**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**Debating**
Heathmont College debating teams have enjoyed fantastic success over the years engaging in numerous inter school competitions and frequently emerged winners. We are very fortunate to have extremely articulate debaters who have been ably supported and coached by our dedicated staff.

Mr. Steen and Mrs. Mallen are again thrilled to be working with the students. Being involved in a debating team is not only beneficial for the improvement of students’ public speaking skills, but also facilitates their ability to mount clear, logical arguments that are advantageous to essay writing. Interested students should speak to Mr. Steen, Mrs. Mallen or their English teacher if they wish to be involved.

**German Language Assistant**
A warm welcome to Harry Altman, who is joining Heathmont College as the German Language assistant. Heathmont has a long history of providing an excellent German Language program and Mr. Altman will be a welcome addition to the Language Department, as he will be able to provide excellent assistance for students with their conversational skills.

**Education Maintenance Allowance**
As parents would be aware the Education Maintenance Allowance program ceased at the end of 2014. Heathmont College maintains its commitment to ensuring that students are not disadvantaged in their education if their families are experiencing financial hardship.

If you are experiencing financial hardship, you can speak to Joanne Clifton, Business Manager, about how you can access assistance from the State Schools’ Relief Committee for clothing and uniforms.

The end of the EMA direct payments to parents will not affect any other payment you may be receiving such as the Schoolkids Bonus, which is provided directly to eligible parents to assist with education costs.

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**Johanna Walker**
College Principal

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

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Check Compass for details—restuctured bell times |
| Thu 19       | 7.2 Geography Field Trip    | Mon 13           | Art Captains Excursion |
| Fri 20       | Top Designs Excursion        | Wed 15           | Music Soiree Night |
| Mon 23       | Intermediate Sport           | Thu 16           | Year 11 Outdoor Ed Excursion |
| Mon 23       | Year 8 Farm School           | Tue 21           | Open Night |
| Mon 23       | Year 7 Captains Excursion    | Fri 24           | ANZAC Celebration |
| Tue 24       | Year 8 Sport                 |                  |              |
| Thu 26       | Year 7 Captains Excursion    | Fri 27           | Last day of Term 1 2.30pm finish |
| Thu 26       | Year 8 Soldier Boy Excursion |                  |              |
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Our students in Year 10 are excited about the arrival of their German partners, who touched down in Melbourne on Saturday 14 March. We warmly welcome to Heathmont College Luisa Bauer, Alexandra Petrovic and Chris Brandt, along with their teacher Frau Thomas.

During their three and a half weeks in Australia, the students from the Integrierte Gesamtschule in Kaufungen will visit Sovereign Hill, the Mornington Peninsula and the city centre. The whole group will also undertake a full day of special activities at Heathmont College and another at Vermont Secondary College. Some families have already shown the German students our Australian native birds and animals during a visit to Healesville Sanctuary at the weekend.

This is the 20th consecutive year of our sister-school exchange and during that time our Heathmont families have established great connections and relationships with the students they have hosted. I would like to thank the families of Jacqui MacDon-ald, Stephanie MacDonald and Brian Perry for hosting the students this year.

Lynette Tonkin
German Exchange Co-ordinator
On Tuesday 24 February the Year 12 students, along with those from the other MEC schools, attended a presentation by Dr Michael Carr-Gregg at Deakin University. This evening was dedicated to providing helpful tips for students and their parents on surviving the pressure of Year 12. Dr Carr-Gregg is one of Australia’s highest profile adolescent psychologists. His advice to students included how to work smarter and actually enjoy their final year of high school.

Some of the tips offered to achieve this are as follows:

- Ensure you get adequate sleep (8.25-9.25 hours)
- Eat ‘brain’ foods
- Develop techniques to improve your memory
- Create and work with study groups

Dr Carr-Gregg also suggested a number of useful apps that students can download to their mobile phones. Students will discuss these tips during their Learning Group sessions.

During Week 5 the cohort also participated in Elevate Education sessions where they met presenters who have recently completed their VCE studies and discussed the skills they used to successfully reach their goals at the end of the year. The students represented our college extremely well at this event and we look forward to participating in the remaining study sessions.

Melissa McMurray
Year 12 Coordinator
In the last 2 weeks, some of our Year 8 and 9 leaders went to six local primary schools to help Kate Wilde (educator, counselor and development worker from The Workshop) work with all of their Grade 6 students to develop leadership projects. Our leaders helped the primary school students plan projects in small groups that they will spend the next 6 weeks planning and implementing.

The primary schools they worked with were: Heathmont East Primary School, Tinternvale Primary School, Bayswater North Primary School, Croydon Primary School, Ruskin Park Primary School and Dorset Primary School.

Our leaders will be returning to the primary schools during Term 2, to see how the leadership projects have been going and work with the Grade 6s on the next step.

The leaders did a fantastic job. Kate said they were ‘consistently the best, most helpful group I’ve ever had from Heathmont, they really were terrific!’

Well done Glen, Moo, Abi and Chris from Year 9, and Bodie, Brooke, Riley, Maisie, Mason, Irina and Josh from Year 8.

Ellen Holland
Student Leadership Coordinator
Heathmont students have been invited to be a part of the United Youth Media program.

Students from Heathmont, Melba, Ringwood and Norwood Colleges have the opportunity to work together one or two afternoons per week to create a:

- Television series, and/or
- Community newspaper

In the past, United Youth Media has sent Heathmont/MEC students to the 2012 London Olympics, the 2012 Pacific Media Summit in New Caledonia and the 2014 Micronesian Games in Pohnpei.

If the program continues to remain successful, it is looking to send students to the 2015 Youth Commonwealth Games in Samoa and the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, amongst others.

See Mr Moller for further details.
Music
We are currently looking for Year 7s who would like to play Trumpet or Trombone. If interested, please see Ms. Barkla on Thursdays.

Term 1 Soiree - CHANGE OF DATE
Date: **Wednesday April 15th** 7pm Term 2 Week 1
Location:
- Guitar and Drum (Room A7)
- Vocalists (VCE Centre)
- Brass and Woodwind (Room A6)
Duration: 1 Hour
We look forward to seeing you all there.

PAPA: Performing Arts Parent Association
We are looking for parents wanting to be involved with everything Performing Arts. We want your input and ideas...if interested in joining our committee, please email Mr. Barca via Compass.

Grease Costume: Calling all parents!
As rehearsals have just commenced we are in need of parents wanting to be part of our costume team. Give as much or as little time as you can! All welcome. If interested please contact Mr. Barca via Compass.

Grease Rehearsals:
Rehearsals are currently in full gear! Check out some photos from our rehearsals!

Attention all Budding singers:
New to Heathmont College in 2015, vocalist and songwriter Bethany Stephen has been writing, recording, touring and performing extensively, both locally and internationally, with her group, The Little Stevies, for the past twelve years.

Having studied Voice at The Victorian College of the Arts *(Jazz/Improvisation)*, recorded four original albums that have gained wide public exposure on Australian media outlets including Triple J, ABC, Triple R and commercial television, and having performed at various major music festivals and events throughout Australia and North America, you want to learn to sing from her.

Nicholas Barca
Head of Performing Arts
As part of their study for “Introduction to Science” the Year 7s have been making carbon dioxide. With vinegar, baking soda and balloons to collect the gas, the students have been impressed and amazed by their own gas production.

As part of their study of “Introduction to Science” the Year 7s have been heating liquid. Using water, food dye, thermometers and stopwatches the students have had a fire lit under their learning.

As part of their study on “Physiological Adaptations for Survival” Year 11 Biology have been undertaking their own dissections. Using kidneys, scalpels and having strong stomachs the students have found themselves at the cutting edge of science.
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VILTA Indonesian Teachers’ Conference

The Indonesian teachers of Victoria came together for their annual conference on the 6th of March in Melbourne. The conference was officiated by Dewi Savitri Wahab, the Indonesian Consulate General for Victoria & Tasmania. The plenary address was delivered by Professor Joseph Lo Bianco from the University of Melbourne on the importance of being bilingual in this 21st century. This call was further echoed by Dr. David Howes, the Executive Director of VCAA Curriculum Division, in his address on the importance of developing Indonesian studies and intercultural understanding in Victorian schools.

There were many workshop sessions for teachers, including a session on “VCE Composite Classes – Tips and Tricks” which was delivered by Anne Dodgshun from Emmaus and myself. Here, we shared our experiences and knowledge on teaching composite classes. In addition, we discussed the new holistic approach to VCE writing and marking, the Detailed Study, grammar items and cross marking between schools.

Prema Devathas and Dewi Savitri Wahab, Indonesian Consulate General VIC/TAS

VCE workshop presentation: Anne Dodgshun from Emmaus College

Prema Devathas, Bonnie Hermawan, Project Officer from AEF, Sue Metcalf from Luther college and Susi Rekdale, President of VILTA
Dear Parents,

For a number of years, After School Maths Help has been run on a Monday afternoon from 3:15 – 4:15 in the Library. Building on the success of this, we will now have staff from other curriculum areas available to help students with their tasks.

The Maths Department has always kept a roll of attendees for this event. Now as we have moved across to Compass for attendance, events and most of the College communications, we will be inviting ALL students to attend the session and the event and the attendance will be marked on Compass. Students are encouraged to attend if they require specific help, general help or just a place to complete homework tasks. Parents can track their student’s attendance at this session through the attendance tab in the portal. If your student is attending, they will be marked ‘Present’. If student is not attending these extra help sessions, they will be marked as ‘Not Present’. Parents of students, who are not participating in these sessions, are advised to approve the absence when they visit the Parent Portal.

Please note: Non-attendance at these afterhours events will not alter the student’s overall school attendance. The roll provides the College with valuable Emergency Management data if an emergency arises.

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Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Gallipoli Landing

This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the landing of the ANZACs at Gallipoli. The College will recognise this anniversary with a special assembly. The assembly will be 24th April during period 2 (10:45-11:50). Heidi Victoria will be at the assembly. As part of this assembly the Year 7 textiles students, the Year 9 ceramics students and many avid knitters have been making poppies. We have over 200 poppies. These will be “planted” in our own Flanders Field at the front of the College.

We are inviting all families to commemorate a poppy to a family member who has served Australia in the armed services. This will include National service and nursing services.

If you would like to commemorate a poppy to a family member fill in the attached form and return it to the office by 17th April. Your student will then plant the poppy as part of the ceremony. The poppies will have a label with the name, rank and service of the family member. We are asking for a donation of a gold coin to commemorate a poppy. The money will go to Legacy.

The ceramic poppies will be made into a permanent display with commemoration to World War 1 service personnel from the families at the College and local residents.

We are still looking for more poppies so get your knitting needles going and send the poppies by the end of Term 1. The pattern for the poppies has been in previous newsletters or can be obtained from the display in the foyer or at 5000poppies.wordpress.com/poppy-patterns

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Student’s name______________________________
Learning group___________________________
Service Personnel Name__________________________
Rank_______________________________
Dates of service__________________________

Please return this slip by 17 April
Youth Led Design Work for the Dandenong Creek Trail Upgrades Project

Project Update

Late in 2014, students from Year 8 and Year 9 took part in an Ideas Competition held by Maroondah City Council. This was conducted through CoDesign Studio’s Youth Led Design program, to design projects for the improvement of Laura Court and Glen Park Reserve by the Dandenong Creek Trail.

Following this, a design jury was held to select winning ideas that could go on to become built projects along the creek. We wish to congratulate all students who submitted ideas for the inventiveness and quality of their work, and make special mention of the following students on their entries:

**Shortlisted by the jury as an appropriate idea for the reserve:**
- Elise Jackson
- Jasmine Griggs
- Olivia Eather and Talitha Thick

**Shortlisted by the jury for creativity and inspiration:**
- Will Couch
- Sophie Jacobs
- Shani Healey and James Macnamara
- Elise Jackson
- Georgia Miles

For the next stage of this project we would like to invite everybody from the school community to attend a Community Design Workshop where you will be able to contribute to the development of the students’ ideas. Certificates of Appreciation are available for all student participants, with special mention to those whose ideas have been shortlisted.

Community Working Bees will be coming in April to install much of the finalised project work. A flyer with more details will be available through the school. Also see the Facebook page for project updates and workshop details:

https://www.facebook.com/DandenongCreekCoDesign

We look forward to seeing many of you at the workshop!

The CoDesign Team
2015 OPEN NIGHT
Tuesday 21st April 2015, 7pm – 8.30pm

College Tours: Wednesdays 9.15am – 10am | Saturday 21st March 9.30am – 11.30am (RSVP Wednesday 18th March)

Contact the College Office on 9871 4888

Join us and learn more about our...

- Year 7 Excel Program
- Scholarship opportunities
- Culture of high expectations and College Values
- Extensive student leadership program
- One-to-One Notebook Learning Program
- Safe, secure learning environment
- Excellent specialist facilities in Arts, Technology and Sport
- Wide range of curriculum experiences for Middle School Students
- VCE, VET and VCAL pathways for Senior School Students
- Sporting, cultural and International extracurricular activities

Waters Grove, Heathmont VIC 3135
P (03) 9871 4888
www.heathmont.vic.edu.au
Wellbeing is in need of old college uniforms in good condition. Please deliver any contributions to the office.

Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop Hours

SCHOOL TRADING HOURS
Tuesdays 2.30pm – 5.00pm
Thursdays 12noon – 2.00pm

Uniforms can also be purchased directly from Klad Sports 8 Macro Crt. RowvilleTel: 9763 0266
Monday – Thur: 8:30am – 5:00pm.
Fri: 8:30am - 4:30pm
Saturdays: 9:00am – 1:00pm
~ Cheques are not accepted ~
~ All EFTPOS transactions must be over $20 ~

SELL YOUR SECOND HAND UNIFORM ITEMS
Klad sports now offers a second hand uniform service.
Uniform items of good quality can be submitted for sale on consignment

Take your freshly laundered quality uniform items to Klad Sports at either the College uniform shop or to their Rowville store. Set a price and a sell by date. If the items are sold Klad Sports will contact you and arrange payment. If items are unsold you will be contacted to collect your items

For more information please contact Klad Sports on 9763 0266

MATHS HELP

- The library after school on Mondays till 4:00pm
- G3 lunchtime Wed, Thurs and Fri.

Students of all year levels are welcome

Last day of Term 1
2.30pm finish

First day of Term 2
11am start
Restructured lesson times, please check Compass for details

Don’t forget to keep those knitting needles and crochet hooks busy producing poppies for our ANZAC commemoration in 2015. Thank you for your contributions already.

Single poppy kits are available from the College office
Creative Puns for Educated Minds

Here is some fun for you all.

1] The roundest knight at King Arthur’s round table was - Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
2] I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, - but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
3] She was only a whisky maker, - but he loved her still.
4] A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class - because it was a weapon of math disruption.
5] The butcher backed into the meat grinder - and got a little behind in his work.
6] No matter how much you push the envelope, - it’ll still be stationery.
7] A dog gave birth to puppies near the road - and was cited for littering.
8] A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France - would result in Linoleum Blown apart.
9] Two silk worms had a race. - They ended up in a tie.
10] Time flies like an arrow. - Fruit flies like a banana.
11] Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. - One hat said to the other, 'You stay here, I'll go on a head.'
12] I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. - Then, it hit me.
13] A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital. - His grandmother telephoned to ask how he was, a nurse said, 'No change yet.'
14] A chicken crossing the road - is poultry in motion.
15] The short fortune-teller who escaped from prison - was a small medium at large.
16] The man who survived mustard gas and pepper spray - is now a seasoned veteran.
18] When cannibals ate a missionary, - they got a taste of religion.

Feel free to email me or contact me at school if you would like to talk with me, on family, individual or other issues.

Alan Silverwood – Chaplain [silverwood.alan.a@edumail.vic.gov.au] Pastoral care for our community, with issues of emotional, financial, spiritual, physical nature. [The Chaplaincy program is funded through the Federal Government & Community support. This is a voluntary program in our school com-

Alan Silverwood - Chaplain

STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents are requested to ring the College absence line before 9:00am if their student is to be late, away due to illness or for any other reason. We encourage parents to use the College’s Compass Parent Portal to register absences. Unfortunately late arrivals cannot be registered.

STUDENTS CROSSING DANDENONG CREEK

Students are reminded that the appropriate point to cross the creek is by using the bridge at the end of Waters Grove. Students should not cross Dandenong Creek by wading through the water or by using rocky outcrops as stepping stones. Melbourne Water has advised the College that the Dandenong Creek is often used for the letting of water and could suffer flash flooding. Students should use the bridge at all times to avoid this danger.
Heathmont College proudly presents

Grease

By arrangement with ORiGIN Theatrical
Book, Music and Lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey

September 4-5, 2015
Tickets to be released soon!
RSPCA Youth Holiday Program

Have you always dreamed of working with animals? Come and spend a day at the RSPCA and discover just what’s involved behind the scenes when working in animal welfare.

Gain an insight into a day in the life of an Animal Attendant, Vet, Vet nurse or an Inspector and learn practical skills so you know what to do if your pet needs help.

http://www.rspcavic.org/services/education/holiday-programs/youth-holiday-program-with-dates

RSPCA short courses

Want to improve your animal skills? Looking for quality teaching? Do you want real skills and training?
http://www.rspcavic.org/services/education/short-courses

Farm School Program 2015

The College has been offered the opportunity to participate in the Farm School Program based at Woori Yallock.

Focus: Personal Confidence and Team Building

Who: open to all year 8 students

When: 5 week program will run on a Monday for 5 weeks-all day 9 am -3pm

The first program will begin Feb 16.

Note there will be 6 programs offered throughout the year

What: Team building activities/studies in Sustainability/excursions/historical fieldtrip/bike ride

Cost: none to student

Transport: School Bus

Details: will be provided to students at an assembly and COMPASS feed to parents

In charge: Ms Rienits/Ms Richards

growing through knowledge
VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

Do you love maths, science and health? Have you considered studying biomedical engineering? 
"Biomedical engineering sits at the intersection of technology and human biology – applying the latest developments in computing, robotics and nanotechnology to medicine to ensure a better life for all of us."

Biomedical engineers create new technologies that improve disease diagnosis, find new and better ways of patient monitoring, revolutionise medical treatment and so much more.

You can specialise in areas such as:
- Biomechanics
- Biosignal Processing
- Medical Imaging
- Biomaterials
- Neural Engineering
- Computational Modelling

“If you’re fascinated by human anatomy and curious about artificial intelligence and robotics then you’re going to love exploring biomedical engineering”. UNSW have put together five reasons why you should consider studying biomedical engineering (includes videos!), http://goo.gl/VZn67L

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Keep in touch with La Trobe University and win! Just by signing up to receive online updates from La Trobe University, you will go into a draw to win a $4500 Qantas holiday travel voucher. Sign up here- http://goo.gl/Gcvy2

NEW COMBINED COURSES AT AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY: From 2016, the Bachelor of Biomedical Science will be available to select as a combined degree with Law, Business Administration or Applied Public Health. A Bachelor of Teaching/Bachelor of Exercise Science is currently under development, www.acu.edu.au/720943

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED STUDYING A HEALTH COURSE IN THE FUTURE? Deakin University’s Faculty of Health is now on Facebook. Join the page to get up to date news about their courses, information days and expos, and to connect with current students and lecturers: www.facebook.com/DeakinHealth
**Vocational & Higher Education News**

Confused about how to choose the right business degree for you? Monash University has helped out by providing tips on how to choose a course - you can choose a general business or commerce degree and then specialize later, or choose a specialist degree straight after school. Explore their tips here: [http://goo.gl/iWeK1N](http://goo.gl/iWeK1N)

Improve your ability to study by eating brain foods! Monash University has a new post on their Destination Monash blog for secondary students called 'Brain Food'. They have listed some of the best foods that can assist with memory retention, health, alertness and brain health, [http://goo.gl/nqel6V](http://goo.gl/nqel6V)

**Destination Monash**: Make sure you bookmark the Destination Monash Tumblr page for updates on study skills, time management, and information about university life. All blogs have been written by current Monash students and are witty and entertaining, [http://destinationmonash.tumblr.com/](http://destinationmonash.tumblr.com/)

**Interested in Asia Studies?** Australia National University (ANU), Canberra, has a wide range of scholarships available to assist their students studying Asia Studies to undertake overseas exchange placements.

- Click here for a full list of scholarships - [http://goo.gl/rVRuF](http://goo.gl/rVRuF)
- Click here to read stories from ANU students undertaking the Year in Asia program - [http://goo.gl/u9C3MS](http://goo.gl/u9C3MS)
- Click here for information on their Asia Studies courses - [http://goo.gl/srLv22](http://goo.gl/srLv22)

**Upcoming Events**

**Upcoming events: March**

- 7: UMAT Simulation Day, St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne, NIE, [www.nie.edu.au](http://www.nie.edu.au)
- 10 – 19: At Monash Seminar Series, Monash University. For a list of dates, seminars and venues, go to [http://goo.gl/hvU8BT](http://goo.gl/hvU8BT)
- 17 – 28: Meet Melbourne University, dates and locations vary, [http://goo.gl/e2hhhR](http://goo.gl/e2hhhR)
- 12: UNSW Medicine Information Evening, UNSW, Kensington, [http://goo.gl/09m11s](http://goo.gl/09m11s)

**Upcoming Events: April**

- Zookeeper for a Day and Vet for a Day, Healesville Sanctuary and Wembee Open Range Zoo, [www.zoo.org.au](http://www.zoo.org.au)
- 9 & 10: Experience La Trobe University, Bundoora (9) and Bendigo (10) campuses, [www.latrobe.edu.au/experience/events](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/experience/events)
- Charles Sturt University MyDay events-Nursing & Paramedics (23), Bathurst and Accounting, Business & IT (30), Albury-Wodonga, [www.csu.edu.au/go/myday](http://www.csu.edu.au/go/myday)

**Upcoming Events: May**

- Charles Sturt University MyDay events-Nursing (24) and Community Health – Physiotherapy, Speech Pathology, Podiatry, Health & Rehabilitation Science, Occupational Therapy (28), Albury-Wodonga, [www.csu.edu.au/go/myday](http://www.csu.edu.au/go/myday)
UMAT

Applying for Medicine/ Dentistry/ Oral Health/ Optometry/ Physiotherapy?

If you are applying for any of these health science courses, you may need to sit the Undergraduate Medical Admissions Test (UMAT).

This is a three-part test that you sit in July and selected universities use your UMAT score as part of the selection process, in conjunction with your ATAR and in some cases an interview.

You will be tested on the following: logical reasoning and problem solving, understanding people and non-verbal reasoning.

You will only have one chance to sit the UMAT this year- the test will be held Wednesday 29 July. You must be in Year 12 and you must register online to sit the test by 5pm 5 June.

Please go to http://umat.acer.edu.au/ for more information about the UMAT and to see if you have to sit the test.

You can also join the ACER UMAT Facebook page to keep up to date with key information.

AUSTRALIAN MARITIME COLLEGE

Do you have a passion for science and the ocean?
Have you considered studying one of the amazing programs at the Australian Maritime College located in Tasmania?
They offer courses in:
- Ocean & coastal seafaring
- Maritime engineering – marine & offshore systems; ocean engineering; naval architecture
- Marine conservation, fisheries management and aquaculture
- Nautical Science
- Maritime & logistics management
- International logistics (freight forwarding)
- Maritime technology management

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**Bush Tucker Program**

**Youth & Family Session Cultural Workshop Event**

Cooking up a deadly Bush Tucker Lunch with Colin Atkinson & Cultural Art Workshop with Judith Young Waradgerie Art.

The Bush Tucker Program is hosting a youth and family Bush Tucker Session event during the April school holidays for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, youth and community. This event is about learning and sharing knowledge about Bush Tucker, indigenous plants and trees and recipes, whilst making a deadly feed for morning tea and lunch with Colin Atkinson – proud Wathjang man from the Yorta Yorta Nation.

Join us around the kitchen table for a yarn about bush tucker...

Wednesdays 12.30 – 4pm
Fortnightly
Sessions Dates 2015:
February 25th with Colin Atkinson
March 11th 2015
April 7th 2015 Youth & Family Event with Colin Atkinson &
Cultural Activity Workshop with Aboriginal Artists,
Fenitree Gully Community Arts Centre (Fenitree Gully Library)
1010 Burwood Highway, Fenitree Gully VIC 3156

To find out more, or to come along, contact:
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**Breaking the Cycle**

Are you parenting or caring for an adolescent who is abusive or violent in the home?

Feeling threatened, frightened of or controlled by this young person?

- Are siblings, family members or pets feeling scared?
- Do you feel anxious, isolated, ashamed and resentful?

Would you like to find ways to help your young person become responsible and respectful?

The Breaking The Cycle program is supportive and informative. It offers practical ideas to manage and change your situation.

**GROUP PROGRAM FOR TERM 1 & 2 2015**

**8 sessions on Thursdays 10am to 12.30pm**
March 5 – 26 and April 16 – May 17
(No group sessions during school holidays)

Anglicare Victoria
47 – 51 Castella Street, Lilydale

**FREE PROGRAM**

Feedback from participants:

- “I feel good that I’m not the only one.”
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- “Support of the group was helpful.”

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL
Julia 9735 6190 or 0400 866 495
anglicarevic.org.au

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**Swinburne Start**

**What is it?**

Swinburne Start is an information and resource centre to meet the needs of youth and young adults with a focus on;

- Interventions and guidance for future study
- Providing a contact point for referrals from schools and other agencies into Vocational Education
- Providing apprenticeship training and employment guidance
- Providing Careers and Workforce Development courses
- Ofﬁering 1 – 1 interview support for career advice
- Information on Workforce training courses
- Support and development of student involvement in the local community
- Increasing awareness of Swinburne pathway programs
- Allowing student to link through the development of a support network
- Enhancing the educational pathways for students

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**Swinburne University of Technology**

**Vocational and Pathway Education**

Vocational Education and Training (VET) provides accredited, national-recognised education and training in a range of technical skills to prepare students for specific careers and futures.

At Swinburne, we take great pride in the contribution that our vocational and pathway education programs make to achieving great educational outcomes for our students.

We are proud of our commitment to ensuring young people’s access to our courses that help them secure great jobs and the importance of offering pathways in higher education for those with aspirations to get them.

Vocational Education and Training (VET) at Swinburne

Post Certificates I, II and IV
Diploma and Advanced Diplomas
Assessment Degree

- Centre for Engineering Technology and Trades
- Apprenticeships and Apprenticeships in Built Environment, Electrotechnology, Environmental Health, and Engineering Technology
- Centre for Health, Safety, and Community Care in Health and Sciences, General Education, Youth and Community (including VETG)
- Centre for Research, Design and ICT (cybersecurity in Business, Design, Media and Arts, ICT and Finance)
How can I get involved?

Mentoring:
Are you over 21 years of age, can make a commitment of at least one hour a week over a 12 month period, hold a full drivers licence and want to help young learners?

Learner Driver:
Are you a young person who is unable to get the 120 hours driving experience required to apply for your provisional licence?

For more information please contact the L2P Coordinator at UnitingCare Harrison on 9871 8700

What is the L2P Program?

L2P is a community based volunteer program designed to provide driving practice for young learner drivers who face significant barriers in gaining their 120 hours of driving practice required to obtain a provisional licence.

Volunteer Mentors

Volunteer Mentors are required to register their interest in the program, attend an interview, and complete the mandatory checks and VicRoads training. Young learners are also required to apply and attend an interview before being accepted into the program. Learner drivers are matched with licensed volunteers, and use a fully maintained, and serviced vehicle, with a minimum four star ANCAP safety rating, to gain their 120 hours driving experience. Eligible learner drivers will receive up to seven professional lessons throughout the program, to evaluate their progress at the different stages of learning to drive.

Learner Drivers

L2P is for young learners 16 – 20 years of age, with a current Learner’s permit who live in the Cities of Knox or Maroondah. The L2P program helps young people who have significant barriers to learning to drive, and who do not have access to a vehicle or supervising driver to gain their 120 hours driving experience. There is no charge to participate in the program.

“We assist people to take charge of their own lives”