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**AFTER
SCHOOL CARE
COMMUNICATION
LINE**

0447 085 696

**Bacchus Marsh
Coaches**

**ABSENCE
LINE**

1800 660 530



**Reminder: Keep us up-
dated with any changes
by logging
into Com-
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A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

It feels like this term has come and gone so quickly! Walking around the school, I have seen some big changes to teacher practice, classroom design and of course the two big buildings at the front of the school. I hope all of you have had the chance to see the buildings growing as your drive past or drop off/pick up your children.

PCCC

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our PCCC. They work tirelessly during special events to provide our students with the opportunity to celebrate different events in the year. Once again they coordinated and managed a very successful Father's Day Stall. I'm sure all the Dads out there appreciated the time and effort taken to ensure their kids had an opportunity to choose a gift to say Happy Father's Day. From next term onwards the PCCC will become part of a new School Council Subcommittee – this means staff and families will be able to work together to share the load when coordinating these events. We thank the PCCC members for their amazing work and look forward to celebrating the work of the new Special Events committee. If you are interested in joining – please contact the school office.

SSG day

Tomorrow is our SSG day. Please make sure you have made an appointment to discuss the progress your child has made. Our staff are flexible with timings for afternoons this week so ensure you have either a phone meeting or face to face meeting booked. It is really important we get this opportunity to plan for the remainder of the term. It also gives you a chance to share any feedback with us so we can improve our practice.

Mobile Phones

We are continuing to have some issues with students bringing mobile phones and portable speakers to school. If students do bring their phones or speakers to school they will be asked to lock it away in a secure place until the end of the day. We are working on developing a policy and guidelines in line with other schools and look forward to sharing this with you next term. Until this is released – staff have been asked to request students hand in their devices. If this does not happen, we will be calling parents to request they come to school to collect the device.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

This year as part of our Annual Implementation Plan goals – we are working on re-establish our strategies for reinforcing behaviours which represent our school values Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible. Our PBS Team have worked hard to design new token reinforcements to symbolise great work. Hopefully the kids have brought home PBS postcards and talked to you about our "GOTCHAS". Last week I was lucky enough to go to the movies with the students who received the most GOTCHAS. It was great to see our school represented in the community in such a positive way and have some fun too!



TEACCH Training

Over the holidays some teachers and leaders will take part in TEACCH Training. The TEACCH Program is from the University of North Carolina in the USA. We are very excited about developing an ongoing partnership with TEACCH trainers and the impact this will have on our students. Our staff are giving up their very valuable school holidays to complete this training and I appreciate this immensely. Please see <https://teacch.com> for more information on the programs.

This newsletter brings us to the end of term 3. On behalf of all of the staff at MSS – we wish you a very safe and happy holiday. See you all next term.

Best wishes
Brooke

School Absences

If your child is sick or not going to be at school for the day, please call the school or login via the compass app and report your child's absence By 9:30AM

If you are calling the school to report the absence please Include your child's name, classroom teacher, date of absence and **reason for absence**

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.

Request for student related reports

From time to time parents/carers may require student related reports from the school for various reasons.

If you do require these reports can you please send your request to **melton.ss@edumail.vic.gov.au**

Please allow a minimum of 7 working days for this to be actioned

IMPORTANT: parents or guardians must collect these documents, we do not mail them or send them home with students

DATES TO REMEMBER

SAT 9TH	SEPT	WORKING BEE 10AM TO 2PM
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

MESSAGES FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

PHONE CALL TO TEACHING STAFF DURING TEACHING TIMES

The administration office will no longer be putting calls through to teaching staff during teaching times, if you need to talk to your child's teacher please put a note in their communication diary or phone the office and we can pass a message on to the staff member.

PICKING UP STUDENT WHO TRAVEL ON THE BUS

If your child travels on the bus but you require to pick them up on occasions please ensure you contact the office **BEFORE** 2pm, you must write a note in your child diary notifying staff of the change in routine. It can become difficult to get children off the bus or locate your child once bus transitions begin in the afternoon at 2.40pm.

ABSENCES

Parents / carers / guardians are required to contact the school when your child is away from school, please call 9743 4966 and follow the prompts to the absence line. **Please ensure you clearly state the students name and reason for the absence.** If no reason is given you may be contacted to give a reason for the absence. You can also login via the compass parent portal and enter your students absence.



NATIONAL CARERS WEEK 2018 14-20 OCTOBER

Carers Australia

Pinarc Carers Week Events 2018

Bacchus Marsh Disability Parent Connection
Celebration party/morning tea
Time: Monday 15th October, 10.30am – 12.30pm
Venue: Darley Neighbourhood House

SCODA (Support for Carers of Disabled Adults)
Lunch - Choose from \$13 lunch menu
Time: Monday 15th October, 12pm
Venue: Ballarat Golf Club

Daylesford Parent Connection Group
Lunch – 3 courses restricted menu
Time: Tuesday 16th October, 12pm
Venue: Daylesford Royal Hotel

Ballarat NDIS Kids Parent Group
Morning Tea - free entry for kids, pop top for kids,
Coffee + cake for parents
Time: Wednesday 17th October, 10am – 11am
Venue: Funbugs, Doveton St North, Ballarat

Ballarat Down Syndrome Parent Connection
Morning Tea
Time: Thursday 18th October 10am
Venue: Sweet and Savoury on Sturt

Special Mums Dinner Group
Dinner and Music Trivia
Time: Thursday 18th October, 6.45pm
Venue: Hop Temple, Ballarat

Ararat and District Carers Group
Dinner – 2 course meal heavily subsidised.
Time: Friday 19th October 6.30pm
Venue: Blue Duck Hotel, Ararat

Ballarat Autism Parent Connection
Lunch - Choose from \$15 lunch menu
Time: Monday 22nd October 11.30am – 1.30pm
Venue: Robin Hood Hotel, Ballarat

Who can attend?

Parents or carers of children with disabilities.
New members welcome.

Registration is essential as
places are limited

How do I register?

Contact Rebecca Paton,
Parent Support Coordinator
5329 1361, rpaton@pinarc.org.au

pinarc
disability support



Education
and Training

Registered NDIS Provider

P: 1800 PINARC (1800 746 272)

E: admin@pinarc.org.au | www.pinarc.org.au

CRIME PREVENTION & SAFETY EXPO

WED 3 OCTOBER
FROM 2PM – 8PM

FREE ENTRY

**Melton Community Hall,
232 High Street, Melton**

Crime Prevention Presentations
3pm, 5pm and 7pm

Everybody attending this event
will be given a set of complimentary
one-way anti-theft number plate screws

Learn more about security, tips to keep
your home, car and business safe

Crime reduction presentations, safety & security expo stalls

**For more information visit melton.vic.gov.au
or visit police.vic.gov.au/eyewatchmelton**



A Word From S13

We have had a very busy couple of weeks in room 34. The students organised a morning tea for their parents, Then Geoff Achison, a famous Blues guitarist came to visit. He was made to feel very welcome and enjoyed his visit immensely. We went on an excursion to visit our work experience classmates at Mambourin. And on Friday, The fund raiser organised by Oliver Pham took place. Our Flannie for a Farmer raised over \$400.00 to buy hay for the animals suffering through the drought.



Melton After School Care

September 2018

Hello everyone,

After School Care has had a great time playing on the new playground that has been installed at the school. Indoors we have also enjoyed making Father's day cards

We cater for all ages from Prep to Year 12 on permanent bookings and casual.

If you are interested in attending our program, please call me or pick up an enrolment form from the office or from the Distinctive Options Website.
Until next time!

Wendy Lindsay
Educational Leader
0447 085 696



Werribee Zoo excursion with the preps

I liked the zoo because I had lots of fun with the preps and teachers. We saw lots of animals and I had the best time ever, it was great. It was the first time I have ever been to the zoo. It was one of the best times in my life, I want to go back again. My favourite animals were the lions and tall giraffes.

Thank you Shanae, Brooke, Lesley, Tina, Tara, Kaz and all the preps for letting me go to the zoo.

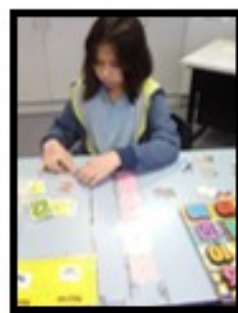
By a good kid, Emmanuel Innocent.



A Word From P6

Room 17 newsletter 2018.

This term room 17 welcomed Justin and Chloe to our class. We enjoyed fun sessions in the new playground. We especially like the trampolines and the swings. PE sessions with Megan (CRT) have helped us to practise turn taking and working in groups in an enjoyable way.



Working on Math activities. We also learned to problem solve and to work



We had fun learning about Life Cycles last term. This semester students had lots of fun learning about changes of state. The class made ice blocks to demonstrate changing from a liquid to a solid and to a liquid again. They experimented with items like vinegar, bicarbonate of soda and balloons to make gas.



Learning about emotions with Jen (SLT).

A Word From S10

Newsletter Article: Senior - Group 10

Students continue to show improvement in following their routines and schedules. They impress staff with their ability to undertake numerous activities with fewer prompts. In some areas, students are able to complete tasks independently.

As they work towards achieving their ILP goals, students also demonstrate lots of enthusiasm while undertaking their respective ASDAN activities, which is an engaging program to develop learning and life skills. Themes they are working on cover areas such self-help and independence, communication and interaction, leisure and sensory play activities. The ASDAN activities are equipping the students to learn and develop simple, but important life skills.

A super effort, class!



CARE Melton

CARERS
ACCESS
RESOURCES
EXPO

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 89

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



ONCALL
Group

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

I ♥ ndis

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

COMPLETED
This session provided 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.

Get Activated Stay Motivated



Get Activated Stay Motivated is a fun and exciting holiday activity for kids aged between 1 and 12.

Kids get a chance to have a go at a range of sports and other activities in one morning, all in the one place!
The café is open from 9.30am - Coffee and snacks available.

COST: \$6 per child

Register at: <http://www.melton.vic.gov.au/Online-Forms/Get-Activated-Stay-Motivated>

For more information Contact: Margaret or Catrice
margaretz@melton.vic.gov.au | Phone: 9747 5356
catrice@melton.vic.gov.au | Phone: 9747 5914

CAROLINE SPRINGS:

WHEN:
Wednesday 26th September
TIME:
10am-12pm Arrive at 9.30am
WHERE:
Caroline Springs Leisure Centre
9-19 The Parade, Caroline Springs

MELTON:

WHEN:
Wednesday 3rd October
TIME:
10am-12pm Arrive at 9.30am
WHERE:
Melton Indoor Recreation Centre
209 Coburns Rd Melton



Get Activated, Stay Motivated for All Abilities



Get Activated, Stay Motivated is a fun and exciting holiday activity for children of all ages and abilities.

An action packed afternoon of modified sports and activities that provide fun for all the family, inclusive of children with disabilities
Children must be supported by their Guardians or Carers on the day

COST: \$6 per child

Register at:

<http://www.melton.vic.gov.au/Out-n-About/Events-Activities/Get-Activated-Stay-Motivated-All-Abilities-Melton>

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NDIS Information Session



For early childhood professionals

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) in partnership with the Brotherhood of St Laurence, invite you to attend this information session to gain a better understanding of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). Topics covered will include:

- Eligibility and referral
- Planning and implementation of plans
- Partnerships between kindergartens, child care, the NDIA and the local Early Childhood Intervention Partner

DETAILS:

WHEN:
Thursday 13 September

TIME:
6:30pm to 8:30pm

WHERE:
Melton Library and Learning Hub
31 McKenzie Street Melton

COST:
Free

BOOKINGS:
<https://ndismelton.eventbrite.com.au>

For more information
earlyyearsworkshops@melton.vic.gov.au
Phone: 9747 7200



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



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!

