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**AFTER
SCHOOL CARE
COMMUNICATION
LINE**

0447 085 696

**Bacchus Marsh
Coaches**

**STUDENT
BUS TRANSPORT
COMMUNICATION
LINE**

1800 660 530



A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Community members,
Welcome back everybody – I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable holiday. As usual we have a busy term ahead of us with Camps, Sporting events and Staff Training in response to our Review Process.

New timetable

This term we have implemented a new school timetable. The aim of making changes to the school day is to reduce some time on the Playground and increase the Teaching Time in the classes. We are having a half an hour break in the middle of the day followed by an afternoon break. This means we will have a longer teaching session in the morning when are students are ready to learn! As with all change, there will be teething issues and difficulties dealing with change. Please provide feedback to your class teacher.

Pick up and Drop off with new bus arrangements

Thank you to all those parents who have provided feedback regarding our new pick up and drop off. We are working through this feedback and welcome your opinions.

Appointments

This term we have appointed Leon Evgeniadis as a Teacher Aide. Welcome Leon and Congratulations on your appointment.

Cold weather gear for students

Whilst it still seems quite warm at this stage – the cool weather will be with us quite quickly - Please start thinking about purchasing some warmer clothing for your child, if you need uniform assistance remember to contact the office.

After School Care

School Care is beginning next week. Please make use of this great service to help your family with work commitments and respite. There are more details in the newsletter on how to contact the Program Coordinator and enrolment procedures.

PBS Training

On the 20th April, a selected group of MSS staff attended training with Behaviour Consultant Dan Petro. Dan will be working with us to refine and improve our approaches to dealing with students who display problematic behaviours. Dan will also provide some Parent workshops in the future.

Proud moments

At the end of term assembly, we celebrated so many achievements. Student have made such progress in following our school values Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful. Three student were awarded Principal Awards for their improvement in following the school values....Congratulations!

Junior – Aige Evans

Middles - Angelo Schembri

Seniors - Kyle Wiltjer

Best wishes everyone –here's to great term everybody!
Brooke

**School is closed on
TUESDAY 25th April 2017**





DistinctiveOptions After School Care is Here!

Our After School Care provider, Distinctive Options, is beginning their service next week!!

Care is available for your child/ren Monday to Friday from 3 to 6pm. Wendy is the After School Care Educational Leader and she is looking forward to meeting you and your child/ren.

Fees are subsidised through Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate, and respite support hours may also be used. Payments are made directly to Distinctive Options.

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 on 0418 865 736.

Up Coming Events

**Be on the lookout for more information in the next edition of the newsletter.....
pop these dates in your diaries!**

Tuesday May 9th 6pm School Council Annual General Meeting

Everybody is welcome to come and be part of the meeting where our School Annual Report 2016 and other achievements are presented and celebrated.

Wednesday May 10th 9:15am Parents, Carers and Community Club Committee Meeting

Come along and get involved in helping to organise up coming PCCC events. There is the Mother's Day Stall and Pizza Lunch Order Day coming up in Term 2 that we need a hand with.

Thursday May 11th 10am Mothers Day Morning Tea

Family and loved ones are welcome to come along to a Morning Tea! We want all our mum's, grandma's, nana's, aunt's and carers to enjoy some lovely treats and a relaxing morning to thank them for all the hard work they do everyday for their families.

Friday May 12th 10am PCCC Mothers Day Stall

The PCCC have a great range of gift available for purchase so students can spoil their mum on Mothers Day. Gifts are priced between \$1 and \$5.

Great news!
The Teeth on Wheels team are coming to your school!



Teeth on Wheels are a highly qualified dental team who will be coming out to our facility. They press their focus on diminishing dental anxiety by practicing pain free dental treatment. Their mobile clinics are designed to be child friendly, making a fun and enjoyable atmosphere.

The onsite dental clinic is able to provide all treatments listed below:

- ✓ Examination
- ✓ X-rays
- ✓ Preventative Fissure Sealants
- ✓ Scale and Clean
- ✓ Fluoride treatment
- ✓ Minor Fillings

We highly recommend signing up with this special program to ensure your child's Oral Health needs are met.

www.teethonwheels.com.au

TEETHONWHEELS™
a positive dental experience



Please return Teeth on Wheels Forms to the office by 24th April 2017 to secure your place.

End of Term Assembly and Easter Celebration



School Uniform Assistance

If you require help in purchasing a school uniform for your child please read the attached information from State School Relief.

If your child is not eligible for the Year 7 and Prep uniform package you can still apply to the school office to receive assistance. Please bring your current Health Care or Pension card along with you.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



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School Payments Assistance

CSEF can be used when making payments for school excursions and incursions. Please indicate if you are paying by CSEF when returning your excursion forms.

Melton Specialist School's Essential Education Items are listed as excursions/activities/swimming at \$125.00 per year. If Parents or Guardians hold a current Health Care or Pension Card then you will need to register for CSEF and will not have to pay for this fee for the year.

Please ask the office for more information or check out the Department of Education CSEF website.

Dates to Remember

Monday	24th April	Anzac Day Remembrance Service 2:30pm
Tuesday	25th April	Public Holiday School Closed—Anzac Day
Wednesday	26th April	Interschool Hockey and Soccer—selected students COPPS Soccer Clinic—selected students
Thursday	27th April	Vic Uni Inclusive PE Program—Penny's class
Tuesday	2nd May	Golf Elective—selected senior students
Wednesday	3rd May	GAP Community Project—VCAL Horticulture students
Thursday	4th May	Vic Uni Inclusive PE Program—Penny's class Youth Participation Project Golf—selected students Excursion to Play Melbourne Talam—Rohan and Rebecca's class
Monday	8th May	National Volunteer's Week
Tuesday	9th May	Golf Elective—selected senior students
Wednesday	10th May	School Council Meeting & Annual General Meeting 6pm PCCC Committee Meeting 9:15am GAP Community Project—VCAL Horticulture students
Thursday	11th May	Mothers Day Morning Tea 10 to 11:30am Vic Uni Inclusive PE Program—Penny's class Youth Participation Project Golf—selected students
Friday	12th May	PCCC Mother's Day Stall 10am to 11:30am
Tuesday	16th May	Golf Elective—selected senior students
Thursday	18th May	Youth Participation Project Golf—selected students
Friday	19th May	Excursion 100 Story Building—Rohan and Rebecca's class
Monday	22nd May	Education Week
Tuesday	23rd May	Golf Elective—selected senior students
Wednesday	24th May	Landcare Project—selected senior students
Thursday	25th May	Youth Participation Project Golf—selected students
Friday	26th May	National Sorry Day Mid Term Assembly 1:15am
Monday	29th May	National Reconciliation Week Blackwood Camp—Kirsten and Danni's classes
Tuesday	30th May	Golf Elective—selected senior students
Thursday	1st June	Youth Participation Project Golf—selected students Blackwood Camp—Brigitte and Glen's classes
Tuesday	6th June	School Council Meeting 6pm
Thursday	8th June	PCCC Special Lunch Order Day—PIZZA
Monday	12th June	Public Holiday School Closed—Queen's Birthday
Tuesday	13th June	Curriculum Day—No Students to attend school
Friday	30th June	End of Term Assembly Term 2 finishes 2pm—early dismissal

IN ASSOCIATION WITH



Disney Aladdin

AUTISM-FRIENDLY PERFORMANCE

DISNEY'S ALADDIN - THE MUSICAL IS COMING TO MELBOURNE

Autism-Friendly Performance
Saturday 12th August 2017

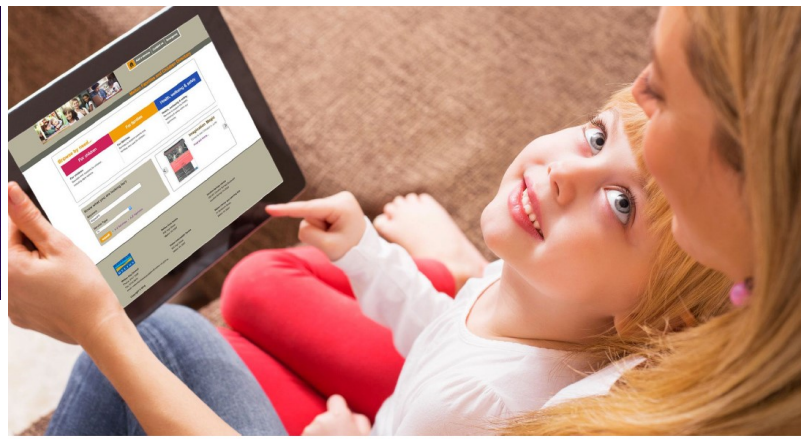
Book by Phone:

Ticketek
13 28 49

Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

Book In Person:

Her Majesty's Theatre
225 Exhibition Street, Melbourne
Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 5.00 pm
03 8643 3300



FAMILIES & CHILDREN DIRECTORY

This fast, convenient central database lists a wide variety of services and programs, and is a valuable resource for professionals working with families and children.

Use the Melton Families and Children's Online Directory as a platform to promote your services to the community.

Update existing information or add new services easily and efficiently.

VISIT: meltonfamiliesandchildren.com

Melton City Council
P: 9747 7200
W: melton.vic.gov.au



Sports Nutrition



Sports Nutrition for Active Kids and Teens

Find out how to feel great and perform at your best

This session will include:

- Energy, carbohydrate, protein and fat requirements
- Pre competition fuel
- Nutrition for recovery
- Maintaining hydration levels
- Suitable pre and post competition/training meal and snack ideas

DETAILS:

WHEN:
Wednesday 26 April

TIME:
7pm-8pm

WHERE:
Caroline Springs Library
193 Caroline Springs Blvd,
Caroline Springs

COST:
Free

RSVP:
Nicole Willis
Email: nicolew@melton.vic.gov.au
Phone: 9747 7200

BOOK EARLY! Don't miss out!

