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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

Just when we thought it was getting warmer – we've been hit by a cold spell brrrrr.

Book Week parade

It was really lovely to see all the effort put in by families and students who dressed up for our parade last week. We appreciate how difficult dressing up can be so please do not feel pressure if your son or daughter is not interested – watching their peers and staff dress up is being part of it all.



Building Update

We are still on track to finishing building works by the end of Term 1 2019. Last week we got to have a walk through the new buildings and it is amazing how big the spaces are. We are looking forward to having an undercover space for our assemblies and a more comfortable space for our staff to do their professional learning.

Healthy Schools Policy

A polite reminder that students are not permitted to have soft drinks or energy drinks on site. Sugar sweetened beverages are high in kilojoules, leading to weight gain and obesity. Many drinks contain acid that harms your teeth, including regular and diet soft drinks, sports/energy drinks and fruit juices. Acid weakens tooth enamel which can lead to tooth decay. Tooth Decay is the most prevalent disease in Australia. Please discuss these facts with your children and decide in a healthier alternative.

Issues or concerns

From time to time families may have questions or concerns about what is happening at school – this is completely normal. Please do not hesitate to make contact with your class teacher to discuss these. You can make contact with them via email, the home school communication book or by calling the school office however please do not make requests to contact staff via their personal mobile phones. If you would like more information please make contact with the school office and speak to your child's Team Leader. Assistant Principals of the Primary and Secondary Schools are available for this support also. If you require more guidance on what issues should be referred to the different support staff, please look at our Parent Concerns and Complaint Policy on our website.

Best wishes everyone
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

WED 29TH	AUG	UNIFORM SHOP OPEN
FRI 31ST	AUG	"Flannie for a farmer" Day
MON 3RD	SEPT	SSG PARENT BOOKINGS OPEN
WED 5TH	SEPT	UNIFORM SHOP OPEN
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

Alice Harris—Assistant Principal— Engagement News

Hi everyone, just wanted to let all our families know that we have been collecting and displaying our **PBS-GOTCHA** cards on the windows of the Gallery. Thank you to Chloe, Jamie Lee and Shniece for collecting the cards from every classroom in the school- and Thomas for helping to display them on Geoff's windows.

Students have been given these **GOTCHA** cards by staff for displaying our PBS values:

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible

In the next few weeks Geoff and some students will be choosing 12 cards from the window and those chosen will be having a very special activity with him.

Well done to everyone with a card on the window or who have taken a postcard home to their families.



New Playground.

We have also been enjoying playing and moving around in our new playground. We spent a week learning how to use the equipment safely and practicing taking turns and waiting. Now it is open every lunch time and many students are taking advantage of the new equipment.

Student Representative Council-Student Voice

Over the next few weeks our SRC members will be handing out and discussing our “attitude to school” surveys- this is a survey for students to have a say on the many aspects of their school environment and learning. These results will help to inform us of the positive areas within our school and the areas that may need improvement and change.

Also, some of our SRC members have taken part in a Respectful Relationship Forum with students from other schools to discuss important and current problems within their schools which they would like to change. At Melton SS, it has been decided that ‘Using Respectful language to each other’ should be our focus. We are attending another forum very soon to decide on an Action Plan to implement some strategies. We will inform the school community of our plans when they have been decided upon. Supporting White Ribbon Day will be one way we can show our support

PCCC news

The PCCC Fathers Day Stall will be held on **Friday 31st August.**

Items at the stall will be between \$1—\$5, below is some of the items what will be available



Our school is turning gold coins into hay
for our drought affected farmers
through



We challenges you to have a
gold coin donation day too. Go to: **buyabale.com.au** RURAL AID
INITIATIVE

A Word From S1

On the 15th of August, our class set off on a camp to Blackwood for two nights and three days.

In class throughout the year, the students have been learning about and developing strategies on using positive thinking and build resilience as individuals; the activities at Blackwood certainly put their learning and resilience to the test!

The Girls got to experience several challenges including the 7m quick jump, archery, rock climbing, high ropes and last but certainly not least the two and a half hour bushwalk through Wombat state forest.

A **very special thank-you** to Mary, Jacinta and Rose who gave up their time and nights to make the camp possible for our students to attend and to Geoff for driving up every night after work and staying overnight and organising a great camp that all the students enjoyed and gained invaluable life skills.

Andrea, Rose and the team in S1



Ex-Student News

A big congratulations to Ex-student, Jamie-Lee Getson, who won one gold and two silver medals in the 2018 Pan Pacific Para Swimming Championships which took place from 9th—13th August in Cains.

For more result outcomes please visit www.vic.swimming.org.au

VCAL News

A LOOK AT OUR WEEK



WEEK 5

13/08/18 – 17/08/18

TACO FUNDRAISER

We would like to thank all parents, students and staff who supported us with our Taco fundraising project!

Over the 2 ordering days we made over **200** tacos!

With your support you have helped us raise **\$348.10!**

"We had to use a lot of teamwork to get through as well as practice our organisation, communication, occupational health and safety and work related skills".

Money raised will be put towards an end of year excursion for the VCAL students organized by them. There will be one more fundraiser held by the VCAL students later this term.

PICTURE OF THE WEEK



A word from Allied Health



During this term, we have been busy making life skill programs centred around taking care of ourselves, such as showering, washing our hands, doing laundry, making the bed and practicing cutlery skills such as buttering toast. This term, a couple of classes attended Blackwood camp where they had the opportunity to practice their showering skills more independently.

One for the students, Maddie McDonald explains below how the showering program and resources assisted the girls during their stay at Blackwood.

Learning life skills with the Allied Health Team: SHOWERING



Maddie's entry: On the 13th of August Shona came into our class and ran through what to do when showering.

She brought in some of the things that we would use such as a towel, face washer and soap.

Shana got students to come up and demonstrate how we would use the particular item and when to use it.

On the 14th of August, Shona got all of us to cut and paste what we would do in the shower in a specific order, so we knew what to do and when.

I think it's helped us because at the start most of us were unsure of what to do but when we got to camp we knew exactly what to do and could shower independently.

Maddison- 51

Visual schedules and social stories about life skills are readily available for you to access here at the school. If you would like a copy, please contact the Allied Health Team ☺



Tahnee has played football for the U13 girls at Melton bloods. They have never won a game but she gives it her all week in week out.

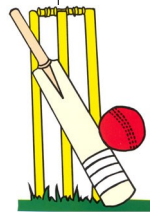
Last Tuesday, she was invited to the goldfields presentation night, unbeknown to her, she made it on the Team of the year.

What an amazing achievement



The Melton Cricket Club are looking for All Ability Cricket Players

If interested please contact: Kevin Vernon club president & All Abilities Coach 0408 356 850



It is time to give our school a....
SPRING CLEAN



WORKING BEE

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER
9TH
10AM TO 2PM

Register your interest with the Administration
Office staff on 9743 4966

BBQ LUNCH PROVIDED FOR ALL
PARTICIPANTS



VICTORIAN POWERCHAIR SPORTS LEAGUE

Want to be part of the inaugural season of Victorian Powerchair Sports League?

Victorian Powerchair Sports League (VPSL) is the showcase for powerchair sports in Victoria. The league displays the all-round skills of each athlete in the three sports of Powerchair Football, Powerchair Hockey and Rugby League.

Open Skills Session - October 28
Open Skills Session - November 11
VPSL Draft - December 9

All events will be held at Aquahub

For more information please contact Luke David | 0424 160 174 | luke.david@vews.org.au



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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 B9

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 of 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
We've 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.

**BUNNINGS
warehouse**

Melton

**FREE - Father & Kids Night
Thursday 30th August 6-8pm**



FREE - Kids D.I.Y. workshops,



**including Ryobi helping to build a truck with
Dad & the kids**

FREE - Photo Booth & Fairy Floss

**FREE - Sausage Sizzle cooked by
Bacchus Marsh Model Aircraft Association**

Bloom - FREE hearing test

**Melton City Council Pop Up Display - they
will be giving away FREE Local Coupons**

Please Book in at the Service Desk
Or call - 03 9971 0300

Or email - MeltonWHAO@bunnings.com.au

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Reclink Members access to Melton Waves
Reclink Melton, delivering an Active Community
GYM AND SWIM

Melton Waves

206 Coburns Road, Melton

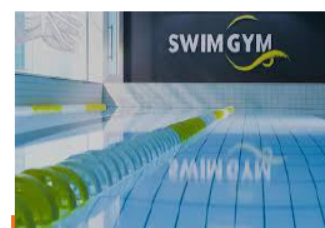
Monday's and Wednesday's

4 hours of fun, 12.00pm to 4.00pm

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www.reclink.org/get-involved/become-member



For more details call:
Michael Walsh 0401 523 868
michael.walsh@reclink.org

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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!

