Dear Parents/ Carers,

Apologies that our newsletter has been delayed over the last few weeks. We are working with Compass software program to investigate the parent portal and will be providing you with information on how to access Compass for more efficient communication. The newsletter will remain in this format at this stage with consideration to moving over to electronic communication throughout 2017.

Through school council we have also begun working towards implementing a new school logo and school uniform for 2017. In consultation with the school council it was agreed that our current school uniform requires upgrading. The idea will be to align the uniform with similar garments to the local secondary schools. Investigation is underway of colours and styles which will be displayed in the school office during term 4. Changing the school uniform is a 2 year process and we will provide all families with information and time to purchase any new uniforms.

**Student Achievements:**

This term we have had many students and teams successful in various sporting endeavours, congratulations to all the following students: Kailem Thomas competed in the Vic State Cross Country team where he represented Victoria. He was very fortunate to get 5th place and we congratulate him in his amazing effort in Canberra.

Amy Cook & Asad Khan were very successful at the recent Athletics carnival both receiving places in the Vortex competition. Amy achieved a 2nd place in the girls 17- 18 age category and Asad achieving 4th in the 17-18 category. Well done to both students.

Finally the SSSSA netball and football carnival was held last Friday where we competed against other special schools. Our B Grade Netball team came away with the perpetual trophy and our football team came runners up. Congratulations to all students competing in the carnival and many thanks to the staff for assisting with the teams.

**Camps:**

Students and staff from Sub School 2 left today for the Queensland Camp, I’m sure they will all have a fantastic trip and hopefully they will bring back some warmer weather.

Year 7/8 students in sub School 1 will be attending Rawson camp where they will be participating in adventure activities.

I’m sure all the students will have a great experiences on these camps and a huge thank you to all the staff who are attending both these camps.

Regards
Jennifer Hamilton
Principal

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**Important Dates**

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On Sunday 31st of July I competed in the Special Olympics 2016, Regional Competition at Doug Ellis Swimming Pool at Monash University. I joined Special Olympics this year because I love swimming and I am good at it. I met my best friend in Special Olympics.

In backstroke I came fourth (25 metre). And I came third in the 50 metre freestyle. I have another competition next month and I am going in interstate.

By Shanaya Perera

Contact details for any other of our students who may be interested in joining a sporting activity group

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

“Special Olympics Victoria brings the joy of sport and competition to children and adults with an intellectual disability giving them opportunities to achieve their personal best on and off the sporting field.”
Hi Guys,

It’s Adam here. This is my sculpture that I did in Art. Brian showed me how to use the drill. I’d like to say a shout out to Brian for helping me in Art. I will be back with him in Term 4.

Circus Quirkus Report
by Adam Bruckboeg

Hi, Adam back here.

I got tickets from Maree McCutcheon at school for me and my family to go to Circus Quirkus. All the acts were good but my favourite thing was the juggling because they had perfect skills. My whole family loved the show.
Kailem’s Big Week

Last week was a very exciting week for me. I went to Sydney for 1 day. I went to pancakes on the rocks and they had nice food. We also looked around Sydney. We looked at our hotel. At night time I had to get ready for a big night out. Anne and I met the children’s special help lady (children’s commissioner) and the NSW government. I was excited but nervous. I got an award and it was a highly commended award to show people that I’m a good person and I help look after kids. Then the next day Mackillop gave me and Anne a bridge climb. I felt nervous and so did Anne but we did it. After it was finished I thought it was impressive.

I went to Canberra. I went on the plane by myself and it was fun on a plane. We got at the airport and had to wait. We went on the bus to get lunch then we went to the cross country course. After that we went to the Australia War Museum. We had a disco on Saturday night and I won a gold medal in the time trials. I was 5th in the main event, competing with other kids from Australia. I had a busy, tiring and exciting week and my footy team won the premiership last Sunday!
Parent Support & Information

Carer respite and funding support is available to most of our families. For parents who live in the southern region please visit [www.respitesouth.org.au](http://www.respitesouth.org.au) or call 1800 052 222. For parents who live in the eastern region (includes City of Monash) visit [www.lifeassist.org.au](http://www.lifeassist.org.au) or call 1300 277 478. A reminder too that in cases of financial hardship, State Schools’ Relief can help families with the purchase of school uniforms and shoes. Please give me a call if you would like to apply for assistance as all applications must be made through the school.

Families also have access to Family Life’s NILS (No Interest Loans Scheme) which assists low income families with the purchase of household goods or any other items which contribute to the overall health and wellbeing of families. Please call the NILS officer on 8599 5433 to learn more about the scheme, or to book an appointment.

Kingston Youth Services

Kingston Youth Service are hosting a free event on Wednesday 7th September at the Kingston Arts Centre, Moorabbin, from 7 until 9 pm. The guest speaker, Melinda Tankard Reist will talk on the many issues faced by parents raising girls, and how to build resilience, healthy relationships, personal awareness and growth. For more information about this event please contact the Kingston Youth Services Team on 1300 369 436.

Basketball

The interest in basketball continues to grow and many of our students enjoy and participate in the sport at school. As an extension of their interest the McKinnon Superstars run a program for all abilities on Saturdays at the Bentleigh Secondary College Stadium. This very successful program has been running for over 9 years and is packed with activities that give all participants the opportunity to increase their skills and fitness, while having fun. Please contact the McKinnon Basketball Association Office, 11 Clarence Street, Bentleigh East, (9579 1200) for more information on dates, costs etc. or email programs@mckinnonbasketball.org to record your interest.

V8 Supercars Sandown Friday 16th September

Information about this annual event will be sent home shortly. We are again looking for parent support to get students to the track on the day and there will be plenty of free tickets available for other family members.

Student ID

If your student requires a photo ID you can apply for a KEYPASS from age 16, or from age 17years an 11months, the Proof of Age Card. Forms for both are available from the school or any Post Office. All students can obtain a photo ID from the office on a parent’s request. These cards expire at the end of the school year and need to be renewed annually.

Companion Card

The Companion Card provides carers with free or reduced price entry to a variety of events so they support a young person with a disability. There are strict requirements attached to applications and ongoing reviews. Please let me know if you would like an application form, or download a copy at [www.companioncard.org.au](http://www.companioncard.org.au) and follow the process. Any application will need to be endorsed by a general practitioner or specialist.

Dr Maree McCutcheon  (Student Wellbeing & Family Support)
BAYSIDE SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPRING PROGRAM

WEEK 1

UP UNLIMITED & MAKE YOUR OWN PIZZA
Tuesday 20 September 9am - 5pm
Up Unlimited is the newest concept in indoor climbing, the first of its kind in Australia like nothing you’ve seen before. There are 37 climbing challenges to complete. How many can you do with your friends? You are strapped in for safety so you can climb anywhere – race you to the top!
What is provided: Transport, entry and activities, pizza lunch and healthy snacks.
What to bring: Closed in shoes and comfy clothes, water bottle. Cost $45

AMF MOORABBIN BOWLING AND GESAC
Wednesday 21 September 9am – 5pm
We start at Moorabbin Bowling, where you will bowl strikes and work in teams to see who can get the highest score. After bowling we head to GESAC, one of Melbourne’s best swimming pools to have a BBQ lunch and then spend a few hours on slides and inflatables in the pool.
What is provided: Transport, entry and activities, shoe hire, BBQ lunch and healthy snacks.
What to bring: Bathers, towel, thongs, water bottle, socks and warm change of clothes. Cost $45

ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW
Thursday 22 September 9am - 5pm
Stop right up to the famous Royal Melbourne Show. Spend the day collecting showbags, going on rides, petting animals, wood chopping and more. So much fun to have in one day, you can’t miss this event.
What is provided: Entry, activities and $30 worth of rides.
What to bring: Money for lunch or BYO, MHIC card, spending money, closed toe shoes, water bottle, rain jacket and sun hat (dress for the weather).
Meeting Point: Sandringham Train Station
Cost $60

BUBBLE SOCCER
Friday 23 September 11am - 5pm
Bubble Soccer is a relatively new sport, physically demanding, exciting and laugh out loud fun. It involves being strapped into a zorb ball and running around playing a full contact game of soccer. Watch how you roll and roll and roll. Also on the day we will do some paper mache and watch a movie.
What is provided: Bubble suit, games, healthy lunch and snacks.
What to bring: Wear comfortable clothing and close toe shoes (preferably runners) and water bottle.
Cost: $30

WEEK 2

SPLATBALL
Tuesday 27 September 9am – 5pm
It’s play time! A safer version of paintball, Splatball is gentler on the body using lower power and smaller paint balls. Players are running, aiming, chasing and strategising. You are sure to come off red faced, puffing and buzzing!
We have a 90 minute session including unlimited paint balls. In the afternoon we head back to FHC for lunch and fun activities.
What is provided: Transport, entry and activities, unlimited paint balls, healthy lunch and snacks.
What to bring: Wear comfortable clothing and closed toe shoes.
Cost $60

GUMBUYA PARK
Wednesday 28 September 9am – 5pm
Gumby Park is nestled in country Victoria, filled with fun rides, animals and Aboriginal artforms. Come see the kangaroos, koalas and parrots and enjoy the landscape. After the animals and the Aboriginal centre, it’s then your chance to try the rides including toboggans, mini cars and heaps more! Book fast – this is sure to sell out.
What is provided: Transport, entry, activities, rides, healthy lunch and snacks.
What to bring: Wear comfortable clothing, closed toe shoes (preferably runners), water bottle, rain jacket and sun hat (dress for the weather).
Cost $45

MYSTERY BOX CHALLENGE
Thursday 29 September 9am-1pm
Inspired from MasterChef, the Mystery Box Challenge will test your skills in cooking. Within 1 hour you will create a main meal and dessert with your team mates. What is in the Mystery Box – no one knows! It’s a mystery.
What is provided: Ingredients, healthy lunch and snacks.
What to bring: Closed in shoes, hair ties for long hair, containers for left overs and your appetite.
Cost $30

PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Friday 30 September
No activity

MONDAY HANGOUT
This Spring we are opening the doors to the Peterson Youth Centre on Monday 19 and Monday 26 September from 4pm-5pm. Our qualified Youth Workers will be in the centre to assist with a range of services or you can come in and have a game of table tennis, play board games or challenge a friend to a game of air hockey.
On Monday 19 September we will have a cricket workshop run by Highett West Cricket Club in the afternoon.
Bayside School Holiday Program

Book online at bayside.vic.gov.au/youth

Bookings essential. Places are strictly limited.

Bookings open
10am on Wednesday 31 August 2016

Bookings close
10am on Wednesday 14 September 2016

Booking Process
1. If you haven’t enrolled before complete the Annual Family enrolment (you will be issued with access codes within two business days - these will be required to register for the school holiday program throughout 2016).
2. Already completed enrolment? Use the codes you were issued with previously.
3. Complete the Bayside school holiday program online booking within the specified timeframe.
4. Payment is required at time of booking for Bayside residents/school attendees (please see refund policy).

Bookings
• All bookings are to be made online at www.bayside.vic.gov.au/youth
• Bookings are essential for all activities as places are strictly limited. All bookings are allocated according to the date and time the online form is received and is considered final. No alternates or transfers can be made.

How to pay (Bayside bookings)
• Credit/Debit card online at the time of booking.
• Cash or EFTPOS payments can be made at the cashier at Bayside City Council’s Corporate Centre. Please note: to use this option you must contact Bayside Youth Services prior to bookings opening and you will be issued a unique code.
• A 50% discount is available to Bayside young people named on a health care card or equivalent. Details to be provided at the time of annual registration.

How to pay (Non Bayside residents/school attendees bookings)
In addition to the activity cost, non-Bayside residents or school attendees will incur an additional $45 fee per activity booked per young person. This additional charge will be added at the time of booking.

Refund Policy
• Refunds will only be given in the event of illness/emergency with a medical certificate provided within one week of activity.
• No other alterations or transfers will be accepted as all payment is final at the time of booking.
• Full refunds will be given if the activity is cancelled for reasons out of our control.

Specific needs and disability services
Bayside school holiday program aims to provide an inclusive service for young people. When booking into the program, please provide information regarding your young person’s needs.

JCAAA – Joint Council’s Access for All Abilities (9209 6159) provides funding for extra staff to support participants with additional needs. Participants must be registered with JCAAA prior to making a booking.

Additional carers and 1:1 support needs can be arranged by their own registered carer through Bayside Respite Services (9589 4654) or other approved care service provider. Please notify the team if a carer will be attending.

This brochure may be available in other formats upon request.

TTY (Telephone Typewriter Service) 9705 5566
TIS (Translating and Interpreting Service) 131 450

Privacy statement
Council is collecting the personal information on this form for the Bayside school holiday program Spring 2016 program. The personal information will be used solely by the Council for the purpose of program registration or directly related purposes such as an emergency situation. The applicant understands that the personal information provided is for the above mentioned purpose and that he or she may apply to Council for the access to and/or amendment of the information recorded. Requests of access and/or correction can be made to Council’s Privacy Officer.

Important information
• All workers are qualified and experienced.
• At least one worker on each activity has First Aid and anaphylaxis qualifications. First Aid kits will be carried at all times.
• There will be a minimum of one staff member to every 1:1 participants.
• Staff are not responsible for young people outside the advertised activity time. Please be on time to avoid late departure for activities.
• The program operates on a warning system for unaccountable behaviour. A maximum of three warnings can be given before the participant’s enrolment will be cancelled and no refund will be given. Parents will be notified of all warnings issued.
• Participants are responsible for their own belongings. Bayside City Council will not be held responsible for the loss or release of property or spending money.
• To cater for all weather conditions we ask all young people wear appropriate clothing, including hats, sunscreen, long sleeve tops, raincoats and carry water bottles.
• Please note: Activities, locations and transport are subject to change without notice due to program requirements. Information is correct at time of print.

Drop off and pick up location
Unless otherwise stated, drop off and pick up locations are at the Peterson Youth Centre (PYC), Corner Highett Rd and Peterson St, Highett.

Please contact the office or emergency contacts if your child will be absent or late for any of the activities.

Emergency contact each day
Kyle: 0468 546 315  Kelly: 0427 363 820
Combined Schools Dance Party

It's back by popular demand! This is a combined schools dance party for students with disability. Dress to impress and put on your dancing shoes for a night of music, dancing, lights and pizza.

Parents, the event will be chaperoned by school staff and volunteer parents, so you are welcome to have some free time while your child attends the event. Alternatively, we have booked the hall adjacent to the party room and you are welcome to stay. If you would like to volunteer as a chaperone, please contact the Dance Party Parent Committee on spnixon28@optusnet.com.au.

Please note that students must be escorted to the door and signed in by a parent or guardian.

Only students who have registered for the event will be admitted.

Students must be picked up at the door and signed out by a parent or guardian.

Please advise of any dietary requirements by emailing spnixon28@optusnet.com.au.

Date: Friday 14 October
Time: 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Location: Beaumaris Community Centre, Reserve Rd (enter via Beaumaris Library)
Cost: $10 to contribute towards the cost of running the event – please pay on the night.

Beyond the School Gates, Hands Up! student volunteer vacancies:

Hands Up! is a Beyond the School Gates volunteering initiative funded through the DHS Engage! program. The aim of Hands Up! is to increase volunteering opportunities in a range of community organisations for young people (under the age of 25) with intellectual disabilities and learning differences.

1) Program assistant on Monday evenings 4pm to 5pm in Highett: Assist with greeting, registration & be another pair of hands to assist with Lego program for children aged between 5 and 7 years of age.

2) Program assistant on Tuesday evenings 4pm to 6pm in Highett: Assist with greeting, registration and be another pair of hands to assist with the computer for the Minecraft program for children aged between 8 and 13 years of age.

3) Computer tutor assistant on Wednesdays 11am to 12pm in Highett: Great for a young person who enjoys working with computers and who is knowledgeable about the basics of computers e.g. email, Facebook, google. As a volunteer you will help the computer tutor who tutors older people on a weekly basis. The volunteer is required to attend weekly and will have the opportunity to first observe for a few weeks and work up to being ready to help assist the tutor.

4) Lego program assistant Saturday mornings from 10am to 12.15 pm in Cheltenham — Providing a helping hand to children with disabilities with their Lego building. Dates the volunteer will be required to attend are:
   6 August
   20 August
   3 September
   17 September

If you are interested in taking up any of these opportunities, please get in touch with Samantha on (03)9584 8845 or via email at samantha.hewitson@bgkllen.org.au