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**Bacchus Marsh**  
*Coaches*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY 12TH	CAREER EXPO
MAY 12TH	BUNJI Q&A SESSION
MAY 18TH	DAN PETRO SESSION
JUNE 13TH	QUEENS BIRTHDAY

Welcome back everyone to Term 2.

It is, once again, so good to return to see smiling faces from both students and teachers. I hope that you and your children enjoyed the Easter break.

I have already had so much fun chatting with some of our students who have been educating me on the 'very best' things to do during the school holidays. I have made some mental notes and will attempt to do with my own children some of the many exciting activities your children have told me are 'must dos'.

### SMOKING CEREMONY

On Wednesday 4 May 2022 there was a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony conducted by respected Wurundjeri Elder Aunty Zeta Thomson on our school grounds. We had 3 generations of Wurundjeri women on site on Wednesday and it was certainly an experience I will never forget.



The purpose of this Smoking Ceremony was to cleanse the grounds and people of bad spirits prior to the new build commencing – much like a foundation stone.



The ceremony was a very moving event and concluded with some of our students from all year levels placing their hands in paint and adding to the mural at the front of the school.



All classes had live streaming of the ceremony to their classroom so they could participate in the event. We would have loved to have had more of our community attend the ceremony in person, however, due to the location being in a construction zone, we had limited safe space.



I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Aunty Zeta Thomson, Simone Thomson and Uncle Keith. I would also like to acknowledge Jamie Polich for his continued commitment to our Indigenous students and the wider community.

 **COMPASS**  
School Manager



## SSGS

It was so lovely to welcome some of you back on site for SSG's at the end of Term 1, it felt for the first time in a long time, that things are really starting to return to normal. Regardless of whether you attended your SSG in person or over the telephone, I hope you will agree that these meetings are extremely beneficial.

To establish and maintain a connection between you and your child's classroom teacher really allows a bespoke approach to your child's education which enables our students to blossom and become the very best that they can be.

Thank you for your continued support with this process.

## BUILD UPDATE

Behind the hoarding, some amazing work happened over the holidays. The whole area has been cleared and ready for the foundations to start. We meet every fortnight with the builders to ensure everything is as safe as it can be for our students and staff.



## DAN PETRO PARENTING SESSION

Wednesday 18th May – Arrive at 1.00pm. Session to run from 1.15pm- 2.15pm

Where : Melton Specialist School – Staffroom

Afternoon Tea and Coffee will be provided for all those that attend.

RSVP – MSS – 9743- 4966 or email [Kay.Glanvill@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Kay.Glanvill@education.vic.gov.au)

Title: Making Parenting a Little Easier

Being a parent or carer is a demanding task under any circumstances, and doing so when a child has additional needs or displays behaviours of concern increases the difficulty. These situations are often amplified as the child's challenges collide with typical developmental changes all children experience. Parents can become at odds with the child, or even between themselves, when searching for the best responses to these tough situations. Other children in the home can also be impacted, as the problem circumstances become a common part of their day as well.

This presentation will provide you with flexible alternatives you can draw upon to teach new skills at home, help establish daily routines, and effectively respond to these challenging situations.

About the presenter:

Dan Petro is a Behaviour Analyst and director of Behavioural Resources Australia Pty Ltd. Dan's work in over 200 Australian schools and organisations has shown him to be an engaging and popular presenter. His academic background includes degrees in both behavioural science and counselling psychology, and Dan's professional work uses content from materials he developed as an adjunct faculty member at universities in California.

Dan has trained hundreds of parents of both typical children and children with additional needs. Attending one of his workshops is a comfortable way to discover (or rediscover) those straightforward, effective parenting practices that can make a significant difference for everyone.

Have a great weekend!  
Brooke Briody

# P13

P13 has settled in well to term 2! They have been lucky enough to do some cooking, music lessons, lots of art and craft as well as lots of learning!

P13 has shown a lot of interest in the diggers whilst the building works are underway so we have centred some of our work tasks around this.





# MSS Parent Engagement Group (PEG)

invites all parents to join:



## DAN PETRO

in

### *Making Parenting a Little Easier*

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**Wednesday 18th May  
1.00pm at MSS**

**Afternoon tea and coffee will be  
provided for attendees.**

Further information about Dan and RSVP details  
can be found in Brookes letter above.





# THE FOZZ



In the lead up to Easter, students participated in an Easter Egg Hunt! It was an awesome day.



## Yard-Time Programs

Offers students who are interested in joining clubs such as basketball club, music club, radio club, etc. It encourages students to engage with their hobbies and community.

## Specialist Disability Practitioner Support

The Specialist Disability practitioner support program aims to help vulnerable families with children or parents with a disability to ensure that they have access to disability support needs, particularly through the NDIS. The program helps families navigate their way through the different types of support offered such as disability support, disability advocates, disability services providers and mainstream services  
Please Contact 03 9680 8462 for support

## Student Representative Council

Enables students to have a voice and initiative to come up with ideas to enhance their learning experience. SRC Focuses on teamwork, leadership skills and communication skills

**For RUstillOK day this month, SET are focussing on using music and movement to energise students and lift their mood! Our music therapists Brede and Jess are teaming up with Aleks and Lily from the speech team to create a KWS video for the song "Cover Me In Sunshine". The video will be shared with classes as a seesaw activity on Monday so you can give it a go with your students at some point next week and come back to it as often as you want to!**





# MELTON SPECIALIST SCHOOL ALLIED HEALTH HERE'S THE SCOOP!

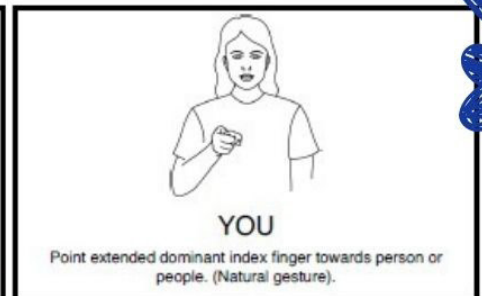
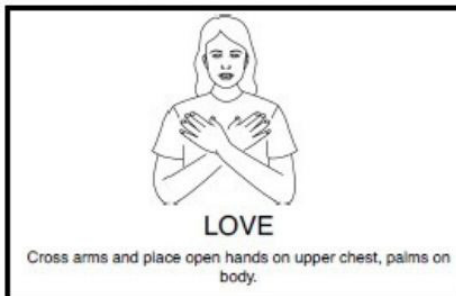
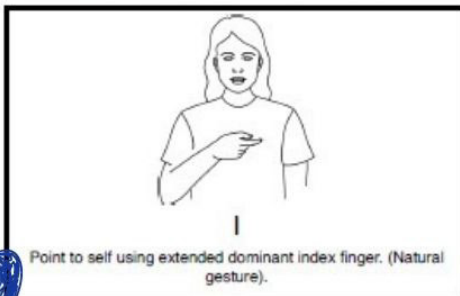
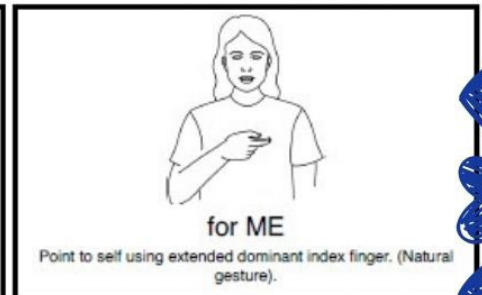
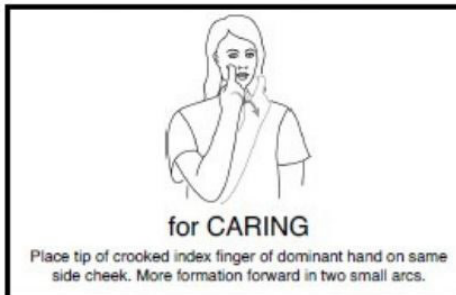
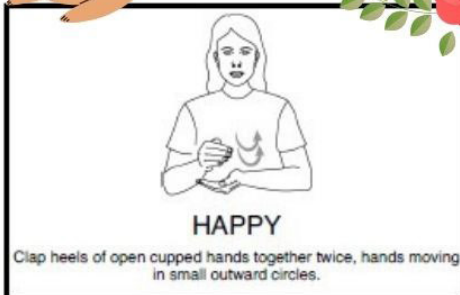


## Key Word Signs of the Fortnight

Key  
Word  
Sign  
Australia 

**Key Word Sign** uses hand signs and gestures to represent the main words spoken in a sentence. It encourages and supports language development and communication.

Here are some hand signs for Mother's Day!



If you have any questions for any member of the Allied Health Team, contact MSS on 9743 4966.

## CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

### Parent/carer details

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

First name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/suburb \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number \_\_\_\_\_

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

-  -  -  **OR**

☐ Foster parent under a temporary care order\* **OR** ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)\*\*

\*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

\*\*Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card

Is this an application for special consideration (no CRN needed)? Yes ☐ No ☐

### Student details

Student's surname	Student's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DFFH will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the DFFH and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_





# Neighbourhood House Week 9-15 May 2022

Building resilience by bringing people together

## NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE WEEK

Free events start Monday 9 May 2022



### MONDAY 9 MAY

#### Soy Candle Making Workshop

Learn how to prepare, make and pour your own soy candles using eco-friendly natural ingredients in this exciting workshop.

**Taylors Hill, 3037**

11am – 12.30pm | Free  
Bookings required

### TUESDAY 10 MAY

#### Green Homes

Learn how you can turn everyday household items into inexpensive cleaning products that are kinder on the planet and safe and natural.

**Eynesbury, 3338**

10am – 11.30am | Free  
Bookings required

#### Making your Budget work for You

With the cost of living increasing, the need to control your finances is so important. Learn how to remove stress and build your financial fitness.

**Melton South, 3338**

1pm – 2pm | Free  
Bookings required

#### Messy Play for Kids

Enjoy a fun afternoon of messy play with your pre-school children. Bring along your own afternoon tea and art smock.

**Caroline Springs, 3023**

2pm – 3.30pm | Free  
Bookings required

#### Native Floral Canvas Art

Be expertly guided to paint a stunning protea on canvas. At the end of the class, you'll have a completed masterpiece on canvas to take home!

**Taylors Hill, 3037**

6.30pm – 8pm | Free  
Bookings required

**MORE EVENTS**



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## WEDNESDAY 11 MAY

<b>Get your Garden Ready for Winter</b>	Join the experts from Bunnings Warehouse to get all the insider knowledge on how to successfully prepare your garden for winter.	<b>Caroline Springs, 3023</b> 10am – 11am   Free Bookings required
<b>Chair Yoga &amp; Meditation</b>	Open to all abilities and fitness levels enjoy an afternoon of gentle moves, stretching and mindful relaxation in an easy seated position.	<b>Hillside, 3037</b> 1pm – 1.50pm   Free Bookings required
<b>Writing Workshop with Demet Divaroren: 'Own your Voice'</b>	Learn from renowned author Demet Divaroren about how to craft compelling non-fiction stories by finding and owning your writing voice.	<b>Caroline Springs, 3023</b> 4pm – 5.30pm   Free Bookings required

## THURSDAY 12 MAY

<b>Create your own Macrame Plant Holder</b>	In this small group you will learn how to use rope with knots to create and take home a small plant wall hanging.	<b>Brookfield, 3338</b> 1pm – 3pm   Free Bookings required
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## FRIDAY 13 MAY

<b>How to Live at Home Longer</b>	Learn how to access government funding to help you stay living at home for longer and the types of support services that are available.	<b>Fraser Rise, 3336</b> 10am – 11am   Free Bookings required
<b>Line Dancing</b>	Learn all the current line dancing moves while enjoying a fun, safe and effective workout in a friendly atmosphere.	<b>Hillside, 3037</b> 10am – 1pm   Free Bookings required
<b>Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea</b>	Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy a cuppa and something to eat while supporting a great cause. All funds donated to Cancer Council.	<b>Taylors Hill, 3037</b> 10.30am – 11.30am   Free Bookings required

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK, VISIT THE  
MELTON LEARNING DIRECTORY WEBSITE

[MELTONLEARNING.COM.AU/NHW2022](https://MELTONLEARNING.COM.AU/NHW2022)



### CSEF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

MSS families who already claimed CSEF in the past year do not need to complete an application form this year. If you are a new family to our school, or have not claimed before please find further information on pages 4 and 5. The form to complete is on page 6. If you are unsure, please contact Tori in the Admin Office. We will be in contact with any families that apply who do not meet required criteria.

### UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will be open on Tuesday mornings between 10:30am-12:00pm, and Thursday afternoons between 12:30-2pm. Alternatively you can email or send an order form in with your student's diary to have the order filled and returned to you.

Students are unable to try on uniform items, however feel free to bring in a personal clothing item to help compare sizes. We are **unable to exchange items for different sizes** after purchase. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Preferred payment is Bank Transfer or we can accept **correct Cash** - **we do not have change.**

A copy of the uniform order form is available on our website for you to calculate your total.  
Go to our website> Enrolment> Uniform Order Form



### RUGBY WINDCHEATERS

As a winter special, we have a limited number of *rugby windcheaters* available. They are a thick material the same as the *windcheaters* and *bomber jackets*, but have the appearance of a long sleeve rugby top with a collar and buttons. The *rugby windcheaters* are **\$25** and available in sizes **6-16**. Please contact the office if you are interested in purchasing one.

### CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE!

Remember to "like" Melton Specialist School on Facebook to stay up to date on the latest news and activities. You can also download the school newsletter to see what is coming up on the school calendar.

