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**AFTER
SCHOOL CARE
COMMUNICATION
LINE**

0447 085 696

**Bacchus Marsh
Coaches**

**STUDENT
BUS TRANSPORT
COMMUNICATION
LINE**

1800 660 530

**End of Term
Assembly
Friday 30th June
1:15pm**

**Early Dismissal
Friday 30th June
2pm**

A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Community members,

I hope you all enjoyed the extra-long weekend. We appreciate that these extra days may not be easy for all families, however this day of training for staff was extremely valuable. It is hard to believe that there is only 2 weeks of term left! We have many exciting programs planned to look forward to in this short period.

Whole Staff Training

On Tuesday 13 June 2017, the whole staff including maintenance and administration staff were involved in re-establishing our Whole School Positive Behaviour Support Program with consultant Dan Petro. This will assist us in coordinating our approach when managing behaviour. We looked at the language of behaviour, the value of answering: why do kids do what they do? and effective problem prevention practices. Dan will be working further with our PBS team and doing some classroom observations and feedback over the next two terms.

Buildings and Grounds Update

We are very excited to announce that our Inclusive School Project has been tendered and work planned to start this term. It means a new space for our student to explore and engage in different environments safely. There will be plans included in the next newsletter. I also met with architects late last week and discussed the first stage of our rebuild. The plans have been confirmed and will display them in the foyer for you all to see. PE staff and Occupational Therapists have been contributing to the decision-making process over specific materials being used. Watch this space for more news on timelines.

Reports

Teachers and Allied Health Staff have been busy making final edits to your children's reports. These reports will have a final read through before being sent home to you in the last week of term. Please remember this is a new process for our staff and there have been some teething issues. You will also get a chance to provide feedback on the new reports after you have had a chance to read through them and discuss with teaching teams.

End of Term Assembly

Please come along to our end of term assembly on Friday 30th June at 2:15pm to celebrate a successful Term 2.

NDIS workshop

Information session next Wednesday 21st June at 1:30pm to find out more about the NDIS and how to register for support while waiting for the roll out.

Parent Pick up

Parent drop off time is 8:45am at the earliest and pick up time is 3:15 at the latest. Please make sure you are punctual when collecting your child. Teachers are involved in meetings after school to improve programs. We do understand there are emergencies, if this is the case please contact the office.

Pizza Lunch

Thank you to the PCCC for their work ordering and distributing the Pizza Lunch last week. The students and the staff very much enjoyed this special lunch.

Student Shout out

Congratulations to Jaime-Lee and Patrick Getson who have been selected to participate in the School Sport Victoria (SSV) Team Vic State team. Selected students participate in annual School Sport Australia (SSA) Championships including the Pacific School Games (PSG) held every second year. Well Done Jaime-Lee and Patrick, we are so proud of you.

Blackwood Program

Our Blackwood Program received some well-earned positive feedback from the Principal of Blackwood Specialist Camps. Last week he wrote

"Thanks to the amazing efforts of the Melton students today the final touches of the shed development are well under way. The chip-pies are back next Tuesday to finish off the shed & their work around the School building."

The Melton Boys turned up today to find me emptying a tandem trailer full of clay. Without encouragement, they came to me & offered help. With a few extra shovels brought over they did a superb job. Once the trailer was emptied they ask what they could do next. After helping with a few little jobs, they returned after lunch to help empty the little trailer which was full of stones. Before leaving they asked for more. So, we talked about Monday. I now have another trailer full of stones for the back of the shed & will pick up a tandem trailer of crushed rock on Monday morning for them to spread near the gas tanks. The boys are looking forward to helping. Therefore, I will not be charging Melton for their day visit today & Monday as they have worked hard & done a superb job." Tony Bellette

Attitude to School Survey

This week the Student Well-Being team will be coordinating this Student Survey, gaining the insights of our students will help us to gather data to make improvements to our program delivery and content

- The 2017 Attitudes to School survey has been refreshed to include new measures known to influence student outcomes that are based on international research and are aligned with the Framework for Improving Student Outcomes (FISO).
 - The refreshed survey was consulted with school, regional and central staff working in areas of student engagement and school improvement.
 - The survey is now online for faster turn-around time on school results and improved data quality.
- The refreshed survey is open to year 4 for the first time and includes differentiation for years 4 to 6, 7 to 9 and 10 to 12.

Best wishes everyone
Brooke

What We've Been Up to in Room 19 (Charles, Catherine and Jo)

He's stuck on a train!

He's stuck on a train!



Josh with magnet toys



Fruit Break



Enrico on balance board



Stefan on Totem Ball



John and his threading.

You can count on me

Like 1, 2, 3

And I'll be there.



Daniel's Ball Track

In Room 19 we try to use songs and music to support our learning wherever possible.

Recently we've been learning *He's Stuck on a Train* and *Count on Me*.

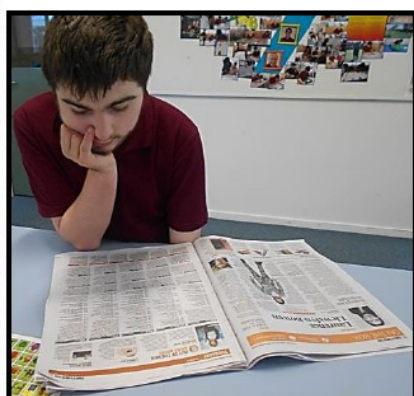


Dino's block towers

A word from: Senior - Group 7 – Pierre & Carol

Students have shown to be enthusiastic and keen to participate in a wide range of programs and activities. Our shopping experiences, which are linked to the Food Technology Programs are proving to be very successful. It is good to note that students adhere to school behaviour expectations while shopping at Woolworths. It is equally rewarding for Carol and I to observe students apply a range of skills, including literacy and numeracy skills, when they are tasked with all the processes and steps of buying groceries for Food Technology. While cooking they demonstrate improving competency in following recipes, in using kitchen utensils and appliances appropriately and safely, and good team work and task sharing skills. The sausage rolls, spaghetti bolognese and pancakes students have made thus far have been very popular with the students.

Our students are also proving to be very good at art and craft, completing complex puzzles and participating in construction activities. Students are also keen on recycling and always make sure appropriate material is placed in the recycle bins. They are also keen about their responsibility to deliver Book Club catalogues across the school and undertake this task with much enthusiasm. Great effort, guys!



A Word From: Performing Arts—Anna

We have had a busy semester in Performing Arts so far this year.

The junior groups have been working on learning new songs to sing as well as building our skills learning to play different instruments. They continue to enjoy dressing up in different costumes and dress ups.

Middle years groups have been working on building their performance skills, gaining confidence when singing karaoke songs or taking turns performing in games such as 'Charades' and 'Celebrity Heads'. They have also enjoyed learning different dance routines with 'Just Dance', and most classes have mastered the dance 'The Power' perfectly!

SY 2 and SY 7 are both working on taking turns choosing songs using cards and SY 8 are learning to engage with various performance activities and games.

The elective group has been focusing on building up their performance participation and audience skills by being respectful audience members and clapping after each person performs.

Overall, it has been an enjoyably musical and active term!

Anna—Performing Arts Teacher



Seniors Hospitality Café Training



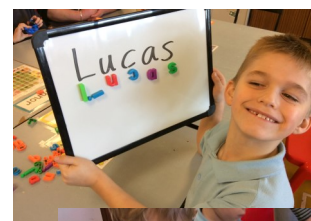
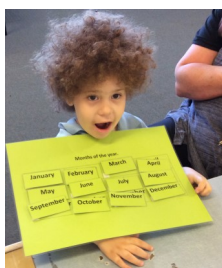
A Word from: Room 4—David & Tina

This year has been going so quickly. The new Preps have settled into their new school very well.

They have made a lot of new friends and have learnt so much. This term we have been learning the alphabet and how to spell our names. We have been writing our names, making them out of magnetic letters and making our names out of play dough.

We have enjoyed singing lots of songs about the days of the week and months of the year. In class we have been learning to share and take turns.

We have all had a great time working together on the iPads.



Dates to Remember

Wednesday	21st June	Westgate Indoor Sports Volleyball—Glen and Marco's class VCAL Landcare Project—VCAL Students
Friday	30th June	End of Term Assembly 1:15pm Term 2 finishes 2pm—early dismissal

PBS Prize Winners

Junior School

Lucas Johnstone Robertson - for being respectful and helping friends in the yard

Middle School

Rhys Allen Tuskin - responsible for his own actions in being a great friend to his class mates.

Senior School

Alex Kypreos—All 3 values of our school and being respectful to his class mates in class during sensory activities



Sue is Safe



Rocky is Respectful



Ringo is Responsible

are you unsure of the extent of disability services in Victoria?

are you unsure about what you can access through the upcoming National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)?

engaging in disability services

Inclusion Melbourne is facilitating a range of strategies to demystify disability support services and encourage greater participation of people with intellectual disability in the Victorian disability sector.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is the most significant change in Australian social policy since the introduction of Medicare in 1975, and is a different way of providing support for people with disability, their family and carers.

date: Wednesday 21st June

time: 1:30-2:30pm

location: Melton Specialist School, 159-211 Coburns Rd, Melton

what will be covered?

- ▶ Accessing the NDIS
- ▶ What is the National Disability Insurance Scheme, and what has changed?
- ▶ The NDIS process and NDIS documentation
- ▶ Choice, control and the NDIS
- ▶ Preparing for the roll-out and your planning meeting
- ▶ Important considerations to include in your plan
- ▶ Your plan in action
- ▶ The NDIS review process
- ▶ Your rights as a consumer and participant in the NDIS

This information session is supported by:



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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

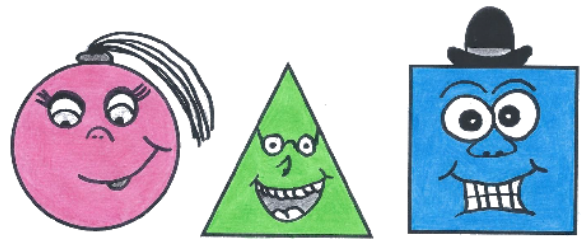
COST CAN BE
COVERED USING
CHILD CARE
BENEFIT, CHILD
CARE REBATE &
RESPITE SUPPORT
HOURS

SARAH QUIGLEY

Coordinator
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www.distinctiveoptions.com.au

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

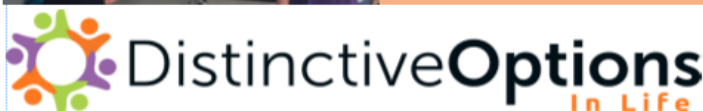
Where: The Salvation Army
2A Roseleigh blvd,
Sydenham, VIC

Contact: Martine Cutajar
0438 852 847

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



**Community -
Connect Program**
A new approach to
Group Supports



If you prefer small groups, personalised services in real community settings and are ready to build your own future, we can support you to achieve your goals.

We believe that small services enable better quality support, greater choices and genuine control.

We look at the big picture while getting the important details right!

**Small Service
Big Ideas**



What makes our Community
Connect Program approach
so great?

Distinctive Options have houses as a base / meeting place enabling independent living skills development while truly connecting with the surrounding community.

There are no 'Programs' and no 'Timetables': Supports are created with you & determined by you so that you get the support you want & need

Sunbury, St Albans, Bendigo &
coming to MELTON in 2018

Accredited Training

Certificate 1 Transition Education
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NDIS Ready

Distinctive Options is registered with NDIS and ready to deliver the supports you need.

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Are you between 15 and 24 years old, not fully employed, and unsure of what trade to study?

AGA can assist you!

AGA is proud to offer the opportunity to participate in its Multi-Industry Pre-apprenticeship Program (MIPP). The MIPP is a project of the Apprenticeship Employment Network that is supported by the Australian Government Department of Education. It gives learners a chance to trial, experience and learn about various trades including:



Plumbing



Carpentry



Electrotechnology

Using a project-based approach, you will receive training in using the relevant tools of each trade, learn conventional and modern-day trade techniques, and gain hands-on experience of how a small-scale construction project is undertaken. In addition, AGA will assist you to gain industry knowledge by completing work placements in the three trades during the course.

On successful completion, you will gain the qualification CPC20211 Certificate II in Construction Pathways.

Running 3 days a week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Course Dates: 6 June to 7 December 2017

Cost: From \$470*

* Concession fees are available for holders of a current Health Care Card.

* The training is delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth funding for eligible individuals.

* The student tuition fees as published on the AGA website are subject to change given individual circumstances at the time of enrolment.

For more information on the Certificate II in Construction Pathways visit: <http://bit.ly/AGA-MIPPs>

What are you waiting for? Contact AGA today:

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for people from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) backgrounds who care for a person with disability.

This is an opportunity to hear from guest speakers and learn about services and support available. It is also an opportunity to share your knowledge and experience.

Each meeting will cover different topics including: your rights, the NDIS, and carer wellbeing. Join in on any day!

The workshops will be facilitated by Effie Meehan and Janet Curtain, who are parents with a lot of experience in disability. Information will be in plain English and translators can be arranged.

when

where

Date	Time	Migrant Resource Centre North West 20 Victoria Crescent, St Albans
Tuesday 20th June	All sessions are 10.30am — 12.30pm	Enter from Alfrieda St, next to St Albans Library. <i>Morning tea will be provided.</i>
Tuesday 18th July		
Tuesday 15th August		
Tuesday 19th September		
Tuesday 17th October		
Tuesday 21st November		
Tuesday 19th December		

to attend, please contact:

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Please give 5 days notice
for interpreters.

CARERS BIG DAY OUT

ARE YOU A CARER?
THEN COME AND INDULGE IN A DAY OF RELAXATION

DATE Tuesday 4 July 2017
10.00am- 2.00pm

WHERE Melton City Council Community Hall
232 High Street, Melton

REGISTER Your interest by 27 June 2017
Call: 9747 5310

PLUS Light refreshments provided
Door prizes and giveaways

Interactive workshops on the day

- Art Workshop
- Relaxation and Pampering
- Healthy Cooking Demonstrations
- Floral Arrangements
- Woodwork Workshop
- Potting of Herbs
- Laughing Yoga
- EDIE - Virtual Dementia Experience



Melton City Council GET ACTIVATED STAY MOTIVATED



Get Activated Stay Motivated is a holiday activity for kids aged between 1 and 12. Kids get a chance to try a range of sports and other activities in one morning, all in the one place!

VISIT: <https://www.trybooking.com/GEAR> to register, NOW!

WHEN: Wednesday 5th July (Caroline Springs)
Wednesday 12th July (Melton)

TIME: 10am — 12pm

WHERE: Caroline Springs Leisure Centre
9 The Parade, Caroline Springs
Melton Indoor Recreation Centre
Coburns Road, Melton

COST: \$5 per child

ENQUIRIES: Margaret on 9747 5327
margaret@melton.vic.gov.au

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fun for
all !

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