Learning Centre Leaders’ Newsletter 22nd September 2017

Early Years Learning Centre

The Term has flown by! It has been extremely busy with all of the Education Weeks and last week teachers planned their Term 4 STEAM Inquiry. In the Early Years classes have been busy getting their Teddy/Mascot ready for its departure to its exchange classroom. Some Teddies are travelling as far as Canada and England!!

For Term 4 I will be taking on the Acting Assistant Principal role and handing over to Amy Byrne who will lead the Early Years for the remainder of 2017. Amy is familiar with all of the staff and students having worked across the Early Years as our Reading Success Coach.

I would like to wish all Parents/Carers, staff and students a restful break and see you all in Term 4!
Elaine Quinn, Early Years Team Leader

Last day of term:
22nd Sept
Early dismissal at 2:30pm

Early years PLT 1 had a terrific ‘Teddy Bear Picnic on Wednesday 20th September. The students made yummy teddy sandwiches, ate them with their teddies and also enjoyed listening to music and playing under the parachute running across, sitting under and walking around it as it raised up and down. A very big thank you for all the parents who came in and joined the fun with the students.
(Group 1,2,4,5 & 7)
Multimedia

Term 3 has now come to an end. We celebrated the end of the term with our Excursion to Timezone. Our students did an amazing job running the fundraising BBQ to raise money to go towards the excursion. They made over $200 in profit and did a fantastic job using their manners to welcome people and to sell the sausages, as well as put their great numeracy skills to use to calculate the amounts and total money raised. Timezone was lots of fun and the students were able to enjoy the fruits of their hard work throughout the term.

In the last two weeks we have had a strong focus on using partitioning to do subtraction equations. In reading, we have revisited and used some strategies to help us improve our understandings of non fiction books. The students are showing great growth in these areas.

Next term it is a requirement that students wear a “Sunsmart” hat. We would appreciate your assistance in helping us to ensure that this is happening. Finally we would like to extend our thanks to all of the parents and guardians for your support throughout the last term. We wish our students a safe and enjoyable break and look forward to teaching them again next term.
Anthony Heffernan, Multimedia Team Leader
Middle Years Learning Centre

We have had a very productive and busy term in Middle Years. The students have enjoyed participating in Science Week, Book Week and Literacy and Numeracy Week – thank you to all of the parents who came along to support their students. We also had a number of parents complete Science and Literacy activities at home with their children and these activities were a great success.

Just a reminder, in both Term 4 and Term 1 students are required to wear hats everyday whilst playing outside. Can you please take the time to find your child’s hat over the holidays and put it in their bag with their name clearly marked on it to start next term. We also encourage students to bring a water bottle to school that they can sip on throughout the day.

Middle Years students will be attending AquaPulse during week 4 for our second week of swimming lessons for 2017. Permission notes have been sent home this week. Please return these as soon as possible so staffing arrangements can be made. If you would like to assist with the swimming program and you have a current ‘Working With Children Check’ please speak to your child’s teacher.

I hope you all have an enjoyable holiday and we look forward to seeing your child back at school for Term 4.

Alison Balchan
Middle Years Team Leader

Groups 22, 23, 24 & 25

Welcome to the final week of term 3! What an exciting, busy and fun-filled term it has been! PLT2 have spent this week saying their goodbyes to their stuffed toy “classmate” and are getting ready to send it on its journey to its new school! Room 22 and 23 have already met their new exchange classmate and have been enjoying getting to know them. Term 4 will be another exciting term. As it will be approaching summer, please ensure your child has their hat ready for the first day of term.

Notes for swimming have been sent home this week. This is an experience that our students really look forward to and enjoy so please sign the form and send it back as soon as possible.

Thank you for another wonderful term. Please have a restful and enjoyable break and we look forward to seeing you in term 4.

Olivia
Later Years
In Later Years we have been busy feeding the animals at Werribee Zoo. We have also been planting, caring and harvesting seasonal vegetables to both cook in the kitchen as well as to feed the animals at Werribee Zoo. Group 36 went sailing during the week with Sailing with Disabilities and were joined by students from Melbourne University to help us out. All the students got a turn to steer the ship and take in the view of Melbourne from the boat. We have had a very busy term with many excursions and there’s no stopping us now having a good time and having a ball!
Congratulations to all of our student of the week recipients this term. Each and every one of you has demonstrated what it is to be kind, considerate and friendly to all. You have all shown outstanding attendance, good work ethic, excellent academic achievement and classroom participation. You all have a positive attitude towards others and learning, who are all respectful to teachers and peers and you demonstrate good citizenship and responsibility. Well done to Huia H, Dylan P, Blake A, Shakira C, Nathan H, Mu Mae Sot, Zoe P, Zac B, Kian, Fathi and Vanessa S. Keep up the great work.

Last Friday’s excursion to Science works was a great success for Year 8 and 9 students. Students enjoyed the light show the most and learnt about circuits, coding and STEAM activities. Year 10 students visited the MCG and took a tour of the change rooms and even walked out on to the ground. A lucky experience a night before a final’s match!

Term 4 will be a busy term at the campus with the year 8 and 9 students going to camp from November 1 – 3. Year 10 students will participate in the Formal on December 8th. End of year reports will be written and sent home and CAPs goals reviewed and achieved. Year 10 students will also start to plan their transition in to year 11 throughout this term.

On behalf of all the BRC teaching staff we wish all of our students a safe and relaxing holiday break. We look forward to working with you again in Term 4.

Danielle Barclay
Assistant Principal
Later Years

News from Katarnya...
What a term it has been! It’s hard to believe there is only one term of school left for 2017!

Week 9 was a busy week for all. During Jigsaw lessons students were treated to a presentation by Vinnie from The Grange. This presentation enabled students to link the Jigsaw program to their everyday lives by watching Vinnie do the same. Year 8 and 9 students were also lucky enough to visit Science Works on Friday. They experienced the Planetarium and even got to code with Lego Mindstorm robots. Students were amazed to find out that one of the display robots even cost $15,000!

Week 10 was a much quieter week. Some students had the opportunity to try out an eduBreakout game which required them to solve clues to unlock a padlock on a box. Some students also had the opportunity to go on a class picnic to the local park.

Congratulations to all students on this very productive term!
From all the staff at Bethany Road Campus, we wish you a safe, healthy and happy holidays!

Katarnya
Well done to the VCAL students for their work throughout the term. There have been many exciting projects and learning opportunities that the students have embraced and succeeded in. The Bike Mechanics students recently received copies of their results. Pleasingly the majority of students attending this program successfully achieved the six modules that they had studied towards a partial completion of a Certificate II in Bike Mechanics. The Bike Mechanics course has been one of the most popular VET courses undertaken this year and the students have gained some very practical hands-on skills. Thanks to Mark and Scott for supporting the students with this course.

Ethan and Thomas are continuing to make planter boxes with Scott at Cayleys Road and they are making their way through a backlog of orders. The veggie boxes that the boys take care of at VCAL are also looking great and the first produce should be ready for harvest soon. Thankyou to the Bunnings BBQ team who have soldiered on through the winter months and who are now up to a profit of over $1800 - an amazing effort, well done Rani, Steph, Ranka, Ella and Kerry.

Congratulations to the VCAL students who took part in the RIJI interviews at the Wyndham Council this term and to all of the staff who helped to prepare the students for this program. Many of the students dressed up for the occasion and they came well prepared with answers for questions relating to their experience, skills and job goals.

Thankyou to the families who came to the camp information evening recently. We had a very good turn out for both the Tasmania and Queensland meetings which will help ensure that the students are well prepared for their interstate adventures next term.

Finally thank you to all VCAL staff for their work throughout the term. It has been a long term but a very productive and rewarding term. Have a well-deserved and enjoyable break.

Natalie Alekesjevs, VCAL Team Leader

**Student Reflections**

**On Tuesday 15th of August I started work experience at the IGA supermarket across the road from Warringa main campus. I start work at 9am and finish at 12.00. When I go to work I need to wear a dark blue uniform. I put stock on the shelves and stack milk in the fridge. My Supervisor is Mark. I really enjoy this work experience.**

By Meghna

**Last Tuesday we went to the Wyndham City Council for the Real Industry Job Interviews. I had to wear black pants and a white polo shirt and my mum put a little makeup on me. Mum also helped me with my job interview Monday night. I had to shake hands with Lauren and Chris who were on my job interview panel. I applied for the kitchen hand position. I had to make eye contact with Lauren and Chris. I told Chris and Lauren about my work experience and why I would like to apply for the kitchen hand position. They said I did well in my interview and I said thanks for for having me.**

By CJ

**Every Thursday I go to Bunnings in Werribee to run the BBQ with Kerry, Ranka, Rani and Steph. I meet the group at Bunnings because it's easier than going all around the world to get to the VCAL Hub. When we arrive we walk to Woolworths and buy 72 sausages (3 packs). When we have got the sausages we go and set up the tent then unpack the bus. We all have different roles when we are at the BBQ, someone needs to cook the sausages, cook the onions, organise the bread and take the money. I am on the money as I know how to give change to customers. When we are at the BBQ I learn how to greet the customers in a nice way. At 2 pm we pack up and go back to school, we unpack the bus and put everything in the cupboard. We then count the money and go home. I have learnt teamwork and giving back change.**

By Ella

**Last Tuesday I attended the mock Job interviews at Wyndham City Council. I needed to wear a clean uniform, greet the person politely and shake hands. I applied for the pound assistant because I like animals. There were two people on the panel. I wasn't nervous because I did the interviews last year and the teachers helped us prepare for the interviews. It was a good experience for me.**

By Axel
News from Cayleys Road Campus...

Thank you to all year 12 parents and students who have returned their final documentation informing me of their 2018 confirmed Pathway. We can now prepare a more individualized transition where required, and develop then implement Travel Education plans for those students who will need to make their own way.

I encourage you to take the time over the holiday period to visit services if you are still yet to make your decision and where appropriate, go with your young adult on a bus and let them show you the skills they have learned.

Transitions for year 10 students going into year 11 have started and a parent information evening will be happening at CRC in November.

An information evening was held on Tuesday night for those parents of students going into year 9 and 10 at CRC. Not all students in these years will start at Cayleys as it will be a transition year and contingent on the new school master plan build going ahead. Transitions for those students will occur on Friday mornings throughout the next term.

Finally a huge thank you to all the amazing staff at CRC. This term has been a long one with so much illness among students and staff, yet the quality of learning continued.

To students and staff have a fabulous holiday - rest up - and return for a healthy term 4.

Monica Cooper, CRC Team Leader

News from Ben...

It's an exciting time of year in the music room, as Jarrod test-drives a new LaunchKey app, and Nina is working on using her voice to say "go" and sing.

Speaking of reading, students have been using their reading skills to find out information they need to know. Sean to work out what his lunch will cost. Joseph is exploring sets of questions that ask him questions about recycling in Wyndham, and students helping Braden find some interesting facts by using the index in a book.

Every year we record an album of all the songs we write at Cayleys Road. Waleed has proven to be a star drummer, while many students like Elizabeth and Salma have made some great efforts to read and record their singing for the CD.

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Walied and Belle are making sensory choices during their Communication session.

Ize and Jenna enjoyed a tour of the Melbourne Town Hall during Travel Education.

Robin has made a choice to get his feet massaged.

Jarrod is enjoying ten pin bowling during community access this week.

Matthew at Altona beach during community access is showing us his Year 12 hoodie.
Save the date.

Year 12 Graduation.
CRC and VCAL.

Wednesday 13th December, 2017.

Grand Star Receptions.
499 Grieve Pde,
Altona North.

$51 per head.
3 course meal.
Soft drinks available.

Neat Semi Formal Dress.
STUDENT VOICE VCAL JIGSAW MENTORING PROGRAM TERM 3

WORKING TOGETHER

FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS

LEARNING NEW SKILLS
Rollercoaster

Supporting children and families, and building resilience after the
death of a parent

Rollercoaster is a 6-week grief support program, with separate groups for bereaved children and their parents/carers. Our program provides two groups to ensure that families receive tailored, specialised support, along with practical strategies that can be used on a day-to-day basis.

Our company founder Jill Crookes, along with psychologist Marie-Claire McCubbery will be facilitating the parents/carers group. The children's group will be facilitated by our clinical psychologist Dr Mandy Cassimatis.

Who: Children aged 8 – 12 years, and parents/carers
When: Fridays – Oct 27, Nov 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec 1
Time: 6pm – 7:30pm
Where: 7 Princes Highway, Werribee VIC 3030

Medicare rebates may apply. For more information, or to enrol, please contact us on 9742 3500.
ENTRY IS $5. BOOK AT:
Youth Resource Centre, 9am-5.30pm,
Mon-Fri, Ph. 8734 1355
86 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing

LICENCE
TO DANCE
28.10.17
AGES 15-25

5PM-6PM dinner
6PM-9PM dance party
@YOUTH RESOURCE CENTRE

Join in on the fun with a DJ, Mocktails, and a canteen.
Performances on the night, Prizes and giveaways for best
dressed. Carers and siblings welcome to attend. Venue is
accessible for wheel chairs, hoist in bathroom. Chill out room.
No pass outs this event is a drug and alcohol free event in a
supervised environment with youth workers and security.

EYE$ ON ME - RnB / Hip Hop
Free Photo booth, Popcorn and Fairy Floss. Featuring DJ Christian Dean

Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase including Slushies for $1.

For young people aged 15-18 years.
Friday 6 October 2017 - 7pm to 10pm
Entry: $5

Tarneit Community Learning Centre
150 Sunset Views Tarneit

No Passouts or bandanas allowed

All Youth Services programs are fully supervised and are drug, alcohol and
smoke free events. All young people must
sign themselves in and out of the program
at the beginning and end of events.

For more information contact Hayley on
8734 0224 or email: youthinwyndham@wyndham.vic.gov.au

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Youth Services Holiday program for
16-25 year olds is now OPEN!!

Register at the Youth Resource Centre, 86 Derrimut
Road, Hoppers Crossing with your $10 before we sell
out.

The Melbourne Show
Monday 25 September - 10am - 5pm
Price: $10
RSVP to YRC reception until sold out
Visit: https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/youth-
services-melbourne-show-excursion

National Sports Museum
Thursday 5 October - 10am - 5pm
Price: $10
RSVP to YRC reception until sold out
Visit: https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/youth-
services-national-sports-museum-excursion

If you have any questions or queries please contact
the Youth Resource Centre on 8734 1355. For more
information on holiday programs and activities visit:
https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/youth-
services/services-programs/holiday-programs/
about-our-holiday-programs

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WYNDHAM
MENTAL HEALTH WEEK
LAUNCH

Wednesday, 11th October, 10:00am—12:30pm
at Civic Centre, Council Chamber and Function Room 1,
45 Princes Hwy, Werribee VIC 3030

Sponsored by
Preparing for the NDIS

YDAS has been funded by the Victorian Government to help young people with disability get ready for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). We are running workshops, information sessions, creating resources online and helping people one to one.

The parent / student information session on October 17 will cover topics:

- What is the NDIS? How do you join? What supports can you access?
- How to start preparing for the planning process and thinking about goals.
- YDAS and advocacy.

Parents and students may attend the information session. For more information or to RSVP, please contact bourke.therese.a@edumail.vic.gov.au or 9749 5774. RSVP by October 10.

Light refreshments provided.

About YDAS

The Youth Disability Advocacy Service (YDAS) is a state-wide advocacy service for young people with disability in Victoria.

We are the only service in Australia which exists specifically to work directly with young people with disability to achieve their human rights.
Message from Nurse Nicole

Immunisations: The Wyndham City Council will be visiting our school and immunising students with 2004 Birthdates. Please note: some 2004 birthdates were completed last year.

Round 3 (Fri) 20th Oct 2017  HPV  11.15am

Epilepsy Plans: Please ensure epilepsy plans are taken to your next Neurologist appointment and signed by the neurologist and yourselves. I like to keep these plans as current and relevant as possible. If any student has a recent seizure please contact me, so I can update their plans.

Emergency Medication: I have now sent home letters to parents highlighting the expiry dates of Emergency Medication ie. Epipens & Midazolam. Please ensure that you update these medications as soon as possible.

Asthma Plans: With the winter months now approaching please ensure your student has a current Asthma Plan. New Asthma Action Plans can be obtained from the First Aid Room.

Medication: As per school policy we ask parents to commence all new medication over the weekend or holidays. So this can be closely monitored for any possible allergic reactions or side effects. We appreciate your cooperation regarding this. If you have any questions regarding medication or need your child to take medication at school please contact me.

Please note:
• All medication needs to be in the original packaging with child’s name, dose and time on the box.
• If medication is being transported in students bags please contact the school as soon as possible, so we can remove the medication. Chaperones can secure school bags whilst on the bus but must not be used as a courier.
• If at all possible directly handing over the medication at reception or myself would be appreciated.

Donations: I would like to request donations of track pants, shorts Long Sleeve T-Shirts and T-shirts of all sizes. Many of our students do require additional clothing through the day. Please be mindful of this and pack additional clothes for your student.

If your student does come home with additional clothes please wash and return to the school, so that other students can benefit.

Nicole

Aspect Positive Behaviour Support Program
August - November 2017 workshops in Victoria

Highly successful, contemporary, evidence-based, autism specific, Positive Behaviour Support Workshops for parents and carers of children and young adults who are diagnosed with Autism, aged between 6-25 years and living at home.

Register ONLINE at www.autismspectrum.org.au via the ‘Events & Workshops’ section of our website.

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Registrations will close one week prior to the workshop if minimum numbers have not been reached and the workshop will be cancelled. Registration numbers are capped at a maximum of 20 participants and once reached the workshop will close for registrations.

Aspect PBS Workshops in Victoria are FREE and open to parents and carers who meet the eligibility criteria stated above. Professionals must be accompanying a registered eligible parent or carer to meet eligibility for attendance at these workshops.
Wyndham’s Building Blocks Community Leadership program - ‘Raising Wyndham’s 8-12 year old children

“It takes a village to raise a child”

If you are a parent, carer, grandparent or are interested in raising children 8-12 years of age then this program is for you. Wyndham’s Building Blocks Community Leadership Program - Raising Wyndham’s 8-12 year olds’ is about exploring the development of Wyndham’s community to support community leaders to develop a municipality that assists the future of Wyndham’s 8-12 year old children. So enrol if you want to help local people feel that where they live is;

• safe, friendly and supportive;
• a place which puts families at the centre of everything;
• where everybody knows each other;
• where people have a voice in Wyndham’s future;
• where you and other neighbours know of each other’s gifts; and,
• where new community possibilities emerge

“By recognising people’s gifts, talents and skills, the neighbourhood that you live, work or play is a treasure chest of opportunity. By putting these gifts together in many different ways, we open the chest and use its riches.” “John McKnight (2013) Community builder and academic

The term IV program will be on Monday evenings commencing Monday 9 October until Monday 4 December 2017 (inclusive) from 6.00pm start until 9.30pm finish

The link to apply is; https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/buildingblocksraising812yrolds
Inviting applications from people 18+ who live, work, study, volunteer or play in Wyndham
Dates for the diary:

**Term 3:** 17th July to 22nd September 2017,

*Early dismissal last day at 2:30pm*

- 18 Sep: School Council meets

**Term 4:** 9th October to 22nd December 2017

- 6 Nov: Curriculum Day - no students at school
- 7 Nov: Public holiday
- 13 Nov: School Council meets
- 24 Nov: Volunteers Afternoon Tea
- 8 Dec: Year 10 Formal
- 12 Dec: School Council meets
- 13 Dec: Year 12 Graduation
- 19 Dec: Whole school Arts Festival

*Early dismissal last day at 1pm*

**Parent Tours 2017:**

These are the dates for school tours from 9:30-11am:

- *Early Years*
  - 14th September, 19th October, 16th November
- *Middle Years:* 12th October

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**Access Travel Pass**

Access Travel Pass is available for people with a permanent disability.

It is free travel regardless of whether it has been touched on or off. You can use it on train, bus, vline.

You will need to demonstrate through a health professional that you:

- have a condition,
- that it is permanent,
- that you cannot consistently and independently touch on and off their myki.

You will need to be able to travel without physical assistance to board public transport.

Application forms are available from ptv.vic.gov.au.

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**GROUPS FOR DADS**

**DAD TALK GROUP**

This is a casual discussion group with Drummond Street facilitator Scott Hall - generating actions, ideas or plans based on sharing experiences of raising kids and looking after themselves and the relationships. Scott has lots of experience in the areas of family wellbeing, managing relationships, meeting children’s needs and our need to PLAY!

Tuesday nights x 3
starting Tuesday 26 September: 6:00 to 7:30pm
at 100 Drummond Street CARLTON

**UNDERSTANDING YOUR KIDS**

A educational group with kinder teacher and parent educator Ben Goodes on understanding your kids development and helping them with feelings and resilience.

Wednesday nights x 3
starting Wednesday 11 October: 6:30 to 8:00pm
at 100 Drummond Street CARLTON

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**Student & Family Support Phone Numbers & School Holidays Resources**

- Carers Victoria: 93966950
- Baptcare: 8754 4700
- MacKillop: 9680 8444
- Scope: 9366 3766
- Disability Client Services: 1800 783 783

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**LIVING OUR VALUES EVERY DAY**

RESPONSIVENESS  INTEGRITY  IMPARTIALITY  ACCOUNTABILITY  RESPECT  LEADERSHIP  HUMAN RIGHTS