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TERM 3 DATES

Minibeast Excursion
Thursday 17th August

Book Week Dress Up Day
Thursday 24th August

Blackwood Special Schools Camp #2
Wednesday 23rd – Friday 25th August

Student Free Day
Friday 25th August



Principals Update

We have been fortunate to experience some Spring like weather in recent days, and the daylight hours are extending. It always makes for a better day at school when the weather permits students to access regulating equipment within the playgrounds.

The Student Representative Council (SRC) are currently preparing to undertake a survey to determine student level of interest and access to specific playground equipment in both the Primary and Middle Years Yards. We are hoping to use this feedback to redesign the play spaces to maximise student engagement in play. Our **Kelly Sports Program** is providing opportunities for lots of physical exercise on Thursday's together with Dance offered as a specialist program on Wednesday and Friday.

Perhaps one of the most encouraging pieces of news in recent times is our reviewed status as a “*Hard to staff school*” This tag offers **Casual Relief Teachers** (brought in to replace absent staff,) a financial incentive to work at the school, resulting in a more competitive marketplace that benefits us with more experienced teachers prepared to work here. It is still extremely difficult to replace staff, however, other than our PE position, we have for the first time in 2 years a full staffing compliment.

Our first Camp for 2023 kicked off this week at Blackwood Special School Outdoor Education Centre, located in the Wombat State Forest. From all accounts it has been extremely successful. The Blackwood Team make this incredibly engaging and lots of fun with campfire cooking, archery, high and low rope's and bushwalking activities, to name but a few. Camping experiences provide the students with the opportunity to socialise with their peers, practice independent living skills and grow their confidence functioning beyond their family environment. The 2nd camping experience will be conducted from Wednesday 23rd to Friday 25th August, again at Blackwood. Communications around this camp has been issued to families of the students participating.

Parent Opinion Survey opens Monday 7th August: Please provide us with 20 minutes of your time! Parents and Carers have an annual opportunity to provide feedback to the school to assist us in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. Response rates in recent years have declined rapidly and your opinion counts. Please locate the flyer within this newsletter that provides guidance around how to access and complete the survey.

Student Free Day 25th August

A reminder to families that Friday 25th August is a **Student Free Day**, on this day Teachers will be undertaking Term 4 planning and ES staff will be engaging in Professional Learning. There is an exception to this arrangement. The students on Camp in Week 7 will return to school in the afternoon of Friday 25th August, so officially they will be in attendance.



The Senior School Building Project is about to commence. Site sheds will be erected in the 2nd car park next Tuesday 8th August, with hoarding around the building site, the first stage of the project. Whilst there are restrictions on contractor access to both Bladin and Jennings Street at peak times of the day, I would ask parents to be mindful of the additional activity that will be taking place over the next 12-18 month period. We will be developing a social story to support the students through the changes that will be undertaken onsite.

Activities: Week 6 commencing August 14th and Week 7 commencing August 21 are shaping up to be busy as we celebrate Science and Book Week.

Wednesday 16th August – Incursion Perform Ed

Thursday 17th August – Incursion Minibeast





Book Week Theme – “Read, Grow, Inspire”

Thursday 24th August – Book Week Dress Up Day! This is always a special day for students and staff! As we dress up in favourite costumes. There will be competitions, and fun activities planned across both weeks.

Term 3 Blackwood Camp Experiences



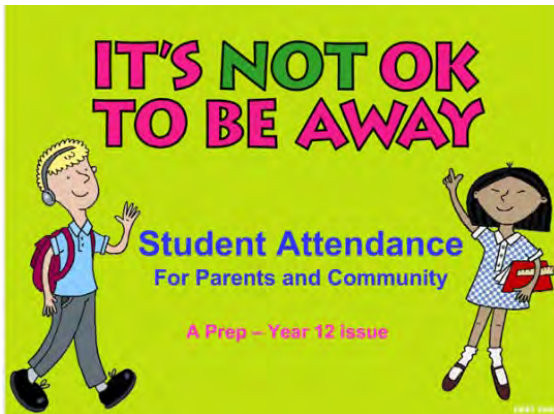
Middle Years Camp 2 – Week 7 Wednesday 23rd – Friday 25th August

Camp 2 organisation is underway, with students attending the camp in the Residence at Blackwood. Rosie, Melinda, Aliesha, and Alby will be supporting students on this camp. Camp 2 Information packages will be sent home to families this week. Thanks to Meliz Ramadan, Camp Coordinator for her extraordinary work planning these activities.



Rani’s Revelations

Don’t forget to access within this newsletter the latest updates around Life beyond school. This week Rani will be providing information on: “**Day Service**”.



When students come to class late, it distracts other students and impacts the class and learning for all. Please make every effort to start the school day on time.

Attendance is an important contributor to a student's academic achievement – all school days matter. The correlation between absence and achievement is consistently negative and declines in achievement are evident with any level of absence.

Attendance data is monitored daily and weekly by the Student Wellbeing Forum, with actions identified to redress no attendance.



2023 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey:

Jennings Street School

Invitation to participate in the 2023 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey

Dear parents / carers,

Your family is asked to participate in the 2023 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey. The Department of Education has contracted ORIMA Research (ORIMA) to conduct the survey. ORIMA is Australia's leading provider of end-to-end research and data analytics services to the public and not-for-profit sector.

Each year the school conducts an opinion survey with the school community.

All families are invited to participate in the survey. Results will be used to inform and direct our future school planning and improvement.

I ask you to please take the time to complete the survey as **your opinions are important to us** and will contribute to the future management and organisation of our school. The department will use the results from the survey for research purposes and to improve outcomes for students.

- The survey will be conducted **online** and only takes **20 minutes** to complete.
 - The survey can be completed on any internet enabled device (desktop computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone) and is compatible with most browsers.
- The survey will be open from **Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023**.
- The survey is available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

Please be assured that your responses are completely confidential. The survey is conducted anonymously, and it is important to us that you complete the survey as honestly as possible. You will be provided with a PIN to complete the survey. This is to ensure that parents / caregivers / guardians only complete the survey once. The school can never see your responses linked with the PIN.

Please follow the instructions below to complete the survey. **PLEASE NOTE:** Only **one parent / caregiver / guardian** from your family is invited to complete the survey. Please **DO NOT** share the survey link and PIN with others, or on a public website, forum or similar.



To complete the survey, simply:

1. Click on the link below, or copy and paste the text into your browser. This link will take you directly to the survey.

<https://www.orima.com.au/parent>

2. Select the School and Campus name below.

School Name: **Jennings Street School**

Campus Name: **Jennings Street School**

3. Enter the School PIN below

PIN: **879190**

When complete, please click on the tick button at the end of the survey to submit your answers. Please note that the survey will time out after **60 minutes of inactivity**.

Thank you for taking the time to participate. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Questions?

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any general queries about the survey. For specific technical or participation-related queries, you may also contact the department or the supplier administering the survey, ORIMA Research.

- Should you have any technical queries regarding the Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey, please do not hesitate to contact ORIMA Research on 1800 654 585 (toll-free during business hours), or by email: pos@orima.com.
- Should you have any participation or survey-related queries, please contact the school, or the department by email: school.surveys@education.vic.gov.au.

The department and ORIMA protect your responses in accordance with the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* (Vic), the *Health Records Act 2001* (Vic) and the *Public Records Act 1973* (Vic). For more information, please visit ORIMA's [Privacy Policy](#), and the department's [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Day Services

for the **Blue** and **Orange** Pathway



What is a day service?

You may hear the phrase "day service" being used to describe a variety of different programs and services. It's a bit of an "umbrella term" for any services that runs during the day. They can run for a half or full day, so be sure to clarify when looking into these!

These services often have an educational or skill development focus, incorporating recreation and leisure activities into their programs. They are great options for families who work during the day and their child may struggle to access supported employment full time.

The three most common day services are Community Hubs, Day Program and Day Centers.

Community Hubs

A Community Hub is a day service that has strong links to community services and integrated community support. They tend to be flexible and inclusive. An example of a Community Hub is Yooralla.



Yooralla: Footscray Community Hub

The Footscray Hub has a strong educational and skill development focus which provides a pathway to supported employment or further education. Suitable for people with disability aged 18+ who would like to take part in educational, recreational, creative, social and workplace skills activities. Participate in person or online. Your program can be tailored to your interests to enhance your life skills, independence and wellbeing.



Programs offered at the Footscray Hub include:

- Photography Skills
- Food Handling Skills
- Visual Arts/Creative Arts
- Daily Living Skills
- Numeracy, Literacy and Money Skills
- Discovering Melbourne
- Gardening Skills
- Digital Mix
- Exploring Music, The World Around Us, Remarkable People, Star Gazing

Day Programs

Day Programs usually run for the full day and will involve some aspect of community access opportunities. Some offer a hybrid model, where part of the day might be spent at a center, the rest of the day in the community.

Example of a day programs are CAMP, Miti and ACASS.

CAMP for Kids and Adults

CAMP provides a variety of support and program options in small group settings which allow your child to increase their confidence and independence. Their programs aim to provide learning, volunteer and work opportunities for you by focusing on community participation and building strong community connections. Participants will engage with a small group to work together to learn and practice specific skills in real life situations.



Miti



Miti's day programs are focused on improving personal skills to help our participants develop basic life skills, and prepare others for employment opportunities, should they wish to take that path. The mornings are centre-based where they host skill development sessions in Numeracy and Money, Computer Literacy, Household skills, Creative Sensory and Literacy. In the afternoons, clients go into the community for Dance, Cooking and Swimming lessons.



ACASS

ACASS is an adult day program that hosts social groups for young people with a disability, as well as organised activities during the day. On Monday's they go grocery shopping and then have a cooking lesson with the ingredients. On Tuesday's they run a community access program. On Wednesday's they host art and tech activities in their Hub. On Thursday's they go bowling and Friday's are set aside for learning construction and building skills.

Center Based Programs

These day programs are held at a purpose built center. These environments are predictable and structured for their clients.



CRANK

A day service for those who love video games! It runs 10am-4pm seven days a week and are held at CRANK HQ or at Melbourne's best gaming venues and events. Day Programs mix capability building sessions with meeting new friends and having game play fun.

Respectful school communities start with respectful behaviour

Parents, carers, staff and students can help keep our school community safe, supportive and respectful.

Good relationships are based on:



Open and honest communication



Trust and respect



Working together



Fair and reasonable expectations by all

These behaviours are **not** okay in our school community:

- ⊗ Threats
- ⊗ Violence
- ⊗ Rudeness
- ⊗ Harassment
- ⊗ Discriminatory and derogatory comments
- ⊗ Aggression
- ⊗ Intimidation
- ⊗ Threatening gestures

This includes in-person, over-the-phone, email, text message, social media and online platforms.

For more information ask your school about the **Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy**.

What People THINK the autism SPECTRUM LOOKS Like:



What it can ACTUALLY LOOK Like:



Autism is the word used to describe a particular type of neurology – that is, a certain type of way some people's brains work.

It affects a range of different areas of life, including:

- Social communication differences, both verbal and non-verbal. This is most noticeable when they are interacting with someone who is neurotypical – two people with autism tend to be able to communicate with very few issues
- Specific passions that autistic people know a lot about and can spend a lot of time talking about or engaging in
- A preference for routines, predictability, and consistency
- Difficulty tuning in to internal body signals, whether that's that they need to eat or drink, or that they might be feeling stressed, tired, or anxious
- A preference for particular foods
- A preference for particular textures
- Repetitive behaviours, such as stimming (repeating body movements) or scripting (repeating words, often from a preferred TV show or movie)
- Overwhelming emotions when something unpredictable happens, there is a change in routine, or they encounter a demand that feels impossible

Everyone's experience of autism is very different, and as the saying goes – "if you know one person with autism, you know one person with autism".

BLACKWOOD SPECIAL SCHOOLS CAMP





WELCOME TO MY6!



WELCOME TO LY11!

Welcome to LY11! The students have settled in really well into Term 3. They have been very busy returning to their daily schedule and taking part in various programs and activities.



In Literacy this week, we have been reading the book 'Frog Food'. The students use 'Colourful Semantics' to create sentences to express what they see in the pictures of the book. They have really enjoyed commenting on what kinds of food the frog eats!



The students in LY11 participate in the Breakfast Club program twice per week. This is where they get the opportunity to prepare and taste a variety of different foods. They have also been great at tidying the kitchen and washing the dishes after making food. The students have been developing the skill of following a schedule. As the students are now in Later Years, this skill will be extremely useful to them post-school!



LY11 have been taking part in different Community Access programs such as Swimming and Travel Training. We had the opportunity to visit a new unfamiliar park and it has been a great success! We are all looking forward to the exciting programs that will be happening inside and outside of the classroom this term. Keep up the great work!



In Maths over the past fortnight, the students have been learning to follow directions. This strand has been so much fun for the students to engage in as there are many hands-on activities involved! They have participated in obstacles courses while practising the actions 'Go', 'Stop', 'Left' 'Right' which has been great fun. Well done LY11!





STEPPING STONES – FOR PARENTS OF A CHILD WITH A DISABILITY

Expressions of interest are sought from our parent community of children up to the age of 12 years. Group Stepping Stones Triple P will run each Wednesday from Week 2 in Term 4. This will be co-facilitated by Mackillop Family Services and Jennings Street School. Please contact the office on 9360 9322 to express your interest.














WHAT IS STEPPING STONES TRIPLE P?

Stepping Stones is based on Triple P's positive parenting strategies. It helps you manage problem behaviour and developmental issues common in children with disability. It also helps encourage behaviour you like, cope with stress, develop a close relationship with your child and teach your child new skills.

GROUP STEPPING STONES TRIPLE P

You're either having significant problems with your child's behaviour or you simply want to know how to encourage your child's development and potential. About a dozen parents come together for six sessions, which last 2 ½ hours each. Your Stepping Stones provider will also call you at home at pre-arranged times to offer support, feedback, and ideas.

WINTER CANTEEN MENU

2023 - Tuesdays			
Name:			
Class Number:			
Item		Price	Quantity
Chips		\$4	
Margarita pizza pizza base, cheese, mixed herbs		\$3	
Simple Chicken burger bun, chicken schnitzel, mayonnaise	 	\$3	
Chicken burger with lettuce bun, chicken schnitzel, mayonnaise, cheese, lettuce	 + 	\$4	
Toasted cheese sandwich bread, cheese		\$2	
Toasted ham and cheese sandwich English muffin, cheese, ham		\$2	
Baked Potato with cheese potato, butter, cheese		\$2	
Baked Potato with cowboy beans potato, baked beans, paprika, bacon, onion, cheese		\$4	
Tomato and fetta pasta cherry tomato, fetta, basil, garlic, pasta		\$3	
Soup of the Day (please ask Canteen staff for the soup of the day)		\$2	
Chicken Pesto Wrap chicken goujons, lettuce, cheese, tomato pesto, soft white wrap		\$3	
Total Cost			
Cash enclosed			
Change Given (Completed by Canteen students)			
Please note: "special requests" and "modifications" to recipes cannot be made.			

SUPERHEROES

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

18TH - 29TH SEPTEMBER

**BOOKINGS
CLOSE**
WEDNESDAY
6TH SEPT



SCAN TO
BOOK



FELICITYTM
HOLISTIC CARE

WEEK 1 - 18th to 22nd Sept



Monday 18th September Collingwood Children's Farm

Explore Illuminate, a new exhibition exploring the science behind the fastest traveller in the universe - light. Plus check out the exhibitions, Sports-works, Think Ahead and Beyond Perception.

NDIS funding required: \$189.42*+kms
Out-of-pocket cost: \$16.50

Drop off/Pick up Time/Location:
10am & 4pm; 112 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing.



Medium Level of Activity

Tuesday 19th September Roller Skating & Brimbank Park

Rollerskate or InLine Skate for 2 hours while the music plays, and the disco lights shine. After skating we head to Brimbank Park, a haven for creative play, designed for children of all abilities.

NDIS funding required: \$189.42*+kms
Out-of-pocket cost: \$29.25

Drop off/Pick up Time/Location:
10am & 4pm; 112 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing.



High Level of Activity

Wednesday 20th September Inflatable World & Alice's Playspace

Come and play on one of the biggest inflatable playgrounds in Australia for 2 hours! This is a high energy maximum activity zone! Bring your socks. Afterwards we visit Alice's Playspace, an accessible playground, including a trampoline, climbing equipment, flying fox and pirate ship.

NDIS funding required: \$189.42*+kms
Out-of-pocket cost: \$20.00

Drop off/Pick up Time/Location:
10am & 4pm; 112 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing.



High Level of Activity

Thursday 21st September Aquapulse

Slip, slide and swim at AquaPulse, a huge indoor aquatic centre. The aquatic playground, shallow pools and waterslides are undercover and heated, making them the perfect place to splash about.

NDIS funding required: \$189.42*+kms
Out-of-pocket cost: \$14.00

Drop off/Pick up Time/Location:
10am & 4pm; 112 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing



High Level of Activity

Friday 22nd September Serendip Sanctuary & You Yangs

Walk with an emu and say "hi" to the wallaby's at the magical Serendip Sanctuary wildlife reserve. Set on 250 ha of native woodlands and wetlands, it's also home to over 150 species of birds. Afterwards, we have fun exploring the You Yangs regional park.

NDIS funding required: \$189.42*+kms
Out-of-pocket cost: Free.

Drop off/Pick up Time/Location:
10am & 4pm; 112 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing.



High Level of Activity



WEEK 2 - 25th to 29th Sept



Monday 25th September Cirque Electric - Docklands

Non stop entertainment at Cirque Electric gaming complex, with bowling, arcades, virtual reality rides and bumper cars. After, we hit the Docklands Playground for some outdoor fun!

NDIS funding required: \$189.42*+kms
Out-of-pocket cost: \$32.00

Drop off/Pick up Time/Location:
10am & 4pm; 112 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing.



Tuesday 26th September Melbourne Museum

Come face to face with one of the most awe inspiring creatures ever to walk the Earth—the Triceratops! Triceratops: Fate of the Dinosaurs is a voyage into a lost world, explore the landscapes of the Cretaceous and get to know the creatures that thrived there.

NDIS funding required: \$189.42*+kms
Out-of-pocket cost: \$7.50.

Drop off/Pick up Time/Location:
10am & 4pm; 112 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing.



Wednesday 27th September Live Wire Park - Lorne

Have fun bouncing on the five trampoline-like jumping zones suspended four metres off the ground, linked with bridges and walkways. Adding to the energy-burning fun are ball pits, giant soft bowling pins and swinging pods. When you're ready for a break from bouncing, take a walk 10 metres above the ground amongst the towering Blue Gum trees on the 120 meter suspended circuit walk.



NDIS funding required: \$189.42*+kms
Out-of-pocket cost: \$23.00

Drop off/Pick up Time/Location:
10am & 4pm; 112 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing.

Thursday 28th September Werribee Zoo

Have a wild adventure at Werribee Zoo meeting the animals of the African Savanna and jungle. Go on a safari tour and see lions, cheetahs, gorillas and more! An action packed day, fun for all ages.

NDIS funding required: \$189.42*+kms
Out-of-pocket cost: \$16.50

Drop off/Pick up Time/Location:
10am & 4pm; 112 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing.



Friday 29th September No Program - Public Holiday

What you need to know

NDIS and Out of Pocket Costs*

All programs are invoiced via your NDIS plan. NDIS costs are an estimate. There will also be an additional travel charge at the NDIS price guide rate. Out of pocket costs are to be paid via direct debit or credit card. Transport costs are divided between participants at \$1 per kilometer.

Staffing Ratios & Ages

Please note this program is suitable for people who can be supported at a ratio of 1:3. We have a maximum of 9 clients per activity and a minimum of 3 staff members. Programs are suitable for those aged 6 -17 years.

Refunds

If you cancel your booking we are not obliged to provide a refund. Refunds are based on our ability to fill your booking and/or receive a refund for prebooked activities.

Changes to the program.

Sometimes things don't go as planned due to weather or cancellation of a scheduled activity. We will do our utmost to find an alternative activity and will advise you as soon as possible of any changes to the program.

Contact details

For all program enquiries please email:
programs@felicitycare.com.au
Phone: 1300 589 176

Bookings

Scan the QR code on the front of the brochure or visit our website at: www.felicityholisticcare.com.au and select HOLISTIC EXPERIENCES.

Geelong Clients

Please contact us to discuss pick up/drop off options. Additional charges may apply.

Register your interest - Social Weekends Make friends and have a blast!

Movies

Enjoy a new release movie in Geelong or Melbourne followed by dinner or lunch. Create friendships and connections with other adults. Participants can choose the movie and where to eat.

Shoppers Delight

Travel in our bus to a selection of the best Op Shops in Geelong or Melbourne. Pick up some preloved fashion and a bargain or two!

Shop till you drop!

Meet at the train station (Geelong or Werribee) and head up to Spencer Street DFO. Explore a variety of shops from food to fashion!

Art Lovers Day Out

Travel to the National Gallery of Victoria on St Kilda Road in our bus. Visit various exhibitions and enjoy lunch in one of the eateries along vibrant Southbank.

Animal Experiences

Ballart Wildlife Park has it all! Enjoy a day in nature and meet a variety of animals, from free-roaming Kangaroos to penguins and their newest addition 'Kai' the Sumatran Tiger!

Chocolate Lovers

Visit the Great Ocean Road Chocolaterie . Enjoy lunch, watch the chocolate masters at work, taste samples or participate in a chocolate making master class (additional costs apply).

Register Now!

Call us on 1300 589 176 or email: programs@felicitycare.com.au
Programs will run if we have at least four participants.

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JOIN THE TEAM

Inclusion Holiday Program

- *Multiple positions available.*
- *Work during School Holiday periods.*
- *Rewarding opportunity to support clients with various support needs.*
- *Supportive and fun environment in a group setting.*
- *Ongoing training and development opportunities provided.*



*Scan the QR Code
to express your interest!*

P: 9407 6200 W: Whittlesea.ymca.org.au





Save the Date for Dream Day at Healesville Sanctuary!

Monday 16 October, 2023



Save the Date for the 2023 Variety Kids Xmas Party!

Thursday 14 December, 2023

Because all kids deserve a fair go in life