

## **Community Newsletter**

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## A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Week 5 means that we are half way through the term! We have celebrated the great work our ES staff do in the classrooms and in the day to day running of the school. On Monday some of our senior students organised a BBQ in recognition of the consistent hard work that our ES staff put in each day.

Next week we celebrate Book Week. Activities are being organised by staff, so please keep an eye out for this. This coincides nicely with National Literacy and Numeracy Week.

Last week we sent out the Parent Opinion Survey to 83 families. This year, the survey is being conducted online, rather in the traditional paper format. If you received an invitation to participate in the survey, can you please complete it by the 27<sup>th</sup> August. It is important that the school receives feedback from the broader school community, so this is one of the ways that we can do this. The responses help shape the future of learning opportunities that we can provide for your child. If you are having difficulties accessing the survey online, please let us know and we can try and assist you.

This is an exciting time for the school as we move closer to the date when the rebuilding works start. In addition to this, we are also looking to update the current school uniform. School Council currently has vacancies for 2 interested Parent Representatives. The Parents, Carers and Community Club are having the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 9:15am. If you would like to get involved in organising activities and fundraise for the school, please come along to this meeting, or alternatively leave a message with the office.

A number of students need to take medication while they are at school. In line with our school policy, we require any medication that comes into the school to have the student's name and dosage printed on the original packaging. The requirement is the same for over the counter medications (such as Panadol). We also need a signed form that tells staff what medication is to be administered, and the times that this should be done. Thank you for your help with this.

A reminder that Friday is Curriculum Day. Staff will be at school doing Professional Learning activities around Positive Behaviour Support and Wellbeing.

Finally, Brooke has had her baby – a little baby boy called Augie. They are both at home now and doing well.

Bronwyn Welch Acting Principal CURRICULUM DAY SCHOOL CLOSED

FRIDAY 18TH AUGUST



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.

### **Up Coming Events**



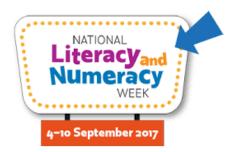
**Book Week Celebrations Wednesday August 23rd** 

# Book Character Dress Up Day Parade & Mid Term Assembly 2:30pm

Allied Health
Sensory Story Day

# Literacy and Numeracy Week Celebrations

Fun in class activities and learning



### Introducing the Barrbon-neen Group!



Wominjeka to the newsletter from the Barrbon-neen group! Barrbon-neen is 'Happy' in Woiwurrung.

Here's a photo of us working away developing the Indigenous curriculum for MSS. Blayke and Tenielle are in this photo but other senior Indigenous students join us at other times of the day.

We facetimed staff from the Ngarara Willim Indigenous Centre at RMIT about some questions we had concerning Woiwurrung words – the Language of the

Wurundjeri People whose land the school is on.



We are creating projects other students in the school would enjoy as in-class activities and discussing elements of our First People's culture that the students feel is most important to share with the rest of the school. Our work is contributing to developing MSS as a culturally safe, inclusive environment.

Mumuk! Sophie & The Barrbon-neen Group

### A Word from: Room 20 — Sally & Brenda

#### **Inquiry: Growing Up**



This term, the students in Room 20 have been participating in a weekly fitness program linked to our inquiry topic, Growing Up. We have been learning about health, wellbeing and safety. We have looked at body parts, emotions and how we can manage them, and understanding physical and social maturation and changes that occur as children grow into their teens.

We have explored the benefits of physical activity participation on our health.



## A Word from: Room BER2—Roger & Sue

The students in Middles 3 have been academically very busy this year. In English we have concentrated on neat handwriting, spelling, sentence structure and reading. In Maths, we have concentrated on skip counting and addition, as well as practical activities around shopping for food items in cooking.

We attended a great camp, where there were plenty of fun activities, including horse riding. We also attended interschool sport in Soccer, Hockey and Football.

All the students are working well in class, and have improved in their reading and the presentation of their work, and have learned to relax and self-regulate in their meditation sessions. The year has gone quickly, and year, smoothly



#### A Word from: Room 36 — Bernice & Danielle

Last term we went to work experience at Mambourin. On the first day we had a safety induction. We had to wear safety boots, gloves and Hi-Vis vests or shirts. We put brackets together. We left school at 9.30am and got back at 1.00pm. Addison C.

We went to work experience at Mambourin last term. We drove there in a school mini bus. We had to sign in and out and wear safety clothes. Our supervisor was called Alan. Cate M

Last term we went to work experience at Mambourin. Danielle or Bernice drove us there. I wore a bright yellow top and safety boots. I really liked going to work. I sat next to Addison when I was putting brackets together. Connor F

Last term we went to work experience on Mondays. We had an induction the first day. We mostly did nuts and bolts but some weeks we put barcodes on books. We had to wear safety boots and shirts all the time. Caitlin M

Last term we went to work experience. We had an induction to tell us the rules and show us where the toilets, lunch room and emergency exits were. We had a morning tea break while we were there. Jayden M.

Last term we went to work experience in the school mini bus. I liked going to work experience. We met some new people and had to do some different jobs. We could buy snacks in the lunch room. I liked making metal brackets. Liz F

Last term when we went to work experience we had to stick price tags on Ford and Holden books. We also put metal brackets together. We had to stay inside the yellow lines when we were walking around because there was a fork lift driving around. We drove to work experience in a school mini bus and listened to the radio on the way. The last day we got a soft serve ice cream at McDonalds on the way home. Kyle W





## **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.

Father's Day Breakfast
Thursday Thursday 31st August
8am to 9am

Father's Day Stall
Thursday 31st August
10:30am to 12pm
Variety of gifts on offer to purchase
Prices range from \$1 to \$7

Look out for more information in your child's diary next week.

#### **Dates to Remember**

Friday	18th August	Curriculum Day—No school for Students	
Wednesday	23rd August	PCCC Annual General Meeting 2017 9:15am	
		Book Week- Book Character Dress up Parade and Assembly	
Wednesday	30th August	Literacy and Numeracy Week	
Thursday	31st August	PCCC Father's Day Breakfast 8am to 9am	
		Fathers Day Stall	
Friday	1st September	Netball Round Robin – Selected Students	
Tuesday	5th September	School Council 6pm	
Monday	11th September	Getaway Camp Bendigo—selected students	
Thursday	21st September	Footy Day—Activities & Wear your footy colours	
		PCCC Special Lunch Order —Hot Dogs	
Friday	22nd September	Last Day of Term 3—Early Dismissal 2pm	





For the whole month of September we are celebrating Child Protection Week with our clubCREATE members and we have heaps of giveaways and fun events!

> Tell a friend who has been in care about CREATE and if they sign up to clubCREATE you both go in a draw to win

If you're already a member but you've recently moved or changed your email address or phone number, update your details to go in the draw to win

#### New members

How it

works

- 7 tickets from Red balloon to Lego Land discovery centre
- 4 tickets from Red Balloon to go white water rafting on the Yarra river 3 hours 2 x \$100 Westfield vouchers

Current members (If you update your details)

**Events** 

3<sup>rd</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup> Child Protection Week.

Including:
Sibling Celebration at the Zoo.
Bring your siblings and join CREATE for a fun day at the zoo. Lunch provided. 11am2:30pm at Melbourne Zoo, Parkville

15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> What'SUP: Youth Stream @ National Foster & Kinship Care Conference Learn about the care system and develop advocacy, leadership & public speaking skills

Youth Advisory Group Movie Night Watch the movie Lion, eat pizza and talk about how to improve contact with your siblings. Frankston, 4:00-7:45pm. RSVP by 15<sup>th</sup> September!

Bookings essential: victoria@create.org.au or 03 9918 0002

If you want to join in on the fun call us on 1800 655 105



## Connection Even+

You're invited to...

## **Sibling Celebration** at the Zoo!

For Child Protection Week 2017 When: Saturday September 9, 11am-2:30pm Where: @ Melbourne Zoo, Parkville.

SUPPORTED BY







HOW do we help carers?

Carers and Work provides a range of flexible support options, depending on what you require: help with your CV, job search, volunteering, building confidence, advocacy, accessing respite and peer support.

Support for Carers from Indigenous or Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (ÇALD) backgrounds

Recognising the cultural and linguistic circumstances of participants, Support Mentors deliver services to Indigenous Australians and CALD carers in an appropriate manner.



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Pakenham



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people to access their community and gain meaningful employment for

Funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services under the Community Mental Health: Carers and Work



Carers and Work?

Carers and Work is a

Government-funded program that provides intensive support for carers with:

- education
- training
- volunteer work
- promotions
- employment
- up-skilling

whilst allowing the carer to maintain their caring role.

JobCo. support mentors provide ongoing assistance to carers to achieve their goals.



### 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
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

**UPDATED JULY 2017** 



We will support you with future NDIS or ISP reviews to ensure your plan continues to meet your goals and needs

## Support Coordination

We're here to assist you to achieve your goals



**MEET YOUR GOALS** 

All of your goals are met

within your expectations and budget

#### COMMUNICATION & CONNECTION

Meet with you within 10 days to discuss your goals relating to your ISP or NDIS plan



#### **IMPLEMENTATION**

- Gain access to the NDIA portal
- Make connections with various support providers
- Assist you to engage with your community
- Support you to learn how to



#### **RECEIVE ON-GOING ASSISTANCE**

- Your Support Coordinator will provide you with person centred support including information and guidance to engage with the NDIS, DHHS, mainstream & community services
- Crisis resolution and complex

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Good hearing helps Australians to stay active at any age.



Hearing Awareness Week August 20-26

Are you a good sport? Come and get your free hearing check this Hearing Awareness Week, so that you can stay active at any age.

Phone Australian Hearing in Melton on 8099 6900 for your FREE 15 minute check!