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**AFTER
SCHOOL CARE
COMMUNICATION
LINE**

0447 085 696

**Bacchus Marsh
Coaches**

**ABSENCE
LINE**

1800 660 530



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A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

Greetings to you all as we hit the mid-point of this term. Some exciting activities and events are happening this term so please continue reading so you don't miss out on the fun.

Working Bee

Our first working bee for the year will take place on Sunday June 3rd. Please see the flyer further along in the newsletter. Many hands make light work and there is plenty to do to show our school some much needed TLC!

Building Update

The project is running a little ahead of time which is great as we approach the cooler, wetter weather. Poles are in and the slab should be laid this week or next. Students have been so interested in the works and I can see some future construction workers out there.

Staff update

This term we welcome Judy as a class teacher, Justin as a Teacher Aide and Shane as a new member of our IT team. We have had a number of unlucky staffing issues this term and at times have found it hard to casual relief staff. This has meant that sometimes classes have been split.

Education week

This week is Education Week and the theme is 'The Arts'. We will be holding a number of different activities throughout the school to celebrate. Classes will be rotating through a variety of activities from painting to dancing and making music. Some of our classes will also be participating in a circus performance workshop, while others will be doing an interactive book reading session. We will also be holding a Melton Specialist School Got Talent session. All parents are invited to come and watch our talented student perform from 1:30pm till the end of the day.

Sorry Day Assembly

On Friday the 25th of May we will be holding a Sorry Day assembly at the end of the day. All are welcome to attend.

Health services

Please remember to take advantage of the health services we have visiting our school – Flu Shots, Teeth on Wheels and Glasses for Kids – return forms that have been sent home

COMPASS

We are working on rolling out the next stage of our COMPASS database which allows access for Parents. The benefits for you will be the ability to do the following online: booking SSG meetings, communication with teachers, approving excursions, explanations for absences, online payments, viewing and downloading of reports

Best wishes everyone

Brooke



Education
and Training

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed	23 May	Uniform Shop open 3pm—4.30pm
Thur	24 May	AMAZE NDIS Planning Workshop 2 10am-12pm
Fri	25 May	Mid Term Assembly— National Sorry Day 2:15pm
Mon	28th	Student Photo Day
Wed	30 May	Uniform Shop open 3pm—4.30pm
Fri	01 Jun	Student Photo—catch up day
Sun	03 Jun	Working Bee 10am to 2pm
Wed	06 Jun	Uniform Shop open 3pm—4.30pm
Mon	11 Jun	Queens Birthday—Public Holiday— School Closed
Wed	13 Jun	Uniform Shop open 3pm—4.30pm
Mon/Tue	18-19 Jun	Teeth On Wheels
Wed	20 Jun	Uniform Shop open 3pm—4.30pm
Thur	21-22 Jun	Glasses for Kids Visit
Thur	21 Jun	AMAZE NDIS Planning Workshop 3 10am-12pm
Wed	27 Jun	Biggest Morning Tea—Student-Free Dress GOLD COIN DONATION Uniform Shop open 3pm—4.30pm
Thur	28 Jun	SSG Meetings—Student Free Day
Fri	29 Jun	End of Term Assembly—1:15pm

PARKING

As most of you are aware parking is becoming limited around the school. Can we please remind staff, parents/carers not to park in disability car parks 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.

HEALTH AND HYGIENE ALERTS

Infectious disease outbreaks such as gastroenteritis and influenza can severely impact student attendance, learning and the welfare of the school community.

Establishing good hand hygiene practices at a young age is key to preventing the spread of infectious disease.

With cold and flu season nearly upon us and the recent notification of a gastro outbreak, hand hygiene is extremely important. We will support healthy hygiene practices within the school through hand washing les-

Be a Soapy Hero

How to...
wash your hands



WASH YOUR HANDS
TO GET RID OF GERRY THE GERM

It
only takes
20
seconds!

Wet

WET your hands with running water



Rub

RUB soap all over your hands for 20 seconds
Sing 'happy birthday' twice!



Rinse

RINSE the soap off your hands



Dry

DRY your hands with a clean towel or paper towel or under a hand dryer



Wash your hands:

- whenever your hands look dirty
- before and after eating
- after going to the toilet
- after touching pets or other animals
- after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose
- after you play

Find out more about hand hygiene at: www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/soapy-hero

MESSAGES FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

STUDENT DROP OFF IN THE MORNING

No students are to be dropped off before 8.45am, if you arrive before 8.45am you are expected to wait with your child until their teacher collects them after 8.45am.

PICKING UP STUDENT/S 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.

BUS ATTENDANCE AND CONCERNS PROCESSES FOR COMMUNICATION

If your child will not be on the bus in the morning please call Bacchus Marsh Coaches absence line 1800 660 530.

Please ensure you clearly state the students name, date and bus number/driver.

If you are enquiring about route delays please contact the school between office hours (8:30am and 4.30pm daily), all other times please contact Bacchus Marsh Coaches. Delays will be communicated by text message, please ensure your emergency contact information is up to date.

If there are any issues or concerns regarding the bus that you wish to talk about, do not ring Bacchus Marsh Coaches or talk about it with the driver. Please contact the Student Transport Administrator at SCHOOL to discuss.

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.

COMPASS PARENT PORTAL NOW AVAILABLE

We have begun mailing home parent letters with your unique log in which will enable parents to log into Compass and update personal information, see student attendance, book SSG meetings, order school photos and much more.



COMPASS
School Manager

SCHOOL PHOTOS

The school photos have been organised for **Monday 28th May**. There is a catch up day booked for Friday 1st June if you child is absent from the Monday session. Sibling Photos will be done on Friday 1st June. Please let the office know if you are interested in having this done for your children.

Please ensure your payments have been made by **31st May**.

Payment options:

NO \$10 ADMINISTRATION FEE

Online through Parent Portal & Compass Kiosk (Admin Office Foyer)

The machine does not give change.

\$10 ADMINISTRATION FEE

Money/Credit Card information sent to office in envelope. No change will be given.

Credit Card over the phone.

STUDENT SIGN IN/PICK UP

If your child arrives after 9am or is leaving before 3pm a PARENT OR AUTHORISED GUARDIAN MUST SIGN the child in/out of the school via the Compass Kiosk in the Administration Office.

NDIS WORKSHOP

The next NDIS workshop is **Thursday 24th May 10am—12pm**.

DISTINCTIVE OPTIONS AFTER SCHOOL CARE NEWS

We are enjoying the good weather with lots of outdoor activities and fun indoor obstacle courses to also keep us busy.

We have also had fun creating flower pots; with Poppies to remember Anzac day.



Just a reminder that if you need to cancel a session, please txt or call as soon as possible, so that you will not be charged for the session.

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



BUS NEWS

The Melton Specialist School community would like to wish Kevin, our Bus 5 Brookfield driver, all the very best in his retirement. We hope that he enjoys all his free time and adventures! Kevin has been driving the bus for Bacchus Marsh Coaches and our school for 10 years. In that time he has seen many of our students grow into fantastic young adults.

We want to thank Kevin for his dedication to the students and families of Melton Specialist School. We will miss you!

Bus 5 families have already met your new driver....Cheryl.

We would also like to welcome David to Bus 8 Melton Central who has replaced Donna and Gary to Bus 1 Melton West who is replacing Sarah and Sue. Please be patient while all the new drivers are leaning the routes and all the students names.

**National
Reconciliation
Week 2018**
27 May - 3 June

**don't keep
history a
mystery** 
learn • share • grow

MID-TERM ASSEMBLY INVITATION

On Friday 25th March we will be having our Mid-Term Assembly. We would like to invite all of the members of our school community to come along. The assembly will be beginning at 2:15pm and will be held on the VCAL deck (weather permitting).

We will be celebrating student achievements, presenting student awards and will be acknowledging *National Sorry Day* which is on Saturday 26th May 2018. Our Indigenous students will leading the Assembly.

National Sorry Day, on Saturday May 26, commemorates the anniversary of the tabling of the "Bringing Them Home Report", and is a day that pays tribute to the members of the Stolen Generations and their families.





Bridge Road Recreation Reserve

AFL Auskick Program Term 2

- Have a go at Aussie Rules Football this footy season!
- Fun for ages 5 - 12
- All equipment provided
- Program Runs April 26 – June 28
- To register go to:
play.afl/auskick

DETAILS:

WHEN:
Thursdays April 26 – June 28

TIME:
6pm – 7pm

WHERE:
Bridge Road Recreation Reserve
260 Bridge Road Strathtulloh 3338

COST: \$96.00

INFO:
Email: daleh@melton.vic.gov.au
Phone: 9747 5468

Register:

play.afl/auskick

FREE STUDIO RECORDING AND SONGWRITING WORKSHOPS THROUGHOUT TERM TWO 2018

TUESDAYS

4pm-6pm
Melton Library
Ages 14-25

Advanced Ableton training sessions with professional trainers from Sound of the Future. Learn how to produce music, write lyrics and record. All styles of music welcome, bring your voice, instruments or just your ideas!

More information/bookings:
Julian 9747 5372

WEDNESDAYS

4pm-6pm
Melton Library
Ages 14-25

Love singing, playing, making beats? Join Saliah and the professional trainers from Sound of the Future in the studio while you learn the basics, meet other musicians or work on your own recordings. All skill levels welcome.

More information/bookings:
Saliah 9747 5201

THURSDAYS

4pm-6pm
Melton Library
Ages 14-25

Steady Pulse is a creative space where young people can express themselves through music with a hip hop flavour. Mentorship provided by songwriters/music producers Fofo & Ahadi, offering leadership, self-growth and self-awareness through writing, recording, producing and performing music.

More information/bookings:
Fofo 0432 428 836

MUSIC AT MELTON LIBRARY

Tuesdays • 4pm-6pm • Melton Library
Wednesdays • 4pm-6pm • Melton Library
Thursdays • 4pm-5pm • Melton Library

BOOKINGS ADVISED: FIRST IN FIRST SERVED FOR ALL SESSIONS

Try Auskick Today!

SETTING UP A DEVICE SAFELY FOR KIDS

YOUTUBE

SETTINGS →
TICK SAFE SEARCH FILTERING
→ TICK STRICT

TURN OFF IN APP PURCHASES

SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS
TURN OFF IN APP PURCHASES (NOT GREEN)

DISABLE SAFARI BROWSER (IF YOU DON'T WANT THEM SEARCHING ANYTHING)

SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS
ALLOWED CONTENT

MAKE ITUNES SAFE (TO KEEP DEVICES SEPARATE WHERE YOUR ITUNES ACCOUNT HAS BEEN CONNECTED TO)

ITUNES ON YOUR COMPUTER → EDIT → PREFERENCES
DECIDE WHICH SHOWS AND RATINGS ARE APPROPRIATE FOR THIS DEVICE AND OTHER DEVICES.

SAFARI

SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS
SET IT UP THE WAY YOU WANT IT AND APPROPRIATE FOR YOUR CHILDREN.

DISALLOW UPLOADING OR DELETING OF APPS

SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS
INSTALLING APPS OR DELETING APPS

GUIDED ACCESS

(FOR KIDS TO STAY WITHIN AN APP, TO AVOID GOING TO OTHER APPS AND WEBSITES)

SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS
SCROLL DOWN TO LEARNING → ACCESSIBILITY
GUIDED ACCESS → TOGGLE ON



Shaping the future
for Autism.



Amaze in partnership with the Melton Specialist School is hosting a series of workshops which aim to increase the capacity of people with autism and their families to exercise choice and control in working under the new National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) which will be introduced in Melton Region in October 2018.

The **FOUR** free workshops will cover the following important topics:

- The NDIS
- Pre-planning
- Writing a carer and participant statement
- Setting and writing goals
- Effective communication
- Advocacy
- Community connections and peer support



Workshop 1: Thursday 26th April 2018, 10am-12pm.
Workshop 2: Thursday 24th May 2018, 10am-12pm.
Workshop 3: Thursday 21st June 2018, 10am-12pm
Workshop 4: Thursday 26th July 2018, 10am-12pm

(PLEASE NOTE: PARTICIPANTS MUST ATTEND ALL WORKSHOPS)

Please register your attendance by calling the Administration Office on 97434966

Address: Melton Specialist School,
159 – 211 Coburns Rd
Melton



BMLLEN PRESENTS REACH

GOALS, DREAMS & MOTIVATION WORKSHOP FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

**BUILDING SELF-BELIEF &
CONFIDENCE**



Melton City Council Reconciliation Week

WEDNESDAY 30 MAY 2018 • 3.30PM - 4.30PM

MELTON COMMUNITY HALL, 232 HIGH STREET, MELTON

Reconciliation is about building better relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, for the benefit of all. Everyone is responsible for Reconciliation.



Come by and chat about :

- child and family support
- mental health
- alcohol and drug support
- housing services
- aged care
- low vision/hearing services
- employment services

LINKING MELTON SOUTH

POP UP SERVICES HUB

DROP IN FOR A FREE COFFEE AND CHAT

Melton South Community Centre
41 Exford Road Melton South
(Next to NorthPoint Food Pantry)

Every Friday 20 April - 29 June
10:00am to 11:30am

Enquiries: Health Promotion Team
healthpromotion@djhs.org.au | 9361 9300
www.facebook.com/linkingmeltonsouth



ALL WELCOME - NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED



Salvation Army Social Involvement and Support Network



Lets show our school some TLC!



WORKING BEE



We have lots of jobs for everyone to do
to make our school look fabulous again.

SUNDAY JUNE 3RD
10AM TO 2PM

Register your interest with the Administration
Office staff on 9743 4966

**BBQ LUNCH PROVIDED FOR ALL
PARTICIPANTS**