IMPORTANT REMINDER

PARENTS OF YEARS 7, 8, 9, 10.

YOUR STUDENT VACCINE CARDS ARE DUE BACK BY THURSDAY MARCH 26TH. YOU NEED TO READ, COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FORM/S REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOUR CHILD IS BEING IMMUNISED AT SCHOOL. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE MISSED PLACED YOUR CARD.

Assistant Principal’s Message

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Davina Bate - Assistant Principal

Parent and Friends Association News

At our meeting last Thursday Joanne O’Brien filled the position of Treasurer. Jo has been supporting the PFA as a committee member for many years. Thank you Jo.

That leaves the position of Secretary to fill. If you can spare the time and are looking for something rewarding to do come along to our next meeting FRIDAY 27th March (last day school) at 9am.

During the meeting we will be finalising our calendar for 2015, we are happy to hear your ideas, finding out how much we raised with the Easter raffle and discuss where the funds will be allocated. We are yet to decide on our big event for the year so please come along and help us. You don’t have to be a member of the committee to have input at the meetings.

Thank you to all the families who have donated items for the Easter raffle. There is an impressive amount to make some delicious hampers. Don’t forget to send back your tickets and money by today FRIDAY 20th March. The Easter draw will take place on Wednesday 25th March. Good Luck!!!

Manningham Farmers Produce & Craft Market

Conducted by the Rotary Club of Templestowe

Next market Sunday 22nd March 8:00am to 1:00pm

Location: The Manningham Sports Bar Car Park, 1 Thompsons Road, Bulleen.

Entry is from either Thompsons Road or Bulleen Road, close to the Eastern Freeway. A gold coin entry donation from adults assists Rotary in financing community projects.

Regular stalls include; meat, seasonable fruit and vegetables, bread, cakes, condiments, pasta, cheeses, olive oil, eggs, honey, nuts, wine, etc. as well as pet supplies, plants, soaps, etc.

The range of craft stalls is being expanded to offer visitors additional items of interest.

Sit down and relax over a cup of freshly brewed coffee or tea and enjoy something to eat from the Rotary BBQ or from other stallholders.

New stallholder enquiries welcomed. Tel: 0412 558 066 email: keith.an@bigpond.com

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Positive Behaviour Support Workshop

For Parents and Carers of Children and Young Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder

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

More than 1200 families have participated in Aspect’s Positive Behaviour Support workshops across Australia. Post workshop evaluations showed an effectiveness of the workshops, with participants reporting decreases in challenging behaviours and increases in confidence and capacity to support their children and young adults.

When: 28th, 29th & 30th April, 2015
Where: Bulleen Heights School - 49-61 Pleasant Rd, Bulleen VIC 3105
Time: 9:30am-2:30pm (9:15am for registration)
Cost: FREE (Tea, coffee & biscuits provided – participants to bring own lunch)
Registration: Register online at www.autismspectrum.org.au/registration

Please note: You may search for this specific workshop location by entering the location into the ‘Search Keyword’ field if you do not have internet access. Please contact the Aspect office on (03) 9377 6600 and we will take your registration over the phone.

Eligibility to participate in this Workshop:
- Parents or carers of children and young adults aged between 6 - 25 years, diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- The individual with ASD must be living at home
- Participating families are encouraged to invite professionals or service providers working with them to attend the workshop

Families participating in this workshop will:
- Develop an understanding of autism and how an ASD impacts upon learning and behaviour
- Learn how to be proactive by creating an autism friendly environment at home
- Learn how to write an autism specific behaviour support plan for one of their child’s behaviours
- Learn how to write a plan to respond confidently when challenging behaviour occurs
- Learn how to teach new skills to promote their child’s independence and quality of life

Enquiries:
Contact Amber Day – Workshop Administrator or Heather Kirkhope – Service Coordinator
Phone: 03 9377 6600 or email: aday@autismspectrum.org.au

What participants say about Aspect Positive Behaviour Support Workshops:

“Brilliant information and concrete strategies to use, thank you. I have learnt very important self-reflection, being able to step back and really look at and examine behaviour, so valuable. I really value the focus on being positive and improving my child’s, my own and my family’s quality of life. Great workshop – I will highly recommend it to others.”

“Fantastic presentation. Very interactive, affirming & capacity building. Ideas not just discussed but taught how to follow through on.”
“Best information session on Autism I have been to. So much clarity about getting to the core behaviour, unpeeling the onion. Enjoyed all the visuals. Thank you so much.”
MAT is a physically active therapeutic program that combines the basics of behaviour management with the principles of traditional martial arts. The 8 week program involves martial arts activities and discussion to help young people build strength, focus, discipline and friendship in a safe and fun learning environment. It focuses on teaching:

- How to identify various feelings
- Appropriate ways to respond to these feelings
- How to self-invest to achieve a positive future

**Where:** MC2 Building, Level 2 Doncaster Room  
687 Doncaster Rd, Doncaster

**When:** Tuesdays 21st April – 9th June (8 Weeks)

**Time:** 4.15pm – 5.45pm

This program is **FREE** for young people 12-16 who live or attend school in Boroondara or Manningham.

The group will be facilitated by qualified MAT program staff and is funded by the Boroondara and Manningham School Focused Youth Service.

Places are limited so please complete an application form to secure your place.

Applications due Monday 23rd March.

For more information contact:

Shaun O’Brien on 9835 7826 shaun.obrien@boroondara.vic.gov.au
Wendy Ross on 9840 9452 wendy.ross@manningham.vic.gov.au
You are cordially invited to the OPEN DAY at

Onemda LEAP

Friday 27th of March
From 10:30 - 12 Noon
morning tea will be provided
3/284 Thompsons Road
Lower Templestowe
rsvp by 21st March
9842 1955
leannec@onemda.com.au
AUTUMN PLANT SALE
Saturday 18 April 2015
9am – 3pm
39 Wetherby Rd, Doncaster

QUALITY PLANTS & MORE

- Great range
- Succulents
- Seedlings
- Veggies
- Herbs
- Glazed Pots
- BBQ
- Kid’s corner

All proceeds support our Garden Therapy programs
Books for and about Autism - By Louise Page, Melbourne, Australia.

Louise is a Professional Counsellor and Autism Therapist in Australia. She is also a mother of 3 children (AS), relative, friend, colleague and mentor to many other persons living with disabilities. “Poems for Autism” is a collection of just some of the many poems Louise has written for and in advocacy of persons living with Autism as part of their lives. Her understanding and knowledge of Autism/Aspergers is apparent in this book of poems. A highlight of her career recently was in being requested to be a co-author for a new and exciting developmental model for Autism. This book of poetry is intended for anyone wishing to gain an insight into some of the perceptions, feelings and experiences of an individual living with a disability. Such readers are fellow professionals, teachers, students, parents/carers and anyone interested in learning more about Autism.

Louise’s son, Ben, is a student of Bulleen Heights Secondary School.

Review:
Five stars - Philip Wylie FCA MBA BEng Value-Added Financial & Media Services “I can thoroughly recommend Louise’s poems, ESPECIALLY for parents and other relatives of autistic individuals because they have a healing effect in an extraordinarily inspirational way. Having worked with Louise on the Nine Degrees project I know her to be a wholesome and caring writer, poet and mum.” (LinkedIn)
This book and Louise’s other books are available as paperbacks or eBook (PDF) downloads from Lulu.com. Heart and Soul of Autism and you can also find Louise on LinkedIn and Books for Autism.

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WITH A DISABILITY IN THEIR FINAL YEARS OF SCHOOL

THEN COME AND JOIN US!!!

AT: JACKSON SCHOOL, Mulhall Drive St Albans
DATE: Thursday 16th April 2015
TIME: 1.00pm – 4.30 pm

This is a great time to CHAT AND ASK QUESTIONS to services like: EMPLOYMENT NETWORKS, CENTRELINK, TAFE, DAY SERVICES, LOCAL AND COMMUNITY/COUNCIL SERVICES, MYKI AND MANY MORE!

PUBLIC TRANSPORT:
Train Station: Ginnifer Sunbury Line.
Bus 408: Stopping Mulhall Drive near Ginnifer Station

How to Find Us!!!

PARKING AVAILABLE IN SCHOOL CARPARK:
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