



Berwick Lodge Primary School

Mansfield St, Berwick
Ph 03 9709 6700

Email: berwick.lodge.ps@education.vic.gov.au
Web: www.berwicklodgeps.vic.edu.au

NEWSLETTER NO 36

16TH NOVEMBER 2023

**LAST DAY OF TRADE FOR CANTEEN WILL BE
FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER**

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

PREP/1/2 ATHLETICS DAY

What a fantastic day our Prep, grade one and grade two students had last Friday participating in our junior athletics day. It was wonderful to see our students enjoying the events and many parents spectating and cheering on the students. Congratulations to Langmore house who won the overall day. A big thank you to Mrs. Muccignat and Miss McArthur for all their organisation and to all other staff for assisting on the day.

GRADE 4 CAMP

Our grade 4 campers arrived safely at camp and have been having a great time. We look forward to welcoming them back tomorrow afternoon and hearing about all of their adventures.

PARENTS/VOLUNTEERS SIGNING IN AND OUT

Thank you to all our wonderful parents and volunteers who assist within our classrooms and with our programs. Everyone needs to sign in when they arrive at school to volunteer and please remember to come back via the office and sign out when you are leaving the school grounds. This assists us in knowing at any given time, who is on the school grounds and where they are located.

LOCKDOWN DRILL - NEXT WEEK

Next week we will be holding a 'Lock Down' emergency practice drill as we are required to do by the Department of Education each term. This allows teachers and students to practice what to do if there was a real emergency.

Continued...

LEARNING FOR LIFE...



ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

GRADE STRUCTURE FOR 2024

This is a very exciting time of the year as we are forward planning for 2024. We will have 22 grades next year, a decrease from 25 due to a slight decline in enrolments from 2023. Some families are leaving us to move to new areas for work and/or family reasons and we wish them all the best. Our local kindergartens have also had less enrolments this year, hence only having 3 Prep classes next year. Due to our student numbers in 2024, we will have largely straight classes and three composite classes. We have had composite classes before, and our highly skilled teachers capably plan the curriculum programs for these children as they do when teaching a straight grade. All children across the school will be taught the appropriate curriculum for their level of schooling. Our 5 specialist programs next year will be: **Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Lote – Mandarin, Physical Education, and the return of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics).**

Our grade structure for next year is as follows:

Grade Prep (Foundation) - 3 classes
Grade One – 3 classes
Grade Two – 3 classes
Grade One/Two – 1 class
Grade Three – 2 classes
Grade Four – 2 classes
Grade Three/Four – 2 classes
Grade Five – 3 classes
Grade Six – 3 classes

Total: 22 Grades.

PARENT FRIENDSHIP REQUESTS

As previously outlined in our school newsletter, we are only accepting friendship requests from parents for placements in grades for 2024. When we place students into classes for the following year, our teachers take into consideration current friendships and who works well with whom and they take great care in allocating the students to classes. Sometimes parents may request a friend to be with their child, but the requested child's parents may ask for the opposite. We will take all requests into consideration but not all requests may be met. If you feel strongly about friendships for your child, these open tomorrow Friday 17th November and close at 9am on Monday 27th November. Please forward in writing your friendship requests to the office or via email to the school email address:

Berwick.lodge.ps@education.vic.gov.au

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION (PFA) MAJOR FUNDRAISER FUN RUN – MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER

Our major fundraiser – the PFA Fun Run is on Monday 27th November. Students will run/walk the required number of laps and are encouraged to dress in fancy dress for the occasion but please wear sensible shoes/hat and sunscreen on the day. Sponsorship forms and information has now been sent via email from Compass to all families and we encourage all students to collect sponsors from family and friends for the event. The fundraising money will go towards educational resources and equipment for the school.

Year Level	Number of Laps
Prep	2
Grade 1 and 2	3
Grade 3 and 4	4
Grade 5 and 6	5

There will be prizes for:

- Highest fundraising student in each class will receive a sport ball (soccer ball/basketball)
- Highest fundraising student overall will receive a Lenovo Tablet

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

COMMUNITY AFTERNOON PICNIC AND CELEBRATION – MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER 3PM

On Monday 27th November, our whole school will celebrate the wonderful year we have had from 3pm. All classrooms will be open from 3pm and families are welcome to visit their child's room and see their work. Our teachers will be here until 4.30pm but families are welcome to stay on after that time within our school grounds. There will be ZANCE in the courtyard, our grade 5/6 movies in the gym, Art activities in the art room, minor games on the oval or enjoy a wander through our Sensory and Community Gardens. All families are encouraged to bring a picnic afternoon tea, blanket to sit on and enjoy sharing this afternoon with their family in the school grounds. We look forward to celebrating a wonderful year on this afternoon.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Q. Can I request a teacher for my child next year?

A. No. This year we are only accepting parent requests for friendships.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

"Be yourself, everyone else is already taken." Oscar Wilde

Sandra McCrum

DIARY DATES:

Prep Craftpower Woodwork Incursion	Wednesday 22nd November
Grade 5 Camp	Wednesday 22nd Nov - Friday 24th Nov
Fundraising Fun Run	Monday 27th November
Community Afternoon	Monday 27th November
Prep Swimming Begins	Tuesday 5th December
Grade 1 Chesterfield Farm Excursion	Friday 8th December
Grade 3 Moonlit Sanctuary Excursion	Friday 8th December
Grade 6 Camp	Wednesday 13th Dec - Friday 15th Dec
Grade 6 Graduation	Monday 18th December

NOTICES AND PAYMENTS DUE:

The Good Dinosaur Film Permission (Grade 3)	Friday 17th November
Grade 6 Camp Dietary Requirements	Friday 17th November
Prep Craftpower Woodwork Incursion	Friday 17th November
Prep Swimming Forms	Wednesday 22nd November
Grade 1 Chesterfield Farm Excursion	Friday 1st December
Grade 3 Moonlit Sanctuary Excursion	Friday 1st December
Grade 6 Camp Balance	Wednesday 22nd November

Assistant Principals' Report

PREP TRANSITION

We will welcome our 2024 Prep children to commence their Transition Program on Tuesday 21st November. The students will have fun experiencing their first morning in a Prep classroom. Parents will be invited to a morning tea and chat in the Staffroom.



SUNSMART REMINDER

Families are reminded that, as our school has SunSmart accreditation our policy requires that children wear a SunSmart hat to school. Students may wear a broad brimmed, bucket or legionnaire's hat at all times when outdoors from the beginning of September through to the end of April. If a child does not have their hat on whilst playing outside, they will be asked to remain playing in a shaded area. We encourage students to apply sunscreen at home before coming to school.



eSafety

Below is a list of useful websites for families to access in relation to internet safety.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

<https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/>

<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/net-safety.html>

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/advicecybersafe.aspx>

LOST PROPERTY

There is a large amount of clothing items in Lost Property. Please check if your child has any missing items and ask them to check in Lost Property. It is important that all clothing items are named as this ensures they can be returned to the correct owner.

PREP – 2 ATHLETICS DAY

A big congratulations to Mrs Muccignat, Miss McArthur and all the teachers involved in the athletics day. It was a wonderful day of competition, with all the students giving their very best effort with ribbons awarded on the day. A special thank you to our Grade 6 leaders who encouraged, guided, and supported all the junior school students. It was great to see everyone in their house colours and the many families who came along to cheer.

Angela Maskery and Sharyn King

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

PREP

Prep B – Toby and Jovan

Prep K – Adelaide and Aydin

Prep N – Charlotte and Sharlie

Prep S – Volisha and Aspen

2024 ENROLMENTS

School Tours and 2024 Enrolments are now open!

Tours will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.
Bookings are essential, please contact the office on 9709 6700.

For all those families who have a sibling starting prep next year, please inform the office if you have not already done so.

If you know of any friends or family who are interested in attending Berwick Lodge next year, please ask them to contact the office on 9709 6700 or they can send an email to berwick.lodge.ps@education.vic.gov.au



P.E NEWS

A big congratulations to all the Prep - Grade 2 students who participated in the athletics day on Friday. We are so proud of how well you all competed, trying your best and cheering each other on. It was great to see so many smiling faces enjoying the day and making such an effort to dress up in your house colours.

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded best dressed for their age group.

5/6 girls - Isla PS

5/6 boys- Liam PS

7 girls - Taytum IS

7 boys - Thomas 2M

8/9 girls - Trinity 2M

8/9 boys - Bohdi 2M

It was such a close competition when it came to the house points. Well done to Langmore house who won the overall competition on 385 points. In second place was Buchanan with 375 points, Casey 3rd with 368 points and Wilson in 4th with 362 points.

A huge thank you to our captains and grade 6 helpers as well as all the wonderful teachers and support staff who assisted at events or with age groups. Your help was so appreciated.

A big thank you also to all the parents who came to spectate. It was great to see you all come along to watch and support the students.



PREP NEWS

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Over the last couple of weeks the Preps have been exploring the topic **‘Positive Gender Relationships’** as part of our Respectful Relationships curriculum. This has included conversations around fair and friendly play, what is violence in play and sharing the play space and equipment. Here are some of the Prep’s thoughts so far:

How do we play fairly together?

“Making up rules and making sure everyone knows them” – Howie

“Sharing the monkey bars and not speaking in a grumpy way” – Ash

“Make sure everybody is included” – Bronte

“Making sure everyone has a fair amount of things when we are playing with toys” – Darcie

“Every day you can play with somebody else if you want” – Logan

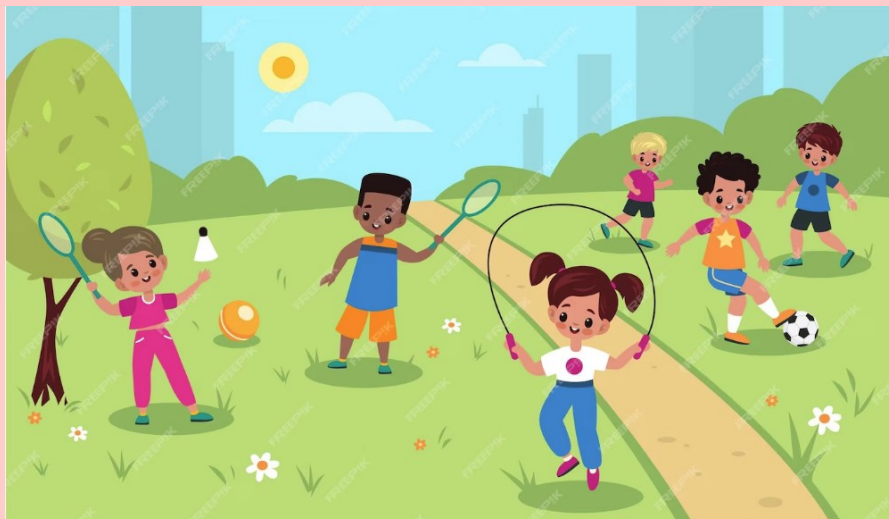
How do we play alongside others?

“Not interrupting people, don’t be too noisy, if people say stop you should stop straight away” - Parker

“Use your words to solve problems” - Jacob

“Be kind to everyone that’s around you, even if they’re not in your game” – Zak

“Keep lookout for people on the friendship seat” – Indy



PFA NEWS

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

B.L.P.S Fun Run

**Monday 27th
November!**

Get ready for a day of colourful costumes and spirited fun! Join us at our school Fun Run, where kids can wear costumes or proudly display their house colors while raising funds for our school. It's an exciting opportunity to support our school community while having a blast!

Free Icy Poles will be provided on the day!

Forms have been provided to kick start the students' fund-raising efforts.



We would also appreciate any Parent Helpers on the day!

If you are available to help please contact

PFA@berwicklodgeps.vic.edu.au with your child's name and grade

SICKBAY NEWS

We would appreciate any donations of underwear in its original packaging for our sickbay. Please note, these must be brand new.

Do you have any clothing that your child may have borrowed from sickbay?

If so, can you please wash and return these items as soon as possible.



CANTEEN NEWS

If your child forgets their lunch, and a sandwich is provided by the canteen, please note that this will incur a charge of \$2.

The money needs to be handed to the office as soon as possible.



Parents may bring in food treats to celebrate their child's birthday.

However, this treat **must be** individually commercially packaged with ingredients listed (ie: fun-size chocolate) and distributed to students at the end of the school day.



LIBRARY NEWS

Our Library is looking amazing with loads of new books currently being added to the shelves. Thank you to everyone who donated books this year, the students are really enjoying reading these new books.

We will be undertaking our annual stocktake during December. Please make sure that **ALL** library books are returned by the 24th of November. Stocktake will begin on the 27th of November. This will allow time so we can scan, count and sort everything out for 2024.

We have some exciting new changes on the way...



BOOK CLUB ORDERS

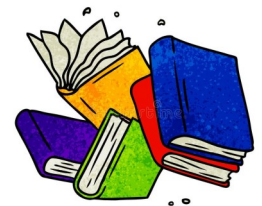
Issue 8 is now available for ordering. This catalogue has lots of sequels to series', Christmas stories, non-fiction books, picture story books and lots of activities.

Have a look through to enter a **colouring competition**, complete a **word search puzzle**, find a **recipe** for a **MINECRAFT slice**, create your own **COMIC STRIP** and possibly **WIN** some **movie passes** to see DreamWorks TROLLS BAND TOGETHER!

All orders need to be placed before 3.30pm on the 30th November 2023. These will be distributed to students asap.

The Gift Function is available for orders to be collected from the office for secret surprises.

*Happy Reading,
Mrs Tsekouras and Ms Taylor.*



IN OTHER NEWS...

Your
OSHC.

Tailored before and after school
experiences that children love.

Newsletter

Upcoming incursion:

Animal Farm

17th November, 2023

Hey everyone!

Coordinator Kelly reporting here from the OSHC base camp. We have some very exciting news that we would love to share!

Join us for a fun, engaging, and educational incursion in After School Care at Berwick Lodge Primary School! Joining us on the 17th November will be Animal Farm bringing their awesome barn yard animals, for all children to enjoy! Times are 4pm – 5:30pm

We cannot wait to see you there!

Book now from your Parent Portal

Register for Your OSHC

Once registered, you'll be able to easily make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

Register now



Child Care Subsidy (CCS)

The Child Care Subsidy can provide up to 90% off your fees. Your eligibility is determined by your family's annual adjusted taxable income, the type of childcare you use, and your activity level. To find out if you're eligible, contact Centrelink on 13 61 50.

Register free and book now at www.campaustralia.com.au

by  **Camp
Australia**

Transition News



St John's

REGIONAL COLLEGE



**DISCOVER YOUR
CHILD'S PATHWAY**

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 22 November 2023 6pm

Come along and discover the opportunities and pathways to unlock your child's potential. Join us for a College tour. Discover what St John's has to offer and find out about the new 2025 Academic Scholarship Program.

Register today at
www.sjrc.vic.edu.au
or scan the QR Code



COMMUNITY NEWS

Help me...My teenager is addicted to online gaming!

This parent forum takes a look into the world of online gaming; the positives and the negatives.

- Why gaming is addictive (the relationship between the brain and gaming)
- Signs of harm to look out for
- Tips to assist parents while talking about gaming and gambling with their children and wards
- Where to get help (support services)

When: 22nd November 2023

Where: Berwick College PAC
Manuka Road, Berwick, 3806

Time: 6:30pm-7:30pm

RSVP: <https://compasstix.com/e/gkk9fjq7qc>



BRENTWOOD PARK
NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
and Community Centre

Mother tongue classes

TAMIL



Free Program

Grade 1 & 2 Tuesdays

Grade 3 & 4 Monday

6 - 7 pm

To book:

0387430671

admin@bpmh.org.au

Or directly on our website:

www.bpmh.org.au



COMMUNITY NEWS

CASEY.VIC.GOV.AU

TEXTILE DROP-OFF DAY

City of Casey
GREEN LIVING IN CASEY

FREE ONE-OFF TEXTILE DROP-OFF DAY

Let's give our textiles a new life and keep them out of landfill!



SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER
9.00 AM – 3.00 PM
30 VESPER DRIVE NARRE WARREN

FREE ONE-OFF TEXTILE DROP-OFF DAY

Do you have household linens, clothes and shoes that are ready for a new home? Or are they at the end of their lives and in need of recycling? This National Recycling Week you can drop them off for free so they can be recycled or rehomed through a local charity.

Green Living in Casey is working with Give a Sheet® for the Planet and UPPAREL to recycle as many of these textiles as possible. We are also partnering with local charities to find your unwanted clothes in good condition a new home.



Please read the list of accepted items closely. Bookings essential, scan here.

Please note this event is for Casey Residents only. We will only be accepting drop-offs from households, no businesses or large quantities.



COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

FRIENDS OF THE HELMETED HONEYEATER INC. PRESENTS

FAMILY FUN DAY

JOIN LOCAL COMMUNITY &
GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS
TO CELEBRATE OUR VICTORIAN
FAUNAL EMBLEMS, THE
HELMETED HONEYEATER AND
LEADBEATER'S POSSUM

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

- WELCOME TO COUNTRY
- INTERACTIVE WILDLIFE DISPLAY
- FACEPAINTING
- ART ACTIVITIES
- MACROINVERTEBRATE DISPLAY
- MUSIC,
- FOOD STALLS
- ...AND MUCH MORE!

Saturday 18th November, 11am-3pm
@ The Village Green at Yarra Valley Ecos
711 Old Warburton Rd, Wesburn

Regional
Community
Recovery
Committees

YARRA VALLEY
ecos

This free event has been funded
through the Upper Yarra Community
Led Recovery Grants Program.


Friends of
the HELMETED HONEYEATER inc

Design www.evergreendesign.com.au

COMMUNITY ADVERTISING



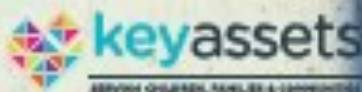
Scan me!

Find out more about
foster care and
how **you** can **make**
a difference.

Could you be a Foster Carer?

We want to work with you to make a positive and lasting difference to the lives of children in your community.

As a Key Assets foster carer we'll provide you with 24/7 support, a dedicated social worker and on-going training. If you're looking to provide love, safety and care for a child we'd love to hear from you.



COMMUNITY ADVERTISING



Are you over 25 with a spare bedroom?

If you answered yes then you're already on your way to becoming a foster carer.

Victorian children and young people in your local community need a safe space to call home



“Our carers Emma and Adam say...

There are so many children in need and so few people willing to take the risk.

I thank Key Assets for making a difference; the financial support means we can go beyond boundaries to give these children every opportunity to grow, develop and reach their potential.”

canifoster.org.au
(03) 9566 7800



BASIC MAKE-UP APPLICATION WITH APRIL FROM

SeneGence

Learn how to choose the correct foundation to suit your skin tone, as April from SeneGence, guides you through a basic make-up session with quality products.

All participants will get to apply the products to make up their own face under guidance.

A fun and informative session.

**MONDAY 20TH NOVEMBER
10AM
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
TIMBARRA COMMUNITY CENTRE**



**LIMITED PLACES
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**
admin@berwicknc.com.au
or 9704 1863

COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

POP UP PLAYGROUP



Discover Learn Play

The City of Casey free 'Pop-up Playgroup' Term 4 2023

Come along and enjoy playgroup activities outdoors with your child, including block and imaginary play, music, art, reading and active play.

You can also pick up more information about Community Playgroups, Maternal and Child Health, Kindergarten and Youth Services.

Trueman Reserve Playground,

Bradman Drive & Trueman Street, Cranbourne West

<https://goo.gl/maps/Ea7UrLoVorR5G8n19>

Wednesday 4 October 9:30 am – 11.00 am
Wednesday 11 October 9:30 am – 11.00 am
Wednesday 18 October 9:30 am – 11.00 am
Wednesday 25 October 9:30 am – 11.00 am
Wednesday 1 November 9:30 am – 11.00 am

Livvi's Place,

Boland Dr, Lyndhurst

<https://goo.gl/maps/F2n2byC3nKa5Cri26>

Wednesday 8 November 9:30 am – 11.00 am
Wednesday 15 November 9:30 am – 11.00 am
Wednesday 22 November 9:30 am – 11.00 am
Wednesday 29 November 9:30 am – 11.00 am



Please note Pop-up Playgroup is an outdoor event. Please bring water, snacks, and spare clothes. No

bookings required.
Contact the City of Casey:

Web: casey.vic.gov.au
Email: caseycc@casey.vic.gov.au
Phone: 03 9705 5200
Post: PO Box 1000, Narre Warren VIC 3805
NRS: 133 677 (for the deaf, hearing or speech impaired)

Customer Service Centres:

Narre Warren: Bunjil Place, Patrick Northeast Drive, Narre Warren
Cranbourne: Cranbourne Park Shopping Centre, Cranbourne
ABN: 43 320 295 742



TIS: 131450 (Translating and Interpreting Service) المترجم الفوري 翻译 مترجم شفاهي བཤམ་འཛིན་པ་ ສາວາດ ອັດຕະໂນ

CASEY.VIC.GOV.AU

SAFE AROUND SCHOOLS

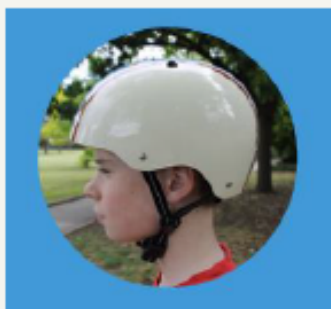


Active Travel – How to fit a helmet safely.

As a community, we always love seeing children being active by riding, scooting, or skating in our neighborhood.

It is important your child always wears a helmet while on a bike, scooter, or skateboard to ensure they are not seriously injured. Wearing a helmet reduces the risk of head injuries by up to 74%.

Here is the correct way to fasten your helmet.



- ✔ Ensure your child's helmet is approved and carries the Australian standard AS/NZS 2063, which means it has been safety approved, legal and meets standards.
- ✔ When helmet is on ensure the helmet sits 2 fingers widths above the eyebrows
- ✔ Helmet straps must be correctly adjusted with no twists. The straps should form a V shape around the ears – see picture.
- ✔ Once the buckle is fastened, ensure you can place 2 fingers under the chin strap.
- ✔ If the helmet moves out of position easily, then your helmet is too loose and must be adjusted – either your straps are too loose, or your helmet is not the correct size.



Helmets must be worn when riding:

- ✔ On roads and road-related areas
- ✔ On bike or shared paths in bike lanes
- ✔ In recreational parks
- ✔ In carparks
- ✔ On footpaths

This short video demonstrates how to fit your bicycle helmet correctly Take the time and watch this with your children <https://youtu.be/VyCNrC8RZD1>

Contact the City of Casey:

Web: www.casey.vic.gov.au/safe-around-schools
Email: Safearoundschools@casey.vic.gov.au
Phone: 03 9705 5200
Post: PO Box 1000, Nare Warren VIC 3805
NRS: 133 677 (for the deaf, hearing or speech impaired)

Customer Service Centres:

Narre Warren: Bunjil Place, Patrick Northeast Drive
Cranbourne: Cranbourne Park Shopping Centre
ABN: 43 320 295 742



TIS: 131460 (Translating and Interpreting Service) المترجم الفوري 電話 مترجم شفاهي सहायता केंद्र 03 9705 5200

CASEY.VIC.GOV.AU



Tuning in to Kids

Are you on the same wavelength with the children in your care?

Do you have children between the ages of 2-10 years in your care?

Tuning in to Kids is a 6-week program to help you tune into your children.

Would you like to learn how to:

- Better tune into your child's emotions?
- Better understand your child?
- Help your child learn to manage their own emotions?
- Teach your child how to deal with conflict in their life?

Tuning in to Kids helps children:

- Calm themselves down when distressed
- Get along better with other children
- Express their emotions in more appropriate ways

Cost
Free

Date
Every Wednesday
18th Oct – 29th Nov 2023
No group 22nd November

Time
10AM – 12:30PM

Venue
Cranbourne West Community Hub
4 Flicka Blvd, Cranbourne West VIC 3977

Light refreshments will be served

Get in touch
03 5990 8400
Group Workers
Bookings essential

Uniting

COMMUNITY NEWS



Parents Building Solutions Term 4 2023

FREE 6 Week program for mums who've been impacted by family violence to talk about their kids.

- Are you dealing with the after-effects of family violence?
- Does your child's anger or anxiety worry you?
- Can you identify the warning signs in a new relationship?
- Do contact visits unsettle your child?
- Do you feel alone?

DATES: Tuesdays - 17th October to 28th November (not Cup Day)

TIME: 9:30 - 11:30am

WHERE: Dandenong Location - Details provided at time of booking

COST: Free!



MISSION AUSTRALIA together we stand

Please scan the QR code to see Communities for Children Greater Dandenong's Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/group/C4CDandenong>

The Communities for Children Initiative is supported by the Australian Government

All enquiries contact -

Sandra Phillips - 0438 161 844

Sandra.Phillips@anglicarevic.org.au

Erin Surrey - 0438 459 891

Erin.Surrey@anglicarevic.org.au

PARENTZONE