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SCHOOL CARE
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**Bacchus Marsh
Coaches**

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1800 660 530



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A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Can you believe we are half way through the term already? Staff have been working hard to formalise the ILP goals you set together and develop appropriate and engaging strategies to make sure progress towards these goals are met.

Building Update

There is a roof! We have been to several Site Plan Meetings and are excited to see the progress the structures are taking. We are at the stage of identifying power points, locks, fobbed doors and cabling for internet use. We are engaging in several grant writing applications to purchase new furniture and complete landscaping works. School Council is approaching DET to advocate for the next stages of the school rebuild to be funded. If you would like to lend your voice to this, we have a casual parent vacancy (ending in 2019) on school council that remains to be filled.

Healthy Schools Policy

Thank you to those parents for providing Healthy Options that do not need heating up or cooking. Leadership are in the process of developing some resources for families to substitute healthy 'every day foods' when students are having difficulties reducing the amount of 'sometimes' foods. Please remind your child not to bring soft drinks or energy drinks to school – they will not be able to be consumed on site.

Mobile Phones

Just a reminder that if students do bring mobile phones or personal devices to school that they need to be handed in to classroom staff and locked away. If students do not follow this process we will be contacting parents to ask for their support by not allowing the child to bring their device for a time period. As a leadership team we are developing a personal devices contract for families to sign and follow. Please also ensure that your child uses their mobile phone or electronic device on our bus services. Students must have their music at an appropriate volume with headphones, do not record voices or images, take pictures of themselves or others or make phone calls. Just as it is in the classroom if students are identified to be misusing their device, they will need to hand it to bus staff when boarding the bus.

Social Media

We have had several reports from parents and students of inappropriate activities on social media. Thank you to those parents who keep us informed – it helps us to be pro-active and try and reduce any impact on student behaviour in class or the playground. Students have had visits from the Pro-active Policing Unit and future visits are planned. The purpose of these visits is for students to understand the impact of their behaviour on social media, including internet gaming. It is also part of our yearly curriculum and incidental teaching where teachers will focus on how to be safe online and what to do if things go wrong.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent> is a great resource for parents who need some ideas on supporting their child to be safe online.

Pick up and Drop off

Please remember drop off times are 8:45am – there are no staff on duty until this time. Staff are preparing their classrooms for daily lessons. There have been a number of early arrivals this term and students are hanging around outside the school gate. If your child is an independent traveller – please make sure they are not arriving before 8:45am. If it becomes an ongoing occurrence, a member of the leadership team will call families to discuss other strategies and options. Pick up times are 3pm. If you are running late please call the school office so we can supervise your child until you arrive. Please note that afternoon supervision finishes at 3.15pm. Staff must attend meetings from 3.15pm onwards so please ensure your child is picked up before then.

Mid- Term Assembly

Is this Friday at 2:15pm – please join us in celebrating the term so far and be present when the staff from the Commonwealth Bank present our donation money.

Best wishes
Brooke

School Absences

If your child is sick or not going to be at school for the day, please call the school and leave a message By 9:30AM

- Ring 9743 4966
- Select option to leave a message
- Include your child's name, classroom teacher, date of absence and **reason for absence**

Alternatively you can login to Compass and report the student absence via the app/website

If you have not notified the school of the absence an automated text message will be sent out

Upon return to school it is necessary to have a note in the Communication Diary regarding the absence and a medical certificate if appropriate.

Parking

As most of you are aware parking has become limited around the school. Can we please remind staff, parents/carers not to park in disability carparks if you do not have the appropriate sticker. We do have families who need access to these parks to ensure a safe transition in and out of the school.

Melton City Council Local Laws have been frequenting the area booking cars who are not parked correctly. Please follow the road rules and follow parking signage.

There is **strictly NO PARKING** in the school carpark from 8.30am—9.15am and from 2.20pm to 3.15pm.

Drop Off/Pick Up & Parking Information

NO ENTRY TO SCHOOL CARPARK

In order to maintain a safe and orderly environment, we remind parents that between **8.30 a.m. and 9.20 a.m.**, as well as **2.30 p.m. to 3.20 p.m.** that parent/carer/guardian vehicles are to remain outside the school gates in designated car parks.

DESIGNATED WALKWAYS

When you are walking into the school please use the designated walkways which are highlighted by the yellow painted lines.

PARENT PICK UP/DROP OFF ZONE

Please note that the Parent pick up and Drop off zone is now located behind the BER building, please follow the signs. Please feel free to wait in this area in the morning and afternoons for your child.

State Schools Relief Uniform

State school relief uniforms are available for families who are experiencing extreme hardship.

Part of the application process we need to give a valid reason for the application.

Some reasons may be:

- **Serious Financial hardship**
- **Health issues**
- **Homelessness**
- **Family Violence**

Please contact the office if you would like an application form to be sent home.

Scholastic Book club

The latest Issue of Book club catalogues have been delivered to classrooms. Any orders can you please place them by **August the 6th**.

We no longer accept cash payments for the Scholastic Book club.

Payments will only be accepted via LOOP App or online payment through the Book club website.

DATES TO REMEMBER

WED 15TH	AUG	UNIFORM SHOP OPEN
FRI 17TH	AUG	MID-TERM ASSEMBLY 2.15PM
WED 22ND	AUG	UNIFORM SHOP OPEN
WED 29TH	AUG	UNIFORM SHOP OPEN
WED 5TH	SEPT	UNIFORM SHOP OPEN
WED 12TH	SEPT	UNIFORM SHOP OPEN
WED 19TH	SEPT	UNIFORM SHOP OPEN
THUR 20TH	SEPT	STUDENT FREE DAY—SSG 8.30-4.30
FRI 21ST	SEPT	EARLY DISMISSAL—2PM

PCCC news

Thanks to those who supported our recent fundraisers

Showbags Fundraiser – Raised \$190 for the school

Jeans for Genes Fundraiser – Raised \$48 for the Children's Medical Research Institute

WHO ARE WE?

As per our constitution, the aims and purposes of our group are as follows:

- Contribute to the wellbeing of the school community
- Encourage the participation of all parents in the life of the school and the education of their children provide
- Opportunities for parents to get to know each other and to be informed about their child's school
- Provide opportunities for parents to extend their understanding of school operations, and general education policy
- Contribute to proposals on school policy and other educational issues to the School Council
- Raise funds for the benefit of the school (optional).

If any of these things interest you, please feel free to join us at one of our meetings or call the school office for more information.

Our next meeting is our AGM on 22nd August at 9:15 am followed by a 'regular' Meeting where we will discuss other upcoming events such as the Father's Day Stall.

We would love to have new members to help with regular events, and to bring fresh ideas and perspective to our small club. You do need to do a school volunteer induction and have a Working With Children's Card to help.

Father's Day Stall

Items ranging in price from \$1-\$5 suitable for fathers, grandfathers and carers!

To be held from 10am on Friday 31st August. Please send money to school and your child's teacher will help them purchase items.

Ex-Student News

Good luck to Ex-student, Jamie-Lee Getson, who will be competing in the 2018 Pan Pacific Para Swimming Championships in Cairns next month. The Pan Pacific Para Swimming champions will take place from 9th—13th August.

For more on how she is feeling leading up to the Championships you can read the article at www.vic.swimming.org.au

HEALTH AND HYGIENE

Infectious disease outbreaks such as gastroenteritis and influenza can severely impact student attendance, learning and the welfare of the school community.

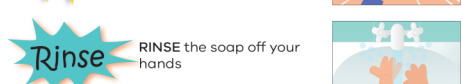
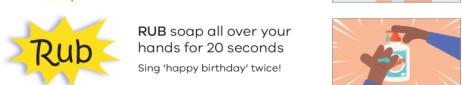
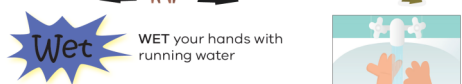
Establishing good hand hygiene practices at a young age is key to preventing the spread of infectious disease.

With cold and flu season here and the recent gastro outbreak, hand hygiene is extremely important. We will support healthy hygiene practices within the school through hand washing lessons and reminders.

Be a Soapy Hero

How to...

wash your hands



Find out more about hand hygiene at: www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/soapy-hero

A word from Horticulture

The Horticulture team has been busy as always. We are at the moment installing a path near the REP. area, in the near future we are going to be building some garden beds there to beautify around the portables.

We finally have moved into our new shed, it is a fantastic resource and we are very grateful for such a brilliant workspace to deliver Horticulture.

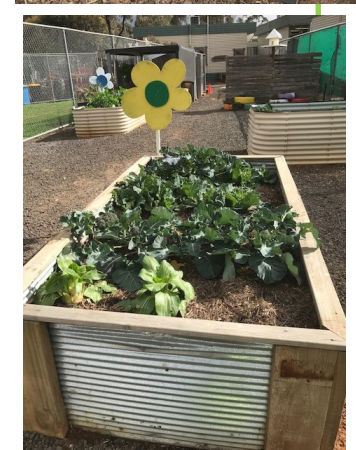
Some of the students have been on work placement and the feedback to us has been really rewarding. We are very proud.

Tuesdays students also have been working hard and both groups went on a landcare excursion last week. We removed tree guards from a lot of trees we planted last year along the Werribee River. As we have had no rain and last summer was very hot our success rate for growth was not very high. This is disappointing as it is hard work planting in this area.

Spring will arrive in a month, hopefully bring some sun with it and definitely need rain. All seasons are busy in the gardens, though it will be great to see the lawns green up with a bit of warmth.

Thursdays students have been helping out with the moving into the new sheds and Matthew has enjoyed their help in taking rubbish to the skip. They are very good helpers and love to be busy with hands on work. We have added some pictures of the garden at the moment, hope you enjoy them.

Horticulture Team



CARE Melton

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Expo



Free Entry

Over 50 exhibitors, who deliver support, services or resources to carers, people with a disability or older people within the City of Melton.

Relaxation workshops including complimentary yoga mat.

THURSDAY
18 Oct
2018
10am-2pm

Melton Community Hall
232 High Street Melton

Mel Ref: 337 B9

For enquiries call 9747 7200 or visit melton.vic.gov.au/CARE



First Aid for Kids



This FREE session is run by an experienced ambulance paramedic. Children from 8-12 years will learn the basic resuscitation and first aid skills needed to respond quickly in an emergency situation.

This is knowledge that all children should have!

CLASS DETAILS:

WHEN:
Wednesday October 17

TIME:
4.30pm – 6.00pm

WHERE:
Hillside Community Centre
Royal Crescent Hillside

COST:
FREE

TO BOOK:
meltonlearning.com.au

Find us on Facebook
www.facebook.com/MeltonCityCouncilNeighbourhoodHouses

BOOK EARLY! Don't miss out!



BUNNINGS warehouse

Melton

FREE - Father & Kids Night
Thursday 30th August 6-8pm



FREE – Kids D.I.Y. workshops,



including Ryobi helping to build a truck with Dad & the kids

FREE – Photo Booth & Fairy Floss

FREE – Sausage Sizzle cooked by Bacchus Marsh Model Aircraft Association

Bloom – FREE hearing test

Melton City Council Pop Up Display – they will be giving away FREE Local Coupons

Please Book in at the Service Desk
Or call - 03 9971 0300

Or email – MeltonWHAO@bunnings.com.au

ALL ABILITIES. ALL GENDERS. FREE!

Reclink Members access to Melton Waves
Reclink Melton, delivering an Active Community
GYM AND SWIM

Melton Waves

206 Coburns Road, Melton

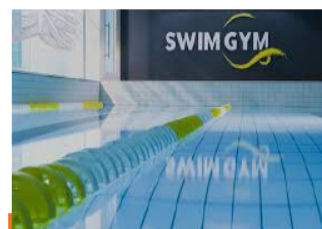
Monday's and Wednesday's

4 hours of fun, 12.00pm to 4.00pm

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www.reclink.org/get-involved/become-member



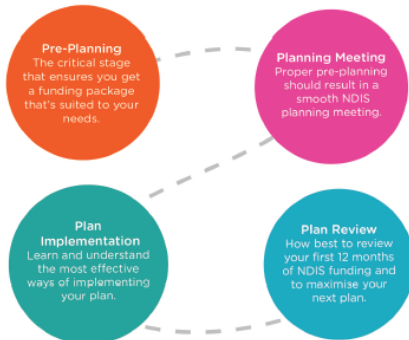
For more details call:
Michael Walsh 0401 523 868
michael.walsh@reclink.org

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MELTON NDIS INFO SESSION PRE-PLANNING

The rollout of the NDIS is one the biggest changes in the lives of people living with disabilities that we've seen in a generation. The transition can be an overwhelming time, and proper preparation can be the difference between being adequately funded or not.

We'll be running three free information sessions that focus on different steps of the NDIS process: pre-planning, plan implementation and plan review.



EVENT DETAILS

- Balam Balam Seminar Room, Melton Library and Learning Hub
- Thursday 6th September
- 10:30 - 12:00
- This is a **free event**, there is no need to register
- For further information contact ateba@oncall.com.au

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NDIS Pre-Planning Information Session
Thursday 2nd August
10:30am - 12pm

COMPLETED

We'll be covering information on the NDIS process and giving you tips on how to prepare for your first NDIS planning meeting.

NDIS Plan Implementation Information Session
Thursday 6th September
10:30am - 12pm

Session overview
We'll be covering what happens once you receive your NDIS plan and the steps needed to help you achieve your goals.

NDIS Plan Review Information Session
Thursday 11th October
10:30am - 12pm

Session overview
Once you've had your NDIS plan for a year you'll have a meeting to review what's working and what's not. We'll explain this process and help you prepare.

Self Defence for Kids



Self-Defence workshop for children 8-12 years

This class will be conducted by Felix Johansson 6th Dan Black Belt Shorin Ryu Shido Kan Karate, over 35 years experience in Martial Arts.

This fun and interactive class will educate and inform participants about self-care, recognize potential problems or dangerous situations, avoid becoming a victim of crime and to provide hands-on self defence training.

PROGRAM DETAILS:

WHEN:
Tuesday September 25

TIME:
6.00pm-8.00pm

WHERE:
Hillside Community Centre, Recreation Reserve
Royal Crescent, Hillside

COST:
FREE

BOOKINGS:
meltonlearning.com.au

Find us on Facebook
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Bookings Essential

Supported Playgroups



PLAY WITH YOUR CHILDREN AND MEET OTHER FAMILIES

Free playgroups available to families with a Health Care Card (or eligible visa), Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children and children in kinship care arrangements

Groups run in many local venues across Caroline Springs and Melton

CONTACT US:

Email:
playgroups@melton.vic.gov.au

Phone:
9747 7136

Visit:
melton.vic.gov.au

COME AND PLAY! Free!



Community Playgroups



COMMUNITY PLAYGROUPS

Playgroups are fun for everyone and an opportunity to meet with other families in your local community

Join a playgroup that is close to you or start your own! Call the Playgroups team to find out more about community playgroups.

PLAYGROUP DETAILS:

WHEN:
Weekdays

TIME:
Various times

WHERE:
Melton, Melton West, Melton South, Kurunjang, Diggers Rest, Rockbank, Burnside, Caroline Springs, Hillside

MORE INFORMATION:

Playgroups Team

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PLAYGROUPS NEAR YOU!

