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A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Community members,

It is hard to believe that the last week of term has crept up on us already! I hope your children have been reporting home all the fun ways they have celebrated the end of term with you – its these times I really miss being in the classroom with all the fun and laughter!



Principals Award Lunch

I had such a lovely time with the students recognising their hard work and the Principal's Award they received at the Mid Term Assembly. Thanks to our Student café for providing delicious sandwiches, cookies and drinks!

Street Parking

Please ensure you obey the signage along the parking bays at the front of the school. We have recently had visits from the Melton Council Local Law Officer during peak times and they have recorded number plates of vehicles that are incorrectly parked.

Reports

Congratulations on your child's success over the last semester! You are an essential part of your child's learning and we are looking forward to seeing how we can build on the learning successes for the next six month of the year. Please remember this is a new format for our Teachers – please provide feedback at SSG's

SSG's

Staff are looking forward to further establishing our educational partnerships with families during SSG week in the second week of Term 3. Please remember to complete the booking form and return via the Communication Diary as soon as you can. If there is an alternative time you wish to come and meet with your classroom teacher please get in contact. During the SSG conversation we will establish the next six months of goals together and find out more on how we can support each other to meet your child's learning needs.

School Uniform

Please remember our school uniform policy. No hoodies are allowed. It is an expectation that students will wear school uniform when leaving the school for work experience or excursions. All classes have spare uniforms for students to borrow so they do not miss out.

Changes to Leadership

Over the next two terms, I will be taking leave to have another baby. Bronwyn Welch one of our Assistant Principals will be taking over for me whilst I am away. I will be available throughout Term 4 to support the leadership team to set up for 2018.

Have a safe and happy holidays– I hope to catch you all before I go on leave at the end of week 1.

Best wishes everyone
Brooke



**AFTER
SCHOOL CARE
COMMUNICATION
LINE**

0447 085 696

**Bacchus Marsh
Coaches**

**STUDENT
BUS TRANSPORT
COMMUNICATION
LINE**

1800 660 530

Term 3 Begins 9am Monday 17th July 2017

A Word from: Victoria —Middles Section Leader

Middle years has had a fantastic term. Students have shown a lot of progress in working towards achieving their set goals. The reading levels have gone up significantly and this is attributed to the structured reading program that we put in place. In Maths, we focused on Money activities. Students learnt how to do a weekly budget and prioritise their needs and wants.

The clubs offered during lunch play have greatly improved student welfare at school. We have since added two new clubs the guitar club and the footy club. In the pipeline is the netball club, which is expected to kick off when we return from the holidays.

Education week was another huge success. The theme was Healthy Mind and Healthy Body. We lined up various activities and students had a rotation. The most popular activities were the flip the bottle, the Tic Tac Toe, basketball I and the Ping pong. Students enjoyed the fruit break as a way of healthy eating. Thank you to all who helped in different ways and all parents who came to support.

School camps have many benefits to students and my top three learning tasks for camps are; first development of social skills, second development of independence skills and thirdly development of decision-making skills. This term some students in our section attended camps at Blackwood. This has been a success and students have enjoyed the experience.

I wish all students and staff a safe and relaxing school break.

Thanks

Victoria Zivave
Middle Years Leader



A word from: Phys Ed with Geoff

This term has been a very busy term in the P.E. Department.

Roger and Kristens' classes took part in an Interschool Hockey and Soccer Program. All students involved were able to develop their skills in these two sports and practise these skills in game situations.

Glen and Brigittas' classes have been involved in a Volleyball program for several weeks. Some students in these two classes were lucky enough to visit Airworld to jump on trampolines and play on inflatables.

An Alternative Learning Program has been operating up at the Blackwood Specialist School Outdoor Education Centre. This program has been using the outdoor environment to improve engagement by a group of middle and junior boys. This program will continue in Term 3.




Next term there will be a 3 day camp for a mixed group of students across the school. There will be 30 students going on a camp at Lake Eppalock. This camp will be sponsored by Rotary Caroline Springs.

Special Olympics will also be running programs over semester 2 to develop our student's soccer skills.


Two groups of students have been practising their golf skills every Tuesday and Thursday at Melton Golf Course and have had made excellent progress over the duration of this semester. These two programs have been made possible by sporting schools money from the Australian Sports Commission Youth Partici-

A Word from: Room 22—Megan & Alisha



Room 22

Justin, Jamie-Lee, Vanesa, Connor, Bailey,
Cody, Darren, James, Alisha & Megan



Harmony Day


Autobiography

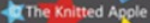
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Brochures

Seasons

Who am I?





Building Project: Inclusive Schools Round 2 -Sensory Area

Work will be beginning over the holidays on the new Inclusive Schools Fund Sensory Area. This new area is being created at the rear of the school and have some very exciting aspects of sensory play that can be utilised by all our students throughout their day.

The space will feature native plants and organic features to help students explore textures, colours, smells and shapes. The area has quiet relaxing zones, a wet play area in the dry creek bed, a sand pit with rotating digger and a large outdoor classroom space that can be used for lessons or gatherings.

The area will be themed to reflect the *Seven Season of the Kulin Nation*. The Kulin people have a detailed local understanding of the seasons and the environment. Each season is marked by the movement of the stars in the night sky and changes in the weather, coinciding with the life cycles of plants and animals. We are looking forward to developing these weather and plant themes in the sensory area with the help of our local Indigenous elders and community partners. We will be adding some Indigenous artwork to the entrances of the area and naming the area with the help of our very own Koorie Student Club. If you would like to get involved or know more please contact Breeanna our Community Engagement/Project Officer.

For more information on the sensory equipment and layout of the area see the design drawings on the next page.



Building Project: School Redevelopment Stage

As many of you are aware, in last year's state budget our school received \$5.4M of funding to complete Stage 1 of our school redevelopment.

Through out the last six months our school council and Principal, Brooke Briody, have been meeting with our architects ClarkeHopkinsClarke to discuss our needs and wants and to finalise designs. On the pages overleaf have a look at the proposed design of our new building.

The current stage of works at includes the development of a new Administration Building, providing a welcoming and identifiable entry, as well as a new Multipurpose Building incorporating Food Technology facilities, and a Multi-Purpose Hall with associated fitness and therapy spaces and Allied Health consulting suites. These works are part of an entire campus masterplan developed by ClarkeHopkinsClarke, which shows a future projection to replace all relocatable buildings with permanent facilities, which will increase Melton Specialist School's ability to provide optimum learning outcomes for all students.

The plan will also include establishing an educational precinct for Melton Secondary College and Specialist School, which share a single site on Coburns Road in Melton. Whilst still remaining separate school campuses, the development of both schools works towards celebrates the variety of learning opportunities and experiences created in both the Secondary College and Specialist School. Through a cohesive architectural language along the front school boundary, and in the planning of shared courtyard spaces and facilities, these two schools will develop as an Education Precinct within the Melton community.

Check out our school Facebook page!

Catch up on the latest news and activities, download the school newsletter and see what is coming up on the school calendar.

We will be posting photos and news items about these two exciting projects as they progress.





Dates to Remember

Monday	17th July	Term 3 Begins 9am
Tuesday	18th July	School Council 6pm
Wednesday	19th July	PCCC Committee Meeting 9:15am
Wednesday	26th July	VCAL Horticulture—Werribee Zoo Volunteer Induction Session 10am
Monday	31st July	Speech & Communication Family Workshop Controlling Nits Family Workshop
Tuesday	8th August	School Council 6pm
Monday	14th August	Science Week—Future Earth
Friday	18th August	Book Week—Escape to Everywhere
Tuesday	29th August	Literacy and Numeracy Week
Friday	1st September	PCCC Father's Day Breakfast 8am
Tuesday	5th September	School Council 6pm
Thursday	21st September	Footy Day—Activities & Wear your footy colours PCCC Special Lunch—Hot Dogs
Friday	22nd September	Last Day of Term 3—Early Dismissal 2pm

Positive Behaviour Support News

A big thank you goes to Jamie Lee King and Vanesa Hurtado-Hernandez for being PBS support super-stars during term 2! Both Jamie Lee and Vanesa were responsible for writing PBS raffle tickets during yard times acknowledging other students that displayed positive behaviour and followed our school values - Respectful, Responsible and Safe. Well done!

PBS Prize Winners

Akuol Deng: for being respectful and happy to other students in her class

Maddi McDonald: being responsible in the yard and displaying our 3 school values at all times

Daniel McGrath: for walking safely to his class from the bus

Jaye Rosseto: for being respectful to staff during yard times and being a good role model

Tyler Clarke: for being responsible for his own actions in the class and yard



Term 3 Parent/Carer Workshops—Monday July 31st

COMMUNICATION 10am

Would you like more information on how to support your child's communication skills?

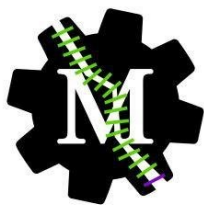
Come along to our workshop run by our very own Speech Therapists to talk about programs you can use.

TIPS AND TRICKS TO CONTROL NITS 11am

Are nits an unwanted part of your life?

Come along to our workshop to see how to get rid of nits and learn how to minimise getting them.

10 Nit Buster packs are up for grabs!



**FIX IT, DON'T FLICK IT
MEND IT,
MELTON**
AN INITIATIVE OF LINKING MELTON SOUTH

2017 Upcoming Saturday Sessions

1:00-3:30PM - 1 item per person

1st July	Kirrip House
5th August	Melton South Community Centre
16th September	Melton South Community Centre
14th October	Melton South Community Centre
18th November	Kirrip House
2nd December	Melton South Community Centre

Kirrip House - 26 Exford Road, Melton South
Melton South Community Centre - 41 Exford Road, Melton South

Do you have any household items that are broken or need mending? Bring along any: clothes, appliances, lamps, computers, electrical items and more, and chat to one of our amazing team! (Facilities are available for clothing alterations, however fixers will only assist on mending)

For any enquiries about the sessions or to join the Mend It, Melton team contact Ben:

9361 9377 BenjaminT@djhs.org.au www.facebook.com/groups/menditmelton



djerriwarrh health services
health hospital community
bacchus marsh - melton - caroline springs



INTERCHANGE WESTERN

UNIQUE ADVENTURES



KIDS (ages 7-11)

TERM 3 2017

ENJOY A WILD DAY OUT AT WERRIBEE ZOO

(including a safari bus ride)

Saturday 22nd of July, 10.00am—4.00pm

Cost \$10.00



Please bring lunch, snack and drink, plus your companion card if you have one.

JOIN US FOR A PLAY DATE AT
CROC'S INDOOR PLAYCENTRE
IN DERRIMUT

Saturday 16th September

10.00am—3.00pm

Cost \$25.00



Lunch will be provided from the Croc's menu

****Please note, this activity is highly recommended for children who will be attending our September camps - parents are welcome to stay.**

Pick up for these activities can be arranged from Braybrook, Werribee and Melton.

To register your interest please call on 9396 1111, email interwest@interwest.org.au or check out our online booking system at www.interchangewestern.org.au/events

~ PLEASE NOTE, THESE ACTIVITIES ARE SUITABLE FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE LOW TO MEDIUM SUPPORT NEEDS ~

INTERCHANGE WESTERN

UNIQUE ADVENTURES



YOUTH (ages 12-17)

TERM 3 2017

UNIQUE GIRLS

Enjoy a pyjama party sleepover, including makeovers, plus movies & shopping at Werribee Plaza

5.00pm Friday 25th to

4.00pm Saturday 26th August 2017

Cost \$120.00



All bedding, food and activities will be supplied. Additional spending money is optional.
Please bring an overnight bag with your clothes, PJ's, toiletries and companion card.

UNIQUE GUYS

Have fun with a sleepover, gaming and movies plus a gaming session at GUF gaming centre, Werribee

5.00pm Friday 8th to

4.00pm Saturday 9th September 2017

Cost \$120.00



All bedding, food and activities will be supplied. Additional spending money is optional.
Please bring an overnight bag with your clothes, PJ's, toiletries and companion card.

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INTERCHANGE WESTERN

UNIQUE ADVENTURES



AGES 18+

TERM 3 2017

TRAVEL INTO THE CITY BY TRAIN AND JOIN US FOR AN AUTISM FRIENDLY SHOWING OF THE HIT BROADWAY MUSICAL - ALADDIN!!

Saturday 12th August, 11.00am - 5.00pm

Cost \$60.00



Please bring MYKI card, lunch, snack and drink, plus your companion card if you have one.

UNIQUE HIKERS ARE BACK!

CELEBRATE SPRING WITH A HIKE ALONG THE GOLDFIELDS TRACK IN BLACKWOOD - STARTING AT THE LOVELY "GARDEN OF ST ERTH"

Saturday 23rd September

10.00am - 4.00pm

Cost \$10.00

B.Y.O. lunch, drinks and snack in a backpack to carry.
Make sure you wear a hat, sturdy shoes and sunscreen!



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Volleyball Program

Do you want to play volleyball?

Have you ever wanted to play volleyball in your local area? Then why not come along and join our modified volleyball program.

Scope together with Disability Sports Australia have developed a pilot program for a modified version of volleyball to enable all people living with a disability the opportunity to participate and experience the game. The game is played on a basketball court with a balloon with up to 3 players per team on the court at any one time.

The program is run over 9 weeks starting Monday the 9th October, through to Monday 11th of December (excluding public holidays). You can register as an individual or as team.

When: 9th October - 11th December 2017

Time: Mondays: Arrival - 10.00am, Start - 10.30am

Where: Keilor Basketball Stadium,
Stadium Drive, Keilor

Cost: \$30 for all 9 sessions, or \$5 per session.
Full payment to be made on the day of 9th October.

RSVP: 1st October 2017

A BBQ and special presentation will be held after the final match on Monday 11th December 2017

Volleyball will not be played on Monday November 6th 2017

Contact details

For more information, or to register your interest, please contact Amy Marie

Mobile 0481 006 205

Email amarie@scopeaust.org.au



**Moorabool Shire Council, together with
Djerriwarrh Health Services invite you to
attend Moorabool's NAIDOC WEEK Celebrations**

Saturday 1 July 10:00am Lerderderg Library

Bacchat: Sounds and Stories of the First Australians

Ron Murray

Sunday 2 July 10:00am Lerderderg Library

NAIDOC Flag Raising Ceremony

Thursday 6 July 10:00am Lerderderg Library

NAIDOC Family Day and Indigenous Preschool Storytelling

Wednesday 5 July Ballan Library 10:00am

Indigenous Preschool Storytelling



djerriwarrh health services
health hospital community
bacchara marsh - mullen - caroline springs



**Aspect Innovative
Respite Service**

for young people on the autism spectrum

Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) in conjunction with The Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) and Housing Choices Australia (HCA) invites the local community to the official Open Day of our Innovative Respite Facility.

The day will include official announcements from DHHS, Aspect and HCA, facility walk through and information session as well as a stage performance from the cast of Pinocchio inspired by individuals accessing our respite services.

The Open Day will be free of charge and catering will be provided.



What: Open day

When: Thursday 6 July

When: 2pm - 4pm

Where: 142 Rosella Avenue, Werribee

For more information contact us on
1800ASPECT (1800 277 328) or
customerservice@autismspectrum.au

