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NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 4

February 21st 2020

Reflection Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Ashes are what remain after a fire has gone out. They are a symbol for us - of death and of grief. Many Christians today receive a cross of ashes on their foreheads. This cross of ashes signifies that we are blemished; we are not perfect; that a fire has gone out in us too and needs to be rekindled. This cross of ashes signifies that we are ready to change, and to make efforts to set our lives firmly on the way of Christ. In Australia this summer we have seen fire, we have seen ashes yet we have also seen new growth and experienced



Dear Families

At the start of the year it is necessary to consider the importance of daily attendance at school for each child. Victorian law states that attendance is compulsory for young children unless there is a medical or personal reason for not attending. Missing one day a fortnight is the same as missing 4 weeks of school a year. From Prep to Year 12 that adds up to 1.5 years of school and will have a huge impact on your child's education. A signed note, phone call or notification via the Skoolbag app



must be received by the school for each absence. Enclosed in this newsletter is a poster published by the Department of Education on school attendance. Equally as important as daily attendance is arrival at school prior to 9am. Children who arrive after the school day commences are missing important social interactions with their peers as well as vital initial instruction from their teachers which sets up the remainder of the day. We ask your assistance in ensuring that your child arrives at school on time each day.

Each morning our school yard is supervised from 8:30am until the bell rings at 8:50am. Children should not be arriving at school prior to this time as the yard is unsupervised; there are also staff, and parents using OSHClub, driving into the carpark and this is a safety issue for your child. If you do need to leave your children at school early they should be registered and signed in to OSHClub. All children enrolled in OSHClub will be sent into the yard once supervision begins at 8:30am. OSHClub runs each morning and afternoon in Portable W at the end of the asphalt area. Parents can book their child into OSHClub online or obtain a brochure from the school office. It is a good idea to enrol your child into OSHClub if you think you may need the service throughout the year. You will not be charged unless you use the service but if you do need to use it in an emergency your child's information will already be in the system.

As many of you already know we use CareMonkey for ensuring that we have current and up to date information about your child, this program also allows us to share excursion notices with you electronically. All new families have been asked to create and share your child's profile with us. If you have not done this already please do so as a matter of urgency so that you do not miss out on important information.

At the end of 2019 Kristie Browning, our Wellbeing Leader moved on to another school; we are looking for a replacement but have been unable to do this as yet. In the meantime Mrs lacovinno will support children, families and teachers in Prep - Year 2; Mrs Caroline Madigan will support children, families and teachers in Year 3 - Year 4 and I will do the same for children, families and teachers in Year 5 - Year 6. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have a concern regarding your child.

Have a great weekend everyone

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Carmel Marantelli PRINCIPAL

CURRICULUM FEE

The curriculum fee for 2020 is \$350 per child. This covers booklists, all incursions and excursions (apart from sports events) art materials, physical education equipment, mathematics equipment, readers and literacy games as well as all other curriculum materials. We ask all parents to pay this fee as soon as possible. Statements will be sent out in the coming weeks.

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EVERY DAY COUNTS

Primary school attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind. Why it's important What we can do

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school. The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

"Day off" – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

 Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up. • Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible. Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/ behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx





Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

Parish Of Melton Office

20 - 22 Unitt Street, Melton Tel: 9743 6515, Fax: 9747 8603 Email: melton@cam.org.au Office Open: Tuesday - Friday 9am - 3pm

Mass Times - St Catherine of Siena

Wednesday:9.15amTuesday Evening:7.00pmSaturday Evening:6.00pmSunday Morning:9.00am & 11.00amSunday Evening:5.00pm

<u>Reconciliation</u> Saturday :5.30pm- 5.45pm

Mass Times - St Dominic's





CRC Melton Year 7, 2022 Enrolment Applications

CRC Melton Year 7, 2022 enrolment applications are now

open. All current Year 5 students have received an enrolment pack with details of the application process. Applications close on Friday, 21st August 2020. Families who do not have a child attending the College are required to attend a College Tour and have an interview with a senior staff member. *All* families will be required to attend an interview with their Parish Priest. New families to CRC Melton are required to attend a College Tour.

Register your attendance for a tour on the College

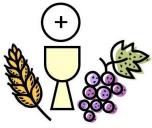
2020 Sacramental Program

If your child is in Year 3, 4 or 6 please note the following Sacramental dates;

 Sacrament of Penance Year 3 - Tuesday, 24th March, Wednesday, 25th March and Thursday, 26th March

- Presentation Masses for Eucharist, Year 4 -Weekend Masses, Saturday, 16th May and Sunday, 17th May
- Sacrament of Eucharist Year 4 Saturday, 13th June







Parent Helpers

This term, there will be an opportunity for parents and carers to train as a classroom helper. The 30 minute session will help you gain an understanding of the variety of learning experiences students engage with every day and how you can be part of this. It will train you in providing support for small groups of students and also enable you to act as a role model when working with students in class.

We will be offering a choice of two sessions;

Monday, 24th February at 9:00am

Or

Monday, 24th February at 2:30pm

The classroom teachers look forward to having helpers in the classroom. It is an opportunity to share in the educational development of your child. If you have any questions about the session, please contact the school.

Please note that if you completed this session last year there is no need to attend a session again this year however, you will still need to send back the form if you wish to assist in classrooms. Forms Can be collected from the school office.

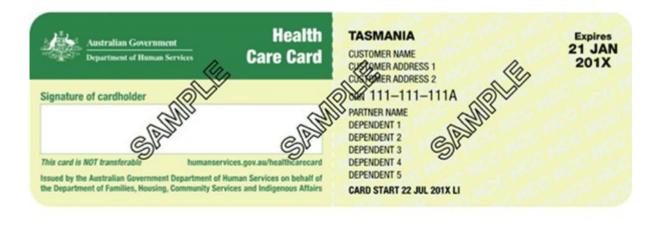
CLASSROOM HELPERS PROGRAM

Your Name:	Child's Name & Class:
I was a classroom helper in 2019 and Possible Available Times	would like to continue to be a helper in 2020.
Please write the times you expect to b	e available to help in the classroom.
Working with Children Check S	Status
I have a Working with Children Check	& the school has a copy.
I have a Working with Children Check one for you.	but the school does not have a copy. I will supply

DO YOU HOLD A VALID HEALTH CARE CARD OR PENSION CARD?

IF SO, YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE CSE [CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS] PAYMENT

ALTHOUGH THE SCHOOL PROCESSES THE APPLICATION, IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CARD HOLDER TO APPLY AND SUBMIT THE FORM WITH A COPY OR YOUR CARD BY MONDAY, JUNE 25 2018





CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name	School REF ID
Parent/legal guardian details	
Surname	
First name	
Address	
Town/suburb	State Postcode
Contact number	
Centrelink pensioner concession OR	lealth care card number (CRN) Image: matrix pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

DUCATION

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.

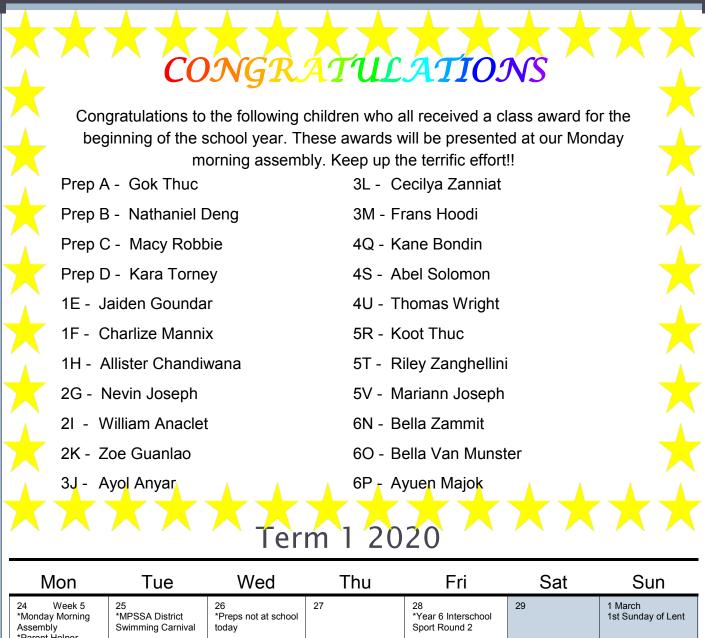
• if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.

• information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant





*Monday Morning Assembly *Parent Helper Sessions @ 9am &	*MPSSA District Swimming Carnival	*Preps not at school today *Ash Wednesday		*Year 6 Interschool Sport Round 2 *Prep/Buddy Picnic		1st Sunday of Lent
2 Week 6 *Monday Morning Assembly *Preps at school 5 days	3 *Year 5/6 Camp	4 *Year 5/6 Camp	5 *Year 5/6 Camp			8 2nd Sunday of Lent
9 Week 7 Labour Day Public Holiday	10 *MPSSA Divisional Swimming	11 *School Photos	12 *Reconciliation Reflection Evening	13 *Ride to School Day	14	15 3rd Sunday of Lent
16 Week 8 *Monday Morning Assembly *Catholic Education Week & Art Exhibition this week *Parent/Teacher Interviews	17 *Parent/Teacher Interviews 8 - 8:30am	18 *Parent/Teacher Interviews 8 - 8:30am	19 *Parent/Teacher Interviews 1:30pm - 8pm	20 *Yr 6 Summer Lightening Premiership *National Day of Action against Bullying	21	22 4th Sunday of Lent
23 Week 9 *Monday Morning Assembly	24 *Reconciliation @ 7pm	25 *Reconciliation @ 7pm	26 *Reconciliation @ 7pm	27 *Stations of the Cross *Last day of Term 1 - Students dismissed @1:30pm	28	29 5th Sunday of Lent
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

OSHCLUD Before & After School Care

A message from the Coordinator

Hello Families,

This week has been a fantastic week! After having discussions with the children last week, letting them know we really value their opinions and feedback for the service, we have been able to implement their interests and create some amazing experiences for them.

The weather has been interesting lately, going from extremely sunny days, to lots of rainfall, thunderstorms and muggy heat. Although, this has been the case, we still require the children to have a hat during terms 1 and 4. If your child has a spare hat at home, we are happy to store one at the service with their names on it to ensure the children have their hats each time they attend. This avoids the children forgetting them and missing out on outdoor play. So please have these discussions with your children and send them to the service with a spare hat. Alternatively, the children will be asked to go back to their classrooms after school to retrieve their school hat.

Additionally, we really enjoy engaging in recycling and sustainability practices and like to use recycling items in our play at the service. Therefore, if you have any recycled items such as plastic bottles, bottle tops, egg cartons, cereal boxes, cardboard etc. Please feel free to bring them in to the service and we can utilise them here ©

Have a great week!

Program Coordinator Allison Parr

OSHClub News

This week has been another fun and exciting one, exploring different activities and experiences at the service.

Highlights of this week include engaging in water play outside, using nature in our craft to make leaf people, working in pairs to make our expectations posters and creating an amazing bottle cap mural for our OSH room. Moving into next week, we thought we had an opportunity to explore and learn all about different weather patterns as we have been experiencing a lot of change in the weather lately. The children have also suggested we have a go at a few science and stem experiences such as the coke and Mentos rocket, the skittles science activity and making stress balls. We look forward to exploring and engaging in loads more fun

Please see below some photos of the experiences had this week.



Next Week Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School Care	Rice bubbles, Wheat Bix, Cheerio's and Cornflakes. Toast with assorted spreads. Yogurt and Oats.	Rice bubbles, Wheat Bix, Cheerio's and Cornflakes. Toast with assorted spreads. Yogurt and Oats.	Rice bubbles, Wheat Bix, Cheerio's and Cornflakes. Toast with assorted spreads. Yogurt and Oats.	Rice bubbles, Wheat Bix, Cheerio's and Cornflakes. Pancakes. Yogurt and Oats.	Rice bubbles, Wheat Bix, Cheerio's and Cornflakes. Toast with assorted spreads. Yogurt and Oats.
After School Care	Rice crackers and assorted dips. Fruit Bowl.	Vegetarian Fried Rice. Assorted Fruit Platter.	Vegetarian Wraps. Fruit Salad.	Stir fry noodles. Fruit Bowl.	Saladas with assorted spreads. Assorted Fruit Platter.

Fruit and Water are always on offer for the children during attendance at the program.



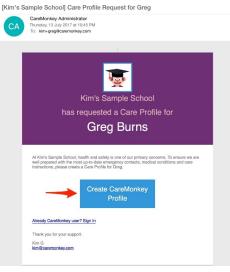
How does a User create and share a Care Profile?

There are two ways Profile Owners (i.e., parents, adult club members, adult participants, employees, etc.) can create a Care Profile:

- Creating a profile by using the invitation sent by the organisation
- Creating a profile directly on the CareMonkey website

CREATING A PROFILE BY USING THE INVITATION SENT BY THE ORGANISATION

1. When an Organisation requested you to create a profile, an email invitation will be sent to you



I have authority to provide details for For Email	
am this person's	
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	*
Your name*	
eg. John Smith	
Your email address*	
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Password*	
Choose a new password	
Password confirmation*	
Must match with password	
Your mobile phone number	
eg: 0410 123 123	
Country	
Australia	\$
State	
Victoria	\$
Timezone*	
(GMT-11:00) American Samoa	\$
By clicking 'Sign Up' you agree to the Terms of ser policy	vice and Privacy Sign Up

3. Once profile has been created click on the profile name or photo.





4. You will see a list of the organisations with pending sharing requests in the **Sharing** section. Simply click on **Share** to give view access to that organisation.

	Herbert Hopping									
		FULL VIEW -								
Personal Details f	or Herbert Hoppin	g								
	Gender	Male								
	DOB	19 September 2010 - 7 years old								
1250	Home	© 0385667727								
	Address	25 Gwynne St, Cremorne , Victoria 3121, Australia Map								
Edit Photo	Delete									
Sharing		eForms								
Organisations		There are no eForms.								
CareMonkey Grammar	School	Share								
Individuals		C Share								

5. Click **Share** in the confirmation window that will pop-up.

Share request for Herbe	rt Hopping		×
CareMonkey Grammar Schoo	ol has requested care inform	nation for Herbert Hopping	
CareMonkey Grammar S	School		
	Administrator Name	Albus Dumbledore	
	Administrator Email	head@caremonkey.com	
	Country	Australia	
Share Close			



2. Click on **Create CareMonkey Profile** and fill out the form.

5 Easy Steps to Staying Informed SkoolBag

SkoolBag is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minute notices, newsletters and all your school's communications.

1. Download SkoolBag

Search SkoolBag in the Apple App or 2:50 1 Google Play Store, download the FREE **Top Charts** app: 27 SkoolBag: School Communication 2. Create an Account Follow the prompts to create your account in seconds. 3. Add your School Type your school's name and press enter. Tap the plus icon to add. 4. Allow Notifications Ensure you Allow SkoolBag to send you push notifications when prompted. 5. Subscribe to Groups + •(+) Select Year Groups / Sports Teams to appear in your feed. Skool Bag

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- SUMMER UNIFORM ORDER FORM -

- Terms 1 & 4 -

Parent Name: _____

Phone: _____

Child's Name: _____

Class: _

BOYS - Daily, except sports days

ITEM	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
POLO SHIRT - Short Sleeve								\$25.00	
SHORTS - Navy								\$22.00	

GIRLS - Daily, except sports days

ITEM	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
DRESS - CHECK								\$46.00	

BOYS & GIRLS - SPORTS DAY

ITEM	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
SPORTS SHORTS - BOYS & GIRLS								\$18.00	
SKORT - GIRLS								\$20.00	

Miscellaneous for both boys & girls

ITEM	4	1	6	8	10	12	14	16	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
POLO SHIRT - Short Sleeve									\$25.00	
WINDCHEATER									\$35.00	
HAT - Bucket		S		M		L		XL	\$12.00	
HAT- Slouch with safety string		S		М		L		XL	\$15.00	
ART SMOCK		S		М		L			\$17.00	
SCHOOL BAG									\$40.00	
TOTAL ORDER										

AMOUNT

Presentation of Uniform:

All students are expected to wear the prescribed school uniform, at all times.

Black shoes are to be worn daily, except on sports days - runners are to be worn.

Socks - navy.

Jewellery: a watch can be worn. Earrings are to be plain studs/small sleepers only.

Hair - long hair to be tied up in black/brown hair-tie, with or without a blue/yellow ribbon. No Nail polish.

UNIFORM SHOP IS OPEN EACH MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY MORNINGS BETWEEN 8.30AM - 9.00AM PAYMENT BY CASH & PAID IN FULL AT TIME OF ORDER



We are SunSmart - a note for families

Too much UV can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer.

UV damage accumulated during childhood and adolescence is associated with an increased risk of skin cancer later in life. Skin cancer is the most common cancer in Australia.

You can't see or feel the sun's UV so don't be fooled. Whatever the weather, if the UV levels are three or more, it's important to *Slip*, *Slop*, *Slap*, *Seek* and *Slide*!

Our school aims to protect children and staff from too much UV to help minimise future skin cancer risk. We are a registered member of the Cancer Council Victoria's SunSmart Program. Please help support our SunSmart membership by ensuring your child follows the SunSmart measures included in our policy.

During the daily local sun protection times (issued whenever UV levels are 3 and higher), use these 5 SunSmart steps – even if it's cool and cloudy.

- Slip on a shirt for free dress days, ensure your child wears clothing that covers as much skin as possible (e.g. elbow length tops with a higher neckline or collar and longer style shorts or skirts). Densely woven fabrics are best.
- Slop on SPF 30 (or higher) broadspectrum, water-resistant sunscreen – apply a generous amount of sunscreen at the start of the day and make sure children have sunscreen in their bag ready to be reapplied throughout the day. Sunscreen should be reapplied every two hours. Please ensure they get plenty of sunscreen application practice at home so they'll be all set when they are at school.



- Slep on a hat one that protects the face, neck and ears such as a broad brimmed, legionnaire or bucket style hat. Peak caps do not offer enough protection and are not recommended by SunSmart. Please help your child remember to bring and wear their approved hat.
- Seek shade choose shady spots for play whenever possible.
- Silde on some sunglasses if practical and approved by the school. Make sure they are labelled AS 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

Sun protection times

Don't just wait for hot and sunny days to use sun protection. Check the sun protection times each day so your family can be protected when they need to be.

Daily local sun protection times and weather details are available from the SunSmart widget on our school website, in the weather section of the newspaper, on the SunSmart website at <u>sunsmart.com.au</u> and as a free SunSmart app. Sun protection times can also be found at the <u>Bureau of Meteorology</u> <u>website</u> and live UV levels are available from <u>ARPANSA</u>.



Further information contact SunSmart P: 03 9514 6419 E: <u>sunsmart@cancervic.org.au</u> W: <u>sunsmart.com.au</u>

Need information in another language? Call 13 14 50 and ask to be connected to Cancer Council Victoria in your language.





KINDERGARTEN OPEN WEEK

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Come along and explore your local kindergarten. Meet teachers asks questions and gather information to help inform your decision in which kindergarten to enrol your child.

DATES AND LOCATIONS

All sessions will run between 6pm and 8pm

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IONDAY 23 MARCH

RUNUAT 25 MARCH Brookside Kindergarten Springside Kindergarten Timbertop Kindergarten Melton Uniting Kindergarten Bellevue Hill Kindergarten Burnside Kindergarten

TUESDAY 24 MARCH

Botanica Springs Kindergarten Kororoit Creek Kindergarten Kingsway Kindergarten Parkwood Green Kindergarten

WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH

Arnolds Creek Kindergarten Cambrian Kindergarten Bridge Road Kindergarten Taylors Hill Kindergarten Creekside Kindergarten Mt Carberry Kindergarten Fraser Rise Kindergarten

THURSDAY 26 MARCH

Melton Central Kindergarten Brookfield Kindergarten Melton West Kindergarten Rockbank Kindergarten Diggers Rest Kindergarten

17-20 Federation Way, Caroline Springs
22-50 Becca Way, Caroline Springs
1 Timbertop Parade, Aintree
15-19 Yuille Street, Melton
14 Royal Crescent, Hillside
23 Lexington Drive, Burnside

246 Clarkes Road, Brookfield West 130 Tenterfield Drive, Burnside Heights 1 Kingsway, Melton 88-94 Catherine Drive, Hillside

19 Claret Ash Boulevard, Harkness 58-66 Cambrian Way, Melton West 260-266 Bridge Road, Strathtulloh 58-60 Jacaranda Drive, Taylors Hill 3-37 The Crossing, Caroline Springs 31-41 Exford Road, Melton South 46 City Vista Court, Fraser Rise 237-239 Station Road, Melton 14-16 Black Dog Drive, Brookfield 2 West Melton Drive, Melton West 26 Old Leakes Road, Rockbank 48-66 Plumpton Road, Diggers Rest

For more information please email: earlyyearsworkshops@melton.vic.gov.au 2021 Kindergarten applications open Wednesday 18 March 2020.



KINDERGARTEN Readiness month

Come along and explore your local kindergarten. Meet teacher ask questions and gather information to help inform your decision in which kindergarten to enrol your child.

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KINDERGARTEN OPEN WEEK

When Monday 23rd March to Friday 27th March 2020

Time 6pm to 8pm. Dates and locations are listed overleaf. Bookings for open week not required.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Learn everything you need to know about the 4 year old Kindergarten enrolment process for 2021.

- A Location: Melton Library and Learning Hub Date Wednesday 11 March Time 6:30pm to 8:00pm Bookings essential via: kinderA.eventbrite.com.au
- B Location: Caroline Springs Library and Learning Hub Date Wednesday 18 March Time 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Bookings essential via: kinderB.eventbrite.com.au

For more information please email: earlyyearsworkshops@melton.vic.gov.au 2021 Kindergarten applications open Wednesday 18 March 2020.



