PFA News

BBQ Season is upon us!

Wednesday afternoon we were offered a BBQ at Bunnings Vermont South for this coming Tuesday, Melbourne Cup Day. If you could spare an hour or two the PFA would be grateful. You will have received a time sheet in your communication book on Thursday. Please send it back in on Monday at the latest so a roster can be organised.

You will receive another time sheet in the next week for the ELECTION day BBQ which will be held at the Pleasant Rd campus on Saturday 28th November. Once again if you could fill out any time you have available. The PFA appreciate all help.

PARENT INFORMATION TALKS

Thank you to everybody who turned up to the EACH presentation last Friday. Ieuan is presenting a TEEN talk this Friday at Manningham library. If you are interested in attending meet at the rear car park gate at 1:30.

For the month of November we have:

Friday 7th 1:30 Ieuan presenting Challenging Behaviours Pleasant Rd parents room

Friday 21st 9:15 Form filling out morning. Bring along Disability, funding, respite etc. forms for Simmonne to help fill out. Pleasant Rd parents room

Friday 21st 1:30 State Trustees – wills and trustee info Manningham Library

Friday 28th 1:30 Planning Great Futures. A disability planning consultancy helping create great lives for individuals, their families and local communities, including housing. Manningham library

Friday mornings at PRC can be a nice way for parents to catch up with each other. Here the Principal, Susan enjoys a coffee with parents.
The Inclusive Learning Program in Mainstream Schools at Bulleen Heights is continuing to offer students a range of opportunities to enrich their learning and social skills on mainstream campuses.

Throughout the years students have been successfully accessing Inclusion learning options that best meet their individual learning needs. Mainstream Inclusive Learning pathways include: dual enrolment at mainstream primary schools and sessional inclusion 4 days a week at Templestowe Valley Primary School.

The inclusive learning program at TVPS is called the ‘Buddy’ program which provides our students with opportunities to interact socially, model learning behaviours and work productively with a TVPS partner/buddy.

The Buddy program involves a small group (max 6) of our Bulleen students and an equal number of mainstream buddies in a range of teaching and learning activities covering a broad range of the curriculum. The activities are planned and taught by the specialist setting staff, in the mainstream setting.

The program has many educational and social benefits for both special needs and mainstream students. The buddies model appropriate on-task behaviours including appropriate sitting, raising of hands, quiet focussed behaviours and appropriate social interactions.

The buddies guide and re-direct our students to increase their focus on work tasks and model, not only literacy skills such as reading and writing but also appropriate social responses including reacting appropriately to winning (and losing) games and sharing resources.

Buddies are proud to be chosen for the role and benefit from a boost to their self-esteem as well as encouraging and developing lifelong qualities of tolerance, patience, empathy and responsibility but most importantly......‘Being a buddy is fun!’

The mainstream buddies do a great job working with our students by guiding, encouraging and including them in work activities. Our friends and colleagues at TVPS have also gone out of their way to welcome and include us at their school.

Our students benefit from the reinforcement of mainstream skills, routines, behaviours in their Bulleen Heights programs to ensure they are ready and prepared for mainstream inclusion.

We are always continuing to improve inclusive learning opportunities by exploring ways in which to improve, expand and support inclusive teaching practice and to provide a range of inclusion opportunities to cater for the individual needs of our students.
Here are some more of our students in the Inclusive Learning Program.
In conjunction with Health and Nutrition Week which is from November 3rd to 7th, the secondary campus has organized a week of healthy and energizing activities for all students.

On Monday the 3rd of November, David Nielsen, our P.E. teacher will be coordinating and running a trial run of all sports events on the secondary oval. This will give a chance for all students to have a practice run of different events that they will be participating in on Sports Day.

Tuesday will be Melbourne Cup day.

On Wednesday the 5th of November, all students will be treated to a healthy eating options program known as the Healthy Recipe Demonstration and Sampling Day. The demonstration will be run by staff and students of three different classes over 3 sessions.

The first session will be a Healthy Salads demonstration run by M19, the second session will be a Sushi making demonstration run by M18 and the last session will be a Fruit/Vegie Smoothie making demonstration run by M16. This program aims to allow students an experience in great tasting, healthy food. The sessions also aim to teach students how to independently create these recipes in a truly ‘hands on’ experience.

Thursday the 6th of November, will be our school annual Sports Day and it will be held at the same venue like previous years which is on the Doncaster Athletics Sports Ground. This event is a school favorite with participation from all members of the student body encouraged. Families of students are also more than welcome to attend this event.

We will finish off the celebration by hosting a ‘Zumba’ Fun Day in the multi hall. Students and staff are encourage to dance along to easy to follow Zumba dance steps that will be projected on the big screen in the multi hall. Zumba, as many of you know, is an internationally acclaimed dance exercise program which we are sure the students will thoroughly enjoy.

Lee Sun Thang
Leading Teacher
Secondary Campus
Bulleen Heights School

We have some very exciting news about us which will impact your future studies. We’ve rebranded as Victoria’s first Polytechnic. Yes, that’s right, NMIT will now be known as Melbourne Polytechnic.

It’s a brand new name, a whole new look and a brave new world. It’s a more flexible, versatile and innovative tertiary experience. It offers a world of opportunities where you can get everything from a certificate to a diploma to a degree.

On Thursday November 20, from 4pm-7pm, the new Melbourne Polytechnic would like to welcome you to our world, at our Information and Enrolment night, running at all campuses.

This is a great opportunity to:
- Learn more about our world, and the courses on offer
- Get answers to your questions
- Meet with our teachers
- Organise your enrolment

Please register to attend this event by clicking here.

Come along and see how our new world can help you rule your world.

Kind Regards,
Course Enquiry Team
Melbourne Polytechnic
(03) 9269 8400
Program provides disability training

THE disability workers of the future are learning their skills in Manningham.

Bulleen Heights School and InterCare Training have joined forces to provide a training program where people can complete a certificate IV in disability work, at the school.

InterCare Training trainer and assessor, Simmonne Dyson-Holland, is also a single parent of twin 14-year-old boys who have autism and attend the school.

Bulleen Heights School principal Susan Merjan and InterCare Training chief executive David Clews agreed with her vision to offer the program at the school, Ms Dyson-Holland said.

The first course started in term three and the second course begins on October 7.

Tim Dudgeon, of Burwood, 36, found out about the program through an employment agency.

"I just wanted to do something that helped people," he said.

After learning about safety, privacy and legislation, he will have a certificate IV in disability work, allowing him to be a school support worker.

Tina Cantwell, 32, of Vermont, is passionate about the industry after growing up with a disabled sister in Thailand.

"She has polio and my country has a lack of service providers for people with disabilities," she said.

Ms Cantwell said after completing a certificate in aged care and disability, she hopes to be a support worker, at a school or community centre, or in home care.

Government funding is available to assist the cost of this nationally accredited course.

Details: 1300 102 273
Portraits

Rawcus warmly invites you to come on a portrait-making adventure

If you are:
from 7-17 years of age
with or without a disability
Interested in playful, creative and fun arts experiences
*Express your interest now to go on a Portrait-making adventure with the Rawcus Ensemble and a team of guest artists!

What you need to know:

It is at Gasworks Arts Park, 21 Graham Street, Albert Park, Melways Ref 2J H7
It is free, there is no cost to participate
It is on Sunday 2 November
It goes for two hours
*You choose to register for one session only: 9am 12noon 3pm

Rawcus Ensemble members will guide you through the Portrait-making adventure
Along the way there are:
4 different artists 4 spaces to explore
*4 creative ways of making Portraits with YOU

Guest artists include:
Sarah Walker  Michael O’Dwyer  The Sisters Hayes  Hermione Merry

If you are part of Portraits, all images and films of you, including other participants, will altogether form an exhibition to celebrate the week of International Day of People with Disability

PORTRAITS EXHIBITION
2-7 December, Gasworks Arts Park
Portraits Launch, 2 December, 6pm-8pm

P.S You get to keep your Portraits following the exhibition!
www.rawcus.org.au

Contact Nilgun Guven at Rawcus-
Email: info@rawcus.org.au
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Mobile: 0401 141 294

Deaf, hearing or speech impaired-
TTY call 133 677
Speak & Listen call 1300 555 727
Ask for ASSIST – Port Phillip – 03 9209 6777

Portraits is an inclusive and accessible arts opportunity for young people.
People Outdoors presents.....

The Adventure for All Camp

Monday 5th to Friday 9th January, 2015
@ Cave Hill Creek (Beaufort)

Cost: $230.00 + $20.00 for transport if needed
(cost includes all meals, cabin style accommodation, activities
and a 1:1 volunteer carer)

Eligibility: Open to 6 to 18 year olds with a disability living in the Eastern
Metropolitan Region of Melbourne with an unpaid carer

Siblings of people with a disability are welcome to attend —
please call the People Outdoors office for more information!

Activities: Activities may include canoeing, swimming, tug of war, archery,
ropes courses, raft building, abseiling, arts and craft, day trips,
Movies, parties and much more!

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE SO GET IN EARLY!!

To join in the fun please fill in the attached expression of interest form and return it
to People Outdoors by Monday 10th November, 2013.

PEOPLE OUTDOORS
1/14 Concorde Drive, Keilor Park 3042
Ph: 9365 7150 | Fax: 9331 6866
www.peopleoutdoors.org.au

CONTACT:
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Nude Food Day

Nude Food Day is a fantastic opportunity to teach our children about how their actions can impact on the environment and their health. Focussing on the positive message of ‘nude food = a healthy body + a healthy planet’, we want our students to be empowered to choose healthy, wrapper free food for their lunches and snacks.

Let’s get involved to save the planet and join in the Nude food day on Friday 7th of November, 2014 at school.

There will be great prizes to be won for those who showed outstanding efforts to spread the Nude Food message.

To get new ideas for healthy food tips and environmental tips simply go on http://www.nudefoodday.com.au/resources/

Thanks

Sustainability Team
Bulleen Heights School
49-61 Pleasant Rd, Bulleen
Saturday December 6th
10AM-2PM
TOYS, THERAPY RESOURCES, DISABILITY EQUIPMENT.

TO BOOK A STALL
9858 2574
admin@autismmatters.com.au
Take the hassle out of Christmas shopping & help our school purchase new equipment.

Support our school through
Christmas Toy Catalogues
20% back in rewards

Bulleen Heights School will receive vouchers for new resources.
20% back from each order!
Order online at parentdirect.com.au or chalk.com.au.
Please send in your orders by November 19th to ensure delivery before Christmas.

**Don’t forget to list Bulleen Heights as your chosen school!**