PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
As we finish the fourth week of term 1, our teaching staff have been preparing for the Student Support Group meetings with parents. These meetings are an opportunity for you to be involved in the development of your child’s Individual Learning Plan. We value your attendance, advice and discussion about goals for the year at these meetings. Our multi-disciplinary staff will be able to attend some meetings, however, if they are unable to attend due to demand a further meeting time can be arranged. We have allowed the next two weeks for these meetings, teachers will then complete the student Individual Learning Plan which will be sent home on the 28th March.
One of the important tasks each year is to elect our School Council members for the year. Bulleen Heights School Council forms an integral and important part of our school community as our governance body, supporting our Strategic Plan and monitoring the quality of education provided by the school. This year we have four Parent Category vacancies. If you are interested in nominating for a position on our School Council and would like more information please contact me. Nomination forms will be available from the office of both campuses. Please consider nominating for a position on our School Council and contributing to the governance of Bulleen Heights School.
School Council election process and timeline:
Monday 24th February
Notice of election and call for nominations
Monday 3rd March
Closing date for nominations
Wednesday 5th March
List of candidates and nominations displayed
Friday 7th March
Ballot papers distributed
(if Ballot required)
Friday 14th March
Close of Ballot
Monday 17th March
Vote count, 9.30am PRC and Declaration of Ballot
Wednesday 19th March
Annual General Meeting and 1st School Council meeting

SCHOOL NEWS

Education Maintenance Allowance
Education Maintenance Allowance helps families with financial assistance to cover the cost of educational expenses up until their child reaches age 16. To be eligible for (EMA) parents/carers must hold a Centrelink Pension or be a foster parent. Parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension. Parents who received EMA in 2013 have been sent a new form. These must be sent back to the school by 28th February. If you are no longer eligible for EMA could you please return the form anyway stating this. If you have not received a form and you are entitled to the Education Maintenance Allowance, please contact the office at either campus and we will send one home with your child.

6 New Bikes for Bulleen Heights Bike Program
On Thursday, 13th February, Buckley Park College donated 6 new bikes and helmets to our school. The staff at Buckley Park participated in a PD with Corporate Challenge in their’ Bikes for Tykes Program’. Thank you to Paul Gledhill and John Neale for attending the bike presentation and transporting the bikes to Bulleen Heights. Elly Cotsopoulos

POST SCHOOL OPTIONS

ONEMDA OPEN DAY
OPEN DAY
Friday 28 March 10:30am morning tea will be provided.
3/284 Thompsons Road Lower Templestowe
RSVP 21 March 9842 1955 leannec@onemda.com.au

OPEN EVENING
Wednesday 12 March 6:30pm
123 Andersons Creek Road, Doncaster East
RSVP 7 March 9842 1955
Navigating the Journey

Planning for the Future ....

Need some help?

The Navigating the Journey workshop is for parents, carers and support networks of students with a disability role

Navigating the Journey assists in planning your son or daughter’s move to post school options. Its about

* Knowing rights and responsibilities
* Understanding how legislation supports choice
* Accessing services
* Identifying needs, hopes and dreams
* Person centered planning
* Developing a plan to suit your son or daughters interests and talents
* Who to ask for help?

Navigating the Journey Workshop

Where  Bulleen School  School
@ Manningham Road campus
When  Thursday 27th February 2014
From  1.30 pm — 3 pm  No cost

RSVP / More information  Leanne Cormick
Ph:  9842 1955   Email: leannec@onemda.com.au
Or RSVP Katina Heaslip Ph: 9852 1631  karaminas.katina.k@edumail.vic.gov.au
We are pleased to announce our next members only evening will be happening on Tuesday 11 March at Northern Support Services.

**Hear and Share with Mark and Leanne Hogan**

“Mark’s diagnosis...has given me answers as to why he does the things he does...it has given me a map that I use as a guide to navigate my way through our relationship.”

Mark: “You can’t rightfully argue your point when you can’t see her point, so you are not right all the time.”

Living life on the spectrum is no easy task, keeping a marriage together with a partner and child on the spectrum can bring even more challenges to the table.

Mark and Leanne Hogan are a formidable team and will be taking us through their journey, offering practical advice on how to keep a relationship together and what has and hasn’t worked for them.

Leanne Hogan wrote in her diary, when her son was just 9 weeks old, that she thought he had autism. She is a powerful speaker and her experience of living with her ASD husband and son gives her a unique perspective which she warmly shares.

Mark Hogan is a published author, a consultant and a public speaker on ASD whose knowledge and insight into autism and Aspergers can only be described as profound.

Together Mark and Leanne share Mark’s personal journey of growing up with ASD and his adult life. Mark provides us with invaluable insight into what is going on inside the mind of a child with ASD and how he looks at the world.

Find out more: [http://markandleannehogan.com](http://markandleannehogan.com)

**What other’s say**

“Fantastic insight thanks”
“What an inspiring evening”
“Brave brilliant and insightful”.
“I love the insider perspective”
“A real true life insight is always priceless
“Thank you for a wonderful sincere heartfelt presentation”

**Where:** Northern Support Services 30 Union St NORTHCOTE  
**Time:** 7-9 pm Light refreshments provided  
**Emily Kilsby Marketing Coordinator**  
T 03 9657 1624 | F 03 9639 4955 | E [emily.kilsby@amaze.org.au](mailto:emily.kilsby@amaze.org.au)  
24 Drummond Street Carlton VIC 3053 | PO Box 374 Carlton South VIC 3053 | [http://www.amaze.org.au](http://www.amaze.org.au)  
Amaze (Autism Victoria)

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**FREE Parents and Carers Workshop:**

**Sexuality and Disability – Talking to young people**  
**Monday 24 February 2014**  
**6.00 pm – 8.00 pm**

**Function Room 1, Manningham City Council,**  
**699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster**

Family Planning Victoria will facilitate a workshop to provide information and the opportunity for parents and carers to network and exchange ideas and views. This workshop will aim to assist parents and carers to develop strategies around:

- sexuality and disability
- identifying realistic expectations for their child in relation to dating
- facilitating safe dating
- fostering healthy sexual relationships

Light snacks, tea and coffee provided.

To register contact Metro Access on 9840 9317 or email krista.polvere@manningham.vic.gov.au
Youth Mentoring with Manningham YMCA

This program, run by Manningham YMCA, aims to enhance wellbeing, self-esteem, personal development and community connectedness. Young people aged 11-17 years interested in finding out what it could be like to have a mentor are encouraged to attend as well as parents, friends, teachers, community workers and individuals interested in becoming a positive role model to a young person. Refreshments available.

When: Monday 3 March
Time: 5.00 pm – 6.30 pm
Where: MC2 (Manningham City Square)
Donvale and Warrandyte rooms
687 Doncaster Road, Doncaster
Bookings: Heidi or Jodie – 9848 5400
Cost: FREE

Can playing computer games help your child??

Is your child happy spending time on the computer? Do you wish that they would put as much effort into learning as they do watching YouTube or playing games? Well here’s an opportunity you might be interested in!

Deakin University are testing a computer based behavioural intervention for children with autism spectrum disorder. Whiz Kid games is a multi-award winning suite of games designed specifically to capture the attention of children with ASD. Through game-play and animations, the program aims to teach them important social and behavioral skills such as coping with change, recognizing emotions, following instructions and making eye contact.

We invite you to participate in this 5-week program by introducing the games to your child at home, and allowing them to play at least 10 minutes a day! There is no cost to you, and each family receives a $20 Coles/Myer voucher as our thank you for your time and effort.

For more information, or to register to participate, please contact:
Leigh Elliott
Mobile: 0449858565 Email: leigh.elliott@deakin.edu.au

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The CareChoice Holiday Program enables people to access a range of activities throughout the school holiday period. With a social inclusive focus, enjoy age related group activities for groups 6-11 years, 12-17 years and 18 years plus.

Individuals can access an unlimited number of programs per week, each week of the school holidays.

Call Tatum Jackson (Operations Manager) on 1300 737 942 or via email tjackson@carechoice.net.au to book your place now!

SUPPORTING ACCESS TO FUN AND EXCITING ACTIVITIES!

Activities
Exclusive one-to-one support. Socially inclusive activities. Limited spaces available. TERM 1 HOLIDAYS APRIL 2014

The Jamieson Band - FREE Carers Event

Get ready for a fantastic evening of live music from the fun loving Jamieson Band. Relax and enjoy the VIP treatment; you will be greeted with a sparkling drink and shown to your own lounge style table, light refreshments will be served in the intermission. The band will play 3 sets of classic tunes through the decades. There will be plenty of room on the dance floor for those who want to dust off those dancing shoes! The brand new RIDE Respite Resource Guide will be launched at this event so be sure to take your copy home with you; we would love to hear what you think of the new edition.

R.S.V.P. is essential for catering purposes Date: 21st March 2014 Time: 7pm- 10.30pm Venue: The Hungarian Community Centre 760 Boronia Rd, Wantirna VIC 3152 R.S.V.P.: Call RIDE on 1300 886 798 or email RIDE@yooralla.com.au to reserve your seat. Hosted by Yooralla Respite Service Coordination and RIDE in partnership.
Healthy Lifestyle Week
27 February – 9 March 2014

Understanding the risks of under age & binge drinking for young people

The community are invited to attend a workshop that will provide key information to parents and young people about the risks associated with underage and binge drinking. The session will be a combined presentation with Manningham Community Health Service and Victoria Police.

This interactive & informative session will include:

- How alcohol affects adolescent development
- Alcohol legislation – legal implications of serving alcohol to a minor, without parent consent
- Tips on conducting a teen party safely
- Legal, social & health implications for young people – what is the cost?
- Parenting strategies to help talk to your teen about alcohol, keeping the lines of communication open

Date: Thursday 6 March 2014
Time: 6.00pm – 7.00pm
Venue: Warrandyte High School (School Theatrette) Corner Warrandyte & Alexander Roads, Warrandyte
RSVP: Anissa 9840 9330
Cost: FREE, light refreshments provided
Please note seats are limited
AN ADULT LIFE - BEYOND PROGRAMS

Friday 28th March 2014 9am—4pm

ABOUT THIS SEMINAR: Post secondary school education, finding a job or pursuing a career is a culturally valued and common aspiration for most adults. While many people support the idea that such options should be available to people with intellectual and other disabilities, how that might actually happen remains a mystery for many. This means the concept of real work and study remains aspirational and a remarkably low number of people with an intellectual disability are encouraged or supported to pursue such options.

This seminar will explore the reasons why and how these pathways could also be a common aspiration and reality for people with intellectual disabilities instead of limiting expectations and options to special programs and sheltered environments. Through practical and lived experience Martin Elks and Peter Symonds will share their insights about:

- The importance of inclusive adult education and paid employment
- Why such pathways remain illusive
- The concepts and benefits of inclusive further education and employment
- Widening an individual’s educational, employment and/or career options
- Possible models of inclusive further education and employment
- Facing challenges

WHO IS THIS SEMINAR FOR: those who wish to broaden the possibilities around typical adult opportunities and experiences for people with a disability and those interested in inclusive adult pathways and meaningfully employment. This might include people with disabilities, families, circle members, planners, facilitators, school transition advisors, professionals involved with adult options/services, human service workers, funders, advocates and others

REGISTER BY 21st MARCH:
On line registration/payment ONLY: www.belongingmatters.org
If you have difficulty registering on line or would like further information Email: info@belongingmatters.org
Phone: 03 9739 8333

Early registration is advised. Registration is not accepted without payment.

COST FOR 1 DAY (incl GST):
Concession $55.00
Standard $220.00
Bursaries available on application
Other rates may apply.
Includes morning/afternoon tea and lunch

VENUE: VICTORIAN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY & HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
Level 3, 204 Lygon St Carlton, VIC

Martin Elks began his career as a psychologist in Victoria & then went to Syracuse University to do doctoral work in disability studies. He has worked as a behavioural specialist and in the areas of self-determination, school inclusion and advocacy. Martin and his wife Darcy have been determined that their daughter Mary be included in mainstream education and experience valued roles in her community. She is the first student with Down syndrome to enrol at West Chester University in Pennsylvania.

Peter Symonds is the General Manager of Ability Tasmania Group Inc, that focuses on assisting people with an Intellectual Disability and/or Autism Spectrum Disorder find and maintain community based employment. Peter has an interest in valued employment for the people with significant support needs and who are normally streamed to sheltered workshops or day programs.