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**DATES TO  
REMEMBER**

27th June	Last day of classes Term 2 3pm
28th June	SSG Day— STUDENT FREE DAY
15th July	First Day Term 3
19th Sept	Last day of classes Term 3 3pm Finish
20th Sept	SSG Day— STUDENT FREE DAY

 **COMPASS**  
School Manager



 Melton Specialist School  
@meltonspecialistschool.5162

Edition 8 2019— 17th June 2019

## A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

### Excursions

It has been really enjoyable to see so many classes practicing their learning out in the community. I'm sure you all appreciate how much planning goes in to successfully organised trips out. Thank you to those families member who have been able to be flexible with pick ups and drop offs when best made plans don't work out. We also thank you to all our families who have been patient with us when organisation has to change at the last minute.

### Student Voice

Tegan and myself have been meeting with members of the middle secondary school to examine the issues they face during lunch time breaks and how to solve these problems. It has been so amazing to see these young people engage in some fairly complicated problem solving and representing the voices and opinions of their peers. They told us they needed more teaching in certain areas and more practice developing other skills. I'm sure they will join me in saying Thank you to Jacinta and Jayden for supporting the group.

### Feedback

We have had some honest feedback from parents and the community this term. Thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention in a respectful way. We want you to feel your opinions are valid and welcome. Don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher, PLC leader or a member of the Principal Class team.

### Parking

Please remember you are welcome to park in the car park nearest to reception. If it is close to 8:30am or 2:30pm you may have to wait until the buses move through. Please do not park in the Disabled Parking unless you have a valid ticket.

### Assembly

Our first assembly's are coming up. Please come alone and celebrate in the new Indoor Basketball court. Please be aware that these will be first whole section assembly celebrations.

Primary— Monday 24th June at 11.30am

Secondary- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 9:30am

### SSG

Bookings are open for SSG meetings starting the afternoon 24<sup>th</sup> June. The purpose of this meeting is to celebrate the progress your child has made and reset goals for semester 2. You can book a phone SSG if it is too tricky to get to school. Teachers and Leaders will give you a call if you forget!

### Careers Expo

Despite the cold weather we had a great turnout for our Careers Expo held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May in our new gymnasium. We had 18 local exhibitor's from local disability employment agencies and funding advise from brokerage programs. Staff and families enjoyed the information shared and assistance on hand to help plan for students future after leaving school.



Best wishes everyone,  
Brooke

# FRIENDLY REMINDERS

## PEDESTRAIN AND CAR PARK USERS



Please do not park in the new Disabled Permit Parking Bays in front of our Administration Office if you do not hold a permit. Please leave these spaces free for those who need them.

Please also park in the designated bays in the car park and not in the bus loop. Staff will be reminding individuals of the correct procedures if safety rules are not being observed by members of the school community.

We will be creating Visitor parking spots in the lead up to Term 3.

We thank all our families for your support in using the designated Pedestrian gate, marked pathways and car parking facilities so we can ensure you and your child is safe when moving around our public areas.

## STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS BOOKING ARE OPEN



Bookings are made online through Compass so please ensure that you have signed up to Compass Parent Portal. Compass sign up instruction letters were posted home to families early this term. If you are experiencing any difficulties or need assistance with Compass sign up please contact our Administration office for help.

Student Support Group meetings are an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their Individual Learning Plan (ILP) achievements for the first semester. Your child's Report be sent home to you the week before so you can familiarise yourself with them before your scheduled meeting.

There is an expectation that families attend the termly SSG Meeting. In order for your child to have the best possible educational outcomes, school staff and families can best do that working as a team.

The SSG Meeting Day FRIDAY 28TH JUNE is a student free day. We will have child minding available for our families if they wish to bring students along to school during the meeting time. We encourage our Secondary students to be active participants in the SSG Meeting so they can have input into their goals and subsequently the achievement of their individual success.

If you need to have your SSG meeting over the phone please let your child's teacher know via the Communication Diary.

## GOTCHA SHOP DONATIONS NEEDED

### *How can you help?*

We are seeking donations in **great condition** that students can purchase in our shop. Examples include;

- Stationary
- Toys (figurines, novelty toys, games, stress balls)
- Clothing (socks, hats, t-shirts, jumpers, shoe laces)
- Sporting Equipment (balls, mini-games)
- Special occasion cards (birthday cards, Christmas cards, Mother's Day etc.)
- Magazines
- 'L' Plates/ 'P' Plates
- Costume jewellery (wrist bands, fake rings, lanyards)
- Ornaments
- Personal care items



If you have any questions or would like to assist us in building partnerships with companies for donations please contact Megan Oldfield (VCAL Teacher).

# Calling all Employers!

VCAL need your help! We are trying to provide our students with the opportunity to gain employment skills through structured workplace learning (SWL) that links with their studies in their VET course. If you have any contacts in the following industries that would be interested in taking on a student work experience one day a week (Thursdays) please ask them to contact Megan Oldfield for more information.

**Horticulture** (gardening, maintenance, fresh produce)  
**Carpentry**



## DONATIONS NEEDED - NAVY PANTS ALL SIZES

If your child has been given pants to wear when they have had an accident, please wash these and return them to the school. We are very low on spare pants. If you have navy blue track pants at home and no longer need them, please drop them into Reception, we would love to top up our emergency clothing stock.

## PRIMARY CLASS 9 NEWS

Early last week, students of Primary 9 had the opportunity to visit the 'gotcha shop'. Students were so excited to visit the shop and were even prouder of the amount of 'gotcha cards' they had to spend. Everyone has been working very hard to demonstrate the school values of safe, respectful and responsible, in order to earn more 'gotcha cards'. Students enjoyed browsing, buying and putting items on layby.

*Some comments from Primary 9:*

*'I like going to the Gotcha Shop.'* – Seth

*'The more cards I get, the more prizes I can buy.'* – Stefan





## HORTICULTURE NEWS

The horticulture group that has been improving the Melton Young Communities vegetable garden went on an excursion to Williamstown where they got an exclusive tour on one of the Sea Shepard's vessels the "Steve Irwin".

It was a great day for staff and students and we hope this is something we can access again.



## THERAPUTIC HORTICULTURE—BY SIERRA MOEAU S10

**What is MSS doing with Therapeutic Garden Horticulture?**

**What is it?** *Therapeutic Horticulture* (TH) is a process in which plants and gardening activities are used to improve the body, mind and spirit of those people for all ages, backgrounds and abilities.

**Who is running it?** Heather, Jamie (S10) Tim (S5) Victoria (S8)

Jamie got me and Bryar to talk S10, S5 and S8 to find out what each one is doing.

**What is each class doing?** S10 is doing a Bush Tucker Garden. We have been digging the ground to put the plants in. Some students have been researching about Indigenous plants. Once the class decides on what plants we're going to plant, Heather will purchase them.



S5 has planted in their garden a Jacaranda plant. They had to rake the ground. They dug a hole to plant it in. They look after the plant by [watering](#) it.

S8 has a Vegetable Garden, they have planted Spinach, Beetroot, Broccoli, Eggplant, Sweet potatoes, Green beans, Carrots and Lettuce. The students dug holes then they separate the plants and separate the roots so they could put it in the ground. Then they cared for the plants by watering them.



# TEENAGE HOLIDAY PROGRAM

1 JULY – 12 JULY 2019



01/07/19 - MONDAY - COST: \$25.00

## LUNA PARK - ST KILDA

Spin to your heart's content on the PHANTOM'S CURSE, brave the SHOCK TRAIN or test high in the air on the SKY RIDER to check out the surrounding views. Don't forget to take a selfie in front of MR. MOON, the famous mouth of St. Kilda.

Please wear enclosed shoes and carry clothes

UNLIMITED RIDES  
BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH OR MONEY

### PICK UP TIME

MELTON 10:00 AM

TAYLORS HILL 10:30 AM

### DROP OFF TIME

TAYLORS HILL 3:30 PM

MELTON 4:00 PM



03/07/19 - WEDNESDAY - COST: \$20.00

## CLIP'N CLIMB - WILLIAMSTOWN

Come and experience the ultimate vertical challenge where climbing meets these parts. Are you game enough to take the LEAP OF FAITH?

Please wear comfortable clothing & enclosed shoes

BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH OR MONEY

### PICK UP TIME

MELTON 10:00 AM

TAYLORS HILL 10:30 AM

### DROP OFF TIME

TAYLORS HILL 3:30 PM

MELTON 3:30 PM



05/07/19 - FRIDAY - COST: \$35.00

## GO KARTS - ACE KARTS

How fast can you go? Jump in the driver's seat and get ready to race for first place in a day that includes 2x 12 minute sessions. Have the need for speed around the track and see if you can beat your mates and take home the bragging rights on the day.

Please wear comfortable clothing & enclosed shoes

BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH OR MONEY

### PICK UP TIME

MELTON 10:00 AM

TAYLORS HILL 10:30 AM

### DROP OFF TIME

TAYLORS HILL 3:00 PM

MELTON 3:30 PM



08/07/19 - MONDAY - COST: \$25.00

## ESCAPE ROOM, BOWLING AND LASER TAG - HIGHPOINT

Good at solving puzzles or mazes? Then test your team to break out of the escape room by finding hidden objects, cracking clues and solving riddles in a race against time. Once you're out of the escape room, take the battle to the arena for some laser tag action. Then it's time to get out and show off your driving skills at the bowling lanes.

It's a day of strategy to choose your team mates wisely.

Please wear comfortable clothing & enclosed shoes

BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH OR MONEY

### PICK UP TIME

MELTON 9:00 AM

TAYLORS HILL 9:30 AM

### DROP OFF TIME

TAYLORS HILL 3:30 PM

MELTON 4:00 PM



09/07/19 - TUESDAY - COST: \$25.00

## TREE SURFING - GLEN HARROW PARK

Jump, swing, climb and fly through the trees at GLEN HARROW PARK! Climb out the surfers can tree low to the ground while their partners can go high up to combat the obstacle course!

2 HOUR SESSION - including training

Please wear comfortable clothing & enclosed shoes  
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

### PICK UP TIME

MELTON 9:00 AM

TAYLORS HILL 9:30 AM

### DROP OFF TIME

TAYLORS HILL 3:30 PM

MELTON 4:00 PM



10/07/19 - WEDNESDAY - COST: \$20.00

## BRICKMAN CITIES EXHIBITION - SCIENCEWORKS

Brickman Cities is an interactive experience where you can come and see the world's greatest cities, MADE OUT OF LEGO! See models of Sydney, Dubai, London, New York and Tokyo, and get a chance to make some of your own masterpieces!

BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH OR MONEY

### PICK UP TIME

MELTON 9:00 AM

TAYLORS HILL 9:30 AM

### DROP OFF TIME

TAYLORS HILL 3:30 PM

MELTON 4:00 PM



11/07/19 - THURSDAY - COST: \$15.00

## LATITUDE MELBOURNE - HEIDELBERG

LATITUDE MELBOURNE is a place where you defy the laws of gravity, soar high and let yourself go. Bring out your inner ninja warrior and to THE GRID or bring out your inner spider man and scale the rock climbing wall!

Please wear comfortable clothing & enclosed shoes

BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH OR MONEY

### PICK UP TIME

MELTON 9:00 AM

TAYLORS HILL 9:30 AM

### DROP OFF TIME

TAYLORS HILL 3:00 PM

MELTON 3:30 PM



12/07/19 - FRIDAY - COST: \$30.00

## YARRA VALLEY CHOCOLATERIE AND ICE CREAMERY

Be a sweet tooth? Then this chocolate experience is for you. Join us for chocolate tasting and giant chocolate making. You will have the opportunity to create your own personalised chocolate bar and be sure to bring some money to indulge in some delicious ice cream to finish off the day.

Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH OR MONEY

### PICK UP TIME

MELTON 9:00 AM

TAYLORS HILL 9:30 AM

### DROP OFF TIME

TAYLORS HILL 3:30 PM

MELTON 4:00 PM

## BOOKING & PAYMENT PROCEDURE

Bookings open at 10:30am on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019

All bookings made online:  
Teenage Holiday Program - online application at  
[melton.vic.gov.au/thp](http://melton.vic.gov.au/thp)

Full payment and enrolment form to be completed online.

Waiver forms will be sent by email once booking has been confirmed.

Waiver forms will need to be signed by a parent/guardian and returned before the day of the activity.

## REFUNDS:

Excursions may be altered or cancelled at late notice due to external factors, in this case families will be notified at the earliest possible time.

There are **NO REFUNDS** once payment has been made unless a doctor's certificate is supplied.

## PICK UP LOCATIONS:

### MELTON

Melton Youth Centre  
193 Barrios Road, Melton 3337

### TAYLORS HILL

Youth & Community Centre  
121 Calder Park Drive, Taylors Hill 3037

Please arrive 10 minutes prior to pick up/drop off times, if you arrive after this time, you will be left behind.

# TEENAGE HOLIDAY PROGRAM

1 July – 12 July 2019



An inclusive program for young people from 12-18 years old who live or go to school in the City of Melton.



For more information  
contact Jaime V  
at Young Communities  
on 9747 5382 / 0412 617 304



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PROUDLY RUN BY LOCAL  
POLICE AND VOLUNTEERS

**\$5  
ENTRY**

# MELTON HARRY POTTER BLUE LIGHT DISCO

**FRIDAY 28TH JUNE**

**6 - 8PM | PRIMARY AGE | \$5 ENTRY**

**THE GAP ON GRAHAM 5 GRAHAM ST, MELTON**

**COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVOURITE HARRY POTTER CHARACTER!**

**CONTACT [STEPHEN.TURNER@POLICE.VIC.GOV.AU](mailto:STEPHEN.TURNER@POLICE.VIC.GOV.AU) OR [THEGAPONGRAHAM@GMAIL.COM](mailto:THEGAPONGRAHAM@GMAIL.COM)**  
**CHILDREN TO BE DROPPED OFF & COLLECTED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN | NO BACKPACKS | NO PASSOUTS**



**MELTON BLUE LIGHT**

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## Tuning into Teens Term 3: Managing Difficult Behaviours

We've been listening to the feedback you've all given us for in TINT Term 1 and 2 and are in the process of developing a Term 3 Program which focuses on early intervention and managing difficult behaviours. We are now taking registrations of interest



headspace National Youth Mental Health Foundation is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health.

### When

Wednesdays 6.00-8.30PM, July 24-September 11, TINT will run for 7 consecutive weeks

### Where

headspace Melton, 16 Brooklyn Road Melton South

### Contact

headspace Melton Reception Staff to register your interest  
P:8065 5600

E:contact@headspacemelton.org.au



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# Parent Workshop

## Starting the Career Conversation

Re-imagining the future for  
students with a disability

**FREE  
EVENT!**



**Starting the Career Conversation** is a **FREE** workshop for parents of secondary school students with a disability.

The workshop will cover:

- How to start the career conversation with your child
- The important role of parents
- How schools can support career planning
- Learning pathways and post-school options

Get the latest information about career planning and share ideas with other parents. Learn how to help your child make the transition from school to work.

Bookings essential. Presented by the Association for Children with a Disability (ACD) [www.acd.org.au](http://www.acd.org.au)



<b>DATE &amp; TIME</b>	Wednesday 31st July - 11.30am - 2.30pm
<b>VENUE</b>	Melton Specialist School - 159-211 Coburns rd, 3337
<b>REGISTER</b>	Eventbrite link: <a href="https://meltonscce.eventbrite.com.au">https://meltonscce.eventbrite.com.au</a>
<b>CONTACT</b>	Kylee or Jenny at ACD <a href="mailto:educate@acd.org.au">educate@acd.org.au</a>

Includes a light lunch. Please provide school with Dietary requirements. Workshops may be cancelled if numbers are low.

## ballaratautism NETWORK



### Navigating Relationships & Puberty for people with disabilities including autism

**Presenter:** Kardie Whelan from Family Planning Victoria  
Kardie has been at Family Planning for 10 years as a sexuality educator for people with cognitive disability of all ages and provides specialist disability focused advice and information to parents & carers, schools and professionals working in the disability area.

Join us for an information session about how you can best educate and support your family member with intellectual disability or Autism Spectrum disorder to navigate puberty and relationships.

- Puberty
- Relationships
- Social Skill development
- Sexual behaviours
- Use of Social Media
- Strategies to manage sexual questions & behaviours

- **WHEN:** Thursday 13th June 2019
- **AT:** Ballarat Regional Soccer Facility (Morshead Park)  
Pleasant St South, Ballarat
- **TIME:** 10.00-12.30 **Cost:** \$30 pp

Book through Trybooking  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BCMOD>

**Contact:** [info@ballaratautism.com](mailto:info@ballaratautism.com) 0147 413 994

(Tax invoice available on request)



Family relationship support for carers

# Kinela



## Better Health Belongs to Everyone

### Community Forum

26th June 10am - 3.30 pm

Arnolds Creek Community Centre

19 Claret Ash Blvd, Harkness VIC 3337

10.00am - 12pm

Introduction to Kinela and allied health partnerships.

How Kinela can assist organisations/carers and consumers of health services to achieve better health outcomes.

Dietitian designed meal delivery program

Case studies

12 - 1pm - shared lunch

Sample meals from our dietitian formulated range of deliverable options.

1 - 3.30 pm

Nutrition for good health and mindful eating

with Lina LaGuardia - Dietitian

This forum is open to all members of the disability community. Sessions are independent and can be attended separately. Please RSVP for catering and session material requirements.

To register

Phone Erica on 03 84007397

Or email [erica.thompson@kinela.com](mailto:erica.thompson@kinela.com)