In this newsletter you will read information about Tiqbiz. We are using this new app to enable our communication with families to be easier - user friendly and in ‘real time’. Please take time to read the information from Kieran and try this new app. Our sign in and out at the office for visitors will soon be moving to Tiqbiz Pass, with electronic signing.

Last Friday night I had the pleasure of attending the ‘Bush Dance’, which our Parents and Friends organised. What a great night! The band was fantastic and everyone had such fun. It was wonderful to see the students dancing with their parents. Many thanks to the organising committee of our Parents and Friends.

Next week is Education Support Staff Week. We will be celebrating the valuable work and support which our Education Support Staff provide to the students, staff and school community in their roles throughout the year.

Kind Regards
Susan Merjan
Hi everybody! The Parents Association would like to thank the families who attended the bush dance on Saturday night. It was a great success with around 60 people in attendance over the night. Everybody enjoyed dancing along to the band’s caller who directed us through the moves. At supper time we had a gumboot toss for the children and a coin toss to win a bottle of wine for the adults. It was lovely to watch the students and their families interact and share a good time together. We raised $1300!!

Simmonne Dyson-Holland and Cathy Jacobs for helping the Parents Association organise the night from the start. Brainstorming ideas and adding those little extra touches like table decorations and helping run the night.

Joanne Van Dort and Shaun Lawlor for sourcing items for our silent auction.

A big thanks to Marcel who came and took many photos of the festivities.

Heatherbrae Shortbreads for donating biscuits to enjoy with our coffee.

McDonalds Lower Templestowe for donating prizes for the gum boot toss.

Meadowbrook Paleo Butchers Lower Templestowe for donating the meat tray for the raffle.

Parent Talk Sessions

Friday 14th August – Ieuan (the school psychologist) is talking about Anxiety in our children, and for us as parents. 1.30pm at Pleasant Rd.

Thursday 20th August – WHO CAN HELP ME? Simmonne Dyson-Holland is talking about how we can access necessary resources in our community from local organisations to help our families. Looking at what you need for yourself, your ASD child and the rest of your family: such as gym membership, respite/ time out with our spouses so we can keep our relationship healthy and have a well-deserved break. 9.30am at Pleasant Rd.

Friday 21st August – Absconding / Running away. Special guest Deputy Police Commissioner Lucinda Nolan, who also has an ASD son, will discuss ways to keep our children safe and how the police can help. 9.30am at Pleasant Rd.

Friday 28th August – Ieuan is talking about Depression in our children. 1.30pm at Pleasant Rd.
Bulleen Heights App has Arrived!

We’re pleased to inform you that we have just launched a school app.

The school will be using the app to send out the school newsletter, general updates, reminders, events and much, much more!

The app is called tiqbiz and is available on iPhone, iPad, iPod, Android Phone, Android Tablet and Windows phone devices.

If you don’t have a mobile device, there is also an app available for computer, both Mac and PC.

We kindly ask that you download tiqbiz to one of these devices, register a free account then find and tick the school.

When you are ticking the school boxes, please make sure you tick on “Whole School” and the specific grades/years that apply to your family.

You’ll receive all the information with a push notification – much like a text message directly to your device. Any last minute changes or reminders, we’ll be able to reach you to keep you completely informed and up-to-date.

The app has some great features that will allow us to get information through easily and quickly, you’ll be reminded about important calendar dates 24 hours before, and everything we post can be translated into one of 81 languages!

You will also be able to submit student absence via the app now, authorised by your signature, electronically signed straight onto the screen with your finger!

Soon the app will allow you to receive and sign notices, pay bills, order uniforms and more.

We hope you will enjoy using this great communication tool.

How to Install the App and Signup to Bulleen Heights

1. Download and install the app via the App Store (Apple), Google Play (Android devices) or Windows Store. Search for ‘tiqbiz’

2. Register and login to the ‘tiqbiz’ app. Your full name and an email address is required.

3. Ensure push notifications are “Allowed” for tiqbiz. This is how you will receive messages

4. In the “Find” box enter “Bulleen Heights”

5. Tap to tick the specific newsfeeds (green ticks means you are subscribed) that apply to you

6. Tap the “Inbox” to view messages, notices and calendar events

7. Technical support can be contacted via: team@tiqbiz.com
This term at Yungaburra, the secondary students have planted cabbage, celery, spring onions and Wombok. We have discovered that Wombok is the favourite vegetable of snails! The students have been propagating rosemary and geraniums and have grown parsley, coriander and garlic chives from seeds that we collected from last year’s crops. Everyone is always enthusiastic about maintaining the garden, particularly the watering.

All the groups have been using the vegetables and herbs they have grown at Yungaburra in their cooking sessions. We are looking forward to harvesting beetroot, carrots, cauliflower and garlic in the near future.

Some of the delicacies the students have prepared at Yungaburra have included chicken stir fry, sausage rolls, egg and bacon pies, vegetarian pasties, vegetable pasta, vegetarian stir fry noodles, potato bakes, homemade pizzas and hamburgers. All this while still doing the chores of washing clothes, making and changing beds, cleaning, vacuuming and other various household duties.

Sue Whiting
Families Program Winter/Spring 2015

Accessible Performances

To provide families with more opportunities to engage with the arts, our program now includes a number of inclusive performances for young people with a disability.

**ERTH’S DINOSAUR ZOO**
Relaxed performance
Sunday 2 August
Ages 5+

**OUT OF THE BLUE**
Relaxed performance
Friday 7 August
Ages 3 – 7

**ODDYSEA**
Immersive, multi-sensory performance designed for children with complex disabilities.
Saturday 29 August and 5 September
Ages 5 – 8

To book tickets to accessible performances, contact Arts Centre Melbourne’s Box Office on 1300 208 033 or email families@artscentremelbourne.com.au

www.artscentremelbourne.com.au
Introducing PBS

School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support

Bulleen Heights is taking on a pro-active approach to teaching all students ‘agreed expected behaviours’ through a School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (PBS)initiative. What is Positive Behaviour Support (PBS)?

• A whole school commitment to teaching students socially acceptable ways to behave and interact with others through ‘agreed expected behaviours’.

• A whole school commitment to proactively prevent and reduce the intensity and frequency of behaviours of concern.

Our school community has identified the following school expectations to teach and promote the responsible behaviour of our students across all learning environments.
Visit to Araluen

M9 got an opportunity to visit Araluen – A Day Service Centre for Adults.

Araluen is an exciting place to live and work, a place that connects people's energy and interest that provides adults with the ongoing opportunity to achieve the maximum quality of life within a caring and accepting community.

We looked at the Art and Craft room where the adults at the centre were busy creating beautiful art pieces using the wood material. At the kitchen some adults were doing their cooking programme. At the Literacy and the Numeracy room some adults were looking at magazines and chilling away. A few of them were playing the Numeracy Board games.

M9 enjoyed looking at the Vegetable garden grown by the adults of the centre. We went through the different leisure activities provided by the centre such as tennis court, basketball court and music area etc. As the day went on we learnt there were groups that participate in the off campus excursions and community access activities. It was a great experience for students to see the amazing independent life after school!

“EDIBLE ART” in P17

P17 has combined ART with COOKING to create some delicious snacks using some of the students’ favourite foods. They’ve progressed from ‘teddy bear’, ‘owl’ and ‘fish’ toast through to ‘lady bug’ savoury biscuits, ‘angry bird’ pizza, welsh ‘Rabbit’ muffins and waffle ‘turtles’. It seems there is no limit to their imagination or their appetite!

This is a website where you can buy special ‘greeper’ shoelaces, that allow kids to take shoes on and off without undoing shoelaces. www.greeper.com.au
As per our painting program for MRC, we have completed the internal painting of all the buildings.
FREE FAMILY FUN DAY

For Children with a Disability and their Families
Sunday, 29th November 2015
11am to 4pm
At Box Hill Miniature Railway
Located on the corner of Belmore and Elgar Roads, Box Hill
Melways Ref: 47 B4

Something for everyone to enjoy

Train Rides, Animal Farm, Jumping Castle, Sausage Sizzle, Amazing Magic Show, Face Painting, Drinks, Icy Poles, Show Bags, 1st Balwyn Scouts Exhibit
Santa will also be making a visit
Covered Footwear is Essential

For more information and to RSVP call co-ordinator on 9874 6205 or email psn-emr@bigpond.net.au

Thanks to the following Sponsors
Braeden's Snow Trip Report

Describe your trip to the snow
It was a fun day up at the snow.

What was the weather like and where did we go
Very cold at lake mountain.

Did you enjoy your day, what was the best part of your day and worst part of your day
I enjoyed the whole day at the snow. The best part of my day was racing Noah down the hill.

Noah's Snow Trip Report

This Morning, I just woke up so early at 5:00am & I did say hello to Sally at school & she told me about she went to the park & saw my mum.

At morning tea we just had a sausage roll.

At lunchtime, I had a good play with those snowballs & making a snowman with Sarra and we skied back to the car park. Before going home we stopped at Marysville park and had hot dogs and went back to school.
BULLEEN HEIGHTS SCHOOL

ONE DAY CONFERENCE

Therapeutic Landscapes Network Australia

Burnley Campus, University of Melbourne | Cost: $250
Friday 27 November 2015 | 8:30am - 4:00pm

Bringing together people from a range of professions to
explore the connections between nature, horticulture
and health and wellbeing. Our thought leaders in this space
will identify pathways to make horticulture healing a widely
recognised, evidence-based health intervention in Australia.

Nature-based interventions - the European Perspective
Nature-based health and healing - the theory and evidence.
Nature-based health and healing - the practice and examples.
Nature-based health and healing - the research.
Nature-based health and healing - the policy.
Nature-based health and healing - the economics.
Nature-based health and healing - the future.
Nature-based health and healing - the practicalities.
Nature-based health and healing - the science.

For info & to register contact 9326 9970 or info@wildatheart.org.au
www.wildatheart.org.au

A DHS funded respite activity for people living with disability at home with their family.

Fully accessible weekly arts workshops

Saturdays 1-5pm
Creeds Farm Living & Learning Centre
2 Snugburgh Way, Epping North
$10 per week

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Integrity - Respect - Consistency - High Professional Standards - Care and Support
Information Session Dates 2015

Courses at the
Work Education Centre
Melbourne Polytechnic (formerly NMIT)

Preston Campus

- 22128VIC Certificate I in Work Education (General)
- 22128VIC Certificate I in Work Education (Ignition Theatre)
- 22128VIC Certificate 1 in Work Education (Hospitality)
- 22129VIC Certificate I in Transition Education
- FDF20510 Certificate II in Retail Baking Assistance

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Saturday August 22nd 11am-2pm
Come in store to meet gardening expert Vasili and get some great tips

~ For further information please call Julie Lew ~
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Go to www.bulleenheights.vic.edu.au to sign up.

Manningham Produce & Craft Market
Conducted by the Rotary Club of Templestowe

Next market
Sunday 23rd August 9:00am to 1:00pm
Location:
The Manningham Sports Bar Car Park, 1 Thomp-sons Road, Bulleen.

NOTE: From September the market opens at 8:00am.

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;

Seasonable fruit and vegetables, bread, cakes, condiments, pasta, cheeses, olive oil, eggs, jams, honey, as well as pet supplies, plants, soaps, soy candles, and other craft stalls.

The range of 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 other stallholders.

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

Hanen More Than Words Information Session
By http://www.amaze.org.au/events/hanen-more-than-words-information-session | Friday 07/08/2015
Free Hanen 'More Than Words' information session for interested parents. More Than Words is a family focused program that has been developed for parents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and those with social communication difficulties. Parents learn practical ways to help their child communicate and interact during everyday routines and activities. Parents learn a broad range of skills including: - What motivates your child to communicate - How to turn everyday activities into opportunities for learning to communicate - How to develop your child’s play skills - How your child learns best and how to take advantage of these preferences - Why your child behaves in certain ways and what you can do about these behaviours This program is internationally acclaimed and evidenced based. Register your interest for the information night by contacting the clinic on 9889 9010, or email clinic@melvinspeech.com.au. Please note that bookings for the session are essential, and if parents want to participate in the More Than Words program they must first attend the information session. Any queries please do not hesitate to contact the clinic. For more information please visit our website, www.melvinspeech.com.au

Guiding children’s behaviour
This free parent information session is provided by ECMS in partnership with Darebin City Council. In this session, Dr Louse Porter will advocate for a guidance approach to children’s behaviour. Bookings essential: https://childbehaviour19.eventbrite.com.au

The Art of Belonging conference
By parenttoparent@mackillop.org.au | Thursday 06/08/2015
27th and 28th August, 2015, Hawthorn Arts Centre, 360 Burwood Road, Hawthorn
This conference seeks to ignite the ART OF BELONGING and challenge the systemic exclusion of people with a disability! Through the sharing of stories and wisdom of over 20 speakers, this conference will explore:
• the importance of belonging
• why we rely on communities to support and sustain us
• the risk of disconnection and exclusion
• how we include people with a disability and others at risk of exclusion
• what it takes for diverse communities to flourish.

Kind Regards

Katina Heaslip
Transition Coordinator
Bulleen Heights School
Manningham Campus
221 Manningham Rd, Lower Templestowe
PH: 9852 1631
School improvements...

The Family of Sahil Singh who graduated from BHS last year, donated to MRC, new play/outdoor gym equipment to the value of $10,000.

Parents Association have donated to PE Dept., new equipment for both campuses to the value of $7,000:
- Foam Shapes
- HART Oversize Cylinder
- HART Flat Bridge
- HART Foam Donut
- HART Rocking Step
- HART Gym Mat

We have received further donations from parents and the Kindred Spirits foundation for additional equipment to the value of $10,000.
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