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**AFTER
SCHOOL CARE
COMMUNICATION
LINE**

0447 085 696

**Bacchus Marsh
Coaches**

**STUDENT
BUS TRANSPORT
COMMUNICATION
LINE**

1800 660 530

**CURRICULUM DAY
SCHOOL CLOSED**

**FRIDAY 18TH
AUGUST**

A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Community members,

As many of you are aware, Brooke has taken family leave this term as her baby is due in the next week or so. I am taking over her role during her absence, so please feel free to contact me if you have issues that you would like to discuss.

It was wonderful to see so many families at our Student Support Group meetings last week. ILPs and student goals are currently being reviewed, and we value the input from families in this process.

Next week sees opening of the Parent Opinion Survey. This is a chance for parents to tell us what they think. This year the survey will be done electronically, so please check your emails for the link. It is designed to assist our school in gaining an understanding of parents' perception of school climate, student engagement and relationships with our parent community. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

The survey will be conducted **online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd** and only takes **15 minutes** to complete. The survey can be accessed via desktop computer, laptop, tablet or mobile at any convenient time within the fieldwork period from **Monday 7th August to Sunday 27th August**. If you are unable to complete at home we will have access available at school. Look out for dates in the next edition and on our school app (Flexibuzz) and Facebook page.

We would like to invite families to consider becoming involved directly with the decision making in our school. We need your input into decisions around the design of our new school uniform, the new playground being constructed shortly and the development of new whole school approaches to learning and engagement. The Parents, Carers and Community Club is holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday 23rd August 2017 at 9:15am. We have 2 Parent Representative vacancies on School Council. There will be an election for the committee members and we will be discussing what fun activities we can plan for the 2018 school year. Please come along if you are interested.

After School Care has been up and running for a number of months now, and is available at school each school afternoon from 3-6pm. Please use the service to access respite or to support your working hours. If you need more information on the service please get in touch with Wendy at Distinctive Options on 0447 085 696.

Finally, a reminder that we will be having a Curriculum Day on Friday 18th August. School will be closed to students on this day. Staff will be working on embedding Positive Behaviour Strategies in all classrooms, which will then flow onto more productive programs for your children.

Bronwyn Welch
ACTING PRINCIPAL



Collect the stickers when you shop at Woolworths and pop them in the collection box in the Administration office or send them into school in your child's Communication Diary.

A Word from: Junior Section Leader—Kate

The students have been busy learning about 'growing up'. The junior section has been discovering lots about their bodies and how it changes as they grow. They have also been spending time understanding their emotions and how to interact socially with their peers.

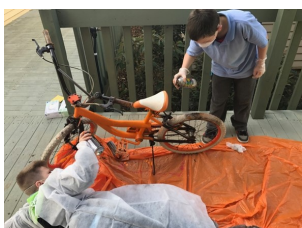
There have been a number of students busy doing lots of different things inside and outside of school.

The Alternative Learning Program have been busy at Blackwood Special School Outdoor Education Centre learning about the environment, working together as a team, regulating emotions and team bonding activities. The group have been enjoying spending time in the outdoors.



The Dogs Program has been a great success. There have been a number of students learning about looking after dogs, training dogs, general exposure to dogs and communication. The students and the dogs all have a great time and are enjoying spending every Friday together.

The junior section has been enjoying the school radio during recess. This is happening two days per week and the senior section have been choosing some great music. It's nice to see the students dancing and singing during break times. Thank you to Rohan and the senior students for helping make this happen.



Students have been doing all sorts of different individualised projects. Thomas and Tajh loved painting and fixing a bike. Thanks to Anita for organising this.

The Junior Section is looking forward to a productive and exciting term.



Parents, Carers and Community Club News

Come and get involved in the Parents Carers and Community Club here at Melton Specialist School.

Everyone is welcome to attend our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 23rd August at 9:15am.

We will be reporting on our activities that have been held in the last 12 months and electing new committee members. If you have fun activity ideas for the next 12 months we would love to hear from you.

A Word from: Room BER1 — Danni & Leon

MD7 have had such a busy year so far! I asked the students what their highlights have been, and here are their responses.

'I loved our excursion to the city where we visited The Arts Centre, ACME and Hosier Lane'

'I love studying about Europe and I now know the 7 continents'

'MY FAVOURITE THING ABOUT SCHOOL IS BEING A PEER MEDIATOR, AND HELPING THE JUNIOR STUDENTS'

'I did my best work when we had to write about what we'd do if we had \$1,000,000'

'Our camp was mad, especially the horse riding!'



'I love learning about money when we play Monopoly with Leon'



It's been a fun year so far, with lots of learning and fun, and there's sure to be a lot more to come!

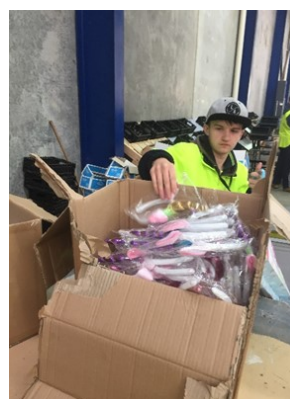
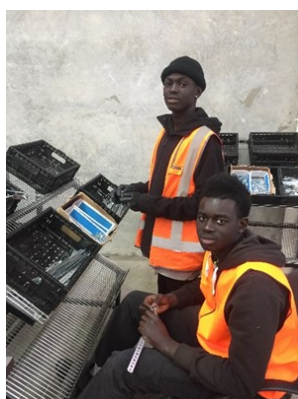
A Word from: Careers and Pathways—Mark

A number of our VCAL and SPEC students attend Mambourin Enterprises Ltd in Derrimut, on Mondays and Tuesdays every week to complete their Certificate 2 in Warehousing.

They are engaged in a variety of practical activities including: picking and packing of daily orders, preparing orders by processing requests, assembling and packaging products as required, using manual pallet jacks, taping, sealing and labelling boxes.

They also attend theory sessions on Warehousing procedures on each day that they attend Mambourin.

Some students have completed their Certificate 2 courses and will soon be commencing Certificate 3 courses in Warehousing.



After School Care Corner



Term 3 is well under way and we are making the most of any sunny moments with outdoor play.

Indoors we have enjoyed painting on canvas and jewellery making, along with the everyday fun and games, including arts and crafts, music and movement.

Just a reminder that if you need to cancel a session, please txt or call Wendy on 0447 085 696 As soon as possible, so that you will not be charged for the session.

If you are interested in attending our program, please call me or pick up an enrolment form from the office.

Until next time!

Wendy Lindsay
Educational Leader
0447 085 696



Dates to Remember

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| Tuesday | 8th August | School Council 6pm |
| Monday | 14th August | Science Week—Future Earth |
| Wednesday | 16th August | Open Day |
| Friday | 18th August | Curriculum Day—No school for Students |
| | | Book Week—Escape to Everywhere |
| Wednesday | 23rd August | PCCC Annual General Meeting 2017 9:15am |
| Wednesday | 30th August | Literacy and Numeracy Week |
| Tuesday | 5th September | School Council 6pm |
| Thursday | 21st September | Footy Day—Activities & Wear your footy colours |
| | | PCCC Special Lunch—Hot Dogs |
| Friday | 22nd September | Last Day of Term 3—Early Dismissal 2pm |

Positive Behaviour Support News

Staff on **Viki/Colleen** bus wanted to recognize **Bryar Rattle**. He helps other students on the bus and always engages in conversation with any student that may have had a "rough" day. Bus staff spoke very highly of Bryar and wanted everyone to celebrate his accomplishment.

Staff on **Kevin/Mary** bus wanted to recognize **Amy H** for being respectful and responsible on the bus. Amy is helping Mary with the younger students and modelling our school values of being Respectful, Responsible and Safe. Well done Amy.



Sue is Safe

Rocky is Respectful

Ringo is Responsible



2017 Upcoming Saturday Sessions

1:00-3:30PM - 1 item per person

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| 1st July | Kirrip House |
| 5th August | Melton South Community Centre |
| 16th September | Melton South Community Centre |
| 14th October | Melton South Community Centre |
| 18th November | Kirrip House |
| 2nd December | Melton South Community Centre |

Kirrip House - 26 Exford Road, Melton South
Melton South Community Centre - 41 Exford Road, Melton South

Do you have any household items that are broken or need mending? Bring along any: clothes, appliances, lamps, computers, electrical items and more, and chat to one of our amazing team! (Facilities are available for clothing alterations, however fixers will only assist on mending)

For any enquiries about the sessions or to join the Mend It, Melton team contact Ben:

9361 9377 BenjaminT@djhs.org.au www.facebook.com/groups/menditmelton



National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

Value our rights, respect our culture, bring us home.



FREE ACTIVITIES

Traditional Games
Possum Hunt Puppet Show
Wayapa Workshop for Children
Art Activities
Raffle prizes

Rock and Boomerang Painting
Show Bag
Drumming Workshop
BBQ & Coffee Van
Free Car Seat Fitting

Saturday 5th August
11am-2pm

Melton Community Hall, 232 High Street, Melton

For further enquiries contact charry@djhs.org.au or 8746 1100
www.facebook.com/healthpromotionatdjhs



WWW.BLUELIGHT.ORG.AU

FRIDAY AUG 4TH

PROUDLY RUN BY LOCAL POLICE AND VOLUNTEERS

Blue Light

SUPERHEROES

MELTON

BLUE LIGHT DISCO

THE GAP ON GRAHAM
5 GRAHAM ST, MELTON

PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED

6-8PM / PRIMARY AGE
\$5 ENTRY

CHILDREN TO BE DROPPED OFF & COLLECTED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN

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

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

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NO BACKPACKS | NO PASS OUTS



A program empowering Aboriginal women recovering from violence to improve their self-esteem and resilience. By giving you the confidence to drive, you'll have greater freedom and access to better opportunities.

For Aboriginal women living in the Western suburbs recovering from violence, Relationships Australia Victoria and Sarah's Drive School are providing driving instruction and support, helping you to get your driver's licence.

We support your driving ability, and in the process, work to improve your self-esteem and build your capacity to make positive life choices.

The program works with you across all stages of driving tests, with group activities to help you with Learners and Hazards tests, as well as practical driving lessons.

About Relationships Australia Victoria (RAV)

RAV works closely with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to deliver services to support families and individuals.

About Sarah's Drive School

Sarah's Drive School is run by an Aboriginal woman who has seen and understood the impact of family violence.

More information

For more information, contact Sylvia Effrett, RAV's Community Liaison Officer, by calling 0447 490 002 or emailing seffrett@rav.org.au

This event is supported by our local Indigenous Family Violence Regional Action Group, with the funds provided by the Victorian Government Indigenous Family Violence Community Initiatives Fund.



Youth Industry

Youth2Industry is a specialist VCAL program for youth with learning difficulties and/or mild disabilities seeking to successfully secure work, training or education



2018 INFORMATION SESSIONS

For more information on Youth2Industry come along to one of our FREE information sessions:

Date: Wednesday 2nd August OR Tuesday 5th September

Time: 7.00-8.00pm

Venue: IMVC, Level 1, 71 Palmerston Crescent, South Melbourne

RSVP: Bookings essential by 24th July OR 28th August

Phone: 9686 2354 **Email:** youth2industry@imvc.com.au



Youth2Industry training is delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth Government funding.
The IMVC Mentorship program is made possible by the generous support of the Helen Macpherson Smith Trust

2018 YOUTH2INDUSTRY PROGRAM

The year long program provides opportunities for project based learning and development of industry skills:

- The Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) is a 'hands-on' option for students to transition from school to work or further studies. The Youth2Industry program, will allow students to access practical work-related experience and build their literacy, numeracy and personal development skills
- Where required students have access to IMVC Youth Caseworkers and other support staff
- Learning is in a friendly supportive environment with small class sizes
- Student attend classes and/or placement four days a week
- All students as part of their work placement will be allocated an industry mentor to assist in developing employability skills
- Access together with parents/guardians to various workshops and resources addressing pathway planning and advocacy needs

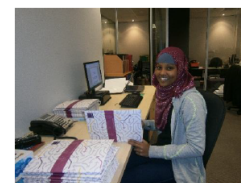
AM I SUITABLE TO PARTICIPATE?

To be considered for the program you must:

- Have completed school and need further time to successfully move into work, training or further education
- Present with learning difficulties, social/emotional disorders and/or mild intellectual disability
- Be a minimum of 17 years old at course commencement and be able to travel independently
- Have the potential /capacity to be employed and manage your own personal care needs.

CONTACT PERSON: Meg Wolk

Phone: 9686 2354 **Email:** youth2industry@imvc.com.au



Bacchus Marsh Disability Parent Connection group meet on the fourth Monday of each month, 10.30am - 12.30pm at the Darley Neighbourhood House in Bacchus Marsh, 33 Jonathan Drive, Darley. Next meeting is Monday 28th August.

Ballarat Blokes Brigade - A group for fathers of children with disabilities.

Check out their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Blokes-Brigade-507431449463726>

Ballarat Down Syndrome Parent Connection group meet regularly for support, discussion, information. They are meeting for morning tea Thursday, 31st August 2017 after school drop off (9:30am) at the Yacht Club. To RSVP or for more information, contact Wendy at charingal.park@bigpond.com.

Centacare Parenting Programs

Parenting Skills (2 week program)

September Tuesday 5th - 12th 10 - 12 \$40 or \$20 with concession

Bringing up Great Kids (4 week program)

Bringing up Great Kids is a reflective parenting program developed by the Australian

Childhood Foundation

November/December Wednesday 22nd - 29th & 6th - 13th 6 - 8pm \$80 or \$40

with concession

Tuning in to Kids (2 or 3 week program)

August Tuesday 15th - 22nd - 29th 10 - 12:30 \$80 or \$40 with concession

Tuning in to Teens (2 week program)

August Saturday 19th - 26th 10 - 12 \$80 or \$40 with concession

Self Awareness Programs

Learning to Bloom (4 week program) A four week program especially for women.

August/September Thursday 24th - 31st & 7th - 14th 10 - 12 \$80 or \$40 with concession

Essence (4 week program) Increasing awareness of the mind/body connection to reduce stress.

November Tuesday 7th - 14th - 21st - 28th 1 - 3pm \$80 or \$40 with concession

*These programs also run onsite - individuals are invited to enquire Phone: (03)

5327 7960, or the Family Relationship Centre on 1300 303 988

<https://www.centacareballarat.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/program-dates-pdf-terms-3-4-2017.pdf>

City of Melton Youth Services

Performing Arts Program Presents

The AwkWard

By North by Northwest Acting Group



Saturday 12 August

Shows at 2pm and 7pm

CRC Melton Performing Arts Centre

109 Bulmans Rd Melton West

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/QTRQ

Tickets \$5

More Info - seank@melton.vic.gov.au or 9747 5393

Like us on Facebook!

facebook.com/cityofmeltonyouthservices



SUNRISE WOMEN'S GROUP JULY - DECEMBER 2017

FOR WOMEN WHO ARE CARERS: MELTON

Melton Library - 31 McKenzie St, Melton



www.whwest.org.au/sunrise

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION CALL TESS ON 9689 9588

| DATE | EVENT | DESCRIPTION | VENUE |
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| 18 July 2017 | Pampering Day | Make up, nails, facials etc. Bring along your favourite pampering products to share | Melton Library 10am–1:30pm |
| 1 August 2017 | DIY Workshop | Learn how to use different tools and DIY repairs | Bunnings Warehouse 149-169 Barries Rd Melton West, 3337 10am–1:30pm |
| 15 August 2017 | Op Shopping | Explore the op shops of Castlemaine | Meet at Melton Library 10am–1:30pm |
| 29 August 2017 | Skin Health | Guest Presenter: learn about skin health and care Cost: FREE | Melton Library 10am–1:30pm |
| 12 September 2017 | Vic Markets | Wander the famous Victoria Markets and have lunch together Cost: Myki | Meet at Melton train station 9:50am–1:30pm |
| 26 September 2017 | Crafts for Christmas | Share your favourite Christmas craft ideas Cost: FREE | Melton Library 10am–1:30pm |
| 10 October 2017 | Cooking on a Budget | Guest Presenter: learn how to make healthy meals at home on a budget Cost: FREE | TBC 10am–1:30pm |
| 24 October 2017 | Women and Equity | Guest Presenter: Women's Health West | Melton Library 10am–1:30pm |
| 7 November 2017 | Melbourne Cup Day | No Session | Public Holiday |
| 21 November 2017 | Lavender Farm | Visit the Warratina Lavender Farm | Meet at Melton Library 10am–1:30pm |
| 5 December 2017 | Calendar Planning | Plan the next Sunrise calendar Cost: FREE | Melton Library 10am–1:30pm |
| 19 December 2017 | End of Year BBQ | Good company and a meal to see the year out Cost: FREE | TBC 10am–1:30pm |

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