students and staff heard from Mr Fetter, who spoke about the importance of positive mental health and his own personal experience.

The year 9-11 girls enjoyed a special sleepover encouraging student voice and discussing ways in which to improve the school culture and environment. We discussed inclusivity, community service and ways in which to further connect and engage with learning. A big focus of the sleepover was to encourage inter year level bonding so there were lots of fun activities to get involved in, including cupcake decorating and a massive scavenger hunt organised by the captains! The night finished off with some ruach and a special tisch. A really meaningful and productive experience!















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Leibler Yavneh College invites you to
Grandparents & Special friends Learning Morning
PLEASE JOIN US IN HONOUR OF CHANNUKAH FOR SHACHARIT AT 8:15 AM, FOLLOWED BY LEARNING TOGETHER FROM 9:00-9:40AM
YEARS 7-11
9 DECEMBER 2026
2 NAGLE AVE, ELSTERNWICK
SIGN UP VIA COMPASS
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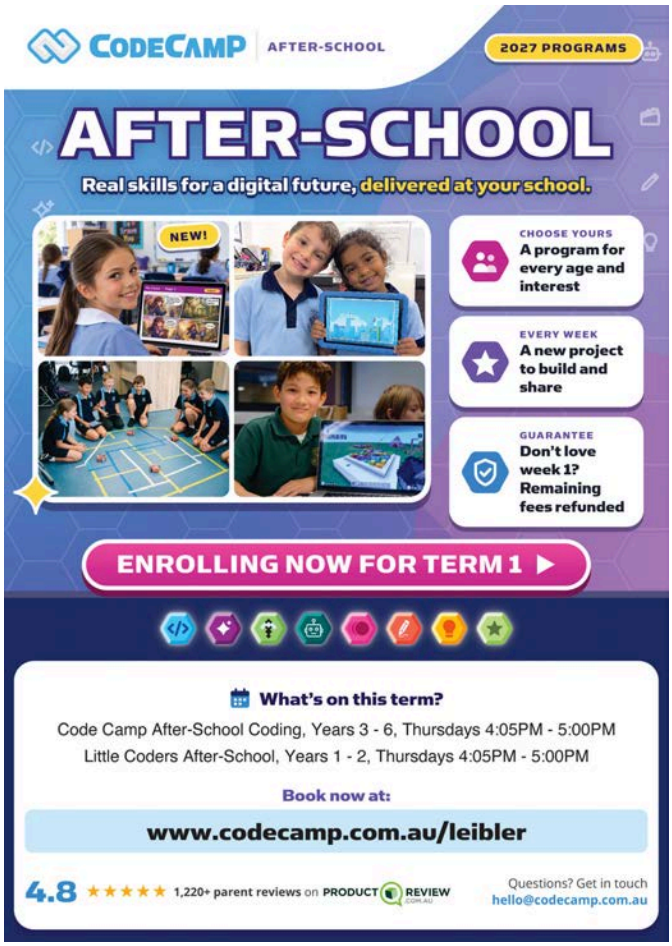
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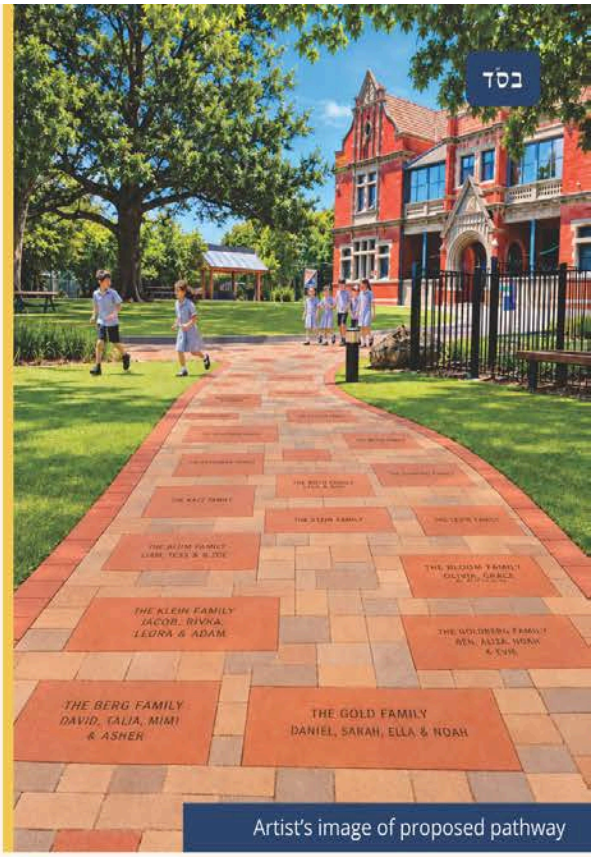
2026 BRICK APPEAL

Pave the Way

Together, let's pave the way for generations to come.



Artist's image of proposed pathway

From the first day at school to friendships that last a lifetime, Yavneh holds a special place in our families' hearts. Dedicate an engraved brick at the entrance to Leibler Yavneh College. Honour your family, remember a loved one or celebrate the generations who have called Yavneh home.

Help the next generation feel the same sense of belonging.

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Single paver
$360
Your family name.



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Your family name and children's names.



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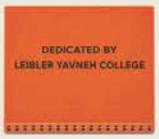

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Upcoming Dates 2026

December:
Tuesday 1 JKA Concert
Thursday 3 SKA Concert
Thursday 3 Speech Night
Friday 4 Year 11 Torah U'Maddah
Monday 7 JKB Concert
Monday 7 Shorashim
Tuesday 8 Nitzanim
Thursday 10 Pri Gan
Thursday 10 SKG Concert
Thursday 10 Year 6 Graduation
Friday 11 Last Day term 4
Wednesday 16 Garinim
Wednesday 16 Last Day for staff
Friday 18 Last Day for Creche

JOIN OUR TEAM

Enrolments Officer

Part-time | **From January 2027** | **Elsternwick**

Do you love welcoming new families? We're looking for an organised, personable Enrolments Officer to join our administration team and look after every family's journey, from their first enquiry to their child's first day.

THE ROLE

- Manage enrolment administration: enquiries, applications, offers, records and reporting
- Meet prospective families, and arrange and lead school tours
- Make sure families starting at the school, crèche or kinder have the right information and paperwork
- Support new students and families through a smooth transition
- Work with teaching, early learning and admin staff, and help with open days and events

ABOUT YOU

- Experience in school enrolments, administration or a similar customer-facing role
- Warm, professional and confident with families and visitors
- Highly organised, with strong attention to detail
- Comfortable with databases and school systems
- Discreet with sensitive information, and respectful of the College's Jewish ethos

To apply: send your résumé and a cover letter to **hr@yavneh.vic.edu.au** by **Thursday 26 November 2026.** Applications will be reviewed as they arrive, so please apply early.

Leibler Yavneh College is committed to child safety and wellbeing. The successful applicant will need a current Working with Children Check and must meet all child safety screening requirements.