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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Officer Specialist School acknowledges the traditional owners of the land throughout Australia.

We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and to the elders past, present and future.

Message From The Principal

Hello everyone.

On Friday we had a very productive Curriculum Day during which staff engaged in Professional Learning Sessions regarding School Wide Positive Behaviour and Safety. Teachers also worked on plans for Term 3 learning.

During the morning, we also had our new relocatable admin building craned in and you will see it at the front of the school. This building will provide much-needed meeting and office space. Our plan is to have it painted grey to match our main building and our senior students are going to participate in planning and installing gardens around the building.

LAST WEEK OF TERM, CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

This is the last week of term and as always, we will have our Celebration Assembly. Please join us on Friday in the Community Hub from 10.00 am to celebrate a big term, and student achievements and watch some presentations.

Classes will be having their own celebrations throughout the week.

LAST DAY EARLY FINISH

Friday 28th June will be the last day of term 2. The school will finish at 1.30 pm so buses will arrive at stops 1 hour 15 mins earlier so please arrange to have someone at the stop to meet students.

Parents have asked if students can stay home because it is a shorter day. I understand this is easier for some families than arranging the earlier pickup. If your child is not going to attend on that day, please let your teacher know as soon as possible

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Once a month we will be having Morning Tea and the presentation of the Principal's Award for students who have been nominated for their efforts and demonstration of our school values.

The Principal Team will have morning or afternoon tea with the students and their photos will feature in the newsletter that month as you will have seen in our last newsletter.

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PRINCIPALS MESSAGE.

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TERM 3

Term 3 will start on Monday, July 15th.

We have had to make several changes across the school in response to staffing issues and any family involved in the changes has been notified. This week students will transition into different classes and teachers will complete handovers for those students.

We continue to interview staff and have been very lucky to have some wonderful ES and Teachers join us over the past term.

I want to acknowledge the efforts of our staff to manage this staffing crisis and maintain the best possible learning programs for our students.

I hope everyone enjoys the break.

Keep warm!!

Thanks everyone,

Helene Rowe

Principal
Officer Specialist School



FINAL DAY OF TERM 2

FRIDAY JUNE 28TH

28th June will be the last day of term 2. The school will finish at 1.30pm so buses will arrive at stops 1 hour 15 mins earlier so please arrange to have someone at the stop to meet students.



100 DAYS OF SCHOOL BISCUITS!

We ordered biscuits for the preps' 100 days of school from the organisation that many of our senior kids do their SBAT with.

This is the biscuit, and these are the kids who worked hard on the design, printing and assembly of this order. Rian, Zach and Joseph were proud of their work and more importantly, had fun.



CASEY CARDINIA KIDS WINTER EDITION 2024

Want some ideas on what to do over the holidays? This locally published magazine is free.

You can read the special Winter holidays edition here at;

https://caseycardiniakids.com.au



Temporary Changes to Trading Hours for School Holidays

With the end of Term 2 quickly approaching, we'd like to advise you that there are changes to the trading hours of all Beleza retail stores during the holiday break. Your local Beleza store will be closed during the first week of the holidays.

We'd recommend families check their local store's Google listing to confirm opening hours before visiting a store. As we have multiple Beleza locations across Victoria, we suggest searching "Beleza + Your Suburb Name" to ensure you're getting the most relevant information.

Please note that all stores will close at 2 pm on Friday 28th of June and be closed until Monday 8th of July. We'll return to our usual trading days and hours across all stores from Monday 8th of July, however as our trading days differ from store to store, please check your local store's trading hours.

We'd like to apologise for any inconvenience that these changes may cause and thank you for your understanding. We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable holiday break!

BECOME A MEMBER AND SAVE!

Our Beleza Membership program is FREE to join, and members receive 5%-off their purchase in our retail stores. Please visit your local retail store for more information and to sign up!

*Only applicable for purchases in-store and not to be used in conjuction with any other offer.
Online and in-store accounts are not linked, you will need to create an account in-store to receive your 5% off, even if you've registered for our online store.



CLASSROOM Symposium



Welcome To Class 108

Teacher: Carmela Alincomot

Welcome to 108

Students in Room 1.08 have been learning to sit down with their peers while doing classroom activities, attend to familiar adults during classroom discussions, and play side-by-side with other students. It was such a great delight watching 1.08 students tolerate other peers while interacting with the same play items.

This has been demonstrated when students in Room 1.08 are waiting for their turn while other peers are taking their turns to complete a task. They are using their listening skills to follow instructions from familiar adults. They have started to understand that classroom routines and expectations are represented by visuals, resulting in their happy and positive demeanor inside and outside the classroom.

Ultimately, students in Room 1.08 have developed trust among the staff who are working with them. This positive relationship has boosted students' confidence in their learning environment, allowing them to thrive and show readiness in their transition journey as Prep students in our school.

Go, go, go, 108 students! Let's continue reaching for the stars!





CLASSROOM Symposium



Welcome To Class 308

Classroom Teacher Rachel Shambrook

Welcome to 308

Science in 3.08

This term has been a huge focus on all things Science and the students in 3.08 have loved exploring lots of different and practical Science activities. With just a few household items, students could share in a range of activities, many of which can be done in the family home. The key skills we have been focusing on in doing the activities are Predicting, Observing and Explaining. Predict – Identifying what may or may not happen Observe – Looking carefully with our eyes (and other senses too) to see the changes

Explain – Making suggestions or comments about why we have observed a reaction, change or no change.

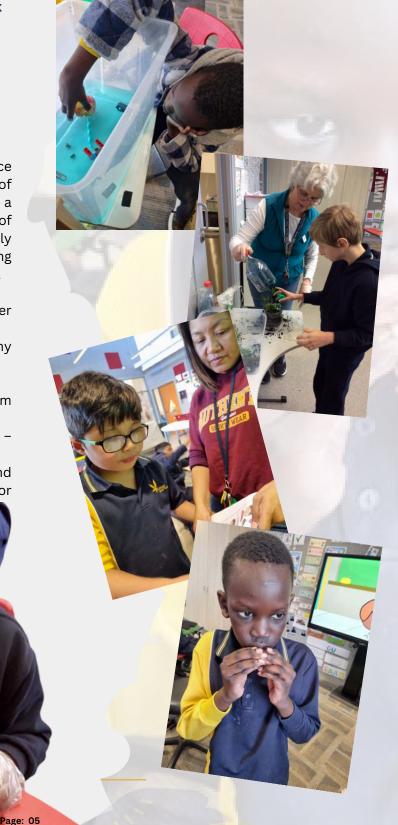
Science activities 3.08 students have done this term include:

·Mixing blue and yellow food dye using paper towel – Explaining how and why we get green!

Exploring the 5 Senses - Using our senses of touch and taste to describe the different items we were feeling or tasting!



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CLASSROOM SINGUESTO Class 308

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- ·Growing salt crystals An experiment using water!
- ·Adding food dye to water in a bucket with celery -How and why do plants need water?
- ·Observing water as a liquid, solid, and gas What are the changes in water and what makes the changes?
- ·Playing with rain cups Water play fun and symbolising rain!
- ·Playing with ice cubes to see what happens when we use our warm hands (or put ice cubes in our mouths)!! - Adding heat to ice brings change!
- ·Exploring Floating and Sinking Which objects floated and which sank to the bottom?
- ·Making plant terrariums Preparing a terrarium by adding stones, soil, and plants. Taking responsibility for watering and care of the plants. Observing growth in plants!
- ·Making jelly Observing that jelly could change from a liquid to a 'solid' by cooling it in the fridge. With the variety of Science activities we shared this term, 3.08 students had a fabulous time experiencing Science in everyday tasks, situations, and activities. They were keen to be involved and loved to embrace all that they observed, touched, and tasted.







semester friendships have been formed and a wider opportunity for learning with others has evolved.

In May some 405 students went to camp with students from 510. Students had a fantastic time doing a wide variety of activities from log rolls, flying fox, basketball, and participating in a campfire night. Many laughs were had, and new friendships were formed. Camp is such a wonderful experience for students to support independence, learn new skills, and create friendships.

I look forward to another amazing semester. Safe holidays.

Rachel Gordon - Secondary Teacher 405

CLASSROOM Smpshols



Welcome To Class 501

Teacher: Tanya Mischleri

Welcome to 501

Big things have happened in room 5.01 this term, with students demonstrating their ability to be 'Scientists' and explore how planes fly. Students have been involved in several experiments that encouraged them to predict, observe, and explain their thinking. This was seen when students made predictions about what might happen when colored water is added to a paper towel, observed what happens when colored water is added to shaving cream and water, and explained why raisins go up and down in lemonade. In addition, students have enjoyed the Bike Ed Program, showing off their skills in balancing, safely breaking, and weaving through obstacles.









Classroom Teacher Jade Kercheval





Room 5.03 has had a great term!

The highlights of the term have been; our weekly social play sessions to practise turn-taking skills and develop confidence to join in play with friends, the St Francis Xavier Buddy Program, our excursion to Deep Creek Reserve, the Tribes Bike Challenge, and the Aussie Wildlife Incursion.

Students from Room 5.03 have been busy little bees!















BUILDING 200

SUMMERY

TERM TWO

Students in the 200's building have had a great term. Our Inquiry based leaning has been an integral part of our focus for the term using the book 'SNAP!' Students have engaged in a variety of enriching and fun activities in the different rooms. As well as this, students have had the opportunity to enrich their learning through sensory and therapy-based activities. It has been a great term. Well done













































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OSS TRIBES BIKE CHALLENGE

By Beylinda Drew - P.E Teacher

On Tuesday the 4th of June, we held our very first OSS Tribes Bike Challenge. Most classes and students participated in the event, and they were extremely excited and engaged. The bike challenge was held on the bus loop and the back basketball court where students had the opportunity to use our amazing new pedal bikes, the trikes, or our balance bikes depending on their abilities.

The challenges ranged from balancing bean bags on their heads whilst riding, zig-zagging in and out of cones, popping bubbles and high-fiving staff as they went past, and identifying and following stop, slow, and speed humps signs. There were also some traffic lights to add to the fun and learning. Students were very excited about the opportunity and did extremely well. They were all awarded a medal and a specially designed drink bottle for their fantastic efforts.

I look forward to having another day like this in the future to give our students these experiences.













The School Carteen

The school canteen will begin serving this year on 14th March and will be open every Thursday after that.

All orders are through the Flexischools app.

If you are new to OSS, simply download the Flexischools app from the <u>Apple</u> or <u>Google</u> stores and follow the prompts to create an account. Once setup, click "Order Food" to see the online catalogues available, place your order and pay. Orders can be placed at any time, up until our specified cutoff time (as shown in the App). At OSS, this is 8am each Thursday.

HOW TO REGISTER WITH Sflexischools

- Download the Flexischools app and select "Register".
- Type in your email and submit to create an
- Go to your inbox and click the link to verify your email (remember to check your junk).
- Follow the registration process, creating a password and adding your personal details.
- Add your student under "Profile" and start ordering online!



Download Flexischools app



Become a Berry Street foster carer

Partner with us and support a local child on their journey.

Childhood is a journey, but not every child starts in the same place.

In our local community there are many children and young people who need a safe place to live.

As a Berry Street foster carer, you'll be a part of a team that is committed to supporting children who are unable to live with their family.

And by providing them with a safe and nurturing home – you'll be there for them at a crucial moment in their life.





THURSDAY 4th JULY | 10.00am - 2.00pm



• FREE EVENT

Cultural Activities

2 Frawley Road, Eumemmerring VIC 3177

- Food
- Entertainment



All children aged 15 years or under must be accompanied and supervised by a parent/guardian aged 18 years or over at all times.

VACCA Staff are not responsible for the supervision of children attending the event unless they are the designated carer for the day.



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SOUTHERN



Extended Families



Enjoy MUSICAL DISCO DANCING GAMES & FUN SCIENCE EXPERIMENT ACTIVITIES!

We will have a chill out space, YUMMY Snacks too & the day will be lead by disability qualified staff.

DATE: SATURDAY 6 JULY 2024

TIME: 4:30PM-6:30PM

PLACE: At The Noble Park Community Centre Main Hall,

Ross Reserve, 44 Memorial Dr, Noble Park.

For registered participants of the Extended Families Join In (Tham Gia) disability program.

\$10 Per Family

TO BOOK/RSVP:

Please call Mai 0414 703 248 (Vietnamese & English speaking) or Samantha 0406 229 071 (English speaking)/Or scan the QR code



Is this your first time? Welcome! You need to be registered with Extended Families to attend. Please scan this QR code - Thanks



While your children are engaged with our qualified staff, Massage therapists will be offering seated min-massages at this event.



For registered participants of the Extended Families Join In (Tham Gia) disability program.

DATE: SATURDAY 13 JULY 2024

TIME: 3:30PM-5:30PM

PLACE: ROSS RESERVE OVAL & SPORT PAVILLION, NOBLE PARK

\$10 Per Family

JOIN IN FUN ACTIVITIES!!

BATON RACES ON THE ATHLETICS TRACK, ULTIMATE FRISBEE GAMES, OBSTACLE RACES, SOCCER SKILLS, CRAFT ACTIVITIES-FLAGS AND MEDAL MAKING, AWARD CEREMONY! WITH PRIZES! CHILL OUT SPACE/ SENSORY ACTIVITIES AND YUMMY SNACKS! ALL LEAD BY OUR DISABILITY QUALIFIED STAFF IN PARTNERSHIP WITH RECLINK!

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Cardinia Youth Services

Winter School Holiday Program



Cost: Free

Bookings for our Winter Teenage School Holiday Program are now open! Secure your place by scanning the QR code, phoning 1800 496 884 or visiting www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/tshp

GROW art workshop

Create artwork to be submitted to the 2024 GROW exhibition at the Cardinia Cultural Centre.

My Place Youth Centre Tuesday 2 July, 1pm - 4pm Cost: Free

Inflatable World

Get ready to bounce, slide and laugh at the ultimate inflatable world where fun knows no bounds!

49 Southeast Blvd Pakenham Wednesday 3 July, 12.30pm - 2.30pm Cost: \$15

Winter warmers cooking

Join us in the kitchen and help create some warm and delicious dishes!

My Place Youth Centre Thursday 4 July, 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Glow dance party

Get your favourite fluro outfit ready and put your dancing shoes on for lots of glow fun!

My Place Youth Centre Friday 5 July, 1.30pm - 3.30pm Cost: Free

PJ's and movies

Wear your oodie or your favourite Pj's for a relaxing afternoon of movies and snacks.

My Place Youth Centre Monday 8 July, 1.30pm - 3.30pm Cost: Free

Game show day

Bring your competitive spirit, and see who takes out the number one spot.

My Place Youth Centre Tuesday 9 July, 1.30pm - 3.30pm Cost: Free

Kemizo: roller skating, laser tag, and rock climbing

Join us for laser tag, roller-skating, rock climbing, arcades and more!

1/100 Bald Hill Road Pakenham Wednesday 10 July, 1.30pm - 3.30pm Cost: \$15

Mario Kart tournament

Bring your gaming skills and competitive spirit for the ultimate Mario Kart showdown!

My Place Youth Centre Thursday 11 July, 1.30pm - 3.30pm Cost: Free



All Cardinia Youth Services activities are fully supervised drug, alcohol, vape and smoke-free.

myplace@cardinia.vic.gov.au 1800 4 YOUTH (1800 496 884)





Tuning in to Kids™

A six-session parenting program for parents or carers of children aged 2-10 years. Tuning in to Kids is underpinned by a five-step emotional coaching tool.

Tuning in to Kids will help children understand and identify their emotions and learn more effective ways to express their emotions. Tuning in to Kids aims to:

- Help parents and carers to gain knowledge on emotional intelligence.
- Support parents to emotionally coach their child by tuning in to their child's emotions.
- Provide parents with the tools to help their child learn to manage their emotions and solve problems.
- Explore ways parents can teach their child to manage with conflict in their life.

Cost

Free

Date

Every Thursday between 1st Aug – 5th Sep 2024

Time

10am until 12:30pm

Venue

Cranbourne Library

65 Berwick-Cranbourne Rd, Cranbourne VIC 3977

Light refreshments will be served

Bookings Essential

Please complete the following online registration form:



https://forms .office.com/r/ vp8f0phf15

General enquiries can contact: 03 5990 8400 or groupwork.south@vt.uniting.org

unitingvictas.org.au





Volunteer with us to create meaningful connections with people with a disability and their families!



Volunteering is FUN and feels GREAT!

Extended Families has been connecting volunteers with people with a disability for over 45 years!

As a Volunteer, you will have a meaningful impact on the lives of people with disabilities and their families by supporting with 1:1 community participation activities. You will create positive change in the community, enhance your skillset and build industry experience.

Extended Families thrives on the diversity of our communities, embracing and supporting people of all abilities, identities and cultures. We offer specialised multicultural services and we actively respect and celebrate the rich heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures to create and inclusive environment for all.

Contact us today via the details below, or scan the QR to express your interest!

Contact: Samantha-Jane Potter
Volunteers & social Groups Coordinator
E: samantha@extendedfamilies.org.au
M: 0406 229 071

www.extendedfamilies.org.au





Parenting and Mental Health

A six-session parenting program for parents or carers of children aged 0-18 years.

The group promotes respectful, caring, and nurturing relationships between parents and their children, whilst supporting parents experiencing mental health difficulties.

Our Parenting and Mental Health program is facilitated in partnership with FaPMI (Families where a Parent has a Mental Illness) and input from a Consumer Consultant from the Mental Health program at Monash Health. The program aims to:

- Provide a supportive learning environment for parents to develop new skills
- Learn more about brain development and how this influences a child's thoughts, feelings, and behaviours.
- Provide information, support and ideas to help parents remain calm when challenging behaviours present
- Explore ways of increasing self-care and wellbeing.

Cost Free

Date

Every Tuesday between 30th July – 3rd September 2024

Time

10am until 12:30pm

Venue

Outlook Community Centre

24 Toomuc Valley Rd, Pakenham VIC 3810

Light refreshments will be served

Bookings Essential

Please complete the following online registration form:



https://forms .office.com/r/ ywePu18qpF

General enquiries can contact: 03 5990 8400 or

groupwork.south@vt.uniting.org

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Extended Families Join In!

Join In our dynamic social groups tailored for **disabled** children, young people, and their families in South/Southeastern Melbourne.

Supported by HACC funding, our inclusive programs support participants living in Cardinia, Casey, City of Greater Dandenong, Glen Eira, Bayside, Kingston, and Frankston areas.

During school holidays, Join in:

Our Family Fun Day: Experience exciting activities while building capacity and life skills for disabled children and their whole families.

Plus, enjoy a dedicated Parents/Carer's Mini Retreat to recharge and relax.

Our School Age Events: Engage in FUN activities focusing on capacity building and life skill development for school-aged disabled children with their carer's or parents.

Monthly, Join in:

Our Explorer Youth Club: Embark on inspirational activities aimed at enhancing independence, social and life skills for young adults aged 16-26.

Come Join in! for enriching experiences and the opportunity to build lasting friendships!

We are a diverse organization committed to supporting individuals from a wide range of multicultural backgrounds. We faster an atmosphere of inclusivity and acceptance for all abilities, identities and cultures and we actively respect Aboriginal culture.



Contact: Samantha-Jane Potter M: 0406 229 071 E: samantha@extendedfamilies.org.au (English speaking)

or Mai Tinh Nguyen: M:047 724 0563
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(Vietnamese & English speaking)

Or scan our QR code:



Extended Families

Explorers group & Farm Fresh Retreat~

Meet the friendly Animals & enjoy a Country BBQ Delight at...



Join us for a day of farm fun and a delicious BBQ in the countryside.

For participants of the Extended Families "Tham Gia/ Join In!" Explorer Group for disabled youth

\$10 Per family

Saturday 10 August 2024

TIMES: 10:30am-3pm

DROP OFF: 10:30am Meet @ Noble Park Community Centre to travel in Mini bus with Extended Families Staff (Memorial Drive Noble Park)

VENUE: 11:30am Arrival at the Planning Great Futures

Farm at 109 Holm Park Rd Beaconsfield

PICK UP: 3pm from Noble Park Community Centre

To Book/RSVP: Please call Mai 0414 703 248 (Vietnamese & English speaking)

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Parents and Carers

Want to be more involved in your child's school experience?



Parent and teacher communication plays a significant role in a child's learning experience.

The Compass app enables parents to engage closely with school to see how their child is performing and feeling, book their next teacher conference, pay fees easily, and get ready for the next excursion.

The Compass app gives busy parents access to everything they need to know.

Any queries after downloading the app, please contact the school directly



