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**May 17<sup>th</sup> 2024**

*Annunciation Catholic Primary School promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all students.*



Dear members of the school community,

This week the Allan Labor Government announced a \$400 School Saving Bonus for all school students in government schools regardless of income, but only for Health Care Card holders in Catholic schools.

***This is deeply unfair.***

We believe the payment should be means tested for all students or apply to all students.

It should not be based on which school you attend.

This policy punishes families for choosing to send their children to a Catholic school.

Our school, Annunciation and the peak body, the Victorian Catholic Education Authority, are working hard to oppose this policy and we need your help.

We need to show the Victorian Government that punishing families who choose a Catholic school is unacceptable.

Please consider contacting your local Member of Parliament to express your concern.

Our school's local MP is Melissa Horne and they can be contacted by calling: 9399 9022 or by emailing: [melissa.horne@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:melissa.horne@parliament.vic.gov.au)

Template letters are available to assist you with making your voice heard. [Click Here](#) to access the template **and make a copy.**

Thank you for your time in reading this and for advocating for your family and our school.

*Take care,*  
*Anna*

## Dates to note for the next fortnight:

<b>Monday 20th May:</b>	Guest Speaker presentation for students (Design & Technology Unit)
<b>Tuesday 21st May:</b>	Yr 7 Emmanuel College students visiting Annunciation
<b>Wednesday 22nd May:</b>	School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting - 7:00 pm at St Augustine's
<b>Friday 24th May:</b>	3:00pm - School Assembly
<b>Wednesday 29th May:</b>	Divisional Cross Country Championships
<b>Friday 31st May:</b>	3:00 pm Assembly Newsletter Published

**Please note that next week (Mon 20th - Fri 24th May) is Wellbeing Week. There is NO Homework for students this week. Do something as a family & enjoy each other's company!**



## **SCHOOL REPORTS & PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS:**

School Reports will be sent home to families on **Friday 21st June**. Each student will receive a report which outlines their achievements for the semester.

Parents will have the opportunity to discuss their child's/children's report at Parent Teacher interviews which will be held on **Wednesday 26th June from 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm**.

School will still conclude at 3:25 pm as students will be supervised by non-classroom teachers. More information on how to book appointments will be available shortly.

## **CROSS COUNTRY**



Last Wednesday on the 8th May, 9 students from Annunciation attended the District Cross Country event at Yarraville Gardens. It was a beautiful day and all of our students represented the school with pride and positivity. Congratulations to Valerie & Alfie who have progressed to the next level and will now represent Annunciation at the Divisional Cross Country on Wednesday 29th May. We wish them both the best of luck! A special thanks to Miss Denise and to all of the parents who assisted on the day.

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Congratulations to all of these students pictured below. They each received a student of the week award in the past fortnight. These students have been recognised by their classroom teachers for having a positive mindset, being kind, working hard in class and a variety of other great reasons.



## PRINCIPALS AWARD

Congratulations to this student for receiving a Principal's Award. This student has demonstrated a positive attitude and has gone out of their way to support our school community. They demonstrate the values of kindness and generosity.



## NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK



National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The National Reconciliation Week theme for 2024, Now More Than Ever, is a reminder to all of us that no matter what, the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will - and must - continue.

There have been many moments in Australia's reconciliation journey that make us want to turn away. But when things are divisive, the worst thing we can do is disengage or disconnect.

Now more than ever, we need to tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation. We know that the 6.2 million Australians who voted YES are committed to better outcomes for First Nations people and are with us.

Reconciliation supporters must stand up to defend and uphold the rights of First Nations peoples. To call out racism wherever we encounter it, and to actively reinforce the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across this continent.

Now more than ever, the work continues. In treaty making, in truth-telling, in understanding our history, in education, and in tackling racism. We need connection. We need respect. We need action. And we need change.

Now more than ever, we need reconciliation.

**National Reconciliation will be celebrated at Annunciation from Monday 27th May-Friday 31st May.**



## Annunciation Gardening Club is Go!

All students are welcome to come and help get the veggie patch and worm farm going. We hope to be producing delicious food by the end of term but we need your help!

Meeting every Tuesday - second half of lunch.



Gardening club has been a great success in the past fortnight. Students have actively prepared the veggie patch by adding new soil, turning the soil and planting vegetables. This week, the students planted peas, snow peas, broccoli, lettuce and silver beet. We are looking forward to watching the vegetables grow. The worm farms are up and running which will provide good nutrients for the vegetables.

**Next week we will be doing some sweeping of leaves, weeding, maintaining the worm farms & watering the veggie patch.**

**Many thanks to Linda Taranto & Sid for supporting the students.**



**Save your avocado seeds and send them along to school. We are planning to grow some avocados as well.**



## MHIPS - Mental Health in Primary Schools



My name is Lucy Vassallo and I started at Annunciation School at the beginning of Term 2. I work every Tuesday & Wednesday.

My role at Annunciation School is that of Mental Health Leader. What does this actually mean? Well, it doesn't mean that I am a counsellor or psychologist seeing students one on one.

The MHWL (Mental Health and Wellbeing) role is one that considers the mental health and wellbeing of all students, as well as supporting individual students. My role is one that is to support staff who begin to notice mental health or wellbeing concerns with their students and to work in partnership to support the students in this area.

MHIPS (Mental Health in Primary Schools) is a Government Initiative and is being rolled out to all Government Schools and some Catholic schools until the end of 2026.

There are 2 days of training involved through Melbourne University and Murdoch Children's Institute. Anna, Sean and I have completed these training days. From this training we will work on our priorities. The MHWL role will be evolving as there is a lot of learning and understanding that needs to happen. In order to have the greatest impact we will take a considered approach on how this role is developed and how I can work best in partnership with staff and families regarding our students' mental health and wellbeing.

***So that we can assess where our Mental Health and Wellbeing concerns may be, I am asking all staff and parents to complete a short 4 question survey. A random selection of 20 students have been asked what makes them feel happy and safe at our school.***

The purpose of the four questions around Mental Health and Wellbeing are being asked so that we can gauge parents' understanding of these areas. Your responses will give us a great insight into what mental health concerns you can identify in your children and what support you feel you need or can suggest. It will also give us information around the direction of Mental Health and Wellbeing needs at Annunciation.

***An email was sent to all parents regarding the survey. Here is the link to the survey in case you missed it in your email: [Parents - Mental Health & Wellbeing Survey](#)***

***The survey closes on Monday 20 May. The survey is anonymous.***

I look forward to meeting parents around the school and at school events.



*Lucy Vassallo  
Mental Health Leader*



SPECIAL REPORT

## Celebrating IDAHOBIT

May 17



## SCHOOL TV SPECIAL REPORT: CELEBRATING IDAHOBIT

We possess a profound ability to shape our children's attitudes and beliefs, embedding values of acceptance, inclusivity, and respect for all. The International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism, and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT), celebrated each year on May 17th, emphasises the critical need to educate children about diversity and inclusivity. Inaugurated in 2004 by the World Health Organization, this day is a global call to promote tolerance and combat discrimination against the LGBTQIA+ community.

Instilling respect and acceptance for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities in children is crucial. Celebrating IDAHOBIT helps families communicate a strong stance against discrimination, highlighting the importance of diversity and the damaging effects of stereotypes and biases. These prejudices often arise from the media, societal interactions, and peer influences, necessitating proactive efforts from parents and caregivers to counteract and discuss these issues.

Creating inclusive environments supports diversity and plays a vital role in raising awareness and demonstrating solidarity with LGBTQIA+ students and community members. It is a commitment to creating a world free from prejudice and discrimination, instilling values of empathy, respect and inclusivity.

This Special Report will help you foster acceptance, empowering young people to become compassionate and informed advocates for equality.

Here is the link to your Special Report:

[https://asbrooklyn.catholic.schooltv.me/wellbeing\\_news/special-report-celebrating-idahobit-au](https://asbrooklyn.catholic.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-celebrating-idahobit-au)

## SCHOOLS FOR NEPAL



On Monday afternoon Matt Rai from School for Nepal, also known as India and River's dad, came to talk to the Annunciation students about his charity work building schools in Nepal.

The students were fascinated to hear Matt (and his assistant, River) talk about the similarities and differences of life in Nepal, the difficulties for Nepalese children in receiving a full education, and the schools that Matt has helped to build.

Schools for Nepal are currently looking to build another school in Nepal and to help make this happen, Matt is competing in a charity boxing match at the Croatian Club in Footscray on Saturday 24th May. As he explains, 'People give me more money if I get punched in the face.'

**Matt has kindly donated two free VIP tickets for the event to any parents who would like to attend. Simply text Matt on 0452 397 477 - first in, best dressed. If you can't make the event, but would still like to support Schools For Nepal, please see the flyer for details.**

**CHOOSE THE DIFFERENCE YOU WANT TO MAKE**

**TWO fantastic options for you to make your difference**

**Option 1: Build A School**

- \$49 = A heap of bricks
- \$249 = Doors and windows
- \$7,999 = Build the roof, paint the building and provide electricity

**Option 2: Support a girl until adulthood**

- \$49 = 2 educate school bags - it's a bag and desk! Great for rural schools.
- \$699 = Give a girl a home, education and food for a year!
- \$3,950 = Give a girl a home, education and food for a until adulthood (6 years!)

**Option 1: SCAN to Build A School**

**Option 2: SCAN to Support a girl until adulthood**

**SCHOOLS FOR NEPAL**

**REGISTERED CHARITY**

**QR CODE 1**

**QR CODE 2**



## ILLNESS

As we navigate through the ongoing challenges posed by illness, I wanted to take a moment to emphasise the critical importance of keeping children home from school when they are feeling unwell. The health and well-being of our students, staff, and families remain our top priority. With various viruses and illnesses circulating, including the flu, it's crucial that we take proactive measures to prevent the spread within our school community.

If your child is experiencing any symptoms of illness, such as fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, body aches, fatigue, or any other symptoms commonly associated with contagious illnesses, I urge you to please keep them home from school. While we understand the desire for continuity in education, it's imperative that we prioritize their health and the health of others.

By keeping sick children home, we can:

- Reduce the spread of illness within the school community.
- Provide the necessary time for your child to rest and recover.
- Minimise the risk of infecting other students and staff members.



Additionally, I encourage you to monitor your child's symptoms closely and seek medical advice if needed. It's essential to follow the guidance provided by healthcare professionals.

As we work together to maintain a safe and healthy learning environment, your cooperation and support are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your understanding and commitment to the well-being of our school community.

***Please call the office on: 9314 6271 or email the office and/or your child's classroom teacher if your child will be absent from school.***

## ENROLMENT INFO

Children who turn 5 years of age by 30th April 2025 are eligible to enrol in Foundation 2025. If you know of anyone who has a child that is eligible to start school next year, let them know about our Open Days. Booking is easy - just scan the QR code and complete the registration form. Please spread the word about our wonderful school.

Annunciation Catholic School, Brooklyn  
*Where every child matters to every teacher*

## Book your 2024 Open Day tour



**9.30–10.30 am**

Monday 26 February  
Tuesday 26 March  
Wednesday 24 April  
Thursday 16 May  
Tuesday 20 August



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E: [principal@asbrooklyn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@asbrooklyn.catholic.edu.au) [www.asbrooklyn.catholic.edu.au](http://www.asbrooklyn.catholic.edu.au)

*We look forward to showcasing  
our wonderful school to you!*

## CLASSROOM CUISINE - SCHOOL LUNCHESES

Lunch Orders are on **WEDNESDAYS only!!** We have engaged the services of Classroom Cuisine as an option for families to purchase lunch for their child/ren.

Below is a menu outlining a variety of lunch options. **ALL orders are online** and will be delivered to the school prior to lunch. You need to register before ordering. [www.classroomcuisine.com.au](http://www.classroomcuisine.com.au)



**HEALTHY, INTERESTING AND AFFORDABLE LUNCH PACKS DELIVERED TO SCHOOL!**  
**SERVICING ANNUNCIATION PRIMARY on WEDNESDAY!**  
**ORDER ONLINE until 3.30pm on the DAY LUNCH IS REQUIRED**

We provide a High-Quality Lunch Service & Customer Experience that delights our Users and is hassle-free for Schools.  
 We are committed to supporting Schools to achieve their Sustainability Goals, as well as minimising Our environmental footprint and Scope 3 emissions.

**Choose ONE Main Course Item, then select ANY 1 or 2 Items from the Snack/Drink Menu to make up a TWO or THREE Course Lunch Pack**  
**2 COURSE LUNCH: ① \$9.65 ② \$10.95 ③ \$11.95 ④ \$13.45**      **3 COURSE LUNCH: ① \$11.70 ② \$12.75 ③ \$13.65 ④ \$15.15**

<b>SANDWICHES/ROLLS/WRAPPS</b> ⑦ ⑧ SANDWICHES ⑨ ⑩ SANDWICHES <b>SUSHI &amp; RICE PAPER ROLLS</b> 2 Hand Rolls per lunch, minimum buy 2 rolls to make 1 pack		<b>BAKERY &amp; PIZZA</b> Items have been Baked Fresh this morning and are served at room temperature. <b>SALADS</b> created in our kitchen with the freshest ingredients every day.	
<b>SUSHI &amp; RICE PAPER ROLLS</b> Teriyaki Chicken Hand Rolls ① Cooked Tuna Hand Rolls ② Avocado Hand Rolls ③ Cucumber Hand Rolls ④ Vegetarian Hand Rolls ⑤ Tofu Hand Rolls ⑥ Rice Paper Rolls - Veg ⑦  <b>SALADS</b> Greek Style Salad with Feta and Olives ⑧ Mexican Inspired Salad ⑨ Tuna Mix w/ Brown Rice & Quinoa Cakes ⑩	<b>PIZZA &amp; GÖZLEME</b> Margherita Pita Pizza ① Ham & Pineapple Pizza Slice ② Spinach & Cheese Gözleme ③ Lamb & Beef Gözleme ④ Mushroom & Spinach Gözleme ⑤  <b>BAKERY</b> Cheese & Vegemite Scroll (m/w) ⑥ Semi Dried Tomato & Olive ROLL ⑦ SCROLL with Ham & Cheese ⑧ Topped w/ Only Cheese Roll ⑨	<b>PICKNICK BOXES/FRUIT &amp; VEG</b> Picknick Box - Vegetarian ① Picknick Box with Ham ② Picknick Box with a Whole Egg ③ Steamed Corn, wheat, Broccoli & Carrot ④ Main course of Fresh Fruit Salad ⑤  <b>GLUTEN FREE SANDWICHES &amp; WRAPS</b> GF Ham & Cheese Sandwich ⑥ GF Cucumber & Ham Sandwich ⑦ GF Wrap - Ham & Salad ⑧ GF Wrap - Garden Salad ⑨	<b>SANDWICHES/ROLLS/WRAPPS</b> Vegemite Sandwich ① Plain Cheese Sandwich ② Simple Salad Roll ③ Roast Beef, Chutney, Cheese & Lettuce Roll ④ Chicken, Mayo & Lettuce Roll ⑤ Turkey, Cranberry, Lettuce & Cheese Sandwich ⑥ Mild Salami & Salad Roll ⑦ Cheese & Salad Roll ⑧ Salad w/ Ham Roll (No Cheese) ⑨ Wholegrain Ham & Cheese Sandwich ⑩ Wholegrain ROLL w/ Cheese and Tomato ⑪

**SNACK/DRINK MENU**

<b>FRESH FRUIT &amp; VEGETABLES</b> Freshly chopped Strawberries w/ Grapes Fresh Fruit Combo Apple pieces, Lemon Juice, Cinnamon & Brown Sugar Cantaloupe & Honeydew pieces Freshly chopped Watermelon pieces Freshly chopped Orange Segments Whole Fruit - Banana Cherry Tomatoes, Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers Celery & Carrot Sticks w/ Sultanas Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum Sugar Snap Peas, Beans & Cherry Tomatoes Edamame (Lightly Salted)	<b>DRIED FRUIT/LEGUMES</b> Dried Fruit Medley w/ Yoghurt Sultanas Lime & Black Pepper Chickpeas Roasted Chickpeas Balsamic & Sea Salt Fava Beans  <b>DIPS &amp; CRACKERS</b> Tzatziki Dip w/ Rice Crackers Spring Onion Dip w/ Rice Crackers Spicy Capsicum Dip w/ Rice Crackers Avocado Dip w/ Rice Crackers	<b>BAKERY</b> Choc Chip Cookie Gluten Free Choc Cup Cake (GF) Cornflake Cookie Blueberry Muffin Finger Bun with Sprinkles Hot Cross Bun Hedgehog Slice Jam Drop Biscuit (GF)  <b>POPCORN</b> Popcorn - Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salted Popcorn - Lightly Salted	<b>YOGHURTS/BOWLS</b> Strawberry Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers) Classic Vanilla Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers) Chia Bowl w/ Banana, Coconut & Strawberries Stewed Rhubarb & Apple w/ Custard  <b>DRINKS</b> Nippy's Chocolate Milk Nippy's Apple Juice Nippy's Orange Juice Nippy's Strawberry (Lactose Free) Milk So Good Soy Milk Full Cream Milk
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**We are a Nut Free Kitchen! More info & Allergen information is available on our website: [www.classroomcuisine.com.au](http://www.classroomcuisine.com.au)**

## PARENTS AND FRIENDS INFORMATION



### MOTHER'S DAY STALL

A huge "shoutout" to all of the parents who supported with the set up and running of the Mother's Day stall. I'm sure all of our mums loved their gifts and I truly hope that you were all spoilt last Sunday. The stall made a profit of: \$795.45. As all of the Raffle prizes were donated, we made a profit of: \$430.00. This is a wonderful effort and will go a long way to assist in the purchasing of new soccer goals.

## ANNUNCIATION TRIVIA NIGHT

We are looking for a group of parents to assist in planning and facilitating a fun night out for the parents of Annunciation.

If you consider yourself a bit of a trivia buff and would like to be part of a team to organise this wonderful event that is planned for later in the year, then please email your contact details to Danielle Fraser: [dfraser2019@gmail.com](mailto:dfraser2019@gmail.com)



**Save the date - the Trivia night has been booked for Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August at Newport Bowls Club!**



## PARENT'S AND FRIEND'S MEETING

Many thanks to those who attended the P&F meeting this week. There was a lot of great discussion regarding the upcoming Trivia night, fundraising ideas, school uniforms, communication & reporting. Our next P&F meeting will be held on: Wednesday 19th June at 2:30 pm in the Community Room.

## AFTER SCHOOL CARE

*Annunciation Before & After School Care - Daily - 7:00-8:30 am & 3:25-6:00 pm  
(not during school holidays or the last day of term)*

**“Looked After” is the company employed for this service.**

If you intend on using the before and after school care program ***you must register online first.*** (Details can be obtained from the office.) If you have already registered and want to put your child in care, could you please make sure that you go online and book them in for the day, the night before. If it is an emergency situation and you haven't booked your child in you can ring the office.

**REMEMBER IF YOU WANT TO USE THE PROGRAM WHETHER IT BE AS ONGOING OR CASUAL YOU MUST BE REGISTERED.**

## SACRED HEART MISSION

The Sacred Heart Mission is a food collection for St. Vincent De Paul. Donations of non-perishable food items can be brought to the school office from now until Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Suggested items include:

Cans - soup, beans, lentils, fruits/vegetables - Packets of rice, pasta or flour - Long-life milk - Boxed cereals - Plain sweet biscuits - Tomato paste – Honey - Vegetable oil.



## BIG GROUP HUG

Every child deserves to feel warm and comfortable in the cold Winter months. Unfortunately, many children in our local community are living without the most basic of necessities - warm clothing and bedding.

Big Group Hug are currently running their Winter Warmers campaign, they are asking the community to donate new and pre-loved winter clothing and bed linen for children aged 1-16 (sizes 4-16 are the most needed) for distribution to the families they support during the cold winter months, and year-round.

This is where our incredible Annunciation community comes in. Donations of children's winter items can be left at the school office during May.

For further information please visit the website at [www.biggrouphug.org](http://www.biggrouphug.org) or contact Samantha in the school office. [sbeg@asbrooklyn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sbeg@asbrooklyn.catholic.edu.au)



## Emmanuel College

Emmanuel College follows the characteristics of Marianist education, where students are encouraged and supported to achieve their personal best. Last Friday we celebrated Marianist Day commencing with a meaningful liturgy at each campus, followed by lots of fun activities and carnival events.

Our next major College experience event is the annual Information Morning at each campus, as always, registrations are essential for these events and can be made via the Tours & Events tab on the right-hand side of the College website homepage, [www.ecmelb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ecmelb.catholic.edu.au). The events and times are as below:

### Saturday 10 August 2024

<b>Notre Dame Campus</b>	<b>Commencing at 9:00am</b> with the Principal's address, followed by tours and ending at 10:30am
<b>St Paul's Campus</b>	<b>Commencing at 10:30am</b> with the Principal's address, followed by tours and ending at 12 noon

### Year 7 2026 Applications

A friendly reminder that if you have a child in Grade 5, **applications for Year 7 2026 close on Friday 16 August 2024**. Even if you have a child already attending or that may be joining us in Year 7 2025, it is a requirement for an application to be submitted for Year 7 2026.

A prospectus can be requested by joining us at Information Morning on 10 August, emailing our College Registrar: [enrolments@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au) or come into either Campus office and see one of our friendly reception staff.

We are pleased to advise that applications are now submitted online via the College website: [Online Application via this link](#).

I hope to see you at a College event soon.

Yours sincerely

*Jenny Hendricks, Community Engagement Officer*



**Emmanuel Marianist Day Celebrations**

## MOUNT ST JOSEPH GIRLS' COLLEGE



MOUNT ST. JOSEPH  
GIRLS' COLLEGE  
Virtue Courage

# Open Day

**Sunday 26 May, 10am - 2pm**

Come and discover our nurturing learning and faith community. Meet our Principal, staff and students and experience our dynamic curriculum. Explore our innovative facilities on a guided tour led by our student ambassadors.

Register now to attend.



133 MAIDSTONE STREET ALTONA [www.msj.vic.edu.au](http://www.msj.vic.edu.au)



### VISIT US

Visiting our college is a great way to explore our dynamic learning spaces and experience learning in action. You will meet our Principal, students and staff and see why Mount St. Joseph Girls' College is the best choice for your child. Tours of the College are led by our student ambassadors. This gives visiting families the unique opportunity to ask questions and gain an honest insight into our programs and what it is like to be a student at Mount St. Joseph Girls' College. Please register [HERE](#) for our Open Day (Sunday 26 May) or one of our various Open Mornings.

We have created a very special newsletter which features the Year 7 story so far in 2024. Read about all the activities our current Year 7 cohort has enjoyed in Term One [HERE](#).

### APPLY NOW

Students wishing to attend Mount St. Joseph Girls' College for Year 7 in 2026 should apply in Grade 5 of their primary school education. Applications for Year 7 in 2026 are now open [Apply online via the College website](#). The closing date for applications is **Friday 16 August 2024**. There is no application closing date for years 8-12. Vacancies are based on availability and waiting lists may apply.

For all enquiries, please contact:  
Sherri Collins: [registrar@msj.vic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@msj.vic.edu.au)  
133 Maidstone Street, Altona  
(03) 8398 2000  
[www.msj.vic.edu.au](http://www.msj.vic.edu.au)



Looking forward to seeing you at our

# OPEN DAY

at Altona Gate Kindergarten

**FRIDAY  
31<sup>st</sup> MAY  
3pm – 5pm**

Please take a virtual tour.



We are holding a community open day at Altona Gate Kindergarten. This is the perfect chance to visit the service, explore, ask questions and meet the educators.

**one tree**  
community services  
the place to be

**KINDERGARTEN**  
Victorian Government Approved

**Janine Appleby (Director)**  
9328 7369 / 0456 948 155  
altonagate@onetree.org.au  
80 Walker Close, Altona North 3025

## Autism Spectrum Disorder and Behaviour Support

through the question of asking 'Why?'



Facilitated by Sam Hinds, Director of the Autism Training Institute.

Children with autism can often communicate their needs, wants and thinking differently to their siblings and peers and this can be tricky for families, carers, school staff and the wider community to relate to, understand and support.

This online forum designed for parents and families with preschool aged children and early years primary students, offers an additional understanding about autism and practical strategies to build connections with autistic children.

**When:** Thursday 13 June 2024

**Where:** Online via WebEx

**Time:** 7pm to 8pm

**Register below:**

e: [earlyyears@hobsonsby.vic.gov.au](mailto:earlyyears@hobsonsby.vic.gov.au)

p: 1300 179 944

[events.humanitix.com/asd-and-behaviour-support](https://events.humanitix.com/asd-and-behaviour-support)

**FREE  
EVENT**

\*THIS WEBINAR WILL NOT BE RECORDED

Hobsons Bay City Council is committed to being a child safe organisation and has zero tolerance for child abuse.

**ATI** Autism Teaching Institute

Council acknowledges the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of these municipal lands and waterways, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

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Paul Sadler Swimland Altona Westgate Leisure Complex, 61-69 Doherty Rd, Altona North 03 8595 3159 [altona@paulsadlerswimland.com](mailto:altona@paulsadlerswimland.com)

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## Are you interested in playing Basketball?

*Come and Try*

**10 Week Free All Skills Basketball Program**  
Ages 5 - 10

Start date 14<sup>th</sup> of May.

To register please visit [wmbc.au](http://wmbc.au)

For more information, please contact

Alphan 0423 731 186  
[president@williamstownmagic.asn.au](mailto:president@williamstownmagic.asn.au)





## HOBSONS BAY CITY COUNCIL PARENTING SUPPORT FORUMS - TERM 2

WWW.HOBSONSBAY.VIC.GOV.AU/PARENTINGSUPPORT



### 2024, TERM 2

AGE GROUP	FORUM	WHEN	WHERE	TIME	COST	BOOKINGS AND/OR ENQUIRIES
Parents/carers of children 0 - 3 years	<b>Circle of Security Parenting</b> This eight-week group aims to enhance childrearing competence by improving parent's or carer's understanding of their child's social and emotional needs. This program is based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened.	Register your interest for further information.	Online	Register your interest for further information	FREE	Bookings essential via: mchinbox@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au, 9932 1300 or <a href="http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/MCH">www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/MCH</a>
Parents/carers of children 13 - 19 years	<b>Baby Makes 3</b> A three-week online program that provides tips and tricks for first time parents adjusting to life with a newborn, while also promoting equal and respectful relationships. These online sessions are run in the evening for three consecutive weeks with both a male and female facilitator.	Register your interest for further information.	Online	Register your interest for further information	FREE	Bookings essential via: mchinbox@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au, 9932 1300 or <a href="http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/MCH">www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/MCH</a>
Parents/carers of preschool children	<b>School Readiness Information Session</b> Facilitated by Melinda Vander Reest from Early Life Foundations, and joined by local Primary School representatives. This webinar will give you an insight into the important aspects of school readiness. Readiness indicators and support strategies for parents and families are provided in this session.	Wednesday 15 May	Online	7.00pm to 8.30pm	FREE	Bookings essential via: <a href="https://events.humanitix.com/school-readiness-online-information-session">https://events.humanitix.com/school-readiness-online-information-session</a>  For more information contact: earlyyears@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au or 1300 179 944
Parents/carers of children 13 - 19 years	<b>Tuning Into Teens</b> Facilitated by Hobsons Bay City Council and Hobsons Bay Youth Services. A free six-session parenting program designed for parents of teens. This is an emotion coaching program that educates parents towards helping their teens to develop emotional intelligence.	Monday 20 May (x6 weeks)	Online	6.30pm to 8.30pm	FREE	You can register your interest via our online form: <a href="http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/teens">www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/teens</a>  For further information contact: youth@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au or 9932 4000
Parents/carers of children 18 months - 3 years	<b>Toilet Training Information Session</b> Facilitated by Jodie Gregson, Council's Maternal Child Health Family Support Officer, this informative session provides many practical and important strategies for the family and for the child on when and how to prepare for this important transition.	Thursday 23 May	Online	12.00pm to 1.00pm	FREE	Bookings essential via: <a href="https://events.humanitix.com/toilet-training-information-session">https://events.humanitix.com/toilet-training-information-session</a>  For further information contact: earlyyears@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au or 1300 179 944

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First time Indian parents	<b>Baby Makes 3 - Building Stronger Families</b> One-day program to provide support to first time Indian parents as they adapt to the demands and expectations of parenthood. The workshop will be run by Hindi and Punjabi speaking facilitators and has been designed for the Indian community by the Indian community. Translation services available.	Saturday 25 May	Altona Civic Centre, 115 Civic Parade, Altona	10.00am to 3.00pm	FREE	Bookings and/or enquiries: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/building-stronger-families-tickets-879833023257?aff=oddtdtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/building-stronger-families-tickets-879833023257?aff=oddtdtcreator</a>  For further information contact: mchinbox@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au, 9932 1300 or <a href="http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/MCH">www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/MCH</a>
Parents/carers of preschool and early years primary children	<b>ASD and Behaviour Support</b> Facilitated by Sam Hinds, Director at Autism Teaching Institute. This online forum offers an additional understanding about autism and practical strategies to build connections with autistic children.	Thursday 13 June	Online	7.00pm to 8.00pm	FREE	Bookings essential via: <a href="https://events.humanitix.com/asd-and-behaviour-support">https://events.humanitix.com/asd-and-behaviour-support</a>  For further information contact: earlyyears@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au or 1300 179 944
Parents/carers of children aged 2-13 years	<b>Parenting Children Who Worry</b> Facilitated by Helen Rimington of Drummond Street Services. This webinar offers basic information and strategies to help children worry less alongside how to develop an action plan for helping them move from feeling anxious, to feeling more empowered and able to act when they are uncomfortable.	Thursday 27 June	Online	7.00pm to 8.00pm	FREE	Bookings essential: <a href="https://events.humanitix.com/parenting-children-who-worry">https://events.humanitix.com/parenting-children-who-worry</a>  For further information contact: earlyyears@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au or 1300 179 944
Parents/carers of children aged 0-6 months, 6-12 months and 12 months to 2 years	<b>Baby and Toddler Sleep Settling Program</b> Sleep and settling concerns are common issues affecting young families. This program delivered by Council's Maternal Child Health nurses, provides age appropriate information on infant and early childhood positive sleep patterns, as well as tips and strategies for settling your baby or toddler.	Ongoing	Online	Register your interest for further information	FREE	For more information contact: sleepsettling@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au 9932 1300 <a href="http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/MCH">www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/MCH</a>
Parents/carers aged up to 25 years	<b>Counselling</b> Facilitated by Hobsons Bay UP youth counsellors, these sessions provide short to medium generalist counselling for young people who live, work or study in the municipality. Counselling allows young people and their families to be heard and supported without judgement in a safe and secure environment with trained professionals.	Ongoing	Online	Register your interest for further information	FREE	For more information contact: sleepsettling@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au 9932 1300 <a href="http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/MCH">www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/MCH</a>
Parents/carers of children aged 6-14 years	<b>Fear-Less Triple P</b> Help your child manage anxiety and become more emotionally resilient with this 24/7 online program, at your pace. Get a better understanding of anxiety and fear and what can be done about it with a whole range of tools and strategies based on proven principles.	Ongoing	Online	24/7, at your pace	FREE	To register, visit: <a href="http://www.triplep-parenting.net.au">www.triplep-parenting.net.au</a>