I believe I have overlooked providing advice on the current School Council members and the offices they hold, and for this oversight I apologise. The Council is as follows:
President - Michelle Seel
Vice President – Tom Philbin
Treasurer – Tom Philbin
Committee – Jade Canavan
Committee – Robyn Reynolds
Committee – Alain Le Bon
Committee – Patty Boggia
Committee – Lois Mitchell

Thank you to the above school community members for taking on this important school support task.

The following message is provided by the Acting Secretary of the Department of Education and Training, Kym Peake:

The Victorian Government has committed to making Victoria the Education State.

The Premier recently launched the Education State consultation, and you are invited to take part in this landmark reform and lend your views to the two-month, state-wide Education State consultation process. As parents have a unique perspective on education. I encourage you to have your say about our education system and what it could look like in the Education State. The Victorian Government has released two consultation papers – a general overview of the Education State, and a second that looks in more detail at school education.

I strongly encourage you to read both papers, and in particular the ideas proposed in the schools consultation paper. I also invite you to register to attend any of the stakeholder sessions running across the state throughout June and July. You can also join in the online discussions occurring on the consultation website. Head to educationstate.education.vic.gov.au where you will find everything you need.

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Finally, on behalf of the school staff, I wish you all a restful and healthy break over the Term 2 holiday period and may the sun shine through on many of the days, enabling outside activities to take place readily.

Helen McCoy
Principal
A big thank you to all those families who have either paid their fees in full or are paying via the instalment method. As we are approaching the half way mark for the year and going into term 3, we would appreciate any outstanding amounts be settled at your earliest opportunity. If you wish to discuss a different payment arrangement please contact Deb Crawley on 9239-7431.

Please remember to label your child’s clothing appropriately so they can be identified and returned when they are mislaid.

A gentle reminder to those parents whose children go to respite care: due to limited space on the buses, please make sure your child’s bags are no larger than a carry-on size.

Thank you
Dear Parents, Monash SDS has a new website up and running. Please log on regularly to find out what’s going on in our school community, easily download notices and forms and find out about upcoming news and events. The website committee are keen to get your feedback so we can improve the website to meet your needs. Please fill out the questionnaire below and return to your classroom teacher.

**Questionnaire:**
1. What do you like about the website?

2. Is it easy to find what you need?

3. What would you like to see added to the website?
An innovative holiday program tailored for kids with all abilities - come join our CREW!

CareChoice screens and manages all staff on our CREW to ensure they are the right fit for the role and the children. The program is designed to provide a safe and engaging environment that caters to the individual needs of each child. We welcome children with all abilities and ensure that each child feels included and supported.

CareChoice Crew provides a full day of fun and activities for children from ages 6-12 years. Our program is designed to be inclusive and accessible to all children, with staff trained to work with children with special needs.

Open to children of all abilities. CareChoice is not taking financial support. 10% of the high demand and limited free places are available to kids only in need.

If you have any further questions or wish to register, please contact us.

Manager: Sally Thomas
Tel: 03 9555 9555

KIDS CREW

Wheeler Hill - Monash SDX
School holiday program - Come join our CREW!

The CREW provides a safe and engaging environment for children aged 6-12 years. Our program is designed to cater to the individual needs of each child, with staff trained to work with children with special needs.

Our CREW provides a full day of fun and activities for children from ages 6-12 years. Our program is designed to be inclusive and accessible to all children, with staff trained to work with children with special needs.

To avoid disappointment contact us now to reserve your place or submit your enrolment form NOW.

For confidence
Primary Group Parent Coffee Morning
BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT with DAN PETRO

Dear Parents/Carers,

We invite you along for a coffee and dynamic information session with Dan Petro. Dan is an Educational Specialist, Behaviour Analyst and Director ofBehavioural Resources Australia Pty Ltd where he utilises his extensive professional history of developing custom behaviour management and intervention programs. Dan has worked at length with Monash SDS over the past 3 years and is highly regarded by both staff and families. We are sure you will find this session both engaging and informative.

When: Tuesday, July 21st 2015
Where: Monash SDS Staff room
Time: 9.00 – 11.30 AM

9-9.30 - Some students from Monash SDS Café program will be serving coffee. (Money raised will be donated to the program).
9.30-11.00 – Dan Petro’s presentation with Question and Answer session.
11-11.30 - Social time with Monash SDS families.

If you have any questions, please contact Yvonne Tonner, Social Worker on 9239 7400.

Please confirm your attendance by THURSDAY JULY 16th. RSVP to tonner.yvonne.m@edumail.vic.gov.au with your name and child’s name or return this section to your child’s teacher.

(Teachers return this form to Yvonne Tonner)

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT WITH DAN PETRO

☐ Yes, I am able to attend.
☐ No, I am NOT able to attend.

My Child’s Name: __________________________
My Name: __________________________

Helen McCoy, Principal
Email: monash.sds@edumail.vic.gov.au
Website: www.monashsds.vic.edu.au
Musical Theatre Performance

You are invited to come along and support the Attitude Players and Vocal Ensembles Happy Wanderers and Singularity as they perform

Snow White and the 7 Amazing Personalities

Mid-Winter Pantomime

Be part of a change of attitude to artists of All Abilities

When:
Saturday July 18
2015
2pm - 3:15pm

Where:
Burrinjuka Theatre
354 Glenfern Rd
Upwey
(Malvern Rd. Ref. 75 812)

Cost:
$16 Conc. $13
Cars Enquiries FREE

Wheelchairs Welcome & Must Pre-Book
Tickets can be purchased from: www.burrinjuka.org.au or 9754 8733

For more Attitude program information email: dmr@dmrc.org.au
Ph: 9754 6566

The Eastern Ranges Music Council is proudly partnered by VicFeatures

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Attention Junior Footballers

Eastern Ranges School Holiday Training Camp
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Join our School Holiday Training Camp!
July 3 9.30am - 3.00pm

The Eastern Ranges are holding a development and testing holiday program for all junior footballers aged between 12 and 15. Registrations now open!

Program Includes:
- AFL Draft combine style testing including AFL agility, 20m sprints, vertical jump and more
- Skill development session with Eastern Ranges coaches
- Individualised detailed fitness testing report
- Certificate of completion
- High performance nutrition advice
- Injury prevention & recovery session with Eastern Ranges High Performance team member
- Talent pathways to the AFL discussed with Eastern Ranges Talent Manager, Len Villani
- Luncheon, snacks and drinks provided

Details:
Date: July 3, 9:30am - 3:00pm
Venue: Rossville Secondary College, Eastern Campus, Humphreys Way, Rossville 3178
Age: 12-15 years old
Cost: $100 per player
Registrations close 30 June 2023

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Art Centre Melbourne presents

Siblings in Sync

Create and Play Together

REGISTER HERE!

Limited Capacity!

Contact the club:
Marc O’Crure
Email: marc@artcentre.melbourne
Phone: 9724 8900
Mail: PO Box 824, Klyth VIC 3137
Office: Klyth Recreation Centre, Klyth VIC 3137

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Accessible Music Program for Families

Siblings in Sync is a unique and innovative school holiday program for children with additional needs and their siblings.

It aims to:
- Foster relationships between siblings
- Provide positive shared experiences
- Give children the opportunity to express themselves
- Communicate with their sibling through creative music-making

The session is run by our Regisected Music Therapists and is tailored to suit the individual needs of participants within a small group.

Participants will have the opportunity to:
- Create music together
- Use music technology (including The Special Access Kit)

Music Therapy is a registered allied health profession.

Thank you to the generous donors who support our programs.
SCHOOL HOLIDAY IDEAS

ACTIVITIES AT HOME

With the winter school holidays coming up, we are going to continue to have more rainy days inside. Keeping the kids occupied can become difficult if they become restless at having to be stuck inside all day, so we’ve come up with some ideas of activities to do around the house to keep both you and the kids entertained.

BUILD YOUR OWN VEGGIE GARDEN!

This is a great way to keep kids engaged and to teach them patience. It is a great project for any time of the year, but getting it started in the school holidays can be a productive way to spend your time together. All you need are three or four small planter boxes (depending on what you want to grow), some soil and your seeds. You can get these from some $2 shops but you may have to go to a garden shop for the soil.

1. In each planter box, pour in your soil about 2cm from the top.
2. Dig a small hole (don’t be afraid to get a little dirty) and drop your seeds before covering it up again.
3. Don’t forget to label each box with the veggie that is in it. E.g ‘Carrots’, ‘Tomatoes’, or ‘Peas’. Use whichever veggies you want, but make sure to read the back of the seeds packet to know when they will bloom properly.
4. Make sure that you have drainage holes on the bottom of the boxes and a drainage plate under the box or pot. This will help to prevent the veggies from being over watered.
5. Once you’ve grown your veggies, you can have some cooking lessons with your home-grown veggies.

OTHER IDEAS

- Play a game of hide and seek.
- Story time - get the kids to write you a story with pictures. When it’s time for bed, they can read you their story.
- A picnic is always a great idea. If they weather holds off, there are heaps of local parks and lakes that you can visit, and there is usually a playground for the kids. But if it decides to rain, have a picnic in the lounge room instead!

ARTS AND CRAFTS!

Make a birds nest to put little treasures in.
1. Simply blow up a balloon as big as you and the kids want.
2. Take at least one metre of string and dip it in a bowl of craft glue.
3. Wrap the string around the bottom third of the balloon. This part will require one person to hold the balloon while a second person wraps the string.
4. Hang it on the clothesline or the clotheshorse with a piece of string.
5. When the glue is dry, pop the balloon and get to decorating! Use simple craft supplies like feathers and pipe cleaners to decorate your birds nest.

ADDRESSING FUNCTIONAL INDEPENDENCE IN THE HOME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH ASD

Monday 20 July @ 4pm
Knox City Council, Civic Centre Room 1
531 Bunyong Hwy
Wantirna South 3152
Cost: FREE!

Featuring guest presenter Anna Bortoli (PhD)
Assistant Principal – Eastern Ranges School

Developing independence is a critical skill for all individuals, but for children and young people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and other developmental disabilities, this can be challenging.

This seminar will present to parents and caregivers the principles of Structured Teaching, an evidence-based practice that can be applied in all contexts of a young person’s life to help address the critical skill of functional independence.

Booking are essential.

To register, or for further information contact
Knox City Council Youth Services
Phone: 03 9298 6000
Email: youth@knox.vic.gov.au

Parenting Information Session

WHAT’S ON IN KNOX

What is Disability Loop?
Disability Loop is a way to find out more about the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). Through Disability Loop you can:

• Find a great selection of resources relating to the NDIS
• Find out how the NDIS is working for other people
• Have your say about the NDIS
• Keep up to date with news and events about the NDIS

Disability Loop is a project that has been paid for by the NDIS. It is run by, and for, people with disability and their allies.

Who pays for Disability Loop?
Disability Loop has been paid for by the NDIS Sector Development Fund (SDF). The SDF is money set aside to help people with disability to get ready for the NDIS.

Who runs Disability Loop?
The Australian Federation of Disability Organisations (AFDO) runs Disability Loop. AFDO is made up of organisations run by people with disability across Australia. AFDO is not a part of the government.

Who are the staff working on Disability Loop?
Catherine McAlpine
Senior Manager
Leah van Poppel
Manager
Jean Cotchin
Communications Officer

What do Disability Loop staff know about disability?
Disability Loop is run by, and for, people with disabilities and their allies. AFDO staff have a disability themselves and/or have a family member with disability.

If you have questions about Disability Loop or need support to use this website, please contact us.

Phone: (03) 9662 3324
Toll-free: 1800 219 969
Email: office@afdo.org.au ; Web: www.disabilityloop.org.au

Aspect Positive Behaviour Support Workshop

For Parents and Carers of Children and Young Adults with Autism

Aspect Victoria is pleased to offer our highly successful, contemporary, evidence-based three (3) day Autism specific Positive Behaviour Support Workshop in the Southern Region of Victoria.

More than 120 families have participated in Aspects Positive Behaviour Support workshops across Australia. Face to face workshops obtain an effectiveness of the training, with participants reporting decreases in challenging behaviors and increases in confidence and capability to support their children and young adults.

Workshop will cover:
• Understanding the nature and causes of challenging behavior
• Establishing a safe environment
• Identifying functional communication
• Establishing and using effective positive communication
• Identifying and using effective strategies for managing challenging behavior
• Establishing and maintaining routines
• Establishing and using effective relaxation strategies
• Establishing a positive environment
• Establishing effective languages
• Establishing a natural environment

Eligibility to participate in this Workshop:
• Parents, or persons who care for children and young people aged between 0 - 25 years, engaged with Aspect.
• The individual with autism should be on hand.
• Professionals or service providers working with them to attend the workshop.

What participants say about Aspect Positive Behaviour Support Workshops:

"Effortless information and creative strategies to use, thank you - well planned and explained. Easy to follow and very informative. Great workshop - well presented. Thank you so much." – Karen D

"Fantastic presentation, very interactive, offering & capacity building. Lots of practical current ideas & strategies. Good balance of information and personal experiences. Great to be able to network - thanks for an excellent day. Thank you so much." – Paul M"
WHY IS THIS CONFERENCE IMPORTANT?

As the world progresses with an abundance of economic and technological advances, we are at risk of losing the neighbourhood connections that sustain us.

Hugh Mackay was so concerned he wrote a book called "The Art of Belonging". "This is not good at surviving in isolation", he states. "We rely on communities to support and sustain us, if these communities are to survive and prosper, we must engage with them and nurture them. That’s the beautiful symmetry of human society, we need communities and they need us.

Even though belonging is an issue for all of us, the barriers for people with a disability are often amplified through negative attitudes, lack of employment, congregated care models and "special" or separate places. This creates even deeper wedges of disconnection.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

This is Belonging Matters' 2nd conference. For two full days, 300 delegates will be engaged and explore the importance of belonging. Through the stories and wisdom of over 20 speakers, this conference will analyse why we rely on communities to support and sustain us, the risk of disconnection and isolation, and how we support and sustain diverse communities to flourish and prosper. Current information about the NDIS will also be provided.

WHO IS THIS CONFERENCE FOR?

The conference will attract a wide range of people locally, nationally and internationally. This includes people with a disability, families, advocates, organisations, professionals and community members who are concerned about community, disability, diversity and belonging.

FEEDBACK FROM PREVIOUS CONFERENCES

I liked it as the "Big Bang". Changed my life. Francesco. Success for the small. Real, rich & grounded. Truly inspiring & emotional. The speakers were excellent. Daring to imagine, courage to change & determination to act. Michael changing.

Finally a relevant conference for two full days' sight, thought & reflection above the "how to do". Memory, memory, equality. Expanded my mind to new ideas. Enlightening.

This conference seeks to ignite THE ART OF BELONGING and challenge the systemic exclusion of people with a disability.

Start collecting for your school now

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program gives Schools and Early Learning Centres around Australia the chance to earn new educational resources.

Make a difference for your local school:

• Simply shop at Woolworths and you will receive one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 you spend.

• Stick the Woolworths Stickers onto the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet inside.

• Once it’s complete, pop it into a Collection Box at your school or local store. You can download more Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from our website woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

Sticker Sheet

- Last year more than 14,500 schools and Early Learning Centres benefited from the program, boosting supplies in classroms, libraries, music rooms, gymnasiums and science labs.

- It’s easy to earn valuable resources to help your local school, so start collecting your Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers today.


Start collecting for your school today

The fresh food people Woolworths

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Earn 1 sticker for every $10 you spend.

Social Gathering

Join us at our social gathering! Enjoy entertainment by dusk drummers Linda and Christine, known as the Dusk Drummers, 314 Riverview Road, Hawthorn on Thursday evening, 23rd August from 6pm – 8pm.

FOR CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND TO PAY ONLINE VISIT

www.belongingmattersconference.org

www.belongingmatters.org

To guarantee a place, please register early by completing the registration form and payment details online. Please see full terms and conditions please see Belonging Matters’ Social Gathering. Terms and Conditions apply (belongingmatters.org)

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT BELONGING MATTERS:

Phone: 03 97309333  Over seas  +613 97308333  Email: info@belongingmatters.org
A Vision of Inclusion

Jewish Care’s approach to respite is visionary. With a commitment to ensuring that a person with disability is included in the community, our vision is to empower clients to make choices, achieve their goals and lead a rewarding life.

Opportunities for Growth

Respite is more than providing relief for carers; it opens up new opportunities for adults with disability to progress towards greater independence and raises awareness of respite to develop lasting friendships in a safe, supportive environment.

Caring for Carers

Carers are the unsung heroes of the community. They provide hours of unpaid support that enable their loved ones with disability to remain in their own homes and in the community for as long as possible. However, the caring role can be exhausting and may result in stress, burnout and social isolation. Jewish Care’s respite services offer respite time for families and unpaid carers to recharge while their loved ones are supported in a loving (and fun) atmosphere.

Our Disability Respite Centre

Providing a combination of respite, support and community engagement, our Disability Respite Centre is a perfect place to improve skills, build confidence and lead a more independent lifestyle.

Children’s Respite: Caring, Joyful and Meaningful

The Centre facilities include purpose-built playgrounds, sensory rooms and patios to foster learning and development opportunities for growth. Children and teenagers enjoy a vast range of social, recreational and leisure opportunities, both on site and within the community, in a tree-chip and friendly environment.

Adults’ Respite: Building Independence

The modern adult respite wing is a great place to develop independent living skills and build confidence. The services include a transitional model of support where individual plans are developed that work towards achieving personal goals.

A Jewish Home Away

Located in the heart of the Jewish community, this state-of-the-art Centre is designed to create a Jewish home away from home, where traditional Jewish holidays, celebrations and the traditions of Kehillah are observed. The Centre is open to everyone with a disability in Victoria as defined by the Victorian Disability Act 2006.

More Choice, Beautiful Space

- Flexible and adaptable respite opportunities
- Open throughout the year
- Inclusive activities and social gatherings
- Generous accessible bathrooms and enclosed patios
- Modern kitchen and dining areas
- Sensory rooms and gardens
- Separate playgrounds and patios
- Cultural facilities
- Access to the local council
- Regular family and community events
- Access to local resources
- Social support programs
- Community-based respite support
- Learning and education programs
Keep the family ‘entertained’ these school holidays with an Entertainment™ Membership

If you haven’t already purchased a new 2015 | 2016 Entertainment™ Membership, now is the time to do so. Plus, 20% of every Membership we sell contributes toward our fundraising!

For just $65, you will receive over $20,000 worth of valuable offers in the new 2015 | 2016 Melbourne Entertainment™ Membership!

Use just a few of the hundreds of 50% off and 2-for-1 offers, and you’ll more than cover the cost. You will also receive additional Member-only benefits until 1 June 2016!

The more Entertainment™ Memberships we sell, the more we raise, so please forward this email to your family and friends!

Not sure which Membership to buy? Try the Entertainment™ Digital Membership. If for any reason you decide you would prefer the Book, Entertainment™ will exchange it for you, no questions asked.

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Bop Till You Drop

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Have fun these school holidays with our Performing Arts Program. Our mission is to create a safe environment where children can have fun, build self-confidence and be creative.

What do they do?

We run a structured two day performing arts program with six 45 minute singing, dancing and drama classes per day. On the last day the children will perform in a CONCERT where you can witness their new found talents. Every child will be awarded with a graduation certificate.

WHEN: Tuesday 30th June and Wednesday 1st July 2015
WHERE: Kindred Studios: 212A Whitehall Street, YARRAVILLE

WHEN: Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd July 2015
WHERE: LaClícia School Of Dance: 22 Latham Street, MORNINGTON

WHEN: Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th July 2015
WHERE: Charisma Dance Centre: 1 Queens Parade GLEN IRIS

WHEN: Thursday 9th and Friday 10th July 2015
WHERE: Coach and Horses: 33 Manorah Hwy, RINGWOOD

$130 for two day program. Book and pay before Friday 19th June and SAVE with the early bird price of $110

1300 130 313 or email victoria@boptillyoudrop.com.au

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BOP TILL YOU DROP

PERFORMANCE CAMP

JULY 2015 SCHOOL HOLIDAY

PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM

This two day program incorporates six 45 min classes per day to build self-confidence and encourage your child’s inner rockstar!

Classes include:
SINGING, DANCING & ACTING
as well as craft, self motivation and goal setting. For ages 5-12.

On the second day the children will perform in a concert where you can witness their new found talents!

WHERE & WHEN:

Yarraville 30 June & 1 July (2 Days)
Mornington 2 July & 3 July (2 Days)
Glen Iris 7 July & 8 July (2 Days)
Ringwood 9 July & 10 July (2 Days)

9.30am – 3.30pm (concert at 3pm on day 2) $130 for 2 day program. Book and pay before 19 June 2015 for early bird price of $110!

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Call 1300 13 03 13
or email victoria@boptillyoudrop.com.au
www.boptillyoudrop.com.au
DEAR PARENTS / GUARDIANS...

CIRCUS QUIRKUS is a contemporary take on your favourite, traditional circuses of ages past.
It is an eclectic and entertaining mix of Circus acts brought to you from all over the world. Internationally renowned Clowns, Jugglers, Acrobats, and more deliver funny, hugely engaging and sometimes death-defying acts of unbelievable skill.

The show has been created to engage the special needs kids of Australia, & is suitable for audiences of all ages, big and small. All our venues will accommodate wheelchairs, & Circus Quirkus does not use animals in its performances.

WHERE & WHEN!

MELBOURNE CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTRE
1 Convention Centre Place, South Wharf VIC 3006
SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST 2015
10.00am / 1.00pm / 4.00pm
(Show Duration 90 Minutes including Interval)

This FREE Show is complimentary of the Rotary Club of Preston and would not be possible without the Sponsorship & Support of Melbourne’s Business Community.

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* Please return ticket order to your school by __17__/07/2015

CHILDS NAME: ____________________________________________
PARENTS NAME: ____________________________________________

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