PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

At Bulleen Heights School, we are committed to providing your child with an excellent education.

From 1 March 2014, new laws will mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.

The building blocks of a great education begin with all students coming to school each and every day.

Regular school attendance is vital and missing school days can have a big impact on a child’s future - missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don’t fall behind:
- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your classroom teacher.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher early as early as possible. If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

Susan Merjan

STAFF BIKE ED TRAINING

A group of seven staff used the second day of term one to earn re-accreditation in their bike education qualifications. Steve Taylor, the DEECD instructor, commented on how even just the numbers of staff attending the course reflected a positive attitude towards student biking and bike safety.

Bulleen Heights School has great facilities that provide large and safe areas for students build on independent biking skills. We have bicycle knowledge and skills taught at both the primary and secondary campus as part of the health and physical education program.

Students may use these skills to work towards a bicycle ride on some of Melbourne’s scenic bike paths, develop varied ways to achieve a healthy lifestyle, attend bicycle tour camps or even to enjoy a Sunday ride with their family.

Parent’s Association meeting this Friday at 9:15 am at Pleasant Road.

Coffee Mornings are each Monday after drop off at Pleasant Road.

Next week, it will be held on Tuesday due to Labour Day.
怎樣與孩子溝通？
How to make use of iPad to enhance the interaction with your child?

語言治療師透過遊戲和 iPad 上不同的 App 與孩子產生互動，建立良好的溝通關係，增加學習興趣，還可改善孩子的行為。
A Speech therapist will be explaining how to engage your child to communicate with you and a variety of interactive applications for your child through using the iPad.

歡迎新參與的華人家長，備有茶點招待。
A warm invitation is extended to all parents of Chinese background to this event. A light morning tea will be provided.

講員/Speech Pathology : Alfred Ng
語言/Language: 廣東話, 國語 /
Cantonese and Mandarin
日期/Date: 20-3-2014
時間/Time: 10.00am to 12.00pm

地點/Address: Bullleen Heights School 49-61 Pleasant Rd, Bulleen VIC 3105

RSVP/Queries: 98981965 CCSSCI, places are limited, please book early.
報名或查詢: 98981965 華人社區服務中心，名額有限先到先得，逾時不候！
FAIRFIELD LEGO CLUB INSIDE THE BRICK HELPS CHILDREN WITH AUTISM TO BUILD BRIDGES


On a lazy Saturday afternoon in inner Melbourne, there's a steady trickle of children wandering through the shops, looking wide-eyed and a little dazed, like they can't quite believe their luck. Their destination is a shopfront tucked away on the wrong side of the railway line, its windows full of giant Lego models, the kind that take days, not hours, to complete. Rob Deakin, a Lego fan "from pre-natal", was still setting up on his first day at the Fairfield shop, Inside the Brick, when hopeful kids and parents starting dropping in.

Inside the Brick is the end point in a journey Deakin started about four years ago, when he left the lucrative world of corporate cyber security to start a business running Lego workshops and clubs, fuelled by the goal of "making a community for all these kids who didn't have one".

Deakin, a self-described "king of the nerds" - "red hair, glasses and braces, at a Queensland boarding school"- had noticed that many of the kids and adults who came along to Lego events were socially awkward. When he started running Lego groups there were always a few parents who would gratefully explain how much the group meant to their child who had few friends or struggled with social difficulties.

AWARENESS DAY WORLD AUTISM

TICKETS AT WWW.AMAZE.ORG.AU/WAAD

SENSORY FRIENDLY LUNA PARK MELBOURNE
9am-11am Luna Park, tickets $10 each includes entry & unlimited rides
- Sensory friendly: sound & lighting reduced, quiet area available, understanding staff, rides stopped if necessary
- Heaps of fun activities, rides & entertainment!
- T-shirts and awareness merchandise for sale on the day
- Food, expos, music, magician, entertainers and much more
- Don't forget to wear blue to help raise awareness!
- 11.00am Dove Release in O'Donnell Gardens

Help raise awareness... and show your support for families and individuals living with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Intensive Early Intervention Program Expression of Interest

We would like to invite Irabina families to put forward an Expression of Interest for an Intensive Early Intervention Program.

Initially attendance will be 2 days a week, for 5 hours a day, based on school terms.

This program is fee for service, or Helping Children With Autism Package funded. As with all Irabina programs, it will be based on the key elements of Early Intervention for children with autism, as described by Prior, Roberts, Rodger, and Williams (2011). These include:
- Autism-specific program content providing highly supportive teaching environments and generalisation strategies
- Supporting the need for predictability and routine
- A functional approach to challenging behaviours
- Transition support
- Use of visual supports
- Multidisciplinary collaborative approach
- Focus on independent functioning
- Addressing obsessions and rituals

We have tried hard to keep costs down, and have been able to put together a package as follows:
Commences: Term 2, 2014. Days: Two days a week (initially – days TBC) Time: 9.30am – 2.30pm (5 hours a day)
Staffing: Teacher, OT and SP, Psychologist (consult), Assistant. Number of children: Minimum 6, maximum 10. Costs: $400 a week x number of weeks in the term. If you have any enquiries please contact Dr Delwyne Stephens, Head of Clinical Services.

If you would like to register an Expression of Interest please ring 9720 1118.
Supporting Siblings

Presented by the Association for Children with a Disability, this presentation of the lived experiences of a sibling of a child with a disability includes tips and strategies for supporting siblings, empowering parents to support their whole family. An information session for parents about supporting siblings of a child with a disability.

AREAS COVERED:
- The common feelings and experiences of siblings
- The range of sibling supports available
- Strategies for communicating effectively with siblings
- Allowing siblings to express themselves as individuals and just to be children
- Building resilient families

FACILITATOR:
Rachael Walker B.A (Fine Art), Grad Dip ET, P Grad Dip Ed St, Cert IV Training and Assessment
Rachael is the Sibling Worker at ACD and has worked in varying roles, ranging from facilitating and developing artistic programs for people with disabilities, to teaching English as a Second Language. Rachael grew up with her sister who has cerebral palsy.
For more information on this presentation and bookings contact Rachael Walker or Janice Chan on 9818 2000, or email rachaelw@acd.org.au or janicec@acd.org.au

Presentation available on Tuesdays.

Siblings in Sync

Siblings in Sync is a unique and innovative school holiday program for children with disabilities 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 two Registered Music Therapists and will be tailored to suit the individual needs of participants within a small group.
Venue: Arts Centre Melbourne, Digital Learning Hub
Times: 11am
Dates: Tuesday 8 April or Thursday 10 April
Duration: 60 mins
Cost: $25 per family
Bookings:
For more information or to book, phone 03 9281 8194 or email snap@artscentremelbourne.com.au
Teenage Aggression: Responding Assertively
A one day workshop for parents of adolescents who behave violently at home:
• Understand how violence works
• Get concrete strategies to reduce violence
• Improve your relationship with your child
• Understand adolescent development
• Improve communication
• Share with other parents
When: Wednesday 19 March 9.30am– 4.00pm
Fee: $10 (Includes Handouts and refreshments)
Open to families from Whittlesea, Banyule, Nilumbik and Darebin
For enquiries please contact: 9450 4700

If you have an intellectual disability you can play sport with Special Olympics Australia. So, come along, have fun, make friends and enjoy sharing your abilities in a caring and supportive environment.

Eligibility—people with an intellectual disability aged 6 years and over can join Special Olympics as an athlete. Training is available for children from the age of 6 and competition can be entered from the age of 8.

Melbourne Inner East welcomes new athletes, their families and volunteers.
Tom just had a bone marrow transplant
ABN 99 117 585 976

IMMUNE DEFICIENCIES FOUNDATION AUSTRALIA

Presents

RAZZA-MA-TAZZ

Dear Parents/Guardians

Once again the Immune Deficiencies Foundation Australia is pleased to present the amazing RAZZA-MA-TAZZ.

The 2014 RAZZA-MA-TAZZ Show is a NEW & IMPROVED family variety show to be held at DALLAS BROOKS CENTRE AUDITORIUM on SATURDAY 26TH APRIL 2014

RAZZA-MA-TAZZ is a live theatre show of international standard performers steeped in the traditional disciplines of clowning, juggling, balancing, puppetry, acrobatics and unique comedy routines; all performed to the highest degree of skill and entertainment value.

WHERE & WHEN!

DALLAS BROOKS CENTRE AUDITORIUM
300 ALBERT ST. EAST MELBOURNE
SATURDAY 26 APRIL 2014 (3 SHOWS)
11.00am / 2.00pm & 5.00pm

Please enjoy the tickets, complimentary of the Immune Deficiencies Foundation Australia and Melbourne’s local business community.

*PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW MANY TICKETS YOU REQUIRE

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* PLEASE RETURN YOUR ORDER TO YOUR SCHOOL BY FRIDAY 21/03/2014

CHILDS NAME ______________________________________________________________

PARENTS NAME __________________________________________________________

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