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**AFTER
SCHOOL CARE
COMMUNICATION
LINE**

0447 085 696

**Bacchus Marsh
Coaches**

**STUDENT
BUS TRANSPORT
COMMUNICATION
LINE**

1800 660 530

**Our School will be
CLOSED on:
Queen's Birthday
12th June
Curriculum Day
June 13th**

A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Community members,

Brrrr it certainly feels like Winter! The cool weather has not stopped our staff and students getting out and about though. The Middles classes have been attending camp for the past week and despite the weather have had a great time. These camps take a lot of planning and extra work for our staff, so I'm sure you will all join me in saying Thank you to them for the sleepless nights and long days. Every staff member I talk to says they wouldn't miss it for the world as they see such growth in the students.

School Photos

School Photos are being held next Thursday 8th June and on Friday 16th June. Please return your forms and payments by the due date.

Mid Term Assembly

Last week we had a lovely mid-term assembly with Blayke Lewis from our Senior Section doing a 'Welcome to Country' and performing using his didgeridoo. The students were all so engaged during the performance, it was amazing to see. We presented many awards and I am especially looking forward to spending Morning Tea with the Principal Award winners at our school café.

Child Safe Standards

As part of the Victorian Government's commitment to implementing the recommendations of the Betrayal of Trust report, there is a new regulatory landscape surrounding child safety, underpinned by the new PROTECT Child Safe Standards.

The Child Safe Standards are compulsory minimum standards for all Victorian early childhood services and schools, to ensure they are well prepared to protect children from abuse and neglect.

Two weeks ago MSS was audited by the department and received fantastic results due to the hard work of our team. Special mention goes to Breeanna and Alice for their work compiling all the paperwork which shows we are compliant with the standards. Due to the success of our audit we will be showcasing our work to other schools in the state.

CSEF applications

Please fill out application at rear of this newsletter and bring to the office with your health care/pension card. This covers your school fees for the year. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student. The applications close close on 30/6.

School Council

Remember School Council Meeting is next Tuesday 6th at 6pm all welcome!

Curriculum Day

Just a reminder that 13th June is a curriculum day – the school will be closed as ALL staff are involved in training off site. We will be re-establishing our School Wide Positive Support Program and working to have a consistent understanding of what that looks like at MSS.

VCAL Horticulture Parwan River Landcare Project

On Wed 24/5 students assisted in planting native trees along the Werribee River to help land slips and erosion. This project is also assisting native habitat for indigenous wildlife. These projects really showcase how our students contribute back to the local community and amazing employability skills.

Pizza Lunch

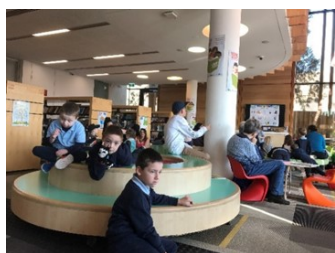
Thanks to the PCCC, students will be able to order pizza lunch next Thursday 8th June – can't wait to show you all the photos of this day! Thanks PCCC members for all your hard work with organising this.

Enjoy the class articles that follow and let us know if there is anything specific you would like included.

Best wishes everyone,
Brooke



A Word From: Room 3— Dexter, Ana & Sarah



This term, the preps have been engaged in *Sensory Fun* using different forms of texts through art, music, and play.



Every fortnight, they were always excited to go down to Melton City Library where they sit down for a storytelling session, then browse through their favourite book characters in the children's section.



At school, we read a different book each week then make arts and crafts about the characters in the story.



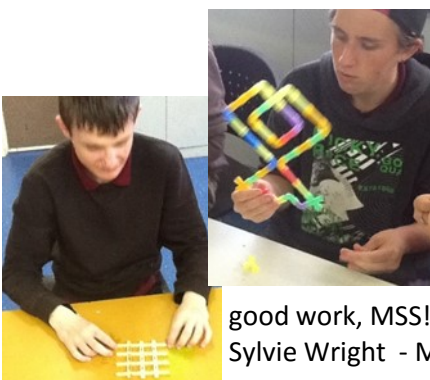
A Word From: Visual Arts—Sylvie

News from the Art Room



This semester, Middles students have explored Emotions and how artists communicate feelings in their artwork. We were able to explore feeling 'Sorry' for Reconciliation Week and National Sorry Day. Middles artists painted their hands, using the colours from the Aboriginal flag, and made prints onto paper.

Juniors are exploring their senses through art and have made some very creative artwork from blowing bubbles, using paint rollers, stuffing socks and much more. It's great to see everyone having a go and trying new things.



Electives students are exploring clay to make 3D artworks. They have been very creative during our 'Warm Up' sessions, using many different types of construction materials. Senior students are always challenging themselves to creating something unique.



I'm so proud of all our artists. A terrific first half of the year – keep up the good work, MSS!

Sylvie Wright - MSS Art Specialist

Melton Careers Expo



A number of our Year 9, 10 and 11 students attended the Career Expo ran by the Melton City Council at Tabcorp Park.

There were many stall holders present including:

Federation University, Melton Waves, SEDA College, Customised Training, Yum Restaurants International, CareTraining Institute, Australian Defence Force Careers, Victoria University, Become A BRICKLAYER My Future Freedom .

Our students really enjoyed the Expo and also had the opportunity to meet industry professionals. The careers of most interest to our students were Child Care and Bricklaying. Our students also enjoyed meeting representatives from Ambulance Victoria and the CFA.



Mid Term Assembly

National Sorry Day Presentation



AEU Scholarship Winners

Aidan—Award Winner

Student Representative Council Badge Presentation

School Captain Badge Presentation





Dates to Remember

Tuesday	6th June	School Council Meeting 6pm
Wednesday	7th June	PCCC Meeting 9:15am
Thursday	8th June	School Photo Day PCCC Special Lunch Order Day—PIZZA
Monday	12th June	Public Holiday School Closed—Queen's Birthday
Tuesday	13th June	Curriculum Day School Closed—No Students to attend school
Wednesday	14th June	DOXA Camp—selected students
Friday	16th June	School Photo Day
Friday	30th June	End of Term Assembly 1:15pm Term 2 finishes 2pm—early dismissal



As per our Uniform Policy (full policy available on our Website) Hoodies are not part of our school uniform. If your child wears a hoodie to school they will be asked to remove it and swap it with one of our school jumpers for the day. Students will not be able to participate in excursions if they are not in full school uniform. If you need financial assistance to purchase uniform pieces please contact the office or your child's teacher for more information.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Prize Winners



Junior School

Taylah Dunlop - being safe in the yard and walking to and from class safely

Alisha Wiltjer - for walking to and from specialists safely and following all 3 school values.

Nia Diamond - being safe in the classroom and walking from the yard safely at break times.

Middle School

Aiyana Peterson - respectful to both staff and students in the yard at break times.

Nikita Murphy - being respectful and responsible in breakfast club to staff and other students

Hayley Spargo - following all 3 school values of being respectful, responsible and safe.

Bailey Dever - for being respectful to staff members on yard duty and assisting another student to play safely

Nathan Gabor - demonstrating all 3 school values of being respectful, responsible and safe. Nathan is always respectful to staff members and other students in all areas of the school.

Senior School

Pete Kypreos - walking to class safely from the bus.



AFTER SCHOOL CARE

From the 26th April 2017, Distinctive Options will be conducting an after school care program at Melton Specialist School. We provide safe, stimulating, individualised care for children to allow parents to work longer hours, spend time with their other children and as a form respite. Fees are subsidised up to 50% through Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate, and respite support hours may also be used.

All children are fully supported and encouraged to get involved with all of the fun activities on offer. Our program follows the My Time Our Place Framework for School Age Care in Australia and incorporates various activities, including games, construction, music, art, craft, sport, dance and cooking.

All staff are experienced in children with complex needs as well as qualifications in first aid, anaphylaxis and asthma management.

Once a child is enrolled, they can be placed in the program on a permanent basis each week or on a casual basis at short notice.

Pick up a Parent Handbook and Enrolment Pack from the school office now, request one to be sent home via your child's communication diary or contact the coordinator Sarah for more information.



3.00PM – 6.00PM

MSS STUDENTS
BETWEEN 5 AND 18

PERMANENT OR
CASUAL BOOKINGS

FUN ACTIVITIES ON
OFFER EACH NIGHT
OF THE WEEK

COST CAN BE
COVERED USING
CHILD CARE
BENEFIT, CHILD
CARE REBATE &
RESPITE SUPPORT
HOURS

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MELTON ROYAL BLUE LIGHT DISCO

THE GAP

5 GRAHAM ST, MELTON
NO PASS OUTS | NO BACK PACKS

6-8PM | PRIMARY AGE

CHILDREN TO BE DROPPED OFF & COLLECTED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN



MELTON BLUE LIGHT
PLEASE ASK YOUR PARENTS TO LIKE THE PAGE IF YOU ARE UNDER 13.

CONTACT STEPHEN.TURNER@POLICE.VIC.GOV.AU
OR THEGAPONGRAHAM@GMAIL.COM

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With courage
let us all combine

Join us to celebrate Refugee Week



Hear the inspiring
stories of refugees
and asylum seekers,
and enjoy cultural
performances.

When
Thursday,
22 June 2017
Time 12 pm – 1.30 pm

Where
Melton Community Hall,
232 High Street,
Melton

Free event

Light refreshments
provided

RSVP Essan Dilerl

essand@melton.vic.gov.au

9747 7200

For more information visit: melton.vic.gov.au



Refugee
Week



AFL, CRICKET & NETBALL MULTI SPORTS PROGRAM FOR GIRLS

AFL Victoria, Cricket Victoria & Netball Victoria are offering
you the chance to come and try all three exciting sports
under the one roof in a friendly, relaxed and fun
environment at the Melton Indoor Recreation Centre.

Registrations
Close Tuesday
4th July 2017

DATE TUESDAY 11 JULY 2017
TIME 9:30AM – 12:30PM
LOCATION MELTON INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE
195-211 COBURNS RD, MELTON 3337
COST FREE

The program is open to girls of all ages and skill levels
Simply follow the below link to register:

<https://cricketvictoria.wufoo.eu/forms/afl-cricket-netball-multi-sports-day/>

Come join us on Camp at Lady Northcote



Are you 13 years plus, have a diagnosis of an ASD and live in the City of Brimbank, Melton or Wyndham? Smart Communities in conjunction with Autism Spectrum Australia (ASPECT) invites you to join us at Lady Northcote Recreation camp, located in Bacchus Marsh this July 7th - 9th.

Places are fully funded *eligibility criteria applies, includes transport to and from camp siblings 8 years plus are welcome to join us too!

Choose from a whole range of fun indoor and outdoor activities

Drama workshop
Art & Craft
Bush walking
High/Low ropes & Flying Fox
Camp fire cooking
Hut Building
Archery
Raft Building & Canoeing
Karaoke & more

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To find out more about camp and how you can join us email your expressions of interest and enquiry to info@smartcom.org.au

Smart Communities is a registered NDIS Provider discuss your needs with us today for a brighter future tomorrow

ASD Youth Group



This group is designed by the participants and led by qualified and experienced staff.

Young people will meet monthly on Saturdays to plan and participate in activities that interest them.

These groups are small and all about making friends, navigating the social world, negotiating, problem solving, collaborating, and most of all - having fun

Maximum of 6 participants per group

Commencing - Saturday 27th May

Based in Werribee

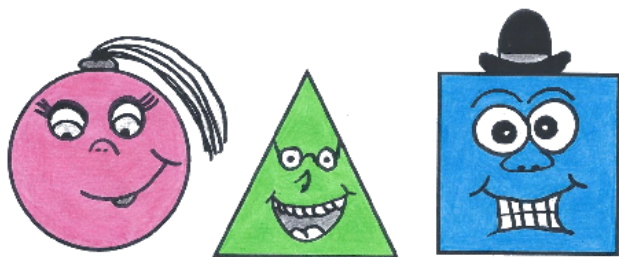


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To find out more about ASD Youth Group and how you can join email your interest to info@smartcom.org.au or visit www.smartcommunities.org.au

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Shapes



Additional Needs Playgroup
Helping shape children's futures

Focusing on kindergarten and school readiness this playgroup will promote activities that support:

- ❖ Social skills
- ❖ Speech
- ❖ Motor skills
- ❖ Pre academic skills
- ❖ Working independently

When: Thursday
9.45am - 11.45am

Where: The Salvation Army
2A Roseleigh blvd,
Sydenham, VIC

Contact: Martine Cutajar
0438 852 847

A great opportunity for parents/carers to meet new people, make friends and develop support connections.

Attention Western Carers!

Who will pick up the pieces
if you can't be there?

Emergency Care Plan

Every carer needs one !

This workshop will be provided by **BrainLink**:
Presented by Karen Jorgensen - Manager Client Services

Supported by **EACH** Family Relationship Support for Carers

Let us help you create an Emergency Care Plan

It's always good to plan for a time if you can't be there for the person you care for. These are things that other people would need to know in case of an emergency. Eg: medications, daily routines, triggers etc..

Also a useful tool in preparation of an NDIS plan

When: Wednesday 21st June, 2017

Time: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (Lunch is provided)

Where: Function Room 2, Wyndham City Civic Centre
45 Princes Highway, Werribee (Western entrance)

Cost: Free for carers of a person with a disability

RSVP: By Friday 16th June to Karen at BrainLink
9845 2956 | clientservices@brainlink.org.au

Limited places available

BrainLink

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Better Outcomes

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