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**Specialist School** 

Learning Beyond Boundaries

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17th March 2017

## A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Community members,

Since last newsletter is has been busy busy busy at MSS. I was lucky to be part of our first assembly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March. It was pretty amazing to see all the students in one place at the one time and we all excitedly welcomed our 2017 Student Leaders. Here are some of our students accepting their awards.



We will have a feature on our new captains and student council representatives in our next edition. I hope the students are as proud of themselves as we are of their achievements. School Café

After many building issues, we will soon be opening our school café. This café will be run by a group of Senior students and will start with serving staff only in the beginning. I look forward to sharing their successes with you and their future plans – hopefully they can cater a parent morning tea soon. School Council Update

Nominations and elections are complete for 2017 School Council representatives. Congratulations to Geoff Galloway our new DET Rep, Pepsi Gulen, Tamara Hanson and Jason Mallia our parent reps. Welcome to the MSS school council, looking forward to working with you all. Our next meeting is 21<sup>st</sup> March at 6pm. Our AGM has been postponed due to the Annual School report template being released late. <u>Arrival and Departure</u>

Thank you for your flexibility and patience whilst we introduce the changes to the pick up and drop off arrangements. Our primary aim is to make sure all of our students transition safely to and from buses or cars. If there are any concerns please make contact with John our new AP - he is supporting these changes.

#### Dental Van

We had such a great response to Teeth on Wheels so we will be booking this service for families to access later in the year. If you are interested but did not get a chance to respond please make contact with the front office.

Bullying No Way Day

MSS has a no tolerance to Bullying. We have very clear processes for dealing with any type of defined bullying. Today is Bully No way Day and the students will be involved in specific activities to encourage friendly and positive behaviours as well as how to identify bullying and what to do if you witness or are the victim of bullying. If this brings up some concerns for your child at home – please make sure you make contact with your class teacher.

Harmony Day

I'm really looking forward to this one – apparently I get judge some competitions! Students are invited to dress in their cultural costumes or wear something orange to celebrate the day. Easter Hat Parade

Who has started their hats? I cant wait to see what gets put on some cardboard and turned into a hat – watch this space. The Easter Hat Parade is on Thursday 30.3 from 9:30am onwards.

Best wishes everyone –have a great weekend See you next week Brooke

#### AGM scheduled for March 21st 6pm has been postponed until May 2017.

Please look out for the date in the next Newsletter.

Last Day of Term 1 FRIDAY 31ST MARCH Early Dismissal 2pm Please make arrangements to meet the bus earlier on this day.

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## **Changes to Pick Up and Drop Off procedures**

In the previous newsletters we have mentioned that there will be changes to student drop off and pick up procedures for parents and those students who are travelling by bus. These changes have been implemented to enhance safety and decrease congestion during transition times.

The parent/carer pick up and drop off point is now located in the school's main playground and can be accessed through the gate closest to the Allied Health Office. The gate has a sign to direct you.

Students are to be dropped of/picked up to/from the Area Supervisor and Role Monitor who will be wearing Hi Vis vests and will make themselves known.

If your child is not travelling on the bus in the morning please contact Bacchus Marsh Coaches on 1800 550 630. Please contact them if there are any other issues that arrive with using the Education Department's Transport of Students with Disabilities Program. If your child leaves school early a member of staff will notify the bus company.

Please be patient with this change in procedure and staff would like to hear your feedback on the changes . If there are any issues please let a staff member on duty know, put a note in your child's communication diary or phone the office on 9743 4966.

## **MSS Radio Station**

The Melton Specialist School Radio Station is up and running in the Senior School on Tuesday's and Thursday's. Students did radio station training last year and have brought their skills back to share with the rest of the school during the recess and lunch breaks. Staff and students put in their music requests and the DJ's on the day create a playlist to entertain the adoring crowd!

The DJ station is connected to the school's iPad or Laptop and there is a real radio microphone that is used to announce song selections or conduct quick interviews. Under the guidance of Rohan, one of our Senior School Teachers, students are bringing a new feel to break times which has been very well received by everyone. Students have said that the 'feel really happy' listening to music and there are even a few impromptu dance displays.

Well done to everyone involved and we cant wait to hear what music is coming up next week!





		Dates to Kemember
Monday	20th March	Blackwood Camp—Kellie's Class
Tuesday	21st March	Harmony Day Celebrations
		School Council Meeting 6pm
Wednesday	22nd March	Blackwood Camp—Penny's class
Monday	27th March	Alpine Ride Camp—selected students
Thursday	30th March	Individual Learning Plans (ILP) go home to families
		Career Action Plans go home to families
		Easter Hat Parade
Friday	31st March	End of Term Assembly 1:15pm
		Newsletter
		End of Term 1—Early Dismissal 2pm
Tuesday	18th April	Term 2 begins 9am
Friday	21st April	Anzac Day Remembrance Service 2:30pm
Tuesday	25th April	Public Holiday School Closed—Anzac Day

## **Dates to Remember**

## **School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Prize Winners**

Maddie P - Kellie's Class Bailey D - Megan's Class Amer - Sally's Class James - Megan's Class Clyde - Brigitte's Class Jayden - Dexter's Class

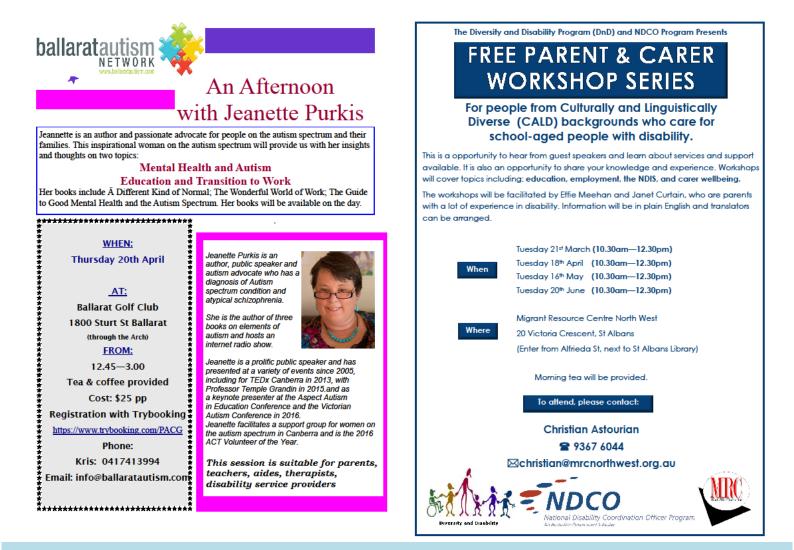
Kyle - Bernice's Class Joshua - Sophie's Class Ash - Kristy's Class Liesel - Kristy's Class Emma - Margaret's Class Armaan - Sue's Class Matt - Sophie's Class



## Easter Hat Parade—Thursday 30th March

Students are invited to wear their fabulous Easter Hat creations to school on Thursday 30th March. During the morning the sections will be having a parade where students can show off their creations to their peers. We are looking forward to seeing some wonderful creations!

Parades start at 9:30am.....



#### Stevenson House Caroline Springs | Neighbourhood House Program Term One 2017

#### Toxtilor

Learn to Sew	Learn how to use a sewing machine and	Monday	\$80.00
	overlocker. How to sew zips and buttonholes.	30 January- 27 March	plus materials
	How to read patterns, fix hems and to make	(excluding 13 March)	(8 classes)
	basic clothing.	7.00pm – 9.00pm	
		Wednesday	\$90.00
		1 February- 29 March	plus materials
		7.00pm -9.00pm	(9 classes)
		Friday	\$90.00
		3 February- 31 March	plus materials
		10.00am-12.00pm	(9 classes)
NEW Pattern	Learn the basic skills to produce a set of your	Saturday	\$30.00 plus
Making	own blocks and toiles for making garments to	4 February	Materials
Workshops	perfectly fit your own personal	11 February	(2 workshops)
	measurements.	9.30am – 12.30pm	
Springs Stitchers	Join in to indulge in knitting, patchwork,	Second and Fourth Thursday	\$5.00 annual
	dressmaking, crocheting, tapestry, cross	7.30pm - 9.30pm	insurance
	stitching, sewing, or just want to sit and chat.		and \$5.00 pe
	Catherine Stone 0413 131 277		session
	stitchersgroup@gmail.com		
Card Making for	Card making for all occasions. Make at least	Wednesday	\$15.00
Adults	3 handcrafted greeting cards from samples.	15 March	(1 workshop)
	Catering to all levels of experience.		

#### Cookina

Pakistani and	Gain an understanding of the use of traditional	Wednesday	\$60.00
Indian Cooking	spices and cooking of popular traditional	8 February – 15 March	(6 classes)
	Indian cuisines.	11.30am- 1.30pm	l'í
Thai Cooking	In this hands-on Thai cooking course you will	Tuesday	\$60.00
	learn to create traditional Thai dishes from fresh	14 February – 28 February	(3 classes)
	ingredients.	6.30pm – 9.30pm	
Cake Baking	The perfect blend of cake & art!	Tuesday	\$65.00
and Simple		7 February –7 March	(5 classes)
Decorating	Cook your favourite cakes and learn simple decorating tips and tricks. You will get lots of recipes and ideas.	10:00am – 1:00 pm	

## Stevenson House

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Children			
Art 4 Krafty Kids	Children will develop skills and confidence in	Thursday	\$80.00/ \$70.00
(5-7 year olds)	drawing, painting, craft and sculpture.	2 February – 23 March	(8 classes)
	Children must be accompanied by a carer, who	4:00pm – 5:30pm	
	will need to stay in class.		
Art 4 Kids	Children will have a chance to experience and	Monday	\$80.00/\$70.00
(8 - 12 year olds)	develop their skills in a number of different art	30 January – 27 March	(8 classes)
	forms. Classes are designed for fun and to build	(excluding 13 March)	
	children's confidence. Bring along your art smock.	4:00pm – 5:30pm	
Textiles for Kids	Calling young textile enthusiasts to join this class	Tuesday	\$80.00/\$75.00
	and learn basic skills in looming, crocheting or	7 February – 28 March	(8 classes)
	knitting.	4.00pm – 5.30pm	
Sewing for Kids	No experience required to learn basic sewing	Friday	\$90.00
(10 – 13 year	techniques. Suitable for kids 10 -13 years old.	3 February – 31 March	(9 classes)
olds)	Sewing machines provided.	4.00pm – 6.00pm	Plus materials
Sewing for Teens	No experience required to learn basic sewing	Saturday	\$60.00
(Expression of	techniques. Suitable for kids 13-18 years old.	18 February – 25 March	(6 classes)
Interest)			Plus materials
Meditation for	School holiday classes for kids with their	17 January &	FREE
Kids	parents/guardians to learn about and practice	24 January	(2 classes)
	meditation.		
KUMON	Tutoring for primary and secondary students in	Monday & Thursday	
	Maths and English. Contact Zakiah 0431 649 853	3.30pm – 6.30pm	
	or zakiahzainy@hotmail.com		

Wellness

Women's Yoga-	Improve your health and well being by toning	Monday	
All levels	your muscles, increasing suppleness, improving	30 January – 27 March	\$64.00/\$60.00
	concentration and relieving stress.	(excluding 13 March)	(8 classes)
	*Classes also available Thursday evening at	11.45am -12.45pm OR	
	Caroline Springs Library.	1.00pm – 2.00pm	
	Call 9363 5137 for more details.		
Yoga for Seniors	This class is designed specifically for seniors. The	Monday	\$3 each class
	class size is small and allows each individual to	30 January – 27 March	
	increase their flexibility and strength at their own	(excluding 13 March)	
	level.	10.30am - 11.30am	
Meditation	Sahaja Yoga Meditation promotes mental,	Monday	FREE
Classes	physical and emotional balance.	30 January -27 March	
	Held at Caroline Springs Library	(excluding 13 March)	
	*Expressions of interest open for night class at	10.00 am - 11.00am	
	Stevenson House (Thursday 6.30-7.30pm)		

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#### Neighbourhood Program February – April 2017

#### Well-Being and Life Style

Yoga for Seniors	This class is designed specifically for seniors. The class size is small and allows each individual to increase their flexibility and strength at their own level.	Caroline Springs Library	Saturday 4 Feb - 1 Apr 12.30pm – 1.30pm	\$3.00 per class
Yoga for Women	Improve your health and well-being by toning your muscles, increasing suppleness, improving concentration and relieving stress.	Hillside Community Centre	Saturday 4 Feb – 1 Apr 9.45am - 10.45am Or 11am – 12pm	\$72.00 \$67.00 Conc. 9 classes
Ladies Walking and Morning Tea	A social group for ladies who meet and socialise. For those keen, come at 9.30am for a healthy walk before enjoying a cup of tea or coffee and a friendly chat.	Hillside Community Centre	Thursday Walk starts: 9.30am Morning Tea: 10.30am	FREE
Yoga	Improve your health and well-being by toning your muscles, increasing suppleness, improving concentration and relieving stress.	Caroline Springs Library	Thursday 2 Feb – 30 Mar 5pm (Gentle – Women Only) 6.15pm (All levels – Men & Women) 7.30pm (Advanced – Men & Women)	\$72/\$67 \$72/\$67 \$72/\$67

#### FITNESS & DANCE

Zumba Fitness	The Latin inspired, easy to follow, calorie	Hillside	Monday and	\$8casual
with Elizabet	burning, dance fitness class.	Community	Wednesday	\$60.00
	Contact Elizabeth 0419 551 299	Centre	7.30pm	10 class
Dance Space	Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Contemporary and Hip	Hillside	Thursday	\$100.00
Performing Arts	Hop. Contact Kayley 0412 778 174	Community	evenings	per term.
		Centre		
Indoor Boxing	An explosive new Boxing Boot Camp	Hillside	Tuesday & Thursday	Indoor
Boot Camp	program designed to increase your	Community	evening and Saturday	Boxing
	fitness, tone your muscles and burn	Centre	morning.	Boot
	calories fast!			Camp
	Contact Paul on 0425 568 830			

Learn English for FREE (if eligible)

A new English class starting in February 2017 at Caroline Spring Library.

Increase your confidence in speaking, reading and writing.

Learn English for Computer or English for Parenting. Classes will be through AMES Australia and conducted by a qualified teacher. For more information contact:

Run by a personal trainer and mother, these group sessions are a

great way to get back into exercise

of Bollywood dancing, feel good and

, socialise!

ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS

Women's Group Fitness

Lyn Harding 9747 5470 / Amy Leslie 9097 0815 or email lynh@melton.vic.gov.au /lesliea@ames.net.au

Mindfulness For Kids	Mindfulness practice can assist in reducing the stress and anxiety that most of us can experience in today's busy lifestyle.	Hillside community Centre	Saturday 4 Feb - 18 Mar 1pm - 2pm (ex 18 Feb)	\$45.00 6 sessions
Art for Kids (8 – 12 years old.)	Children will experience and develop their skills in a number of different art forms. Bring your own art smock.	Hillside Community Centre	Wednesday 1 Feb - 22 Mar 4pm - 5.30pm	\$80.00 Conc \$70.00 8 classes
Playgroup	Make friends and develop skills. Contact Enrolment Officer 0432 993 782 or hpi2263@gmail.com	Hillside Community Centre	Mon - Thursday 9.15am Or 11.15am	\$40.00 per term
Korean Mothers Group	For Korean speaking mothers to socialise, with activities for children.	Hillside Community Centre	Tuesdays (school terms) 10am – 12pm	\$20.00 per term
Active Kids (8 – 12 years old.)	An active program for kids to interact with other kids and participate in physical activity in a fun environment. They will strengthen and learn skills in activities like soccer, football, dodge ball, netball and cricket. All equipment supplied.	Hillside Community Centre	Tuesday 7 Feb – 28 Mar 4pm - 5.30pm	\$45.00 8 weeks

#### A New Year - A New You

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CHILDREN

It's not often that we take time out for ourselves. Start the year off by treating yourself to some well deserved YOU time.

Check out what we have happening here at Hillside.

Create a	This women's workshop will teach you the	Hillside	Sat18 March	\$25.00
Healthy You	four mental laws of the mind and how to use them.	Community Centre	2.30pm –5.30pm	,
	You will learn more about your personality type, learn about your thinking and learn practical tools to deal with life situations.			
Personal Styling	Have you ever wanted to learn how to choose the colours that a right for you? Do you want to understand your body shape, so you can make better wardrobe and accessory choices?	Hillside Community Centre	Sat 18 Feb 2.30pm –5.30pm	\$25.00
	This workshop will teach you what clothes to wear to help you improve the way you feel about yourself.			

# Taylors Hill

\$56.00

(8 classes)

Email Deepti to register and

mumsdanceclub@amail.com

for dates

Neighbourhood House Program Term One 2017

Tuesday

7 Feb – 28 March

9.30am - 10.15am

# Taylors Hill Neighbourhood House Program Term One 2017



#### ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS (8-12 YEARS)

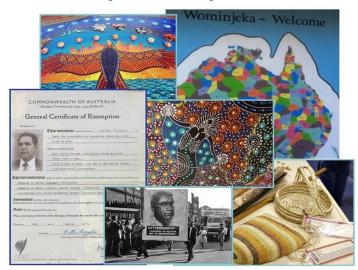
Fit Kids	Run indoors by a personal trainer, this class is	Tuesday	\$64.00/ \$54.00 conc
	great for encouraging an active lifestyle while focusing on improving fitness levels, agility, strength and flexibility. Perfect for kids wanting to have fun and be active in a non-competitive environment.	7 Feb – 28 March 4.00pm- 5.00pm	(8 classes)
Hip Hop Club	Developing movement and rhythm through break dancing, hip hop and krump. Join Vlad, an experienced instructor and choreographer for a fun and energetic class. Learn a range of skills and moves, suitable for all dance abilities.	Tuesday 7 Feb – 28 March 5.00pm – 6.00pm	\$64.00/ \$54.00 conc (8 classes)
Circus Club	Run by an experienced performing artist this program will provide an introduction to some of the many elements of circus arts. Lots of fun and non-competitive, these classes are targeted for kids that love to clown around.	To Be Advised	Call Taylors Hill Neighbourhood House to register your interest p. 9747 5424
Cooking 4 Kids	Run by an accredited paediatric dietician kids will learn basic cooking skills, increase their awareness of nutrition, experiment with new foods and sample the results. *Due to high demand children can only book into one program per term.	PROGRAM ONE:   Thursday   2 Feb- 23 Feb   4.30pm - 6.00pm   PROGRAM TWO:   Thursday   2 Mar - 23 Mar   4.30pm - 6.00pm	\$48.00/ \$40.00 conc (4 classes)
Art 4 Kids	Children will have the chance to experience and develop their skills in a number of different art forms. Bring along your own	Tuesday 7 Feb – 28 March 4.00pm – 5.30pm	\$80.00/ \$70.00 conc (8 classes)

#### and meet new people. Offering a mixture of exercises Thursday NEW targeting women's needs, challenge your body as well as your mind. \$49.00 9 Feb – 30 Mar (7 Classes) (excluding 2 March) 9.30am - 10.15am \*Children welcome to attend under parent supervision. Sons of the West pre-season program is back for 2017. Sons of the West FRFF Starting Feb 2017 Tuesdays 7.00pm – 9.00pm Aimed at improving the mental and For more info contact, physical wellbeing of men through Leanne, Council's Active physical activity, workshops and Communities Officer guest presenters. Open to men of all p. 9747 7236 ages and abilities over 18 years. Improve your health and well being \$64.00/ \$60.00 concession Yoga for Mer Monday 30 Jan – 27 March and Women by toning muscles, increasing (8 classes) suppleness, improving concentration and relieving stress. 6.15pm – 7.15pm OR Classes held at Parkwood Green 7.30pm – 8.30pm Community Centre, Hillside. Thursday 4 Feb – 17 March \$56.00/\$52.50 concession Improve your health and well Caroline Springs Library Yoga being by toning your muscles, increasing suppleness, improving (7 classes) 5.00pm - Gentle (for women) 6.15pm- All levels concentration and relieving stress. Classes held at Caroline Springs (for women) 7.30pm-Library Advanced (men & women) NEW ESL Increase your confidence in Starting Feb 2017 held FREE (if eligible) speaking, reading and writing English at Caroline Springs classes Classes are run through AMES Library For more information Australia and conducted by a contact Lyn from Council's qualified teacher. Learn English to Neighbourhood Programs help use a computer or improve your Team p. 9747 5470 or e:lynh@melton.vic.gov.au Bollywood Dance Club is for mums Every Second Sunday Gold Coin Donation Bollywood Dance Club and is a great way to learn the basics 5.30pm - 6.30pm

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Neighbourhood Program February - April 2017

Wanting to share and learn cultural & community knowledge and experience with your countrymen?



### Aboriginal Social Group - Art Workshop

WHEN: WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH

TIME: 6:15PM-9:00pm

WHERE: Opportunity Shop building next to Coles

Melton South 16 Brooklyn Rd second floor Melton South

**Light supper provided** 

www.facebook.com/DjerriwarrhAboriginalCommunity



Purchase tickets at: www.ticketebo.com.au/BMEF2017 rfest@gmail.com facebook: BM.EasterFest Web: bacchusmarsheasterfest.yolasite.com





health hospital community



maze, in conjunction with the Department of Education, has launched an online training module for parents of children who wander. This training will introduce you to positive behaviour support as a method to manage wandering behaviour.

- This online course covers:
- Wandering & behaviours of concern
- Positive behaviour support
- How to use positive behaviour support
- · Finding out why your child wanders
- Restrictive interventions
- · Resources that you can use to find help

After completing the online course, you will have the option to attend one of six forums being held around Victoria in March and April 2017.

Maribyrnong	Monday 20/3/17
Bundoora	Friday 24/3/17
Ringwood	Friday 31/3/17
Frankston	Monday 3/4/17
Horsham	Friday 7/4/17
Morwell	Monday 10/4/17

#### Who is eligible?

Parents, carers, grandparents, step-parents and foster carers, whose:

- Child is on the autism spectrum and wanders
- · Child is pre-school, primary or high school aged
- Family lives in Victoria
- This online module is self-paced. You can log in and out at any time.

#### To register for the training go to:

www.learningseat.com/wandering

You might like to read the Amaze Wandering Paper: bit.ly/2lKqeqq

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Shaping the future for Autism.