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## Bacchus Marsh Coaches



## DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE 23rd	LAST DAY TERM 2
JUNE 24th	SSG MEETING DAY
JUNE 24th	CUT OFF FOR CSEF
JULY 11th	FIRST DAY TERM 3



## Newsletter Edition 9 2022 - Friday 17th June

Dear Parents/Carers

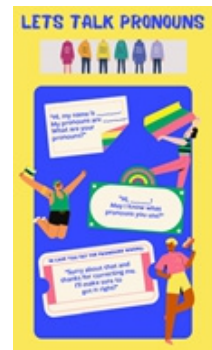
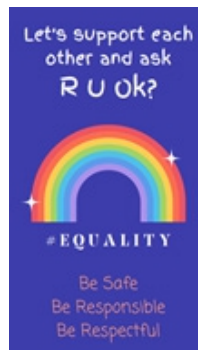
As we all shiver through what seems to be the coldest June we've had for some years, and rally to look after our loved ones that are feeling unwell with colds and the flu I cannot help but be warmed by the unwavering positivity we have here at our school.

Every morning our students, staff, parents and carers never fail to show up without a smile and an ability to always find an upbeat and cheerful approach to our bleakest and chilliest mornings and for this I'd like to extend a heartfelt 'thank you'.

What an amazing MSS community you all are!

### RU Still OK

This month's focus for R U Still Ok is "Pride". June is Pride month and, as allies to our MSS LGBTQIA+ community, SET are wanting to establish safer ways to continue the conversations that are already occurring between students. Over the next few weeks we will offer a series of supports focussed on inclusion and strengthening our community. These supports will include drop-in classroom chats, posters, and groups specifically addressing inclusion, empowerment and safety for all of our students.



These posters have been designed to encourage conversations around LGBTQIA+ history, rights and social inclusion. Another great resource is this RUOK video about checking in on our LGBTQIA+ friends. You'll find it at <https://vimeo.com/707646280>

If you have any questions or would like further information regarding this month's focus please reach out to the SET team. They are there to help – we know that some of these conversations can be challenging.

### SSG

This term we will host our Student Support Group (SSG) meetings either via WebEx or in person. Bookings can be made via Compass, calling the administration office or reaching out to the teacher directly, however, the classroom staff have been directed to contact families this week to assist you with this process.

Monday 20 June	3.00 – 4.00 p.m.
Tuesday 21 June	3.00 – 4.00 p.m.
Wednesday 22 June	3.00 – 4.00 p.m.
Thursday 23 June	3.00 p.m.
Friday 24 June	*8.30 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

\* Lunch break for teachers on Friday will be 12.00 - 1.00 p.m. – there will be no appointments available during this time.

We will be using this meeting to discuss the progress of your child's Individual Learning Plan (ILP) goals set this term as well as your young person's academic reports.

### **Increased Police Presence – Coburns Road & Slip Lane**

Please remember not to line up and double park outside Gate 1. We understand that at times this is frustrating and you may have to do a loop – this is why we ask that parents and carers do not arrive before 8:55am.

Police have been present and parents have been fined for double parking. If you miss the school bus please drop your child off through the loop in Gate 1 after 9am.

Please can you also ensure that your children are correctly secured in their booster seats or with a seatbelt as we have observed cars being stopped.

### **Staffing difficulties**

I'd once again like to convey my gratitude to our exceptional staff for their unwavering commitment to MSS, our students for adapting and embracing the changes and, our parent/carer community for your continued support and understanding regarding our current staffing challenges.

Please know that we strive everyday to ensure we are delivering the very best support and education for your children by adapting day by day and often from one moment to the next. Our students, your children, are always at the centre of every decision we make.

### **Bunji**

Bunji has been hard at work over the last couple of weeks attending 6 days over the last fortnight. He continues to build relationships with both the students and the staff and has very quickly developed a sense of duty.

This week my daughter joined me for a day at school and commented on how differently he behaves while at work. He certainly seems to keep his silly side for home, which is perhaps just as well.



Bunji enjoys patrolling the morning drop off and afternoon pick up







Bunji is settling into his new role and has been well received by students and staff. You can quite literally see the smile on his face.

### **Child safety and wellbeing at Melton Specialist School: information for families and the school community**

The Victorian Government has announced new Child Safe Standards to further strengthen child safety across organisations, including schools. The new standards recognise the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and wellbeing.

Melton Specialist School is reviewing and updating our child safety policies and procedures to ensure they meet the requirements of the new standards. These will be available to view on the school's website, and at the school's front office early next term.

We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures and practices.

If you have any suggestions, comments or questions, please reach out to me.

The link will take you to the new child safe standards:

<https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/news/new-child-safe-standards-start-in-victoria-on-1-july-2022-to-better-protect-children/>

Alternatively you can visit this website <https://ccyp.vic.gov.au>

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Best wishes

Brooke

## 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 \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_





# Tuning in to Teens – Term 3

- Struggling to speak with your teen?
- Want to understand your teen better?

Headspace Melton is running a Term 3 2022 Tuning in to Teens (TINT) program, online using Microsoft Teams.

TINT is an evidence-based program that supports parents, grandparents, and other carers to respond to their teens in an emotionally supportive way. We aim to help you understand how to build emotional intelligence in your teens, which better equips them to respond to life's challenges.

## When

Aug 1, Aug 8, Aug 15, Aug 29, Sep 5, Sep 12  
(the program runs for 6 consecutive sessions, apart from a 1-week break after session 3)

Sessions are on Mondays from 6-8pm.  
Spaces are limited.

## Where

Online (using Teams). We will provide a link.

## Cost

Free.

## Contact

Bookings are essential. Book by contacting –

P: (03) 8065 5600 or

E: [info-headspacemelton@orygen.org.au](mailto:info-headspacemelton@orygen.org.au)



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STUDENTS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND THE MEGAMIX SOCIAL WHERE THEY SAW BAKER BOY LIVE! SHARING AN EXPERIENCE OF LIVE MUSIC OFFERS AUDIENCES A CHANCE TO COME TOGETHER AND WITNESS THE MAGIC OF SONGS COMING TO LIFE ON STAGE. STUDENTS MAY ENCOUNTER A REFLECTIVE LISTENING SPACE, THE RAW ENERGY OF RHYTHM AND DANCE OR NEW PERSPECTIVES THROUGH THE LENS OF THE ARTIST.

**JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH,  
WHICH MARKS THE  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
STONEWALL REBELLION AND  
AIMS TO CELEBRATE  
COMMUNITY, AND INCREASE  
AWARENESS OF LGBTIQ+  
HISTORY AND IDENTITY**



**#EQUALITY**

Be Safe  
Be Responsible  
Be Respectful

**WHITELION AND HEADSPACE ARE INTRODUCING COMMUNITY  
FOR YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH (C4Y) THAT IS A NEW PILOT  
PROGRAM WHICH AIMS TO PROVIDE CASE MANAGERMENTS  
TOGETHER WITH MENTOR MATCH TO YOUNG PEOPLE WHO  
ARE CONNECTING THEMSELVES TO HEADSPACE MELTON AND  
CURRENTLY ON WAITING LIST.**







# WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Activities start 27 June 2022



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## MONDAY 27 JUNE

**Blocks 4 Kids**  
2-12 years

Children will have a blast using Lego and other building blocks to make all kinds of fun creations as they draw on their creative skills.

**Caroline Springs, 3037**  
10am – 11.30am | \$3  
Bookings required

## TUESDAY 28 JUNE

**Paint your own Plate**  
6-10 years

In this hands-on workshop your child will use the provided materials to paint a masterpiece on a plate before taking their creation home.

**Melton, 3337**  
10.30am – 11.30am | \$5  
Bookings required

**Breathing Yoga**  
6 years and over

Relax your mind and rejuvenate your body in our breathing yoga class, perfect for unwinding, reducing anxiety and promoting flexibility.

**Strathulloh, 3338**  
2pm – 2.45pm | \$12  
Bookings required

## WEDNESDAY 29 JUNE

**Bollywood Dancing**  
8 years and over

Through the use of upbeat Bollywood music, you will learn to use your body to tell a story through the combination of music, dance and lyrics.

**Strathulloh, 3338**  
11am – 12pm | \$7  
Bookings required

## THURSDAY 30 JUNE

**Make your own Coloured Candle**  
8-12 years

In this fun workshop your child will make individual candles with a mix of coloured granular candle waxes before taking their creation home.

**Melton, 3337**  
10.30am – 12pm | \$5  
Bookings required

**That's not Rubbish!**  
9-12 years

Join Miree from 'Green Earth Kids' as she shows children how to recycle properly, how to reduce waste and re-purpose things for a cleaner planet.

**Eynesbury, 3338**  
10.30am – 12pm | \$10  
Bookings required

TO BOOK VISIT OUR WEBSITE  
[MELTONLEARNING.COM.AU](http://MELTONLEARNING.COM.AU)



# WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

June - July 2022



## THURSDAY 30 JUNE

### Holiday Fun Day 5-12 years

Join us for a fun afternoon of arts and crafts like bead making, giant games including Jenga and Connect4 and coding!

**Aintree, 3336**  
12.30pm – 2.30pm | Free  
Bookings required

### Spend Well for Teens Teens and parents

Help your teen to set up healthy foundations for ethical spending practices for life giving them control over their own financial wellbeing.

**Eynesbury, 3338**  
1.30pm – 3pm | \$15  
Bookings required

## FRIDAY 1 JULY

### Yoga & Mindfulness Mini Workshop 5-8 years OR 9-12 years

Through yoga poses, breathing practices, stories, songs, craft and non-competitive games children will learn how to relax and practice mindfulness.

**Fraser Rise, 3336**  
10am OR 1pm | \$5 - \$10  
Bookings required

## TUESDAY 5 JULY

### Paint your own Mug 8-12 years

In this hands-on workshop your child will use the provided materials to paint a masterpiece on a mug before taking their creation home.

**Melton, 3337**  
10.30am – 11.30am | \$5  
Bookings required

### Breathing Yoga 6 years and over

Relax your mind and rejuvenate your body in our breathing yoga class, perfect for unwinding, reducing anxiety and promoting flexibility.

**Strathulloh, 3338**  
2pm – 2.45pm | \$12  
Bookings required

## WEDNESDAY 6 JULY

### Sushi Making for Kids 7-12 years

Our friendly chef Carmen is returning to Kurunjang to show children how to make delicious and healthy sushi rolls!

**Kurunjang, 3337**  
10am – 11am | \$12  
Bookings required

### Winter Planting Day with Bunnings All ages welcome

Join our friends from Bunnings Warehouse and help to plant winter plants and seedlings at the Kurunjang Community Garden.

**Kurunjang, 3337**  
10.30am – 12.30pm | Free | Bookings required

### Waterfall Painting 8-12 years

Children will learn an assortment of techniques and use a variety of materials to create their own waterfall masterpiece on canvas.

**Eynesbury, 3338**  
11am – 12.30pm | \$10  
Bookings required

### Sushi Making for Teens 13-17 years

Our friendly chef Carmen is returning to Kurunjang to show children how to make delicious and healthy sushi rolls!

**Kurunjang, 3337**  
12.30pm – 2pm | \$12  
Bookings required

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SCHOOL  
HOLIDAY  
EVENT





AGES 7 - 12YRS

# NERF WARS

## CAROLINE SPRINGS:

-  Monday 4 July 2022
-  10am to 11am (check in opens 9.30am)
-  \$10 per child\*
-  9747 5327

## COBBLEBANK:

-  Friday 8 July 2022
-  10am to 11am (check in opens 9.30am)
-  \$10 per child\*
-  9747 5379

\*each child must be accompanied by an adult

Looking for something fun for the kids to do indoors these school holidays?! Well look no further, a HUGE game of 'Nerf Wars' will surely be a highlight for them this Winter!

The Nerf arena will be set-up in the Indoor Stadiums with big inflatable bunkers, a large selection of Nerf equipment and a coach to instruct your child through a range of structured games and activities.


All equipment including; Nerf blasters, darts and goggles included.

For ages 7-12yrs only. Tickets are limited.

 [leisurecentreprograms@melton.vic.gov.au](mailto:leisurecentreprograms@melton.vic.gov.au)

 [melton.vic.gov.au/Out-n-About/Events-Activities/Nerf-Wars](https://melton.vic.gov.au/Out-n-About/Events-Activities/Nerf-Wars)

 **COBBLEBANK INDOOR STADIUM**  
206 Ferris Road, Cobblebank

 **CAROLINE SPRINGS LEISURE CENTRE**  
9 The Parade, Caroline Springs



# COMMUNICATION

## SEESAW & COMPASS

A reminder of the importance of using Compass and Seesaw for families. Teachers and families communicate via Seesaw. Compass is used to send important information to families. If you need help setting up either system please contact the office.

## 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 in previous newsletters. 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

Uniform orders can be placed at any time by returning a completed form to the office. Going forward **ALL uniform orders will be filled on a Thursday**. Please keep this in mind when requesting uniform.

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

## DISABILITY EXPO 2022

Source Kids - Australia's leading disability expo for kids, youth + young adults, is coming back to Melbourne!

Source Kids will host this event on 18-19 June 2022 at the Melbourne Convention Exhibition Centre (MCEC). We'll be bringing over 150 disability product and service providers together under one roof for you to connect with and see all the latest and greatest options available. And of course in Source Kids style we'll have a huge range of performers, activity zones, chill zones and fun for everyone! Registrations have opened, so grab your free ticket on the link below!  
<https://bit.ly/SKDEMelb2022>

